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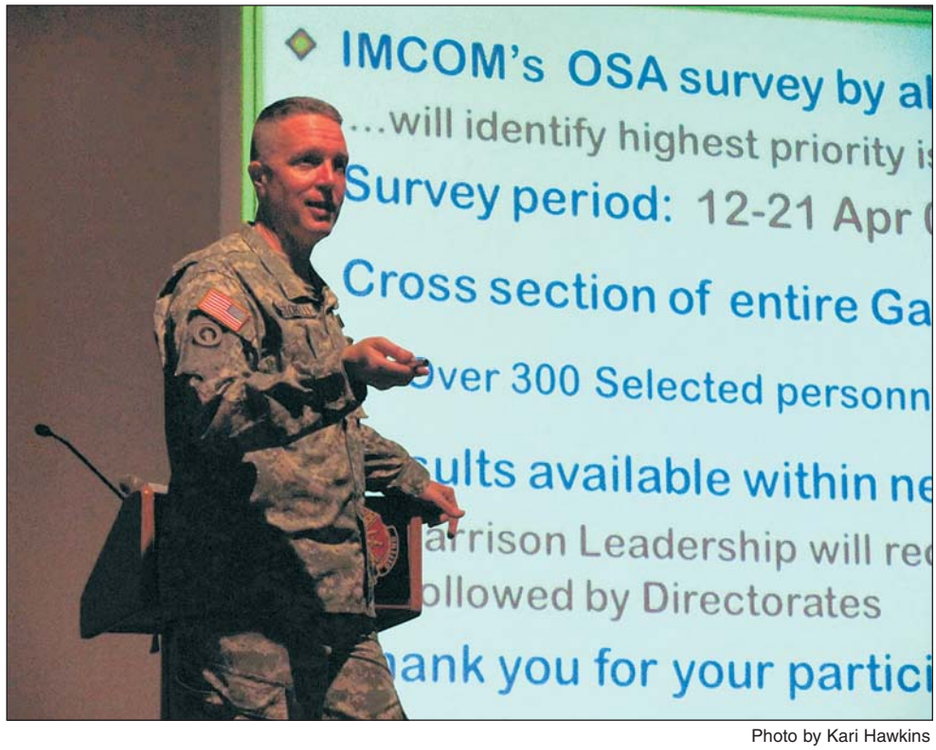

Photo by Kari Hawkins

HITTING THE HIGHLIGHTS— Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli speaks about Garrison projects and challenges during the third-quarter town hall meeting June 8 in Heiser Hall.

Experience, commitment, vision – those were the themes of the third quarter Garrison town hall meeting presented by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli on June 8.

Opening the standing-room-only meeting at Heiser Hall with a slide projecting a list of Garrison employees with 20 or more years of on-the-job experience – including Mildred Lancaster with top seniority at 45 years – Pastorelli said "You can't beat experience and that's what we have here. We're very fortunate to have the experience level we have here."

At the same time, of the Garrison's 600 employees, 150 are eligible for retirement. And, that number, he said "has some dramatic implications."

Retirement eligibility, and growth in the Arsenal's overall employee base and job opportunities from other government entities due to the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations, create challenges for the Garrison in keeping its work force intact.

"The Garrison structure doesn't have as many high grades (of pay) as some of the other organizations coming here," Pastorelli said. "We understand that employees are looking for promotions and we can't blame them if they find that promotion with another organization. We congratulate them and want them to be happy. But we don't want to see anybody leave. We like everyone here on this team."

Even with the challenges of staffing and budgeting, the Garrison has maintained a reputation of providing top-notch service to its customers.

"The Garrison strives to provide service with available funds," Pastorelli said. "We are habitually told by customers every day that we do the best job and that our level of support is just phenomenal. So many people are so appreciative of what we do each and every day."

Even though funding is tight, Garrison employees still meet high standards for customers, he said.

"Your performance shows your ability and dedication," Pastorelli said, adding that directors have been tasked with providing a vision for the Garrison's future to better define organization goals and needs.

The colonel mentioned the recent visit and "windshield tour" on the Arsenal by Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, commander of the Installation Management Command.

He also mentioned the recent visit of Gov. Bob Riley and his announcement of road funding in the Huntsville area.

"We are linked in the local community to make sure we are in sync with local priorities," Pastorelli said. "We told the governor about the challenges as more and more growth occurs on the west and northwest side of the Arsenal. Overall, the governor was impressed. He talked about how the community has come together on projects."

The widening of Zierdt Road is among the action items on the Army's road improvement wish list, he said.

"The residential growth around the Arsenal includes 34,000 approved lots on the northwest and west side," Pastorelli said. "That affects roads, schools, the work force and medical care. Regional growth is outpacing current capacities in these areas. And we are concerned."

Currently, the Huntsville area is known for an outstanding educational system, a highly educated and skilled work force, an efficient transportation system and a high quality health care system. The challenge, Pastorelli said, is maintaining those high standards during a time of "tremendous growth," as stated by the Office of Economic Analysis.

"From a global perspective, where we are in Huntsville is where it's at," he said.

Reviewing construction on the Arsenal, Pastorelli said about $60 million in construction is under way on the west side of the Airfield in connection with the move of the Aviation Technical Test Center to the Arsenal. Other projects either under way or under construction in the near future include the $221.8 million, 839,000-square-foot Von Braun Complex addition, the FBI's Terrorist Explosive Devices Analytical Center Bureau, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms facility on Patton Road, the Child Development

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Rocket Views

An open lane random survey

What is your favorite meal and why?

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Liz Blackmon
AMCOM Protocol
"I love breakfast. I guess I'm a morning person. I'm usually in a good mood and happy when I get up. So I like breakfast, breakfast foods."

Joe Ramirez
Alutiiq photographer
"It's breakfast, because it sort of gets me going. That's what gives me the energy to continue on during the day."

Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark-Davis
59th Ordnance Brigade
"It's lunch. It just gives you a break during the middle of the day to power your brain down from work and re-energize your body with food so you can be ready to go the rest of the day."

Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Pullom
832nd Ordnance Battalion
"Breakfast. After about an hour of PT in the morning, I've got to get re-energized so I can deal with those privates till about 1900 (7 p.m.) or so."

Quote of the week

'To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals.'

Benjamin Franklin

Letters to the Editor

Pumped up gym in the works?

One question was asked today at Pagano Gym. When the military students leave Redstone in 2011, will there be a bigger gym built? Will AMC have a new gym built to replace Pagano Gym which was built in '50s?

Michael Potter

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School will complete their operations at Redstone and depart prior to Sept. 30, 2011. This is in accordance with BRAC law and current OMEMS timelines for final completion of Soldier training here at Redstone Arsenal.

"There has been a gym project to replace Pagano Gym on the books for a few years. Unfortunately, this project has not made it into the Army's budget system as of this date. Like all other projects, it must compete with many other Army project requirement requests. We will continue to stress to our higher headquarters the need for a new facility. As for the Army Materiel Command, they will not have a physical fitness center at their facility at this time. The AMC HQ facility is not authorized a physical fitness center per the Command and Control Facilities standard as approved by Headquarters, Department of the Army. On a positive note, the Garrison did receive stimulus dollars to renovate building 4460 (the Wellness Center) on Digney Road, which should occur within the next year. This facility is just north and in close proximity of the new AMC HQs facility."

Thanks to generous co-workers

It is with my profound gratitude and thanks that I acknowledge the kindness and generosity of the personnel of the Scout Directorate, IMMC, who unselfishly made monetary donations to CASA (Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound) for the purchase of air conditioners for the elderly.

In less than a day, my co-workers contributed enough money for 14 air conditioners to be purchased and distributed by CASA. My personal quest to provide four air conditioners with the assistance of a few friends skyrocketed into my entire directorate sharing in my desire to extend a kindness to those less fortunate.

"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. — Proverbs 14:31."

Again, thank you Scout Directorate!

Delores Frazier
Logistics management specialist

And the clouds gathered

Monday morning a posting was received in an e-mail that a Soldier had fallen in Afghanistan while serving our country. Request for an escort had been made by the family for the Patriot Guard Riders to be present at the receiving of the casket, Birmingham, Ala., Air Force Armory Tarmac. Staging was to take place and the riders would be "KSU" (kick stands up) at 7:30 a.m. All available persons to be ready for a flagline and escort detail. Being new to the unit, Mark and I decided to respond and attend.

Thursday morning at 4:30, our alarm clock sounded. Time to face the day and be on our way to a new mission. We had stood in flaglines and been proud of the missions and rides we had been part of thus far. With each new mission we gain new friends and enjoy the hugs from the ones we have already met. For anybody new to the idea of the Patriot Guard Riders, they are an awesome group of men and women that ride motorcycles and stand proud for law enforcement, EMS, firefighters and Soldiers past and present. Many of them, just like Mark and me, have served in one of these branches of service and wear the colors proudly. The love and patriotism they exude is wonderful to be a part of and to witness.

Arrival on this morning was not any different as any other before. The group gathers, flags are placed on the vehicles, briefing on the mission and then everybody holds hands as a prayer is given for safety of the mission at hand. The ride captain then gives the command for KSU and all riders mount. Cages take position to block traffic and the last rider is followed out. The sun was shining and the breeze was blowing and the day would be perfect for such a solemn mission to be a part of. Arrival on the Armory Post was met by Military Police and we were then escorted in to the tarmac area for posting of the flagline.

Standing in awe of the surroundings, so close to the massive planes and the activities around us was a mission in itself. The flags were unfurled and the positions were advised by the commanders in charge and the ride captain. As we stood awaiting the arrival of the young Soldier, a woman approached us to thank each member for being there. She was the oldest of the four children; this was her baby brother coming home. With tears in her eyes, she told how the other boys had made it safely home and now this one would finally be safe at home as well. With that statement, she slowly walked away to be with the rest of her family waiting for the planes arrival.

And then the clouds gathered, at precisely the time the plane touched down an announcement was made over the public address system: "Attention all units, Soldier Lee has finally made it home for his last tour of duty, all traffic is to be stopped while awaiting his final departure." The Honor Guard went at attention as the plane taxied in. The wind that had been blowing at full speed ceased, the clouds were growing darker by the second, nothing was moving, except the one plane on the tarmac. The sun that had been so bright and hot beating down on us as we stood there, was now covered. The plane door opened and the Honor Guards stepped forward in perfect formation. The family stepped forward to a point in

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Getting to know you

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Name: Col. Jeff Young

Job: AMCOM chief of staff

Where do you call home?
Albany, Ga.

What do you like about your job?
The diverse group of people that I get to deal with on a daily basis and the extreme confidence that I find when I move around amongst the directorates.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I'm a hunter. Spend time with my family. And of course, I try to incorporate the hunting with the family. My son, my brother and my nephew: We hunt everything – deer, turkey, ducks, dove, quail.

What are your goals?
I'd like to continue to serve as long as I can make a significant contribution. I don't know if that will be in the uniform or out of the uniform. My calling is to serve Soldiers either way.

What's your favorite type of music?
Contemporary Christian.

■ Patriot Guard rider shares experience

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line with the members of the Patriot Guard and the flagline.

Next came into view a casket draped with the American flag. The mother of this young man could not bear the sight, punched the father with her fist, then flew across the tarmac to her son's side laying in rest. Screams of "Give me back my baby" could be heard as she begged for his life to be returned to him. The father rushed to his wife's side as she passed out from the anguish she was going through.

From the Soldiers standing behind the flagline, a sergeant major appeared and ran to the tarmac picking the limp body of the mother up in his arms and carried her to the grassy area behind us. Then, I felt a touch on my arm. It was the oldest sister reaching for me. As I handed off my flag to Mark, she held onto me for dear life as if to draw some strength from a stranger. We stood there and held each other and cried as if we could feel the emotion and hold each other up. I was glad to give her my strength to go on, hoping and praying that if this were me, somebody could hold me up as well. I have a brother serving where hers just left; this was hitting me too close to home.

The mother was conscious again and being taken to the awaiting funeral home van. As the casket was loaded, the flagline was given orders and withdrew. We were ready to escort this young man home for his final safe resting place on home soil. As we loaded for escort, something happened. The father had gone down as he watched his son be loaded into the hearse. An ambulance would be needed for assistance. The pain and anguish for their son was more than they could physically bear. After awaiting for the paramedics to revive the father, the procession would be on its way. As we pulled from the tarmac, lining the street from the tarmac to the gate were Soldiers, at full attention, saluting the young man's return home. All give some, he had given all, and they were giving him the sendoff much deserved.

The escort through town was only led by the Patriot Guard Riders. Birmingham has no policy for funeral escorts, not even for somebody that had died fighting to keep them safe at home. How many times do we sleep safe in our beds at home, while he was sleeping in a tent to protect us? How many times do we drive through and get food on the run in a vehicle, while he ate from a can? Yet, he could not be given an escort to appreciate his service for us.

Arrival at the funeral home was safe and without problems. God had ridden with us and kept us from harm. As the casket was unloaded for his temporary home, we stood at attention and saluted the man that had given his life for our freedom. Then it happened, the clouds parted and the wind again began to blow, the sun came out as bright as before, and the temperature that had been cool for the duration, was once again warm upon our skin. Staff Sgt. C. Lee was finally home. He could rest from his journey to parts unknown and stories untold.

Kathy E. Hooper

Editor's note: Kathy E. Hooper is the daughter of a Vietnam veteran. She has a brother who is an active duty Soldier in Afghanistan.

Patton Road gate's up for construction

Work under way nights, weekends

Construction to upgrade Gate 10 (Patton/Jordan Road) has begun and will continue through mid-October.

With safety and security in mind, the Garrison formulated a plan to maximize employee access and limit construction to nights and weekends.

Here is the plan of operation:

Gate 10 hours: Open Monday through Friday from 4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be one-way inbound from 4:30-8:30 a.m. and two-way from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pedestrian traffic may enter until midnight. The gate will be closed for construction from 6 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. It will be closed on weekends.

Only persons with valid installation identification and decal/extended vehicle pass will be admitted.

The Garrison will provide additional staff to allow Gate 8 (Goss Road/Drake Avenue) to issue daily visitor passes.

Gate 8 will be available as a full-service gate during this construction period and will issue daily passes. The Garrison recommends personnel to use alternate gates so as not to cause traffic backups into the intersection of Drake Avenue and Patton Road.

"Thank you for your continued support and patience as we update our Access Control Points," a Garrison release said. "Employees can assist by having their ID ready as they approach the ACP, allow extra time each morning until you can evaluate the traffic flow times, be courteous to other drivers, and drive defensively."

PX offers sweet giveaway

Army & Air Force Exchange Service locations, in conjunction with Hershey's Chocolate, are giving away more than $40,000 worth of children's playhouses now through June 25.

One "Step 2" Playhouse is set to be given away at the Redstone Arsenal PX as part of the giveaway.

"Nothing says summer fun quite like chocolate and a playhouse," PX general manager Carl Carpenter said. "This sweepstakes highlights the wide variety of affordable products authorized shoppers can 'rediscover' at their exchange. It reiterates that the PX has everything from toys to treats in one, tax-free location."

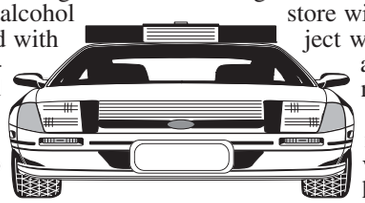
Authorized exchange shoppers can register at the Redstone Arsenal exchange for a chance to take the "Step 2" Playhouse home between now and June 25. *(PX release)*

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for June 4-10:

June 4: A Soldier reported that someone entered his private vehicle and removed a government Dell laptop computer. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

June 5: An intoxicated Soldier forcefully entered Toftoy Hall and was observed running through the building. He was apprehended by Redstone Police and tested on the Dreager with a reading of 0.15 blood alcohol content. He was charged with drunk/disorderly conduct, unlawful forced entry, and damage to government property. He was later released to his unit.



June 7: A motorist approached Gate 10 lost and was found to be driving with a suspended license. He received a violation notice.

June 8: After off-post authorities reported an erratic driver driving toward Gate 7, Redstone Police responded. A traffic stop was conducted on west Martin Road. It was revealed that the driver appeared confused and disoriented, so police called for medical assistance. Police found a paper bag on the subject containing several prescription pills in the subject's rear pants pocket. A search of the interior of the vehicle revealed suspected marijuana. The subject was transported by ambulance to Decatur Hospital. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

June 9: While in the Post Exchange, store security observed a subject concealing a buck knife and exiting the store without paying. The subject was processed by police and received a violation notice.

June 10: When a motorist requested a visitor pass at Gate 1, he was driving with a suspended driver license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

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

Violation notices issued: 10 speeding, 2 driving while suspended, 1 no driver's license, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 possession of a controlled substance.

Community news

Army's birthday celebrated by Soldiers of all ages

Chapter honors 234 years with cake cutting, awards

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A changing of the guard, speeches that mentioned Soldiers who are living the Army's warrior ethos, the presentation of a first sergeant award and a sword-smashing cake cutting were highlights of an evening honoring the Army's 234th birthday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The dinner event, set for June 9 because the actual birthday date of June 14 fell this year on a Sunday, was hosted by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Pvt. Michael Ortiz of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion won the honors to share the ceremonial cake cutting duty with AMCOM's Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates. At age 17, Ortiz is the youngest Soldier currently assigned to Redstone Arsenal.

"I love the military bearing of the Army," said Ortiz, whose hometown is Queens, N.Y. "I attended the Youth Challenge Academy in New Jersey and my uncle served in the Gulf War, so I knew about the military. I like that it helps you a lot with your life, and helps you get an education."

Ortiz has been at Redstone Arsenal since early April. He is attending the Multiple Launch Rocket System repair course at OMEMS and will complete his training at the end of September. Ortiz hopes to then go on to airborne school.

"My mom's proud," he said. "I definitely plan to make this a career and do my 20 years."

It is the Soldier who makes today's Army great, said Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"The building block of our Army is the Soldiers who are willing to be led by NCOs," he said. "They are the backbone of the Army. They are the reason why we are the best Army on earth."

As the evening's keynote speaker, Myles went on to say that the Army is "the highest and most credible institution. We have something that most industries strive for – credibility. And we've earned this not with just one single event. It's quality actions every day."

He said today's Soldiers exhibit loyalty, integrity, courage and responsibility in fulfilling the warrior ethos.

"We are the best Army because we stand on the shoulders of those Soldiers and families who have come before us. We stand on your shoulders in Iraq and Afghanistan," Myles said to the AUSA audience, many of which are retired military. "We are one force. We've listened to you and taken it to the next level."

Earlier in the day, Myles participated in the military funeral of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hall of Huntsville, a Ranger from the 10th Mountain Division who was killed by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan.

"We lost a great Soldier. We lost a great person," he said.

Myles also described an emergency room in Balad, Iraq, where he recently witnessed Soldiers lining up and providing more than 200 pints of blood in hopes of saving the life of a medic, Cpl. Charles Parrish of Jasper, whose funeral Myles was also scheduled to attend.

"These Soldiers showed the elements of the warrior ethos," he said about the Soldiers who tried to help Parrish. "They never quit. They stood up and gave their

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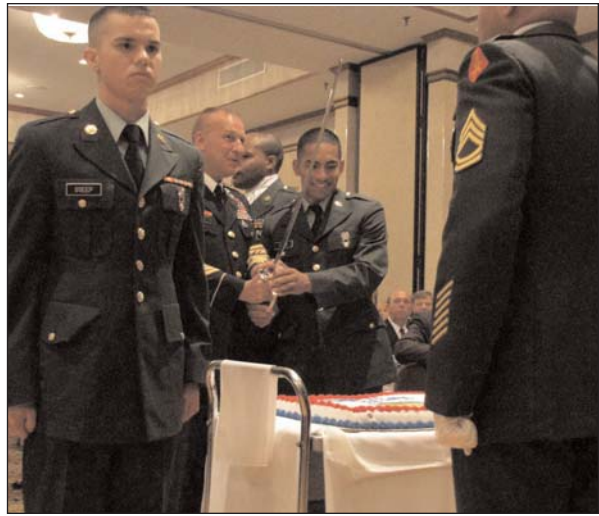

Photo by Kari Hawkins

BIRTHDAY CAKE– AMCOM's Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates and Pvt. Michael Ortiz of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion get ready to cut the Army's 234th birthday cake during a celebration hosted by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army on June 9 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Following Army tradition, the cake cutting honors are shared by the youngest and the oldest enlisted officer on post.

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:

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.

Armed Forces Week specials

To commemorate Armed Forces Week, Redstone Arsenal FMWR will have specials through Friday for active duty military, reservists, National Guard and their families:

- Golf – Half price on a large bucket of balls. Play a three-hole course for free — you might want to call ahead at 883-7977.
- Bowling – Available only before 4 p.m., two free games of bowling.

ACS open house

The entire Redstone community is invited to the Army Community Service open house at 11 a.m. Thursday at ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

Jump into fun

Ian Reeks, 2, jumps into his mother's arms at the FMWR pool on Goss Road. Ian visited the pool with his mom, Brenda, and his sister Madalyn, 8. Ian's dad, Chris Reeks, is an instrumentation engineer with the Redstone Technical Test Center.

Accounting graduate figures on long career

Joins intern program as first step to goal

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Penny Davis isn't just looking to start a career by joining the Garrison Intern Program. She is trying to start a life.

"This is my first real grown-up job," she said laughing.

Davis joined the program this summer; and her first rotation has her moving throughout the G-8 office. She is trying to absorb all she can before moving on to the next stop.

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"It's new to have so much to do," she said. "But I love to work. I love to be busy. There's so much to learn here."

Davis admits that she can be painfully shy at times, but said the intern program has been helping her overcome it.

"You have to introduce yourself and ask questions," she said. "I literally went to everyone here and asked what their job was. I've never done that kind of thing before. I think the program is changing me for the better."

Davis holds two associate degrees from Calhoun Community College in business and accounting. She also received her bachelor's from Athens State University in accounting in 2008.

"I love numbers and math," she said.

She was working in a small local tax firm, but knew she needed to move on in order to move up. The Army was offering just what she wanted.

"It can't be beat," Davis said. "This was the perfect opportunity for me to have a stable income and awesome benefits."

Still in her first rotation, she has no idea where she will ultimately land once her intern days are behind her.

"I hope I can do something with numbers," she said. "I'd like to use my accounting background. I understand that there aren't too many actual accountants at the Garrison, but everyone has numbers to work with."

In addition to taking the first step in what she hopes will be a long career, Davis is excited about the other journey she is beginning in her personal life. She became engaged to her high school sweetheart of seven years, Jonathon Ouzts, in January.

"We're trying to get married and have a family," she said. "We're planning on getting married sometime in 2010."

She is also a mystery buff. She prefers books and movies that have the right balance of action and suspense.

"I like to figure it out before the characters do," Davis said. "I don't want to be told what's going on."

Her favorite mystery to watch unfold right now is her own life. While she knows the direction she is headed, she doesn't know where that will take her.

"We (interns) don't have a set place we're going at the Garrison," she said. "I might end up in my field, or something completely different and new. I might find a new passion. I may fall in love with a directorate. Not knowing is exciting."

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

WORKPLACE START— Garrison intern Penny Davis earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Athens State University in 2008.

Preserving a legacy brick-by-brick

Jackie Dannenberg raises funds in honor of her late husband

By MEGAN COTTON
For the Rocket

When her husband died in February, Jackie Dannenberg wanted to honor him and his work at Redstone.

Konrad Dannenberg was a member of Dr. Wernher von Braun's rocket team. He worked for Marshall Space Flight Center as the deputy manager of the Saturn program for 13 years. After his retirement, he helped initiate the Space Camp program at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. There he worked to teach students the importance of space exploration.

Dannenberg decided that dedicating a brick to his memory at the Apollo Courtyard outside the Davidson Center for Space Exploration at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center was the perfect way to honor her late husband.

"While I was there, I noticed there were a few von Braun team members who didn't have one, so I wanted to find a way to sponsor those who may not have been sponsored," she said about her project to raise funds for bricks for anyone who has worked for the space program. "Anyone can buy one but this is a special project I'm doing to make sure everyone has a chance to be honored.

"Everyone has been very supportive and we've been very successful so far," she said about already raising more than $6,000. The money for the brick donations will be used to help fund new museum exhibits in the Davidson Center.

To Dannenberg, preserving the legacy of the NASA program is important for Huntsville.

"Everyone here is so proud of the heritage NASA has and so supportive of it," she said. "NASA isn't just about going to the moon, it's also about progress. It keeps America moving with jobs, education and it's just a very positive thing that this country needs right now."

Anyone who wishes to donate should call Kelly Hatley at 864-7833 or go online to www.spacecamp.com/saturnv and choose Apollo Courtyard bricks.

Courtesy photo

SPACE PIONEER— Konrad and Jackie Dannenberg hold up his award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in June 1996. Konrad, who died in February, received the Hermann Oberth Award that year for his work with the space program

Photos by Skip Vaughn

Army birthday

Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, speaks June 11 during SMDC/AFSC's Army Birthday Celebration. This event recognizes the Army's technological history, celebrates the Year of the NCO and honors 234 years of Army heritage.

Gates expresses confidence in U.S. missile defenses

By DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Amid speculation that North Korea could be preparing for another missile test, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told Congress June 9 he's confident the United States has the missile defenses in place to defend itself, if necessary.

"I have confidence that if North Korea launched a long-range missile in the direction of the United States, that we would have a high probability of being able to fend ourselves against it," he told the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee.

Gates told the panel about his visit the previous week to Fort Greely, Alaska, one of two U.S. sites where ground-based interceptors are based.

"The judgment and the advice that I got was that the 30 silos that we have now, or are under construction, are fully adequate to protect us against a North Korean threat for a number of years," he said. It would be easy to resume the program and expand the number of silos in the event that the threat evolves to the point that those defenses seem insufficient, he added.

"If the circumstances should change in a way that leads people to believe that we need more interceptors than the 30, then there's plenty of room at Fort Greely to expand," the secretary said.

Gates called the Fort Greely system "immensely capable," but emphasized that it remains a developmental system.

The proposed fiscal 2010 budget provides robust funding to further develop and test the interceptors at Fort Greely and at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., he noted.

"As new interceptors with new capabilities that are more sophisticated are developed, we will put those into the silos and take the old interceptors out," he said. "This is not a static system, but something that is undergoing continuing improvement."

Helping hands

Army Emergency Relief reaches 2009 goal

AER fund-raising collects $210K

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Members of Team Redstone gathered June 8 at Heiser Hall to celebrate a victory.

This was the closing ceremony for the 2009 Army Emergency Relief campaign. The annual fund-raising drive met its goal with $210,000 in donations.

"We raised enough money to meet our Redstone AER goal, all in the name of Soldiers helping Soldiers," AER campaign chairman Maj. Pam Tingle said.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli presented certificates to organizations throughout the community which raised money through events and individual contributions. He thanked everyone who gave to Army Emergency Relief.

"It does help," Pastorelli said. "It's all about helping Soldiers and their families and retirees."

AER helps active duty and retired Soldiers and their family members with financial emergencies. The fund provides loans or grants and also gives scholarships.

In 2008, more than 500 people locally received a total of $509,000 in loans and grants. This included active duty and retired military, widows or deceased veterans and their family members.

Sgt. Justin Bollay served as campaign co-chairman. Mike Burden is the AER officer at Army Community Service.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

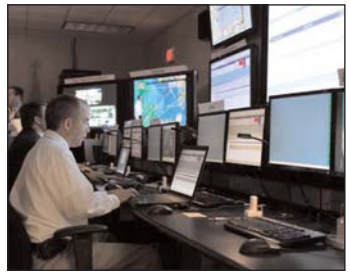
LARGE CHECK— Campaign co-chairman Sgt. Justin Bollay and chairman Maj. Pamela Tingle hold the $210,000 check representing donations to Army Emergency Relief.

Emergency operations workers link in training

In an ongoing effort to develop better training for first responders and emergency management personnel, the Army, in conjunction with Jackson State University and Emergency Operations Centers in Madison County and in Lincoln County, Tenn., conducted a demonstration of an Emergency Management Training and Interoperability Concept linking participants to a virtual simulation of a severe weather event.

More than 100 people attended the demonstration across multiple sites in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee including staff members from the offices of Sen. Richard Shelby and Reps. Parker Griffith and Robert Aderholt, local, state and federal Homeland Security and emergency management personnel.

Rep. Mike Rogers, a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, viewed the demonstration earlier in the week.



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CONTROL CENTER— Todd Monks, of SAIC, reviews simulation injects and Emergency Operations Center operational responses at the demonstration's exercise control center located at the Verification, Integration and Technology Assessment Laboratory facility located at Redstone Arsenal.

"Congressman Rogers learned of our demonstration and visited with us for over an hour. He viewed the training simulation and spoke to our industry partners about their new technologies, and how this project enables operationally realistic training for EOCs, integrating local, state, regional, and national emergency response capabilities," said Brian Harris, project manager for the Verification, Integration and Technology Assessment Laboratory.

Industry representatives, including Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training, and Support, TELESUSA, Science Applications International Corporation, PeopleTec, and Radiance Technologies, demonstrated a wide variety of simulation, communications, and remote sensor technologies to facilitate emergency management training and interoperability. In addition, National Guard Blue Force Tracking and Civil Air Patrol capabilities were incorporated to facilitate training across local, state and federal components.

"This event was designed to immerse local EOCs into a simulated-based training environment and provide them the opportunity to demonstrate and discuss their training requirements with local, state, and federal decision makers," Harris said.

(Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center release)

Around town

Members of greatest generation recognized

D-Day vets honored on 65th anniversary

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Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell gave World War II veteran Ira Jones more than a Bronze Star Medal during a D-Day 65th Anniversary Ceremony on June 6 hosted by the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight.

He also gave Jones a once-in-a-lifetime memory.

As the three-star general presented the medal to Jones, the 84-year-old veteran said loudly "I've never been this close to a general."

The comment drew laughter from a crowd of about 150 onlookers, many of them World War II veterans, family members and Honor Flight volunteers who participated in the D-Day program at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's education facility.

"It took you long enough. It took a long time to see a general," Jones added.

Jones was one of three WW II Army veterans who received a Bronze Star during the ceremony. The others were Dewel J. McGriff, an 83-year-old who traveled from Holly Pond with more than 20 family members to receive the award; and the now deceased Roy C. Selby, whose award was accepted by his grandson, Josh Porter.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

FIRST TIME MEETING— WW II veteran Ira Jones meets a general (Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell) for the first time at the age of 84 during the presentation of his Bronze Star Medal during the D-Day 65th Anniversary Ceremony at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on June 6. The event was hosted by the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight.

Joe Fitzgerald, president of Honor Flight and the emcee for the June 6 ceremony, told the audience that the Bronze Star was not established until 1944, but was meant to be retroactive to any servicemember who met the qualifications while serving in the Army on or after Dec. 6, 1941. Any WW II veteran who has received a combat infantryman badge or a combat medical badge signifying their exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy qualifies to receive a Bronze Star.

In the past two years, Honor Flight, a non-profit organization that flies WW II veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit their memorial, has developed and maintained military records of the 754 veterans who have participated in its program. In the course of compiling those records, Honor Flight volunteers have discovered veterans who have not received the proper recognition, Fitzgerald said. The three privates honored during the D-Day ceremony are a result of those discoveries.

"What defines this generation is that they have never asked for anything, they don't expect anything," Fitzgerald said. "It speaks to who they are. And it's the reason it took 60 years for their memorial to be built."

Honor Flight volunteers are determined to make sure WW II veterans are honored and appreciated for their sacrifices, he said.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

HERO AMONG FAMILY— Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell presents WW II veteran Dewel McGriff with a Bronze Star Medal and a commander's coin during the D-Day 65th Anniversary Ceremony. McGriff brought more than 20 members of his family with him to the ceremony, including his wife Faye and grandson Josh Greenhill, standing next to McGriff.

Also recognized at the ceremony was Purple Heart recipient Navy Seaman 2nd Class Raymond Virgil Ashburn, who died at sea when the Navy cruiser U.S.S. Quincy was attacked by a large fleet of Japanese ships during the Battle of Savo Island and sunk on Aug. 9, 1942. His brother, Bo Ashburn, accepted the award.

During his comments to the audience, Fitzgerald said "D-Day," which was once

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'I never felt sorry for myself'

WW II, Korean War veteran lives full life despite losing leg

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Back in the 1950s, when the Army's leg amputees were shackled with cumbersome wooden appendages, one Soldier did not let his combat injury keep him from being the first amputee to complete Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.

But, then, Ralph Cloud didn't let his amputation keep him from much in life. After being wounded in the Korean War, he served in the Army for seven years with an artificial limb. The opportunity to attend OCS came in 1957.

"I was the only fellow who went through the course as an amputee," Cloud said. "There were a lot of amputees at Walter Reed when I was there. But to the best of my knowledge I was the first to go through Fort Benning's advanced course as an amputee."

Today, this 86-year-old World War II and Korean War veteran lives in Madison with his wife, Gisela. Their daughter, Garrison intern Charlotte Cloud, and their granddaughter live nearby. Cloud now sports the latest in prosthetic technology and has memories of a life filled with opportunities, accomplishments and the determination to succeed. On his walls and in his photo albums are the medals of a hero – Purple Hearts, a World War II Victory Medal, an Army Occupation Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge, Korea Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and other military medals along with academic achievement medals.

Courtesy photo

EARLY YEARS— As a young lieutenant serving in occupied Europe, veteran Ralph Cloud met his wife, Gisela, a Czech citizen. The couple have been married for more than 60 years.

"Life is a challenge. You just meet the challenges as they come along," he said.

Cloud is matter-of-fact about his devastating war injury, which led to the loss of his right leg all the way to mid-thigh. Instead of dwelling on the loss, he has always focused on the possibilities of living a full life with his wife and his three daughters and, now, his grandchildren.

But those early months as an amputee were a struggle.

"In those days, they made the leg as heavy as a normal leg. It had a free swing, which means there was no break mechanism for the knee," he said.

Cloud looked beyond what the Army had to offer in the way of artificial limbs to discover the use of plastics in Germany that would provide him with a stable knee-lock system. It was that knee-lock system that allowed the aspiring Soldier to attend OCS.

And yet his war injury did force him to give up some of his dreams.

"I ended up at Fort Benning arranging parades and other community work. The Army couldn't use me anymore to lead a group of troops," he said. "Exactly one month short of 17 years after I enlisted – on Feb. 28, 1958 – the Army retired me on disability."

Again, Cloud was not going to let his injury get him down. Instead, he saw it as an opportunity. He went on to obtain his college degree and then a doctorate from the University of Georgia, where he often used a scooter to get to class. He then taught at the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Alabama A&M University.

Cloud said he has enjoyed his life by looking forward.

"Keep on keeping on," he said, referring to his life's philosophy.

"Don't get depressed. It's just another challenge that you have to overcome. You can't feel sorry for yourself because in the final analysis it's your job to rehabilitate yourself. I never felt sorry for myself. I never said the words 'Poor me.' I'm lucky to be alive and I don't expect support from anyone."

Cloud comes from a military family. His father served in the Seacoast Artillery, Army Air Force. Cloud's older brother, a 1934 West Point graduate, died as a major in North Africa in 1943. Another brother served 30 years in the Air Force.

Cloud enlisted in the Army in March 1941, prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He aspired to attend West Point, like his older brother, but was just shy of passing the entrance exam. His first assignment was as a weather observer for the Army Air Force, where he sent messages in code at 62.5 words a minute via teletype.

Cloud reapplied to West Point and was admitted as a sergeant for the 1943-44 school year. But he had trouble with mathematics and was not allowed to continue. He re-enlisted and attended the Army's officer infantry school at Fort Dix, N.J.

"We were called the 90-day wonders," he said. "We went to school three months and then they gave you a commission. It was wartime, and there was a desperate need for infantry lieutenants at all levels."

Cloud served as a second lieutenant during the occupation of Europe from 1945-48. It was during that assignment that he met his wife, who was a Czech citizen.

In September 1951, Cloud joined Army forces for another war on the front lines north of Pyongyang, Korea, which is now the capital of North Korea. He was serving with the 7th Cavalry of the 1st Division.

"The Red Chinese and North Koreans objected to us taking over the territory. About 10 days after we got there, we were attacked north of Pyongyang," he recalled. "We counter attacked the third of October and that's when I go hit by a mortar shell. My leg was shattered above the ankle. Both bones were broken. I ripped off my belt and tightened it above my knee. Then my leg got infected and was amputated in Japan above the knee."

Though missing a leg, Cloud and his battle buddies saw the injury as a new possibility.

"It was considered a golden wound because it rotated you all the way back to the States," he said. "I was up front a total of maybe three days and then I got whacked. I was in and out. It was fast, fast, fast."

By early 1952, Cloud was ready to return to active duty, although he was limited due to his injury. Cloud requested permission to go to Germany, where he was assigned from 1953-56. During that time, his artificial limb was fitted with an Otto Bock knee made from plastics. The new knee provided Cloud with the stability he needed to continue as a Soldier, graduate from OCS and then pursue a career as a college professor.

Both Cloud and his wife taught at the college level, first at UAH and then at A&M. Cloud taught business and accounting courses, and his wife taught comparative literature and German courses. Both retired in 1982 and lived for 20 years in Germany before returning to the U.S. While their youngest daughter works at Redstone Arsenal, another daughter and a grandson have served in the military.

Cloud worries about the future of today's young people.

"Kids are drowning in things," he said. "They can't clearly see for themselves a goal in life. And if you don't know where you are going in life, any road will take you there. In the end, you still have to ask 'What do I want to do with my life?'"

Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROUD FAMILY— World War II and Korean War veteran Ralph Cloud relaxes at home with his wife, Gisela, and daughter, Garrison intern Charlotte Cloud. He lives a full life despite the challenges of being a military amputee. He lost his leg in 1951 while in battle during the Korean War.

For Cloud, he feels he has answered that question wholeheartedly. His life is a testament to the possibilities open to a Soldier who is determined and committed, and who is always looking forward.

Brigade credits team effort during accreditation

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Soldier and civilian team members of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School gathered June 5 at Heiser Hall to celebrate the success of the Training and Doctrine Command accreditation.

Col. Thomas Keegan, brigade commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, handed out awards, certificates and coins to those team members who excelled during the week of accreditation, April 27 through May 1.

"We, as a school and organization, worked really hard to get prepared for the TRADOC accreditation. Though we don't have the official results yet, through the out brief and the indicators we got, we think we did exceptionally well," Keegan said. "I don't want to reward (the staff of OMEMS) on the results (of the accreditation), I want to reward everyone on all the hard work they did. To me, we already met and achieved the standards by the way we pulled together and executed.

"From all the hard work I saw being done, to me, that was everyone pulling together for the common mission to excel. I wanted to recognize the people who were a part of that. Whether it was hitting the hard numbers or cross-checking, I wanted to recognize everyone for that effort."

Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

CEREMONY— Col. Thomas Keegan, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander, presents Daniel Unsen an award during a ceremony recognizing members of the OMEMS team for their work during the TRADOC accreditation.

Daniel Unsen, a management assistant for the S-3 in 59th, said "the accreditation is about looking forward and towards further education."

"A lot of colleges count military occupational specialty training as college credit," Unsen said. "(By meeting TRADOC standards) this is another way we can help Soldiers, kind of like a small 'thank you' for what they do on a regular basis."

Unsen was a behind-the-scenes worker during the accreditation, assisting others in their taskings. He knows firsthand the importance of appreciation toward one's job.

"This awards ceremony was important because with day-to-day operations, it becomes difficult to express your thanks and gratitude to those who are making the mission happen," he said.

"It is important when (Col. Keegan) gets up in a public forum to thank everyone and to let them know they are appreciated for their efforts. He wanted to let everyone know that he knew the success of the accreditation wouldn't have happened without them. I know it means a lot to those who really worked hard to be recognized as individuals and as a team."

The OMEMS staff will hear the official results of the TRADOC accreditation in the next month.

Photo by Patrick Sheahan

Golf proceeds

The Utility Helicopters Project Office's charity golf scramble June 11 raised $2,500 for the Army Aviation Association of America scholarship program. Deputy project manager Keith Roberson, left, presents the check to AAAA president Bill Weaver. Col. L. Neil Thurgood, right, thanks the many contributors. The tournament's winners were Scott Coy, John Roth, Brandon Mosby of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, and Mark Dille of VTAEPCO.

■ 234-year-old Army making difference worldwide

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lifeblood … What goes on in Iraq and Afghanistan and around the world every day is buddies helping buddies, Soldiers helping Soldiers. Soldiers will do anything for anybody around the world to make a difference."

The Army is making a difference for freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also in places like Africa, South America and Latin America, where its forces are involved in nation building. He also mentioned the National Guard, whose troops are responding to Army needs on the homefront and in the international arena.

The active Army, Reserves and National Guard is an Army that "has to be prepared to fight fires and floods and hurricanes while conducting combat operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world," said Myles, who recently returned from visiting military operations in Africa, Italy, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

BEST FIRST SERGEANT— 1st Sgt. Terrence Hamil of Bravo Company holds the 1st Sgt. John Ordway award he received at the 234th Army Birthday dinner sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. With Hamil are his commanding officers, at left, Col. Randall Jackson, commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Pullom of the 832nd. Pullom nominated Hamil for the award.

"This is an Army that helps build coalitions and helps enable peace around the world."

Iraq has taught the Army a lesson that it hopes to implement successfully now in the turbulent environment of Afghanistan.

"Soldiers on the ground are the best ambassadors," he said. "When there are Soldiers on the ground there often is electricity, running water and sometimes air conditioning. But most importantly there is peace."

The general said the U.S. and its Army will continue to put down terrorist threats wherever they may be and will continue to pursue those who want to destroy freedom and the American way of life.

"We will hunt you down and eliminate you from doing us harm," Myles said.

Myles commended the AUSA chapter for its five wins as chapter of the year for the worldwide organization.

"You have the reputation of having supported our Army Soldiers and their families better than any other chapter," he said, predicting the chapter will win the highly coveted award for a sixth year.

He urged the chapter to continue to provide support to military families, many of which have endured three deployments during the past seven years.

"Three deployments is three years of missing family celebrations, anniversaries, birthdays of children and grandchildren, and losing loved ones," Myles said. "On top of that, families worry during those deployments about whether their loved one will come home or not."

The officers of the local AUSA chapter take their role in providing that support seriously. Turning the helm of the chapter over to incoming president Steve Taylor, outgoing president Mike Howell said he's had the "honor and a privilege of being your president … This is a disciplined team of volunteers who are always ready to excel and set the bar higher."

Howell thanked the chapter's leadership for "answering the call to serve Soldiers and this community so well."

The chapter sponsors or co-sponsors several local military events each year, including this week's Armed Forces Celebration, and Blue Star Service Banner programs, the Veterans Day Dinner, Tactical Missile Conference, Operation Christmas Bear, Soldier recognitions, military appreciation nights at sporting events and the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award.

Because of its work, the chapter has been AUSA's chapter of the year for five years in a row. But, Taylor doesn't want the chapter's volunteers to rest on its laurels during his two-year term.

"All the streamers you see on our AUSA chapter flag don't mean a darn thing if we lose our focus," he said. "We will not indeed lose our focus. We must keep working to know as a chapter that we've done everything we can do to stick close to the guidance of AUSA" to be the voice of the Army, and to support Soldiers and their families.

Taylor thanked the chapter's 323 corporate members for their financial support, saying they make it possible for the chapter to host numerous events for Soldiers.

During the evening, three first sergeants – each representing a different branch of the Army – were presented with the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Award. They were: 1st Sgt. Terrence Hamil, active Army; 1st Sgt. Doug Witt, Alabama Army National Guard; and 1st Sgt. Mikey Harris, Army Reserve.

Besides swearing in Taylor as AUSA's new president, AUSA state president Bob Drolet swore in the following officers in their new positions: Paul Elliott, executive vice president; April Caravella, treasurer; Kurt Weidenthal, secretary; Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja, vice president of enlisted affairs; Pam Caruso, vice president of DA civilian affairs; Marc Jacobson, vice president of legislative affairs; Donna Palumbo, vice president of chapter support; Kris McBride, vice president of awards and recognition; John Wright, vice president of satellite chapter activities; Sofia Bledsoe, vice president at large (AMCOM/Garrison), and Richard Rhoades and Steve Humphrey, special advisers to the board. New board members included Laura Ayers, Frank Caravella, Tom Economy, Steve Messervy, John Olshefski, Matthew Schmitz, Bill Stevenson and Mark Umansky.

■ Bronze Stars awarded on 65th anniversary of D-Day

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a phrase given to the first day of any military operation, has for the past 65 years referred to June 6, 1944, when more than 5,000 ships, 13,000 aircraft and 160,000 allied troops took part in the "greatest amphibious operation in history – landing along a 50-mile stretch of Northern France in Operation Overlord."

On that day, more than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded. Although victory that day was unclear, by July 25 the Allies were strong enough to launch Operation Cobra, beginning the liberation of France and leading to an invasion that resulted in the defeat of Nazi Germany on May 7, 1945.

"After the 6th of June, the phrase 'D-Day' will forever symbolize the courage and sacrifice made by American men and women in uniform – the courage and sacrifice to recognize and confront evil and to defeat it, and the courage and sacrifice to fight for a better future for America, and for our friends around the world," Fitzgerald said.

"Sixty-five years ago today, the phrase 'D-Day' became an icon of liberty, symbolizing the valor and ideals of all World War II veterans and of all Americans supporting the war effort from home."

Today, Americans can only repay these WW II veterans "by protecting the freedoms that you fought to preserve," he said.

Also speaking at the D-Day ceremony was retired Col. John Reitzell, a decorated Vietnam and Korean War veteran who was responsible for more than 5,000 Special Forces missions during the Reagan administration. He is a member of the Madison County Hall of Heroes.

"Americans are genetically disposed to volunteer," he told the WW II veterans in the audience. "Why? You set a standard for all of us to do so, to volunteer, to sacrifice. You set the standard and we caught it and thank you for it."

Reitzell said the U.S. is "currently engaged in a great religious war" that didn't start on 9/11. He traced its beginnings to 632 A.D. and the death of the prophet Muhammad and the birth of fundamentalist Islam. Reitzell continued to list catastrophic history changing events associated to Jihad and leading up to WW II and to today's current conflicts.

"You were home building cars, building America, building the greatest nation on Earth when, in 1947, the 3rd Jihad begins. Israel is established. You liberated it and then we gave it back to its rightful owners," Reitzell said. "And in 1948 the first all Islamic government formed in Pakistan.

"On 25 June 1950, the Korean War begins and now we begin an era of violent peace that is with us today."

He said today's Soldiers have the courage to stand up for what WW II veterans fought for – peace and freedom.

"I hope and pray there is a generation to be that is going to be as great as yours," Reitzell told the veterans. "They better have the courage, commitment, professionalism and drive that you had. Thank you, thank you, thank you for stomping on the thousand-year Reich."

Reitzell's comments received rousing applause from the audience.

AAR Corp. sponsored the D-Day 65th Anniversary Ceremony. Organizations that assisted Honor Flight with the event included the Huntsville Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars and its youth citizenship program, the 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Warrant Officers Association, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Post 229, du Midi, Boy Scout Troop 400, Veterans Memorial Museum, Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHARING MEMORIES— World War II veteran Arthur Wolde Sr. talks about his service during the war with 9-year-old Declan Kelly of New Market and his brother, Ian Kelly, prior to the D-Day 65th Anniversary Ceremony on June 6 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's education facility. Ian Kelly is dressed in period WW II-era civilian clothes as a re-enactor from that era. The 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment and the Youth Citizenship Program of the Huntsville Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars provided re-enactors for the ceremony.

Garrison workers help students with disabilities

Team effort donates to college expenses

Three years ago the Garrison employees wanted to do something different for the holidays. They knew there were local charities that sponsored children but wanted to inquire if the Alabama Industries for the Blind and Deaf in Talladega might need help with their students — the supply store on post is run by AIDB. The response was a "yes."

The first year, 2006, only two students were adopted — just to see how it would go over. Wendy Mitchell, executive assistant to the Garrison commander, and Deborah Plunkett, executive assistant to the deputy, volunteered to spearhead this cause. A list of what the students needed was given and employees were given the opportunity to donate money or chose items off the list to purchase. Remaining items off the list were purchased with monies donated.

Mitchell said that year even after shopping for all the needed items, there was money left over. They contacted the school to see about helping another student. They were told there was a young man who was a senior who needed help with graduation expenses.

When graduation time came, money was again collected to send to this student for a gift.

For Christmas 2007, a couple of more students were added, totaling four. The Garrison asked for a couple of young ones and then asked for a few older ones, since they tend to get overlooked.

In May 2008, they once again decided to adopt a senior for graduation. It was a student they had from the previous Christmas.

This past Christmas, the number of children increased to six.

"You ought to have seen shoppers' faces at Wal-Mart seeing us pushing overloaded buggies around the store," Plunkett said. "It was even more fun trying to get everything loaded in our vehicles. The command suite was over-running with wrapping paper and gifts."

For graduation this year, senior Steffon Middleton was adopted. Steffon is 18 years old. He will be attending Gadsden State Junior College and living in a dorm. He is totally blind. Steffon won first place at the AIDB Homecoming Wrestling and qualified for the state tournament. His season record was 38-5. He has been MVP for two years at the Southern Conference Association for Schools for the Blind and was the valedictorian of his senior class.

"He has a Pell Grant and the three scholarships he received, plus cash from staff and friends at ASB (Alabama School for the Blind) to keep him afloat until his scholarships begin," Mitchell said.

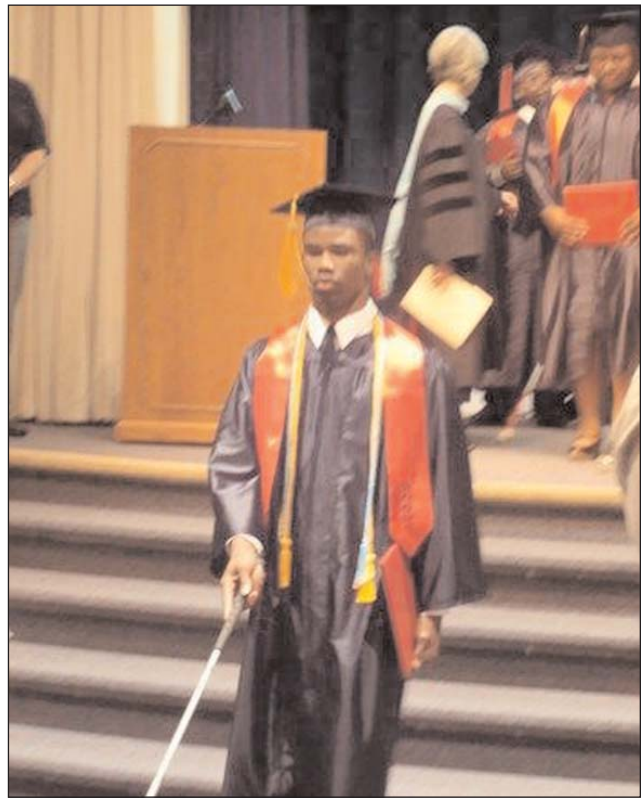
The ladies had hoped to get a group of employees to take the presents down but due to time constraints it didn't happen. However, one of their employees, who had helped with supporting this, Ray Boles and his wife graciously offered to deliver the gifts to Steffon.

Mitchell and a few others have had the opportunity to tour the school and the Gentry Center where they employ adults, who are blind, to work.

"It is amazing to watch someone who cannot see sit behind a sewing machine and sew a straight stitch," Mitchell said. "It really makes you appreciate the abilities a person has to offer."

When asked if the goal was to go bigger next Christmas, Mitchell said the real goal is to possibly open this event up to other organizations at Team Redstone — each organization adopting one child. "It would be great to share with everyone the excitement these children have," she said.

She called this a team effort for the Garrison. "We are very fortunate to have such great individuals at the Garrison," she said. "There is always a great outpouring from our employees plus a couple of silent benefactors who donate money on the side." *(Garrison release)*



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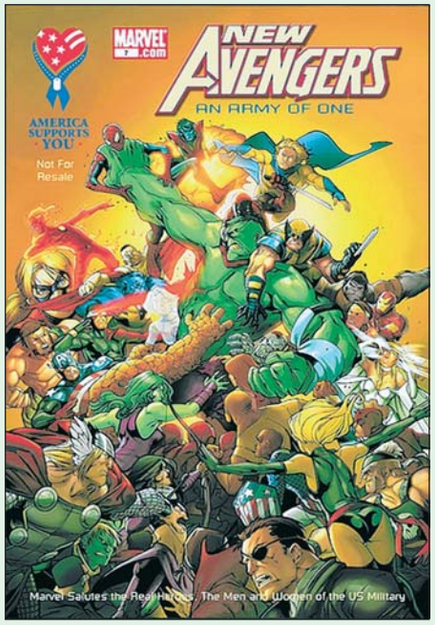
BRIGHT FUTURE— Garrison-sponsored student Steffon Middleton graduates from the Alabama School for the Blind. The Garrison each year adopts a senior at the school to help him or her with college expenses and a place to live. Steffon moved into a dormitory June 1 at Gadsden State Junior College.

Super heroes unmasked in military comic book

DALLAS – It's all hands on deck as virtually every super hero, including Captain America, Wolverine and even two real life military members, are called to battle the Hulk in the latest free military-only "New Avengers" comic book provided by the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Marvel Comics.

"An Army of One" finds the all-star lineup trying to bring the Hulk under control as he goes on a rampage. Among the first to arrive on the scene are two armored "Iron Men," who manage to distract the Hulk and draw him away from the other troops.

The seventh in the AAFES/Marvel military-only comic book series that began in April 2005, "An Army of One" is available at post exchanges worldwide. *(Army & Air Force Exchange Service release)*



Sunshine on your shoulder can be deadly

Sunblock helps defend from sun's harmful rays

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Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. According to the Mayo Clinic, more than a million skin cancers are diagnosed annually. The number of cases of melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, is increasing faster than almost any other cancer. In 1930, Americans had a 1 in 1,500 lifetime chance of developing melanoma. By 2000, this chance had risen to 1 in 90.

This dramatic rise in skin cancer is due to increased leisure time and more recreational sun exposure. Although most occupational exposure to the sun has decreased, Soldiers are typically exposed to more sunlight than someone with an indoor occupation. Unit and individual physical training, training exercises, and mission-essential tasks frequently occur outdoors. Soldiers with certain Military Occupational Specialties, such as combat arms, spend long periods of time outdoors year-round. And current operations in theater may require Soldiers to be frequently outdoors. This increased sun exposure can increase the risk for skin cancer.

On the job, Soldiers can take measures to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun. Use your uniform to cover your arms and legs. A wide-brimmed hat can protect the head and neck. If possible, seek shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. And use a sunblock with a high Sun Protection Factor and reapply every two hours at minimum.

Soldiers and their families should also protect themselves from the sun during recreational and family activities. Make sure to reapply sunblock after swimming or exertion. And don't be fooled into thinking you don't need sunblock when it's cloudy — up to 80 percent of the sun's harmful rays make their way through light cloud cover; 60 percent through heavy cloud cover. Sunburns can also occur during the winter, especially when there is snow on the ground. The take-home message: use sunblock whenever you are going to be outside.

Some people avoid using sunblock because they don't like the way it feels or smells. Soldiers may feel that using sunblock isn't HOOAH. But consider this fact: One in five Americans will develop skin cancer over the course of a lifetime. And sunblock is one of the most effective ways to protect your skin from the sun.

Fox Army Health Center appoints new hours

Fox Army Health Center is making some changes to its hours of operation to better serve its beneficiaries.

Beginning July 9, health center clinics and services will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of the first Thursday of every month. On first Thursdays, the center will close at noon for an afternoon of mandatory training.

The Warrior Medicine Clinic is open 6-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Sick call for Soldiers in a student status is 6-8:30 a.m. All permanent party sick call is booked through the appointment call center at 955-8888. If no acute appointments are available in the clinics, permanent party will be seen in the Warrior Medicine Clinic from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Physical exams are by appointment only. To schedule a physical exam, call 955-8888 and select the option to make an appointment.

The Pharmacy is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of the first Thursday of each month when the health center closes at noon. Active duty personnel have priority from 7-7:30 a.m.

On "training holidays" Ambulatory Care, Pharmacy, the Patient Administration Medical Records window and the Tricare Service Center are open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. The Central Appointments telephone line, 955-8888, is answered from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All other clinics and services are closed the entire day.

The Tricare Service Center, located on the second floor of Fox, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is unaffected by the first Thursday afternoon closure.

The Dental Clinic, located on the first floor, is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is also not affected by the first Thursday afternoon closure of the health center. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

Hail & *farewell*

Program manager pushes equal opportunity

Patrick joins EEO office to lead special emphasis

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As a self-proclaimed Army brat, Woody Patrick experienced firsthand how exposure to different cultures, ethnicities and ideas can enrich a person's life. As the Garrison's new Special Emphasis Program manager, he is already hard at work so that Team Redstone can take advantage of all its people have to offer.

"I love what we're doing here," Patrick said. "I really believe in this office and this work."

He credits his father's military service with broadening his horizons and teaching him the benefits of diversity.

"The moves my family made while my dad was in the Army were one of the greatest gifts my parents could have given me," he said. "I had the chance to travel the world. I got to see different places, meet the people, taste the food and just learn a little about the culture. It made me who I am."

by Kelley Lane-Sivley

ON THE JOB— Woody Patrick serves as Special Emphasis Program manager at the Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

As an adult, Patrick spent 20 years in the Air Force. His military career was split equally between law enforcement and Equal Employment Opportunity.

"I have a lot of experience in this," he said. "The entire last half of my career was in EEO. I've taken all of the courses and training available."

Determined to take advantage of all the educational experiences the military afforded him, Patrick earned six degrees while on active duty. In addition to his master's in psychology, Patrick has three associate degrees in law enforcement, one in social services, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration.

After retiring and working in the private sector for a few years, he became an Army intern. While in the program, he worked on post in the Space and Missile Defense Command Equal Employment Opportunity Office. When it came time to take a permanent assignment, he chose to return to Redstone.

"I came back in March," he said.

As the SEP manager, Patrick analyzes data pertaining to the demographics of Team Redstone. Ideally, the work force within the installation gates should mirror that of the one outside them.

"I focus a lot on the statistical data on hiring and losses," Patrick said. "I collect all the data and see how we compare."

He uses that information to advise and encourage commanders and program managers to provide positive, continuing opportunities for qualified people in their organizations.

Patrick is also serving as a mentor to other new hires at the Garrison EEO. He is trying to give them the positive experience that he had as an Army intern.

"I can't give them the formal training that I had the opportunity to go to," he said. "But I can give them the hands-on support and knowledge that I received."

Patrick is also working on updates and improvements to the office. He is working on the restructuring of their website to provide more information to visitors at the click of a button. The site is slated to be back up and running by the end of this month.

There are also a few awards and programs to keep him busy. On June 2, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli signed a memorandum establishing two EEO councils at Redstone. The first, the Employee Equal Employment Council, offers anyone working on post a forum for questions, concerns or advice on EEO issues on the installation. The second is comprised of those working in management positions.

"They are the people who can make decisions on hiring and how people move up," Patrick said. "They'll be able to see where they stand in terms of EEO. We'll help them form an action plan based upon their own numbers."

In addition to handling all the other EEO awards, Patrick is busy with a new one. An annual EEO award for the Garrison has been created. One award will be given in each of the three categories – employee, supervisor and manager – to members of Team Redstone who have "made a significant contribution to accomplishing EEO program goals."

Nominations for the new award are under way. Winners will receive a plaque of their own and be the first to have their names added to a permanent plaque on display in the Garrison command suite.

For more information on the Special Emphasis Program, EEO councils or awards, contact Patrick at woody.patrick@us.army.mil or 876-9259.

"Many EEO issues are actually just a lack of communication," Patrick said. "Come to us. Let us help before a situation turns into a real problem."

Photo by Melanie Dockery

Daddy's home

Master Sgt. Marius Dockery gets a hug from his daughter, Maci, 11, after his surprise return June 4 from Afghanistan. He later attended the Space Camp scholarship awards ceremony where she was among 11 recipients. Dockery is the force modernization NCO at Product Manager for Air Traffic Control under the Program Executive Office for Aviation.

Charlie Company reaches final in post softball

Win or lose

Tournament concludes this week at Linton Field

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Linton Field was abuzz last week.

That's because the postseason softball tournament began June 8 for the league's eight teams. The double-elimination event was scheduled to conclude June 16.

The Civilian Welfare Fund beat the two-time defending champion National Guard 20-16 on June 10, sending the Guard to the losers bracket.

"We came out ready," CWF player/coach Andrew Myrick said. "We knew we were playing the National Guard, they had won the last two years. All our players came out ready to play."

Myrick, Josh Oswell, Derrick Cook and Jacques Eckles had three hits apiece for the civilians (9-4). Elton "Gator" Grissom got the win.

Jonathan Boyd had four hits for the National Guard (10-3).

Charlie Company advanced to the final by beating the Civilian Welfare Fund 17-11 on June 11. The Wolfpack (10-3) awaited the losers bracket survivor between Bravo Company, the National Guard and CWF.

Charlie beat Bravo 9-8 on June 10. The Wolfpack trailed 6-3 after five innings, but scored five in the sixth and the game-winner in the seventh.

"We just kept coming. We don't stop," Charlie player/coach Scott Brock said. "We play best from behind. We just come back at the end and hit the ball."

In the bottom of the seventh, Charlie's Christopher Barnett hit a leadoff fly to left field and reached second on a two-base error. Nathan Hollenbaugh then singled him home with the winning run.

"It felt good," Hollenbaugh said. "My buddy (teammate Demetrius Vieira) told me to hit a flat line drive and just do what I had to do. And I had good team support behind me."

Brock got the win for Charlie. Joshua Neal and player/coach Travis Roop each had two hits and scored twice. Roop hit a pair of run-scoring triples.

"Staying in it, just not letting our bad hitting affect us," Roop said of the key to the win. "We hit good in the (three-run) first inning and seventh inning. Everything in between was horrible," he said laughing.

"We took advantage of how they were playing their defense. When they shifted we hit the other way," Roop added.

Bravo pitcher Cory Fuller took the loss but he went 3-for-3 with an RBI for the Bulldogs (10-3).

Teams eliminated last week included HHC 59th (6-7), the Marines (3-10), Headquarters & Alpha (2-10) and NCO Academy (1-11).

Here are last week's results:

June 8 – National Guard def. NCO Academy 20-10; Civilian Welfare Fund def. HHC 59th 11-10; and Charlie def. Marines 17-2.

June 9 – Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha 15-10; and HHC 59th def. NCO Academy 13-0.

June 10 – Civilian Welfare Fund def. National Guard 20-16; Charlie def. Bravo 9-8; and the Marines def. Headquarters & Alpha 23-10.

June 11 – Charlie def. Civilian Welfare Fund 17-11; Bravo def. HHC 59th 11-5 in eight innings; and the National Guard def. the Marines 20-7.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

HANCOCK— HHC 59th's Phil Hancock singles in the second inning of an 11-10 loss to the Civilian Welfare Fund on June 8.

Photo by Carrie David Ford

5K winner

AMCOM assistant inspector general Travis Martin wins the Redstone Arsenal 5K Fun Run on June 5 near the Post Exchange. He finished in 18 minutes and 18.42 seconds.

Courtesy photo

West Point bound

Huntsville High graduate Joseph Clegg signs his wrestling scholarship to West Point. Seated with him are his mother, Julie, and father, Joe. Standing, from left, are Huntsville High wrestling coach Cliff Pate, former coach Bengie Balentine and assistant coaches Josh Nickelson and Fred Kemp. Clegg had a four-year record of 165-39, was four times All Metro, four times All City, four times state qualifier and finished third in Class 6A at 145 pounds in 2009. He was on The Huntsville Times Elite Team this year.

■ Garrison town hall covers variety of topics

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Center just off Martin Road and the enhanced use lease project that will create 4 million square feet of much-needed office space near Gate 9.

"Right now, we have a 1.2 million shortfall in the amount of square footage we need," he said. "When OMEMS moves, about 400,000 square feet will be vacant. But those buildings are old and they will probably need to be rehabilitated."

He also mentioned that the Garrison is working to address the lack of a cafeteria, auditorium and gym in the construction plans for the 1,700-employee Army Materiel Command/U.S. Army Security Assistance Command headquarters complex. The Garrison in conjunction with FMWR is working on locating funding for a cafeteria, he said.

The Garrison will also soon be managing about $24 million in economic stimulus funds that will be used to upgrade steam lines and the natural gas system on post as well as a wellness project, a new water tank, runway improvements and several other upgrades.

Addressing other issues, Pastorelli said Gate 8 at Goss Road is still scheduled to open mid-June and Gate 10 on Patton Road will close at about that same time for improvements. However, one lane of Gate 10 will remain open during daytime hours.

Pastorelli also highlighted recent events that have been successful, including the first of the Army's summer concerts hosted by Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, reviewed the Garrison's efforts in support of the Armywide suicide prevention campaign, mentioned the Aug. 25-26 anti-terrorism exercise on post and discussed the recent Garrison employee survey. He also announced upcoming events, including a Garrison organizational day now in planning for September.

Army anthropologists apply science to uniform design

WASHINGTON – The Army and Marine Corps are surveying their populations to better design clothing to fit war fighters for the next 10 to 15 years.

"You're literally measuring thousands of people for hundreds of body dimensions," said Claire Gordon, senior scientist in biological anthropology at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Mass.

Gordon, who holds a doctorate in biological anthropology, explained the effort in a June 3 "DoDLive" webcast of "Armed With Science: Research and Applications for the Modern Military."

"We'll build databases for those two groups," she said, "and then those will be used for the next 10 or 15 years to design virtually everything that we buy off the shelf or design from scratch."

The Army last surveyed its population in 1988, and the Marine Corps conducted its last survey in 1994. "We've had an increasing difference between the components and between the services," Gordon said. "And we've had a change in Army (body measurement) in the last 20 years, so we have to update both of those databases."

Gordon has played an important role in dressing war fighters for more than 20 years. "Pretty much anything you see on the TV that's associated with a Soldier was built on a database that we created in 1988," Gordon said.

The Army has maintained an anthropometric database – the scientific term for a database derived from body measurements — since World War II. "Our database right now is comprised of about 132 body dimensions on more than 9,000 Soldiers," Gordon said. "And we have whole-body scans and faces as well."

To optimize the safety and performance of Soldiers, Army anthropologists conduct research on human body size and shape variations that influence the design and sizing of everything a Soldier wears, carries, flies, drives, works at or lives in, Gordon said.

"The Army is required to accommodate at least 90 percent of its population off the shelf with no customized sizing, and that's for clothing and equipment. For life-protecting equipment, as much as 98 percent of the people we have to fit off the shelf," Gordon said. "So, it's not as if you could just go from one store and walk three doors down and get something that fits better. You've got a one-stop shop, and we've got to fit everybody." (*American Forces Press Service release)*

A&M Engineering Center of Excellence announced

U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith joined Alabama A&M University, government and elected officials June 8 for a formal announcement and kickoff for the Center of Excellence in Integrated Sensor Systems at A&M's School of Engineering and Technology.

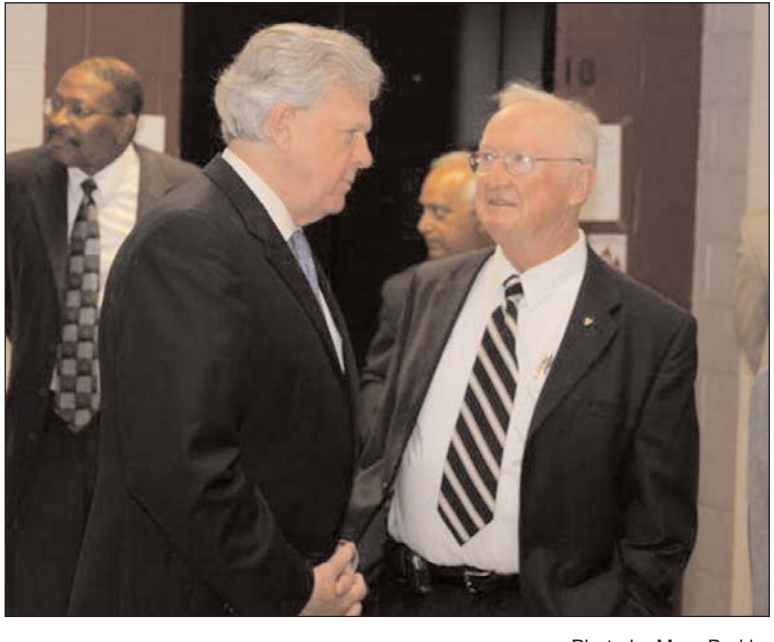
The center is the result of a partnership among government and industry entities — namely, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center and the Alabama A&M University Research Institute to ultimately boost the number of top-notch engineers in north Alabama as well as to assist with homeland security.

"Because of global competitiveness and the technological advances of other countries, we must attract more students with some inclination for math and sciences," Griffith said. He added that "engineering is a gratifying profession."

AMRDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle and A&M interim president Beverly Edmond praised the "first-rate" engineering school. McCorkle said he wishes the center tremendous success, while Edmond noted the university's ability to provide "a great foundation in mathematics, science and engineering."

"The $700,000 center will advance the state of knowledge in areas of sensor and data fusion, contextual detection and classification, future sensor systems and architectures for missile defense, and other homeland security applications," explained Dr. Kaveh Heidary, the A&M electrical engineering professor who is the project's principal investigator.

During the 2008-09 academic year, more than 800 students were enrolled in A&M's School of Engineering and Technology, according to the Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Evaluation. *(Alabama A&M University release)*



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UNIVERSITY PROGRAM— AMRDEC director Dr. Bill McCorkle, right, talks with U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith on June 8 at Alabama A&M University.

Photo by Tony Medici

Mission capable

Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., electronics mechanic John Matsago repairs an AN/TPX-42A Aircraft Indicator. The indicator is among the mission capability items repaired by technicians in the Interrogator Branch.

Rocket Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Muscular dystrophy benefit
The Huntsville Firefighters Association seventh annual golf classic to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association is Saturday 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.

Speedway nights
Military Appreciation Nights at the Huntsville Speedway include July 11, Aug. 1 and Sept. 12. Active duty, reserved and retired military will be admitted free. For more information, visit www.huntsvillespeedway.com.

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.

Basketball shootout
North Alabama Hoopster first July Shootout Boys & Girls 10-16 AAU Tournament is July 10-11 at Lauderdale County High School, Rogersville. Entry fee is $150. The deadline is July 4. There are discounts for multiple teams. Spectator admission is $4. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place. For more information call Dewayne Shoulders 874-7221, Otto Nance 394-9976 and Shun Fletcher 777-3775.

Boating class
America's Boating Class will be held June 20 and June 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Decatur at the Singles Building. Instructors with years of on-the-water experience will teach you about boating, share their boating experience, and answer your questions. The optional book is $25 which can be shared by family. A closed book exam is held at the second class. Attendance is required at both Saturday morning sessions. This class meets the Vessel Authorization required by Alabama and Tennessee Public Safety. To register call Chris Whitacre 882-6909 or e-mail hrsar2@att.net.

Scholarship golf tourney
PME Education Foundation will hold a Scholarship Golf Tournament on July 24 at 1 p.m. at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. There will be two-person teams. Individual entrance fee is $75 per player, which includes greens fee and cart. Please register by July 18. For more information, call Tom Patrick 882-0231 or Doris Ellison 852-0485.

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.

Resource managers
The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Huntsville/Redstone Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is July 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month's speaker is Bill Stender, chairman of the Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial. For ticket information, call Kim Oauttara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

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

Admin professionals
The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians and contractors in any type of admin field to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Alphadella McRae 313-1957.

Toastmaster clubs
Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078. The Research Park Club 4838 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at the Sentar offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Valerie Cortez 313-9753. The Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at building 5301, second floor, in room 1217. 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.

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.

Engineer society
Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The luncheon meeting, which costs $11, spotlights area science fair winners, whose projects will be on view. These winners include Tyler Odle, Sophia Burkhardt, Jordan Gober, Carrie Davidson, Katrina Hatch, Paige Jackson and Sean Galvin. For reservations call Dan Foran 830-1031, ext. 130.

Officers association
The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its summer

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social event from 6-9:30 p.m. June 27 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Cost is $20 per person. Make reservations by June 22. For more information, call Carrie Hightower 882-3992.

Union election
At its regular union membership meeting July 13 at 5 p.m., AFGE Local 1858 will hold nominations and election of delegates to attend the 38th national convention. The American Federation of Government Employees convention is Aug. 24-28 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nev. In order to be qualified as a delegate or candidate for delegate, an individual must be a member in good standing; be a member for one year of an AFGE Local, immediately preceding the closing of the nomination process; and must not be a member in any labor organization not affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

Sorority regional
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will hold its 42nd Southern Regional Conference, "A Mission of Service Ignited by Sisterhood," June 25-28 in Huntsville. A public Gospel Fest is June 26 at 7 p.m. at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on Winchester Road. The conference will conclude June 28 with a 9 a.m. public ecumenical service, featuring the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter Sisters in Praise, at the Von Braun Center South Hall.

Fleet Reserve branch
Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting June 27 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For more information, call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Jim Sutton 650-5748.

Courtesy photo

Senior scientist

Michael Schexnayder has joined Gleason Research Associates Inc. as the senior scientist. He served 38 years in military and civilian government positions, and retired from the Senior Executive Service as the deputy commander for research, development and acquisition at the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

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 programs, 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 Thursday at http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=184701.

? Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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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.

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.

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/SMAPCENTER/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.

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 Friday 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. Thursday for a celebration/open house in honor of Armed Forces Week. The ACS staff will be on hand 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 Saturday 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.

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 of 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. 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.

Social security event

The local Social Security Administration will hold a free Fourth of July themed event on July 2

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Courtesy photo

Intern grads

The AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center recognized its graduating Army interns May 28. Certificate recipients included, from left, in front row, Stephanye Bankston, Shonda Brown, Teresa Ennis; in middle row, Dianna Westbrook, Jason Rainey, Juanella Wright; and in back row, Wyatt Phillips, Becky Myers, Bethany Marbut and Patrick Burns.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 11 JUN 09	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
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	
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	
WTST09375066	Supv Security Spec	18-Jun-09	HQDA	GG-0080	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09412675R	Lead Aerospace Engr	22-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X										
SCBK09484506R	Human Capital Mgmt Spec	22-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128					X			X	X		X	
SCBK09442831	IT Spec (Infosec)	22-Jun-09	AMCOM, CO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	GS-2210	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X		X				X			X	
SCBK09488005	Supv Logistic Mgmt Spec	22-Jun-09	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 131,518					X			X	X		X	
SCBK09508364	Protocol Spec	22-Jun-09	AMCOM, Sec of Gen Staff	GS-0801	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X						X			X	
SCBK09508455R	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Jun-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X						X			X	
SCBK09488051	Logistics Mgmt Spec	23-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09509765	Logistics Mgmt Spec	23-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09545038	Contract Spec (Procurement)	23-Jun-09	PEO Soldier	YA-1102	2	2	46,291 - 105,993					X			X	X		X	
SCBK09480063	Secretary (OA)	24-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-0318	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X						X	X		X	
SCBK09488103	Lead Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Jun-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	24-Jun-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09494184	Supv General Engr	25-Jun-09	PEO AVN, ASH PM	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,699					X			X	X		X	
SCBK09555829	Human Res Asst (Recruitment & Placement)	25-Jun-09	G1 CHRA, Human Res Dir	GS-0203	4	5	27,891 - 40,567					X			X	X		X	
SCBK09494178D	General Engr	25-Jun-09	PEO AVN, Dir of Engr & Tech	NH-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09477464	Lead General Engr	29-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X						X	X		X	
SCBK09441796	General Engr	29-Jun-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		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	
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
SCBK09522980	Electrical Engr	7-Jul-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	46,291 - 105,993			X		X				X		X	
SCBK09494168D	General Engr	10-Jul-09	PEO AVN, Dir of Engr & Tech	NH-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	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			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	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	24-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		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	
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	
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	
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			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	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU/EHA ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL AND AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
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
WTST09375066	Supv Security Spec	18-Jun-09	HQDA	GG-0080	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09484506R	Human Capital Mgmt Spec	22-Jun-09	SMDC	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128					X			X	X		X	
SCBK09494178D	General Engr	25-Jun-09	PEO AVN, Dir of Engr & Tech	NH-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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
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
SCBK09494168D	General Engr	10-Jul-09	PEO AVN, Dir of Engr & Tech	NH-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
F- All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
U - All U.S. citizens

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at **www.redstonemwr.com** or you may telephone **876-7772**.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee,. Visit **www.amccareers.com** or **www.cpol.army.mil**, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers:**

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from noon-2 p.m. at 4970 Research Drive in Huntsville. "We will be handing out goody bags and materials educating the public on what all they can do online," a prepared release said. "We will have ice cream, soda, popcorn, balloons and a few other fun surprises as well." For more information, call (866) 593-0665.

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 can be found at http://new.armymwr.com/recleisure/artsandcrafts/default.aspx.

Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives in July include the following: July 2 from 7 a.m. to noon at SMDC building 5220. July 16 from 7-noon at the Sparkman Center. July 17 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4487. July 21 from 4-8:30 p.m. at Bravo Company. July 23 from 7-noon at buildings 4488 and 5400. July 24 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency.

Comedy luau

Black Pearl Select Salon will hold its fifth annual comedy luau July 11 at 10 a.m. at Cahaba Shrine park. Adult admission includes up to five children free, under the age of 17. More information and registration forms are available at www.blackpearlselect.com.

Older drivers

AARP Driver Safety Program, an eight-hour driver improvement course that may help graduates receive a multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums, will be held July 6-7 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Crestwood Women's Center, 185 Chateau Drive in Huntsville. Tuition is $12 for AARP members and $14 for non-members. There are no tests. For information and registration, call AARP certified instructor Vince Guarin 880-6928 or 883-2245.

School supply drive

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers' Community Projects Committee has chosen the "Kids to Love Foundation School Supply Drive" as one of its July community projects. The Kids to Love Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that is committed to meeting the needs of foster children in Alabama. The foundation has also been instrumental in adoption placements. School supplies and tax deductible monetary donations will be collected through July 8. All the donations will be delivered July 9 after the monthly ASMC luncheon at Trinity United Methodist Church to the Kids to Love Foundation warehouse. If you would like to donate supplies or a monetary donation, call one of the following according to your location: Dana Wilbanks, building 5400, 876-4283; Sandy Balog, building 5300, 842-8012; Patsy Steakley, building 5300, 842-8046; Debbie Barringer, building 5681, 313-4884; Deborah Chambers, building 5678, 955-0481; Jessica Dunaway, building 5308, 313-0533; Becky Lake, building 5308, 955-0053; and Eura Reaves, building 5302, 842-7093. If there is not a contact person in your area, call Wilbanks.

Disability art tea

Anyone interested in assisting the disabled through art is invited to a tea served at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation Parish Center at 220 Lincoln St. NE from 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 5. The tea will celebrate the formation of the Academy of Internationally Enabled Artists. The academy is dedicated to the use of painting, singing, writing, acting and dancing to assist career-minded artists who are disabled. The event will also recognize five female artists who support art programs that use talent and faith to overcome disabilities. RSVP by July 21 to hostess Carole Esk'ridge 429-8697 or caroleeskridge3@gmail.com.