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# Local chapter turns to Taylor

Retired colonel becomes president  
for Association of U.S. Army

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Even though he retired from the Army some eight years ago, Steve Taylor still judges the productivity of each day by one question – “What have you done for the Soldier today?”

That question is printed on Taylor’s business cards. It is emblazoned on a framed poster that has followed Taylor throughout much of his career and is now hanging on a wall in his corporate office. And it’s a question he urges everyone associated with the Army to think about for themselves.

“That’s basically the challenge I’ve laid out for our chapter leadership. They should ask that question every day,” Taylor said.

Now, as the new president of the internationally recognized Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Taylor will bring that question to bear on all the chapter’s existing programs and new initiatives.

From the looks of things, the chapter’s board of directors and volunteers are already living up to Taylor’s question. This highly active AUSA chapter of 2,850 individual members and more than 325 corporate members has been recognized as the best AUSA chapter in the world for five straight years. Its yearly calendar is heavy on programs that address its three components – the Army, its Soldiers and families, and Department of Army civilians and contractors.

Taylor is not surprised about the continuing success of the chapter and its programs. And he is confident that success will continue.

“Every year, we build upon the structure that’s already in place from past presidents and past leaders,” he said. “We continue to improve upon what they left us. All the tools and all the programs are in place and functioning. My job is to make sure we have the resources necessary to continue, to look for more input to do more things, and to make sure our leadership and volunteers are actively engaged in all aspects of our program. We want to grow. There are a lot of opportunities for AUSA outreach programs.”

The success behind the Redstone-Huntsville chapter is the volunteers who continually commit themselves to its pro-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**KEEPING FOCUS—** As the new president of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Steve Taylor hopes to build on the chapter’s successes.

grams. Taylor said he is “honored and humbled” to serve as the chapter’s leader for the next two years.

“Our volunteers want to be involved. They want to participate. Many of them are retired military and they consider themselves still serving. The most gratifying aspect of our chapter is that everybody is serving as volunteers for the right reason – to support the Soldier and to support the Army,” Taylor said. “For me, this is an opportunity to pay back to the Army what the Army has done for me.”

Taylor retired from the Army in 2001 as a colonel, with his last assignment as the commander of the 59th Ordnance Brigade at Redstone Arsenal. It was the end of a military career that began 29 years earlier after graduating as a member of the ROTC program at Georgia Tech.

“I was fortunate to be assigned to Redstone Arsenal,” Taylor said. “The 59th was absolutely the highlight of my military

career. It was an honor to be associated with the professionalism of the schoolhouse and to lead young Soldiers.”

After retiring, Taylor took a job in the local defense industry and began volunteering with AUSA, which allowed him to continue to enjoy a role in supporting young Soldiers and their families.

“It is sad to see young Soldiers being relocated from Redstone Arsenal,” he said, referring to the transfer of the 59th Ordnance Brigade to Fort Lee, Va., in 2010 as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations.

“AUSA will transition our focus from that group of Soldiers to a wider group of Soldiers that will include the National Guard and Reserve Soldiers in Alabama and Tennessee. We have already been doing more for the National Guard and Reserve components in recent years as they’ve

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# An open lane random survey

What are your goals for the rest of this year?

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Eddie Smith

Garrison Visual Information

**"To end the year healthy with the same health I've got now and I've had for the rest of the year. All the money in the world can't buy that."**

Marc Davis

Weapons Development Integration  
Directorate, AMRDEC

**"Get all my training done – all my new government training. Get to where I can be a productive government employee (effective July 6 after six and a half years with Dynetics Inc.)."**



Ashley Garth

Garrison Personnel Security

**"Finish out my credits to become a senior at UAH and prepare to take the Optometry Aptitude Test for summer 2010."**

Linda Cook

Garrison Directorate of Plans, Training,  
Mobilization and Security

**"My goal is to complete the rest of the year training for industrial security, because I am looking forward to becoming an industrial security specialist. (And) becoming credit card debt free."**



## Quote of the week

**I**f you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change.'

— Michael Jackson (from the song "Man in the Mirror")

## Letters to the Editor

### Motorcyclist reflects on post policy

I realize that riding a motorcycle is a choice. I follow and will continue to follow the policies implemented by the command. I am forced to write this to say that some of the policies are ridiculous. I was stopped this morning and told to place a reflective belt around my lunch box on my luggage rack. I was wearing the "Officially Licensed" Power Trip jacket with reflective panels on front and back. I ride a fairly large motorcycle with extra lights added.

What's next? How about training for those who don't ride motorcycles? How about maybe enforcing the regulation that prohibits cell phone usage? I see no added benefit to a reflective belt on my lunch box. At what point will the command see how ridiculous this really is?

Again, I understand that riding is a choice, but the real issue is not being addressed. Drivers, or cagers as they are called in the biker community, are inattentive and multi-tasking while they drive. Address that issue! I can't afford another six or eight reflective belts to cover myself and my bike completely.

Please understand that this is not a reflection on the guards at the gate. I use Gate 7 daily and the guards are a friendly, professional and courteous group.

**J. Gary Smith**

retired sergeant first class

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your safety comment on motorcycle personal protective equipment while riding a motorcycle on a Department of Defense installation. The Garrison commander has the responsibility to ensure the safety of all personnel on Redstone Arsenal and compliance with DoD and Army safety policies. To ensure visibility of motorcyclists and riders to "cagers," the wear of reflective vests is required in accordance with Garrison Policy 385-57, Motorcycle Training and Personal Protective Equipment. It also states if a backpack is used, a reflective belt will be strapped around the backpack to provide visibility and reflective illumination. Your lunch box did not require extra visibility. The Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services and Safety office will meet with Walden Security to ensure correct safety requirements are enforced versus unnecessarily adding on to established policy.*

*"The use of cell phones (except hands-free devices) while driving is prohibited on Redstone Arsenal and all DoD installations. Unfortunately, some people choose to ignore safety policies which are written for everyone's protection. The DES does stop vehicle operators who are observed violating the no cell phone use while driving and also issue tickets to vehicle operators who are in violation.*

*"We appreciate your heightened awareness as a motorcyclist. The majority of vehicle operators on the roadways are equally aware and courteous while driving. Safety is everyone's responsibility. This includes informing fellow team members their observed behaviors or actions as a motorcyclist or vehicle operator are inappropriate and place them and others in harm's way."*

### Poor Charlie learns highway lesson

The following is a true story; the names are changed to protect the innocent.

Back 60 years ago when I was growing up as a kid, police and highway patrol would occasionally have roadblocks for wrecks, kidnapping, robberies, murders, or such. Usually they would just glance at the car and wave you through the stop. At the same time, if these checkpoints occurred at peak traffic periods they could be quite lengthy but might clear at a moment's notice.

In the '50s, air-conditioners were just coming into vogue. Most cars had standard transmissions. Many people had travel trailers such for vacation. One of the quirks that went along with trailers was that it was against the law to ride in one while it was moving. This was to protect people from injury in wrecks, falls, or such. People still did it and that led to some interesting incidents such as the one I am about to describe.

One hot, summer Friday afternoon in Duncan, Okla. Halliburton had the end of a shift. "Charlie," as I will call him, fled to the parking lot where his wife — I will call her "Mary" — awaited him seated behind the wheel of their Buick with their Streamliner trailer in tow. It was time for his vacation and we wanted to get an early start and beat the traffic.

Charlie was a welder and he was hot and sweaty after a day's work. He wanted to shower and change clothes. Then he would nap for an hour or so and trade spots with his wife. With the windows down, they would roar to Lake Texoma and fishing. They would be there well before dark and set up in a trailer court for the next week.

With a nod at his wife, he jumped into the trailer and stripped to shower. She pulled out on the blacktop and headed toward Anadarko — and a roadblock.

Charlie pumped water through the shower, lathered up, rinsed and got out of the bath about the time the car stopped. He stood there nude, trying to peek through the windows to see what was going on. He waited and waited. He finally just cracked the door open and started to take a look at what was going on when his wife let off the clutch and dumped Charlie in the nude, in broad daylight, in the middle of the road with traffic coming from both directions. He screamed and whistled as his wife pulled away.

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# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Name:** Carl Collins

**Job:** Quality control inspector, Transportation Office, Garrison

**Where do you call home?**  
Enterprise, Ala.

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

Interacting with different people and still getting the chance to meet with Soldiers.

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

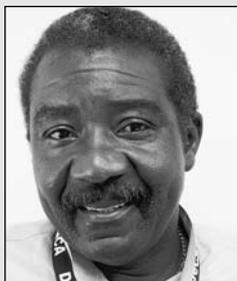
I like to bowl, get into bowling. I just love all sorts of sports (to play and watch).

**What are your goals?**

Always continue to excel in my position, as well as education – get some more college hours as needed.

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

R&B.



# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for July 2-8:

**July 2:** A man was observed walking on Raeford Road with a weapon in his hand. Police responded and confiscated a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition which was located in his vehicle. He was issued a violation notice.

**July 3:** Post Exchange security saw someone switch shoes from one box to another box. The subject then approached the register and attempted to pay less for the shoes. Police responded and issued the subject a violation notice.

**July 4:** During a safety checkpoint on Hughes Drive at Goss Road, a motorist was found to be operating his vehicle with a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**July 7:** A motorist at Gate 7 was driving with a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

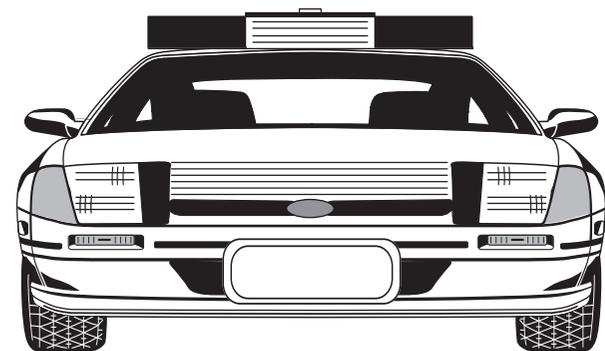
**July 7:** PX security saw a subject enter the exchange, conceal a box of neck cream valued at \$68, and then exit the store without paying. The subject was processed by police, received a violation notice and released.

**July 8:** When a subject drove up to Gate 9 lost, he was

driving while intoxicated. He was arrested and tested on the Dreager resulting in a reading of .16 percent BAC. He was issued a violation notice and detained until his blood alcohol content reached an acceptable level.

**Traffic accidents reported:** three without injury, none with injury.

**Violation notices issued:** 10 speeding, 1 driving under the influence, 1 failure to yield right of way, 1 expired or no license.



## Gate 10 construction continues

Garrison officials remind everyone of the ongoing construction at Gate 10 (Patton Road). When entering Gate 10, you are encouraged to be patient, have your ID ready for the guard, drive defensively and be courteous of others.

While construction is ongoing, Gate 10 will only facilitate access for persons with valid installation ID and vehicle registration. Gate 10 hours are Monday through Friday from 4:30-8:30 a.m. one way inbound and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. two way traffic. The gate is closed to vehicular traffic weekends and 6 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

If threatening weather occurs, the Directorate of Emergency Services will temporarily close Gate 10 so the guards may seek safety/shelter.

Gate 8 (Drake Avenue) hours have been extended to 5:30 a.m. until midnight to better accommodate Redstone employees and patrons. (Garrison release)



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Senior executive

Cathy Dickens is appointed to the Senior Executive Service in a ceremony held Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium. At right is Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. Dickens was selected in June to be the principal assistant responsible for contracting and director of the Contracting and Acquisition Management Office at SMDC/ARSTRAT.

## Post drinking water meets standards

The Garrison Environmental Management Division has published the Installation's 2009 Drinking Water Quality Report and announces that the drinking water on Redstone Arsenal continues to meet all federal and state requirements.

The annual water quality report is provided to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water right-to-know initiative which is known as the Consumer Confidence Report rule. Under this rule, all community water supply systems are required to prepare and distribute drinking water quality reports to their consumers annually. This report provides water quality testing data for monitoring conducted during 2008, or the most recent monitoring year.

EMD has made the report available to Redstone's housing residents by direct mail distribution through the Postal Service. The report will also be available to installation personnel and organizations on the Garrison home page site map [https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/index\\_ext.asp](https://garrison.redstone.army.mil/index_ext.asp) under "Drinking Water Report."

The report will enable individuals to make practical and knowledgeable decisions about their drinking water and their health. You are encouraged to review the report. If you have any questions or comments regarding your drinking water, call Eugene Daniels of the Garrison Environmental Management Division at 955-7591. (Garrison release)

### ■ Travel trailer incident remembered

## Lesson

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Poor Charlie, he dodged, hid, tried to wave down help from the bushes, looked for something to cover him, cursed his wife, and considered how he could best kill himself. He was scratched, hot, and filthy. Finally, a Highway Patrol car came by. Evidentially someone had reported a nude madman on the road. At the same time, Charlie waved and tried to hide behind a dirty newspaper. The officer stopped.

After some non-violent jostling which resulted in Charlie in the back of the patrol car, handcuffed, with a blanket thrown over him, Charlie told the officer to go ahead and take him to jail because the officer would never believe him. The

patrol officer told Charlie to give it a shot. Charlie mumbled out his tale of woe and said he knew it was against the law to ride in the trailer.

The highway patrolman had a good sense of humor. He laughed and told Charlie that he had been punished enough. The officer got a description of the car and trailer from Charlie and radioed another patrol car up ahead on the highway. In turn, the second officer stopped Mary. The second officer also had a sense of humor. When he stopped the car, he asked Mary if she was missing something, like her husband.

Anyway, the couple was united and on their way in an hour. For some reason, Charlie sold his trailer and went to staying in hotels.

Name withheld by request

# Manager comfortable with artwork

Connors joins  
crafts center

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Artwork from the Army's 2009 Arts and Crafts Contest is on display at the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center. But the display isn't the only thing new for customers and visitors.

So, too, is the manager.

Lori Connors took over management of the center in June, following the retirement of long-time manager Mark Wolfson.

"I didn't know much about MWR and the Arts and Crafts Center until I learned about the job opening from Gina Hurst (an employee at the center) through the Huntsville Art League blog," Connors said. "This is my second time to live in Huntsville, and Redstone Arsenal had always been kind of a mystery to me.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ARTISTIC TOUCH—** Lori Connors brings her skills as an artist, teacher and marketing specialist to her new job as the manager of the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center.

"This job intrigued me as soon as I learned about it because it is a way for me to use my managerial skills and my art

background. It's a perfect match for me in that I can utilize all my skills in writing, teaching, art and music right here."

In the past four weeks on the job, Connors has spent a lot of time getting to know the Arsenal, taking stock of the activities at the Arts and Crafts Center, and familiarizing herself with the responsibilities of the center's 13 full-time, part-time and flex-time employees. She is assessing the center and its customer base to determine what types of classes the center should offer in the future and what the center needs to grow within the Arsenal community.

"The Arts and Crafts Center is about the people – the staff and the customers," Connors said. "The building needs to be improved. But what we offer here is wonderful, and the staff is extremely helpful and encouraging."

Connors has an extensive background in visual art, music, writing, teaching and marketing. She has exhibited and taught at the Huntsville Art League, and is a writer for local publications.

An alumnus of the University of New Orleans, Connors is an online teacher for Delgado Community College, also in New Orleans. She has a master's in arts administration.

Connors was living in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit the city in 2005. She evacuated to Atlanta, eventually coming to Huntsville where she visited her former in-laws. She was soon hired by the Girl Scouts of North Alabama to teach art classes and coordinate the efforts of 73 Scout troops in four service units.

In her new job at the Arts and Crafts Center, Connors wants to plan art programs that will grow its customer base. She wants the center to again offer stained glass classes and to build on its popular drawing, painting and woodworking classes. She also wants to develop special events for the center's customers and the Arsenal community.



Photo by Megan Cotton

## *New restaurant*

Redstone officials break ground July 6 for the new Burger King which will be between the Redstone Federal Credit Union and Regions Bank.

# 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:

### **Youth soccer**

CYSS Sports and Fitness Soccer League registration is open until July 31. For more information, call 313-3699.

### **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.

### **Comedy night**

Comedy Night is Aug. 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information or tickets, call 830-2582.

## ■ Connors brings her arts and crafts creativity

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One such event – a reception for Watercolor 2 students – is set for July 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

“We will have the work of these students on display,” Connors said. “Many of these students have never exhibited or marketed their works. We want to get them comfortable with doing that.”

Another event designed to draw in both artists and the Arsenal community is the current exhibit of local entries for the Army's 2009 Arts and Crafts Contest. More than 20 pieces are on exhibit in the

following categories: ceramics, wood, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, mixed media-2D and 3D, drawings, prints and watercolors. The center will hold an open house in late August.

The Arts and Crafts Center is in building 3615 at the intersection of Vincent and Gray roads. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with Do-It-Yourself hours from 1:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Various classes are offered in the evenings. The center also offers graphic imprinting, laser engraving, and custom matting and framing. For more information, call 876-7951 or visit its website at [redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil](mailto:redstone-mwr.art@conus.army.mil).

# Army like second family to female aviator

*Iraq veteran pilot serving in cargo helicopter office*

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Maj. Jennifer Newsome has spent much of her Army career flying Chinook helicopters.

But these days her career has taken a turn into acquisition, where she works in the Cargo Helicopter Project Office for the Program Executive Office of Aviation. Since February 2008, she has served as the assistant product manager for the CH-47F Improved Cargo Helicopter, a remanufactured version of the CH-47 Delta cargo helicopter.

Although no longer flying full-time, Newsome will always be among the first female helicopter pilots to fly in a war environment during two deployments in Operation Iraqi Freedom. With 11 years in the Army, Newsome is continuing to spread her professional wings as she takes on new responsibilities that will impact the Army's aviation fleet for years to come. The bottom line for her, as with many who are in Army leadership positions, is to make a difference for Soldiers and to continue in that mission for several more years.

"This is my second family," she said. "That's a feeling. The Army came around at one point when I was a captain asking what they could do to keep us in the Army. I told them 'You can't do anything. It's the troops. It's the war fighters. It's not the incentives. It's not the money for sure. It's the troops as a whole. That's my family.'

"I love aircraft. I love flying. But the reason I stay in the Army is the troops."

When she visits her hometown, longtime friends often question why she is still in the Army. Many comment that they thought she would be instead pursuing a career as a commercial pilot.

"My answer to them is 'I never knew how much in love I would fall with the Soldiers and the mission. It's something in my heart. It's not just a job,'" she said.

The demanding life of an Army aviator has presented challenges for Newsome. But they have been challenges she has faced successfully thanks to her determination, commitment, sense of purpose and Army training.

"There have been hard times.

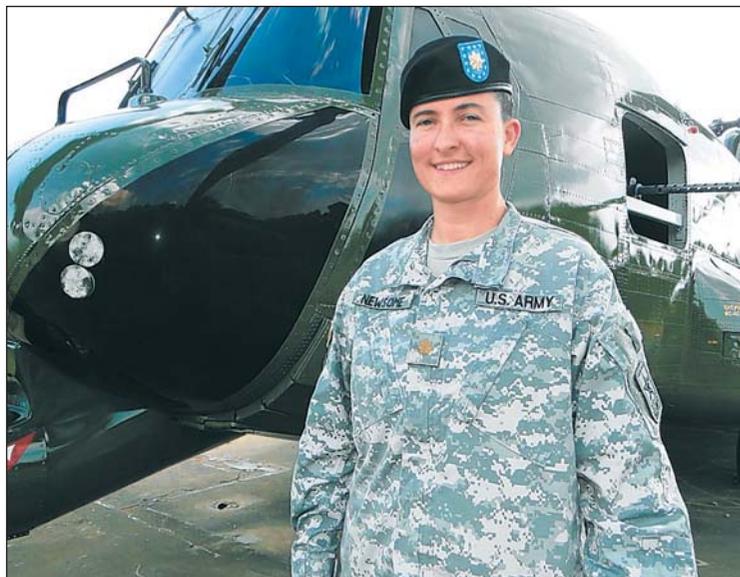


Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ASSISTANT PRODUCT MANAGER—** Although no longer flying Chinook helicopters for the Army, Maj. Jennifer Newsome has an active role in shaping the Army's helicopter fleet for the future. Assigned to Redstone Arsenal, she is the assistant product manager for the CH-47F Improved Cargo Helicopter, a remanufactured version of the CH-47 Delta.

There have been cumbersome times," she said. "But this has never felt like a job. This has always felt like something I was meant to do. I always remember wanting to fly."

Newsome grew up in Cocoa, Fla., near Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral and Patrick Air Force Base. Her family included Air Force and Navy veterans. But when it came time to choose a career, it was the Army that offered her the best chance at being an aviator.

"In high school, I was the class president, and tops in academics and sports. There were lots of college scholarship opportunities available to me, but none of them offered anything about aviation," Newsome said. "My counselor suggested the military and I was actually sort of surprised by what they had to offer. I had not done JROTC in high school, but I did see ROTC in college as a way to actually fly."

After graduating from Florida Tech, Newsome was among a small percentage of newly commissioned officers selected for aviation.

"It was a pretty intense selection process. But in the end, I went to flight school at Fort Rucker (Ala.) in 1998," she said. "I was the second in my class and because of that I got to select my aircraft type. I chose the CH-47 Delta. I thought if I could fly that big one that would be great."

Newsome thrived on the train-

ing at Fort Rucker.

"To be honest, I loved it. It was exciting. I had a whole different concept of what the real Army was," she said. "I really, really enjoyed it. And when I was asked to go to Korea, I jumped at the opportunity."

**H**er first assignment as a Chinook helicopter pilot took Newsome to Camp Humphreys, Korea, where she put in a lot of flight hours in "Bambi bucket" operations to dose forest fires with water, troop and cargo hauling missions, and practicing evacuation missions.

"There was a lot of neat flying over there. It was really cool," she said. "While I was there, I was also under the command of my first and only female battalion commander - Col. Theresa Barton."

In 2000-02, Newsome was assigned to Hunter Army Airfield at Fort Stewart in Savannah, Ga., where she took the captain's career course and aviation maintenance course.

"I had orders for Fort Campbell (Ky.). But I was barely there when we rallied troops and headed for Iraq," she recalled. "One of the most exciting things for me was crossing the berm into Iraq with the 101st."

Newsome first flew CH-47 Delta helicopters in Iraq with the 8th Battalion (Aviation Intermediate Maintenance), 101st Aviation Division, 101st Airborne in 2003-04. She returned to Iraq in

2005-06 as commander of Charlie Co., 1st of the 58th Aviation. Both units were out of Fort Campbell.

"It was good stuff. I have no complaints," she said.

The austere living conditions of that first deployment to Iraq did not deter Newsome. Often, she was the only woman among Soldiers, and she commanded an all-male Soldier unit.

"There wasn't anything in the way of living supplies," she said of those early days in Iraq. "The logistics supply lines were cut off and things got to us at a very, very slow pace. We had water to drink. But we had to use baby wipes for personal hygiene. We had no facilities to live in. We lived in tents, and bombed out hangars and shelters. Soldiers would find stuff and they would make a home. While we were there, our deployment was extended from six months to a year.

"But it was wonderful over there. It was a very rewarding experience for me, even though it was very dissolute. It was probably one of the best times I've had in the Army. It challenged everything I'd been taught. We didn't have the tactics, techniques and procedures of fighting a war in Iraq. We were writing them as we went along."

Her second deployment was marked by better resources and living conditions.

"Everything you do over there is obviously more cumbersome," she said. "But we worked as a team. If the Soldiers know you are there to take care of them, they are going to make sure to take care of you. Soldiers have a lot of respect for each other, regardless of whether they are male or female."

**D**uring her two deployments, Newsome had plenty of opportunity to fly Chinooks.

"I participated in a multitude of missions over there," she said. "There were troop hauling and equipment hauling missions. I led the guys who did the maintenance for the 8th Battalion. And I had a tower mission with the Air Traffic Services."

While she was skilled in flying helicopters and leading troops, Newsome has a lot of appreciation for the maintenance crews who keep helicopters in the air.

"They would never let anything fall through the cracks. They all took a personal pride in the work they did," Newsome said of her maintenance crew.

"Aircraft repair is almost like an art. The majority of the guys absolutely love what they do and that makes a world of difference."

She has also learned what it takes to manage and motivate Soldiers, skills that she is honing as she works with a civilian team in the business environment at Redstone Arsenal.

"Whenever I got new Soldiers in, I would brief them, and during that briefing I would say to them 'Do you like your job? Because, honestly, I want you to like your job,'" she recalled. "It is so much easier to work in an environment where people around you are enjoying their job. If they wanted to be cross trained to try something else, I would work that out. It wasn't just their skills that were important to the team. They, as individuals, were important to the team, too."

Newsome considers it an honor to work with the Army's work force and equipment. She said the Army is in the people business, and that each member of the work force is part of an integral team.

Newsome is excited about the capabilities the CH-47F brings to the Army's helicopter fleet. Its new 4,868-horsepower engines reach speeds greater than 175 mph and transport payloads weighing more than 21,000 pounds, its monolithic structure lessens vibration and maintenance while increasing productivity, and its digital architecture allows it to communicate with the Army's digital battlefield network.

The CH-47F extends the life expectancy of Chinook helicopters another 20 years, giving the original CH-47 aircraft a total life of 60 years. The CH-47F continues the Chinook's mission of providing support, coverage and sustainment of maneuver, fire support, air defense, and mobility and survivability mission areas as it transports ground forces, supplies and battle critical cargo.

"The beginning of the life cycle process for the CH-47F was in 1998," Newsome said. "The first F model was fielded in the summer of 2007 with the 7th Battalion (of the 101st Aviation Regiment) at Fort Campbell."

So far, 59 CH-47Fs, which are tan in color, have been fielded with the 7th Battalion; 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; 1st Cavalry at Fort Hood, Texas; and the 82nd Airborne

# Families eligible for deployment respite care

*Child care options seen easing stress*

The Army has made significant progress toward making the Army Family Covenant a reality, including Child and Youth Programs. The Army now provides free respite care 16 hours per child per month, starting 30 days prior to deployment through 60 days after.

Parents need not be current CYS Services patrons to use deployment cycle support respite care. Any custodial parent or legal guardian caring for a child of a deployed Soldier/DoD civilian is eligible.

Respite care mitigates stress, helps parents cope, and sustains resiliency in families. Care provided comes in a minimum four hour time block.

Care is provided at no cost, in a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment through multiple delivery options:

- Designated Child Development Center spaces
- Family Child Care homes
- On-site child care sessions
- Summer camps for school-age children
- Super Saturday
- Child development homes
- Trained babysitters referred to parents by Child, Youth and Schools Services Outreach Office
- 4-H summer camps for SA children
- Parent/child play groups.

Since February 2008, over 1.1 million CYS Services respite care hours have been provided across Army garrisons, making it one of the Army's best received offerings.

About 87 families are enrolled locally, according to Wanda Quigley, the outreach services director at Child Youth and School Services central registration office. Parents interested in respite care can call 876-3704.

"We're the ones that they would have to enroll with, Child and Youth Services," Quigley said. "And they'd have to provide a copy of the Soldier's orders to show the Soldier is deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism." (*Installation Management Command release with local input added.*)

## Newsome now enjoys managing Chinook success

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and Cab Combat Aviation Brigade at Fort Bragg, N.C. The fifth unit – the 6th Battalion of the 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell — should be equipped with the F model by December.

"The F model has flown in both the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters," Newsome said.

Newsome enjoys the challenge of working on the CH-47F model, and interfacing with engineering, contracting, operations, testing and other business elements. She hopes to eventually be assigned to work in Washington, D.C., for ASA(ALT), the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), and to continue on a career path that will take her into a program management job as a colonel at Redstone Arsenal.

Though hardware is her focus these days, Newsome said she is motivated by making a difference for Soldiers and the future Army. "Being with the Soldiers is what's kept me in the Army," Newsome said. "When I've not been flying, the troops are some of the most phenomenal people you'll ever meet. In my career, I want to go where I'm most effective for the Army and where the Army wants me to go. The Army demands you have certain milestones in your life and career, and you need to be successful in every milestone. I wouldn't change anything about my career with the Army. I would do it all over again tomorrow."

# Logistics modernization director remembers roots

*Served as change agent for program last decade*

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Artro Whitman has been talking about logistics modernization for a long time. After 10 years of telling others what was to come, he has the pleasure of helping to write the next chapter of the Logistics Modernization Program as its new director.

"I was a change agent for LMP back in 1999," he said. "A change agent is an individual who talks to people about what LMP is about, trying to get the community aware of what is going to take place. Primarily we were trying to make the command aware of the change that was coming and how it was going to impact them. It started the framework... I've been working this a long time."

Whitman stepped into his new position at the end of June. He previously was the director for Materiel and Supply Chain Management at AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center before making the move to LMP to succeed the departing Cathy Dickens.

Whitman has a long history at Redstone. He has spent more than 30 years working on post. The bulk of that time was spent at IMMC, with a brief hiatus during the time he worked with the creation of a new office.

"Of the 31 years I've spent with the government, 28 of those have been with the IMMC," he said. "There was a short break there for two or three years when I went to set up the Lean office (from 2001-03). Shortly after that I returned."

His government career began a few years after college. Whitman had graduated from the University of Alabama-Huntsville in 1976 with a bachelor's in sociology. While his planned path would have taken him in another direction, the practicalities of the real world intervened.

"I thought I wanted to be a lawyer," he said. "But I was married and I needed to get a job. I was in the Air Force for a while. Then I went to work for TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority). I worked at the Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant. Then I took a job at Redstone in Finance."

Whitman worked as a voucher examiner before transferring to IMMC through a training program. Now, having spent so long in IMMC, Whitman knows the day-to-day business of the LMP's applications and the people who use them.

"Most of the functions and processes, especially the business areas, are worked in that (IMMC) directorate," he said. "I have a vested interest in seeing that the plan is in place so that the customers can make the transition to be able to do the things they're required to do."

The dedication of Team Redstone in the implementation of LMP and their dedication to training have impressed him.

"Going through this transition has really showed the professionalism of the people in this command," he said. "If you asked me a year ago I would have said I was very concerned about how of some of our seasoned people would receive this new system. But they're been very receptive... As we continue to find all of the advantages to using this new system I think it will make us better managers who can better support our Soldiers. It's really bringing us into the 21st century."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**NEW RESPONSIBILITY— Artro Whitman became AMCOM's director for the Logistics Modernization Program at the end of June.**

He's excited about the opportunities the LMP provides its users to see the bigger picture. He said it gives them a bigger understanding of how materiel is managed. That grasp will make for a better, more efficient future. It isn't without challenges though.

"Foremost, we have to get the tools and training for our managers and workers to do their jobs," he said. "With this system comes an enormous appetite for data and an emphasis on data. But we have to be able to understand and interpret the data and why it says what it says. The old CCSS (Combined Command Sustainment System) was forgiving in that you could go back and correct things. This system is not as forgiving. It is so data driven that you have to ensure the accuracy of what you put in. You have to understand the importance of what you're doing in it."

Whitman identifies the next events for LMP as software upgrades.

"Our job is to make certain we are successful in this deployment, to make sure the processes are working correctly, that individuals are getting the products and services that they need," he said. "We want as successful a deployment for our upgrade as we were getting online. That means we're going to do the same things. We're going to take the same steps. We want to get individuals trained so they can go out and help our end users."

He said his mission is "to ensure we have a smooth transition to sustainment. When all processes associated with the procurement and rebuild of AMCOM spares are fully operational, this will ensure that the readiness objectives of our fielded fleet are met."

Whitman and his wife, Constance, have a son, Ashon, and daughter, Shantae. He also enjoys spending his time with his two granddaughters, Azadra, 12, and Aliyah, 18 months. Always a sports enthusiast, Whitman now channels that interest into coaching.

"I was active in playing basketball," he said. "I still enjoy it. I like coaching my granddaughter's teams, helping out and being involved."

# Fort Lewis (Wash.) Soldiers harness new skills

*Infantry unit prepares for deployment in fall*

By Pfc. VICTOR AYALA  
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FORT POLK, La. — An infantryman’s long education isn’t over when he graduates from his One Station Unit Training. There are a multitude of special skills unique to certain units that must be learned and practiced.

For Pvt. Corey Fowler of F Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment, a Stryker infantry unit trained and outfitted for anti-armor combat, the continued education took form on a training range at the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division’s rotation through Fort Polk’s Joint Readiness Training Center in June.

The company fired tube-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided missiles from launchers installed onto their Stryker vehicles. The TOW mis-

siles stand about 5 feet high and must be loaded into the launcher by hand, a job Fowler performed for the first time during the exercise.

“Would you believe I’d never done that before today?” he asked, after hefting a TOW missile over his head and guiding it expertly into the launching tube mounted to the top of a Stryker.

Fowler arrived at the unit in April and is the newest member of the anti-armor company.

Fowler said the relatively small size of the unit seems to have a positive effect on his training as an infantryman. It’s also contributed to the high level of trust and friendship that Fowler believes makes the unit strong.

“I love everybody in the platoon. We’re real small, but we work tight. We have to,” Fowler said, “Ask anybody on my team to do anything. We all know each other’s jobs and are ready for anything.”

The high expectations he

faces and the steep learning curve have also given Fowler the rapid train-up he needs for the brigade’s upcoming deployment

to Iraq in the fall.

“This is my first day loading the TOW, and tomorrow they’ll start me on driver’s training. You really

have to learn fast here,” Fowler said. “But it’s good for you.”

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**FIRE AWAY—** A Stryker vehicle crew belonging to the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, fires a TOW missile during the brigade’s rotation through Fort Polk’s Joint Readiness Training Center.

Photo by Pfc. Victor Ayala

# AMRDEC team helps to protect war fighters

## Surveillance systems deploy within months

Thousands of miles from the war in Afghanistan, an enemy flag rested on a display table — framed and ready to present to a team from the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. It was a vivid reminder of the war, the Soldiers who fight, the civilians who support them — everyone serving the nation.

Since 2008 the System Simulation and Development Directorate has been supporting Program Management Night Vision/Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition, Battlefield Expeditionary Targeting and Surveillance System-Combined and the Joint Project Manager Guardian Force Protection Systems in fielding Force Protection Suite and Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance Systems equipment to Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

These systems support commanders at forward installations in their Force Protection and Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Targeting and Acquisition mission. BETSS-C strives to improve on the initial in-theater success of various systems by combining them into a family of systems.

“The program has been going very well; there’s a lot of hard work that has been done to get to where we are right now. We began fielding in November of this past year to put this capability in place with the Force Protection Suite. The help from the engineering staff and the contracting staffs from both AMRDEC and also SMDC were critical in us doing important systems engineering work to put these systems in the field,” said Dave Mirkovich, assistant product manager for Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance Systems.



Photo by Chris Burns

**RECOGNITION—** Members of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center Battlefield Expeditionary Targeting and Surveillance System-Combined Team include, from left, Cheryl Daniels, Steve Drzycimski, Laurie Fraser, James Head, Mindy Newbauer, Joe Moran and Mike Burger.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, has seen operations and the conditions Soldiers must endure in OEF and sees the goodness in this partnership and ultimately the good it will provide to the Soldier. He knows why the program manager sought a solution here on Redstone.

“Who did they turn to? They turned to this community. They turned to AMRDEC,” Myles said. “This PM recognized that there’s some hard skills here, there’s some great Americans here, who will take on a project here, working with our industry team, work with SAIC, to pull this thing together to say — you know what, our Soldiers need something tonight — and then in a very short period of time, less than a year, in six months after the thing was approved, we got hardware being delivered to Soldiers.” The goal of BETSS-C is to rapidly provide the war fighter with a flexible, mobile, adjustable and scalable family of surveillance systems for standoff and persistent surveillance, ground-targeting, and force protection operations. Included in this family of systems are the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment, Cerberus, Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance Systems, and Force Protection Suite. (AMRDEC release)

## Infantry brigade prepares for deployment to Iraq

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Even with new blood in the platoon, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Gomez, platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon, F Company, is confident in the unit’s ability to perform at full capacity in Iraq.

“We have a pretty seasoned crew. With the training we’ve done in the 15 months since our last deployment, everybody is up on their skills,” Gomez said.

With his education under way, Fowler is confident, not only about the upcoming deployment or his future with the unit, but his choice to enlist as an infantryman.

“I always knew, ever since I was a kid, that I was going to be in the Army,” Fowler said. “And I always knew it would be as an infantryman.”

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■ AUSA leader asks ‘What have you done for the Soldier today?’

## Taylor

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become more a part of the larger Army family. All along we’ve attempted to reach out to the entire Army family, not just the young Soldiers, although they are the most recognizable aspect with pictures at ballgames, the Veterans Day parade and various community events.”

Although the bulk of membership and activity for the Redstone-Huntsville chapter is in Madison County, the chapter’s footprint actually extends up into the five southern counties of Tennessee, east and west to Gadsden, Anniston and Florence, and far south to include Birmingham, Montgomery and Tuscaloosa.

“The challenge that poses to us is to try to reach out to all parts of our area and to see what we can do to help develop satellite chapters,” Taylor said. “We are proud of the energy and participation that has grown in our Anniston satellite. We would like to establish other satellite chapters so there is a framework in place for those who want to support the military in the Birmingham and Montgomery areas.”

**C**urrently, the chapter is an information source for members outside the chapter’s immediate area and the satellite area. But Taylor hopes new satellite chapters will boost AUSA activities throughout the chapter’s region.

“The national goal of AUSA is to grow chapters,” he said. “We want to start satellite chapters that will eventually have the resources and leadership to stand on their own as chapters. We want to help to ensure their success.”

Taylor said his service as the chapter’s president, as with other presidents, is actually a four-year commitment, beginning with two years “in training” as the chapter’s executive vice president. His two-year term as chapter president began this month.

“I’m most fortunate that my leadership here at Orbital Sciences have been very supportive of my involvement in AUSA activities,” he said. “I could not have done this without their support. But there are a lot of companies in town just like Orbital Sciences that commit resources to this chapter. We can never forget to thank companies for their contribution to this chapter.”

Taylor wants to build on that corporate membership base during his term. All companies – from defense contractors and construction companies to hotels and fast-food restaurants — who want to support the military should view AUSA membership as well-worth the financial investment, he said.

“First and foremost, AUSA membership shows that a company supports our

Soldiers and is interested in our Army,” Taylor said. “Second, corporate membership helps to improve the already tremendous relationship that exists in this community between our military and civilian leadership.

“And third, corporate membership gives a company an opportunity to become more familiar with opportunities with the military. That’s an important aspect when you look at the growth of the military community here in Huntsville.”

**I**n many ways, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA has worked to encourage the patriotic and pro-Army attitude within the local community. Events such as the Veterans Day Parade, Armed Forces Celebration, Tactical Missile Defense Conference, Operation Christmas Bear, Space and Missile Defense Conference, Redstone Arsenal Retiree Day, Memorial Day Observance, Department of Army Civilian of the Year Award Dinner, Army Birthday Celebration and Blue Star Service Banner programs are sponsored or co-sponsored by AUSA to bring the community into a closer working and living relationship with the Army and the military as a whole.

“I think that AUSA constantly enhances that sensation of support for the military and the relationship with civilians in the community,” Taylor said. “Year after year, day in and day out, AUSA certainly fosters that good relationship between the military and the community.”

Because of the chapter’s various activities, many members are hoping it will achieve a sixth year as AUSA’s best chapter in the world. And every year, the pressure to secure that distinction is greater as other chapters work to push the Redstone-Huntsville chapter off the award pedestal. But Taylor does not allow the best chapter distinction to drive his goals for the chapter.

“We’ve had a great run of success for five years as best chapter in the world in the large chapter category,” he said. “The important thing is not that we get the sixth year in a row or the seventh year in a row. What matters is our focus.

“If we keep the focus on the Soldier and the needs of the Army then all else will fall into place, whether we get recognized as best chapter or not. If we get the sixth, then we’ve done what we’re supposed to have done in terms of support to the Army, and its Soldiers and families. Everybody wants to be number one. It’s great that we have competed in that and we have today more chapters around the world doing things to support AUSA and the Soldier because of their desire to be number one. But we are not driven by that award or by being number one. All the streamers (awards) don’t make a difference if we’ve lost our focus.”

# Indiana native takes wheel of Army recruiting brigade

Self-proclaimed 'Hoosier' humbled by assignment

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Col. Glenn Richie looked out over the Soldiers of the 2nd Recruiting Brigade who were assembled Friday morning on Warrior Field under a hot Alabama sun. He then issued his first order as their new commander.

"Shake it out," he said, giving them a momentary reprieve from parade rest. "While my remarks are brief, you've earned it."

After their moment's respite and the audience's resulting laughter, he said: "All right, fall back in."

Richie, 44, a self-proclaimed "Hoosier" from Kokomo, Ind., succeeded Col. Rod Symons as commander of the Eagle Brigade. Symons led the unit the past two years and leaves for Afghanistan. The brigade arrived last fall from Fort Gillem, Ga., under a base realignment and closure move.

A field artillery officer, Richie returns to Recruiting Command after graduating from the Army War College. He previously commanded the Army Albany Recruiting Battalion and served as the 2nd Recruiting Brigade chief of staff.

He and his wife, Diane, a lieutenant



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**TROOP REVIEW— Col. Glenn Richie, incoming commander of 2nd Recruiting Brigade, is accompanied at right by Maj. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr., commander of the Army Recruiting Command.**

colonel, have two children – Jessica, 19, and Brandon, 16 – and a grandson, Jayden, 10 months.

"It's just completely humbling," Richie said of assuming command. "Because you think of all the other great leaders out there, for the Army to select me and entrust me to lead these Soldiers is all very humbling."

Maj. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr., commander of the Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Ky., congratulated Richie and Symons for their accomplishments.

Said Symons, "I'll always be grateful for this opportunity to serve with this great outfit."

# Equal opportunity specialist ending 42-year career

Clarenza Clark is ready for life after government service.

The Garrison equal employment opportunity specialist is retiring Aug. 2 after more than 42 years. She entered government service in St. Louis with the Army Mobility Command in February 1967 and worked her way up to EEO specialist, YA-0260-02.

Clark spent 30 years in St. Louis as a clerk-stenographer and secretary-stenographer before being reassigned to the EEO Office as a secretary. In October 1997, she moved to Huntsville.

"During my stay, I have met and worked with many outstanding and interesting people in different positions and grades," Clark said. "The journey has been an impressive learning experience and a genuine life challenge. My success demanded dedication, responsibility, dependability, honesty, endurance, flexibility, self-development, integrity, and the most rewarding of all — loving people no matter what. When life threw a mean curve, I had to regroup and march on."



Clarenza Clark

"The most valuable fact I have learned throughout my government career is all people — EEO experts, managers, supervisors and employees — made the difference in my career. They shared their life with and for me to achieve success.

"I am so grateful and thankful that I was afforded an opportunity in the EEO career field to be able to equip myself with the necessary skills and abilities to excel in EEO's outstanding mission that covers complaint processing, affirmative action, diversity of special emphasis, and essential EEO training.

"Above all, I praise, honor and thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His infinite wisdom in my working experience," Clark said. "When I look back over the years I have spent in government service, it is hard to fathom that 42 years have lapsed. I want to leave many thanks to all the people who crossed my path for a time such as this. One thing I can say about life, I have learned that you have to be you. We have our own truth to be true to. If there is a higher truth for us to come to, we will not come to it by being false to what we have come to be now."

# Back from Iraq for his third Huntsville tour

Col. Gabbert assumes command of contract management office

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After a year in Iraq, Col. Jeff Gabbert has returned to familiar surroundings in his new assignment.

Gabbert is the commander of the Huntsville Contract Management Office, part of the Defense Contract Management Agency. He assumed command of DCMA Huntsville in a ceremony Thursday in Morris Auditorium at the Marshall Space Flight Center.

This is his third Huntsville assignment. Gabbert, 45, served in the Apache Project Office from 1998 to 2000 and in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office from 2002-2007. He was in Iraq from June 2008 to June 2009 as the DCMA commander for Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It is an honor to be afforded the opportunity to command at this level again. Commanding here in Huntsville and being a part of Team Redstone only makes this opportunity to serve even more special for my family and I," Gabbert said. "I look forward to leading the Defense Contract Management Agency-Huntsville command and ensuring the proper contract oversight is provided. We will ensure our Soldiers, sailors, airmen, DoD civilians and contractors that serve to protect and defend our nation receive the highest quality product available."

Gabbert was born in Paris, France, the son of a career Army NCO. He and his wife, Doreen, have three children: Greg, 19, Jennifer, 15, and Allison, 12.

Patricia Kirk-McAlpine, executive

director of DCMA Space and Missile Systems Division, thanked Gabbert's predecessor, Col. Daniel Gallagher. After leading the Huntsville office the past three years, Gallagher is joining the Expeditionary Contracting Command at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"Col. Gallagher has been responsible for contract management services for 13 of the nation's highest level Acquisition Programs, ACAT I and II programs, consisting of more than 8,000 contracts valued at over \$40 billion," Kirk-McAlpine said. "Col. Gallagher's leadership has been nothing short of outstanding."

Gallagher received a standing ovation from the more than 150 attendees. "It's been a fantastic ride for three years," he said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**IN COMMAND— Col. Jeff Gabbert accepts the organization colors as commander of the Huntsville Contract Management Office under the Defense Contract Management Agency.**

## Learning business outside the classroom

*UAH student works here while pursuing master's*

By MEGAN COTTON  
For the Rocket

"It's been a great way to get real on-the-job training while learning all the ins and outs of foreign military sales," said David Hadley, a graduate student at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Hadley is a member of UAH's Students Working at the Army in Parallel program which allows students to work in government positions while completing their degrees. While pursuing his master's of business administration, he works in foreign military sales at the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate.

"At UAH the material they teach isn't out of a textbook. They relate everything to the real world and how things are done in practice," Hadley said. So when he heard about the program, he felt it would be a great opportunity to get a "foot in the door" and to apply more real-life exper-

ience to his classes.

"I always thought it would be good to work for the government," said Hadley, a Cullman native who earned his bachelor's at Athens State and will finish his master's next year. "I'd like to continue working out here on Redstone and see where it leads me."

He is among a number of SWAP participants at the Securi-

ty Assistance Management Directorate.

"It's been a great program for us," SAMD director Dr. Tom Pieplow said. "It's a true win-win program because we want to make sure that they would be a good fit to work with us and they can see if it is a good fit for them by getting exposure to what they will be doing."



Photo by Megan Cotton

**WORK SITE—** University of Alabama-Huntsville student David Hadley works at the Security Assistance Management Directorate through the Students Working at the Army in Parallel program. He is completing his master's while getting on-the-job training.

## Association sends youngsters to Space Camp

*Sixteen get award of weeklong stay*

By GISELLE BODIN  
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For the 13th year, the Air Space and Missile Defense Association provided 16 scholarships to children to attend a one-week Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

The ASMDA Space Camp Scholarship committee reviewed applicants and selected winners based on numerous factors, including a handwritten essay and academic performance. The scholarships are open to any child age 9-11 whose parent or parents are currently assigned to the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, U.S. Strategic Command, Marshall Space Flight Center, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, or the Missile Defense Agency.

This year's winners include William Beck, Reagan Buhl,



Photo by Dottie White

**HURLING THROUGH SPACE—** Arianne Okonski, 9, enjoys the Multi-Axis Trainer. "That was so cool!" she proclaimed.

Alex Burnley, Tyler Cowan, Matthew Illingworth, Bethaney Jackson, Arianne Okonski, Hailei Roy, Rebekah Solee, Andrew Stemple, Sydney Svehlak, Gabriel Torres, Joseph Valley, Kevin Vieyra, DeeDee Webb and Tyreese White.

Six of the winners are residents of Madison County.

As part of their Space Camp

experience, these scholarship recipients were recognized at an ASMDA-sponsored luncheon July 1 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Galaxy Dining Hall. At this event, Dr. Steve Messervy, the deputy to the commander for research, development and acquisition at SMDC/ARSTRAT, encouraged the children to learn as much as possible while enjoying their experience. The campers were also greeted by Mayor Tommy Battle and had the opportunity to hear from former astronaut Dr. Jan Davis about her experiences in space.

Davis encouraged the scholarship recipients to dream big and work hard to make their dreams come true.

"Don't worry if other people think you are crazy," she said. "Just believe in yourself and anything is possible."

Besides the luncheon, the children had the opportunity to participate in two simulation experiences. On the Multi-Axis Trainer, kids were strapped to a chair that spun in multiple direc-



Photo by retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joe Shiver

## Association scholarship

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Max Bennett, president of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association, presents a \$1,000 scholarship to local student Kilian McGroary. Kilian, daughter of James and Barbara McGroary of Hampton Cove, is a 2009 graduate of Huntsville High. She will attend Auburn University this fall, majoring in nursing and Army ROTC.



Courtesy photo

## Coupons for troops

AMRDEC summer hires Aren Miller and Jarvis Lovelace, along with budget analyst Theresa McBride, collect, cut and mail grocery coupons for the U.S. military community overseas. These coupons go to communities of infantry and supporting units, mostly lower enlisted Soldiers who need to supplement their income when possible. If anyone is interested in helping these Soldiers, send cut-out grocery coupons to Lorraine Kraus of Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road.

tions and is similar to a training tool that allows astronauts to practice recovery methods in the instance that their extravehicular activities went awry.

"That was so cool," said Arianne Okonski, 9, a fifth-grader at Hampton Cove Elementary. "I didn't feel sick or anything. It was just fun!"

The simulation, though it looks like it would make a person queasy, doesn't tend to do so because of the way in which it spins.

"You don't get dizzy because

you don't ever spin in the same direction twice in a row," Andrew Stemple, 10, of Madison, said.

"It keeps fluid from building in your ears and you keep your center of gravity," added Madison resident William Beck, who turned age 12 after receiving the award. "I definitely want to be an astronaut when I grow up," said Alex Burnley, 10, from Kwajalein Atoll. "I like science and I like the feeling of hurling through space," he said after trying the MAT simulator.



Photo by Steve von Niederhausern

## Shingo award

The Shingo Prize for Operation Excellence organization awarded Aviation Center Logistics Command and Army Fleet Support the Shingo Bronze Medallion for efforts at Fort Rucker's Lowe Army Heliport. The group received the award at the Shingo annual conference May 8 in Nashville. ACLC, led by commander Col. Alan Stull, is the Aviation and Missile Command's fleet management organization on Fort Rucker. From left are Ritsuo Shingo, son of the man for whom the Shingo award was named; AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister; John Holbrook, Lean Six Sigma Black Belt at AFS; Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Colon, Lowe Field NCO-in-charge, ACLC; Kelly Willoughby, aircraft mechanic at Lowe Field, AFS; Bruce Grantham, Lean coordinator, Lowe Field, AFS; John Hamlin, general manager of AFS; Rick Davis, field manager, Lowe Field, AFS; Stull, ACLC commander; and Robert Miller, executive director of the Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence.



Courtesy photo

## Education conference

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, welcomes attendees to the Southeastern Regional Cooperative Education Conference held June 3-5 in Huntsville. The conference brought together employers and educators to share mutual problems and insights in maintaining quality cooperative education programs and quality co-ops.

# Product team returns to logistics activity

By ROBERT SALINAS  
*Logistics Support Activity*

The LOGSA Logistics and Engineering Center will host a meeting of the Army Item Unique Identification Integrated Product Team on July 21-23 at Redstone Arsenal.

The meeting is in the Electronic Meeting Systems Facility located in room 9324 at building 5309.

The Army IUID IPT originated in 2008 to establish governance, resolve issues and guide Armywide implementation. The process owners are DASA (APL) and headquarters Department of Army G-4. The team is co-chaired by DASA (APL) Larry Hill and HQDA G-4/ Maintenance Col. Michele Hammond. The team is self-directed based on guidance from the process owners.

Key activities planned for the team include IUID updates by DASA (APL), AMC Depot Working Group, DOD IUID Registry, Army IUID Implementation Plan, Legacy System marking, LOGSA IUID Support Office, LOGSA MCDS Small Arms Pilot, Sub-IPT meetings and a panel discussion. The LOGSA-Army IUID Support Office will host the meeting and serve as the executive secretary.

This will be the second time for the Logistics Support Activity to host the event. LOGSA serves as the Army's IUID Support Office. In this capacity, the office is the primary focal point for submission of all Army IUID plans. The support office receives, reviews and archives all IUID plans for the Army.

# Redstone cyclists should wear reflective vest

Post requirement straightforward

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The sunny days of summer see more cyclists on the streets of Redstone. In order to ensure those riders are seen, Redstone has specific equipment rules. "It's a short regulation and a pretty simple requirement," Garrison safety officer Mike Moore said.

Bicycles are defined as a vehicle under Alabama law, Title 31, which makes them governable by the same traffic laws that both motorcycles and automobiles must follow. Those laws, including right-of-way and signaling are the same on the installation as they are off. Where the state's Title 32 and Redstone differ lies within Redstone Arsenal Regulation 190-5.

All cyclists riding within the gates of Redstone are required to wear two key pieces of safety equipment – a helmet that meets federal standards and a reflective vest. While the helmet requirement rarely raises any ire, some riders don't care for the idea of a reflective vest.

"We get calls and complaints," Garrison safety specialist Keith Coates said. "We're not trying to

make anyone mad. We're just trying to help them stay safe and meet the commander's requirements."

While everyone agrees that riders need to be as visible as possible to motorists, the bone of contention seems to be whether brightly colored clothing is sufficient. Moore has a simple answer.

"While clothing may be enough to make you more visible, it doesn't fulfill the regulation's requirement," he said. "This is the rule that our Garrison commander signed. Much like you have to have a decal on your car to drive, this is the rule to ride on Redstone. You must be wearing a reflective vest."

Jamie Miernik has been riding bicycles on post for close to 20 years. She can be seen commuting to her NASA job on her bike most days. She doesn't have any issue with wearing a reflective vest. In fact, she does so off post as well.

"My vest is mesh. I wear it all over town," she said. "To be safe, people need to be able to see you."

Miernik said she can see why some people are aggravated by having to add another item when they may be addressing the issue of visibility with other equipment.

"The regulation just has two words: reflective vest. I would like to see that expanded to include shirts or jackets that are made for visibility," she said. "For now though, this is what you have to have."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**PEDALING ALONG—** Jamie Miernik, a NASA employee and bike enthusiast, wears the required helmet and reflective vest.

## Don't miss the boat on safety this year

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provides operator classes

By MARTINA KAIWI  
For the Rocket

This time of year families and friends hit the water for some much needed rest and relaxation. But they may be forgetting something.

Boating safety.

Many vessel operators become complacent, resulting in dangerous and even fatal accidents. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary provides boating skills and seamanship courses to pre-

vent such tragedies.

Sessions are Aug. 13 through Sept. 24 and from Oct. 8 through Nov. 19. The course is taught every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Garrison Safety Office, building 3687.

The course is free, but students must purchase the \$25 textbook. Besides learning boating safety, graduates can get a 15 percent discount on their boat insurance. And they are exempt from the Alabama written boat operators examination.

For more information, call Tom Kunhart at 527-4475 or e-mail tkunhart@knology.net.



Photo by Martina Kaiwi

**SAFETY BLOCK—** Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary set up their booth June 27 at the Redstone Arsenal Block Party.

## Redstone motorists alerted to hazardous material loads

HAZMAT vehicles easy to identify

By MARTINA KAIWI  
For the Rocket

What's the best defense against hazardous materials?

"Awareness is the best tool we have to offer the community of Redstone," said

Steve Caudill, environment, health and safety manager at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Hazardous materials or HAZMATs are transported regularly across this installation. During transport and transfer, many Redstone drivers are unaware of potential dangers and risks of HAZMAT collisions. An accident could injure workers, damage facilities and impact security.

Quality assurance specialist Charlie McCullough ensures each vehicle is loaded and secured with the utmost care. Each driver is required by law to check his or her vehicle before departure and undergo random vehicular checks by their supervisors.

Even though the hazardous materials are vigorously regulated and protected, a collision could ignite or damage the haz-



Photo by Martina Kaiwi

**DANGEROUS CARGO—** Michael McDonald, a mechanical engineering technician at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, is a certified HAZMAT driver.

ardous materials.

HAZMAT vehicles are labeled with distinct placards on all sides of the vehicle. Redstone drivers should become familiar with these signs. The placards are bright orange and have fire symbols.

Caudill and his team are responsible for an additional safety precaution: amber lights that sit atop the vehicles. Eventually all HAZMAT should be equipped with these lights.

Most hazardous materials are transported early morning and late afternoon.

# VA opens Alabama national cemetery

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs officially opened its 129th national cemetery June 25 with the first burials at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

“With the opening of this new national shrine, many thousands of Alabama veterans and their families will have a no-cost burial option nearby, in a setting that is worthy of their service,” secretary of veterans affairs Eric Shinseki said. “Providing lasting tributes to their sacrifice is one of VA’s most honorable missions, one we are proud to fulfill.”

The new 479-acre national cemetery in the Birmingham area will serve veterans’ needs for at least the next 50 years. The cemetery is located on State Highway 119, 15 miles south of Birmingham, just north of the town of Montevallo and west of Interstate Highway 65.

In October 2008, VA awarded a construction contract for \$3.7 million to BSI Contracting Inc., a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business in Birmingham, to develop a small burial area. That 12.7-acre section, with 1,095 casket

gravesites and nearly 1,000 in-ground cremation sites, will provide approximately two years of burials, enabling VA to begin providing services while the remainder of the cemetery’s larger first phase of development is completed.

When complete, the first phase will consist of approximately 45 developed acres with more than 6,000 additional gravesites and 2,700 columbarium niches, as well as facilities needed to operate and to provide burials for approximately 10 years. The new cemetery will include an administration and public information center complex, including an electronic gravesite locator and public restrooms, a maintenance building, an entrance area, a flag assembly area, a memorial walkway and two committal shelters for funeral services. Other infrastructure elements include roadways, landscaping, utilities and irrigation.

The new cemetery serves approximately 200,000 veterans in the region and will be the third national cemetery in Alabama. The state’s other national cemeteries are in Seale and Mobile. (VA release)

## Exchange revs up service with Firestone

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is teaming up with Firestone Complete Auto Care to provide services at 30 Army posts and Air Force bases throughout the continental United States. These include Redstone Arsenal.

The partnership has already brought Firestone Care Centers’ tire and battery, oil, brake, alignment, steering/suspension and general automotive repair services onto several installations, including Fort Hood, Scott AFB and Fort Sill.

“This effort is representative of AAFES’ continuing desire to be the premier collaborative partner with both federal and commercial entities,” AAFES senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm said. “This command will continue to explore

new business opportunities that provide military shoppers with an outstanding variety of services and selection, further enhancing the shopping experience.”

Firestone’s repair prices at AAFES locations will be discounted 10 percent while lubrication costs will be 5 percent cheaper than off-post prices. Firestone will also include free tire rotation, balancing and repair for authorized shoppers who purchase tire service agreements from AAFES.

“As with all AAFES services, military shoppers at Firestone can count on reliability, quality and work backed by a nationwide warranty good at locations both on and off post,” Helm said. (AAFES release)

## Worker asks about retirement formula

The following question and answer originally appeared in the NARFE Magazine and are reprinted with permission from the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association.

**Question:** I have been eligible to retire since last year. There has been some talk about changing the high-

three average formula to a five-year formula. If this happens, will the federal government be required to “grandfather” the change?

**Answer:** The federal government does not have to provide grandfathering unless legislation contains a provision requiring it to do so.



Courtesy photo

## Vets home visit

The Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment of the Marine Corps League members meet with residents of the Floyd E. “Tut” Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville on the first Friday of each month. This event, held more than eight years, is to give recognition and express appreciation to veterans. Members visiting the home July 3 include, from left, commandant Sigmund Klueger, adjutant/paymaster Lee Saylor, past commandant Earl Hokanson Jr., sergeant-at-arms Alice Bennett, judge advocate Dennis Antico, Young Marines of North Alabama executive officer James Newell, past judge advocate Ralph Snowden and past commandant Alfred Orillion.

# Newly-promoted security specialist thanks team

It was standing room only in the SELA Auditorium, seats filled with people who rescheduled travel plans, interrupted vacations, and took time from sabbaticals; sorority sisters, friends, family and members of Team Redstone all came to attend a promotion ceremony and to witness Army Materiel

Command history.

The historic event was the promotion of Sharon Boclair, manager of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Intelligence and Security Office, to the grade of GG-080-15 supervisory security specialist, the first African-American to hold this grade in the Intelligence and Security arena within AMC. Boclair was a former AMC Intern.

Geraldine Mims, headquarters AMC, industrial security manager, Intelligence and Security Directorate, is a longtime associate and friend who is familiar with Boclair's service, dedication and work ethic.

"Sharon has worked toward this for years. Whether she knew it or not, she was walking along making the proper steps and doing everything she was supposed to do to be guided toward that path — it was someone higher than herself," Mims said.

Patti Martin, AMRDEC's acting director for system engineering and support, read a letter from U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith, congratulating Boclair.

As the ceremony concluded, Boclair thanked everyone for attending the ceremony, spoke of

her family and their support, singled out her mentors both military and civilian and cited several incidents during which she learned a great deal about her

friends' strengths and loyalties but above all it was her current team that received the most praise from this Army leader.

"I want to thank my team. I

am serious; my team makes me look good. You all do so much for the AMRDEC and make us look so good," Boclair said. (AMRDEC release)



Photo by Merv Brokke

**CONGRATULATIONS—** Dr. Bill McCorkle, executive director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, presents Sharon Boclair with her certificate of promotion to GG-080-15 supervisory security specialist. Boclair is the manager of AMRDEC's Intelligence and Security Office.

## Military member departs research center

Friends and family from as far away as Massachusetts met in the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's SELA auditorium to witness the promotion of Lt. Col. Michael Theodoss to colonel and to bid him farewell.

For the past three years, Theodoss served as a product manager within the Advanced Technology Function, Weapons Development and Integration Directorate. One of his major accomplishments came during his deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

For his duty in OEF, and exceptionally meritorious service and overall contribution to readiness and mission accomplishment, AMRDEC executive director Dr. Bill McCorkle presented Theodoss with the Meritorious Service Medal, third oak leaf cluster.

"My recent experience in Afghanistan is still fresh in my mind and I appreciate the opportunity that RDECOM gave me to serve, in that capacity, to deploy, to go as a science and technology adviser, go to a war zone and see true heroes," Theodoss said.

Dr. Robin Buckelew, director of the Weapons Development and Integration Directorate, assisted in pinning on Theodoss' new rank insignia, and spoke highly of his work in Afghanistan and his future in the Army.

"He went to Afghanistan where he served with great distinction providing S&T advice in the matter of how we defeat improvised explosive devices and if there is anything more important to our Army today I don't know what that is. He is now in great demand and has been giving briefings and consultations on what he learned in Afghanistan to a num-



Courtesy photo

**FAMILY EVENT—** Newly promoted Col. Michael Theodoss receives his silver eagles from his wife, Kay, right, and Dr. Robin Buckelew, left, director of the Weapons Development and Integration Directorate. His son Benjamin later "officially" promoted him by placing the epaulets on his shirt.

ber of people inside and outside of the AMRDEC," Buckelew said.

Theodoss, a native of Hudson, Mass., will attend the Senior Service College before becoming the director of Sensors and Communications Operations, Defense Contract Management Agency in Tewksbury, Mass. (AMRDEC release)

# Troop softball all-stars seek payback

*Players hope to avenge last year's loss to NASA*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Last year the NASA all-star softball players celebrated their first win against their military counterparts.

The Redstone team is looking for payback.

The sixth annual NASA vs. Redstone all-star game is scheduled Thursday night at 6 at Linton Field. Last year the Marshall Space Flight Center team scored 10 runs in the third inning and cruised to a 13-5 win. The troops had won the previous four meetings, three in which they rallied in their final at-bat.

"Finally," NASA player Victor Pritchett said after last year's win. "Several years I thought we had them and we just didn't close them out. We closed them out this time."

But that was a year ago. The Redstone team hopes to recapture the annual trophy which sports director Gaylene Wilson

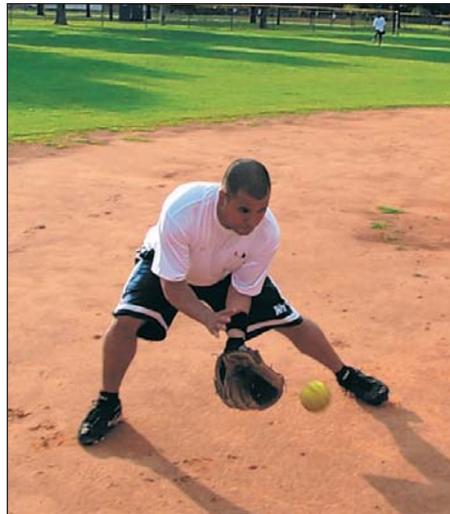


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**GRINDER—** Redstone all-star third baseman Demetrius Vieira of Charlie Company takes infield practice last Thursday.

presents to the winners after the game.

"It should be a lot of fun," Redstone player/coach Travis Roop said. "Hopeful-

ly we'll have a good game."

Roop played left center for Charlie Company, which won the post championship. Other representatives from Charlie include right center Matt Fangohr and third baseman Demetrius Vieira.

The other Redstone all-stars include outfielder Reginald LeDay of Headquarters & Alpha Company; infielder James Cole of the Marines; outfielder Anthony Ateomon of Bravo Company; infielders Jonathan Boyd, Anthony Rusnak, Marty Jones and reserve pitcher/outfielder Joe Cox, all of the National Guard; outfielder/infielder James Epps of HHC 59th; shortstop Josh Oswell, pitcher Elton "Gator" Grissom and assistant coach/reserve player Andrew Myrick, all of the Civilian Welfare Fund.

"We are practicing (July 7). And then we practice on July 9th and the 13th," Roop said. "We're trying to get at least three practices in before the game."

NASA coach/pitcher Paul Prichard got last year's win and helped at the plate by going 2-for-4 with a double, four RBIs and scored a run.

"The Army team has more talent this year than last year's team," said Prichard,

who works for the Army's Logistics Support Activity as an information technologist in the Soldier Support Center. "What I'm hearing from several of the players, they're going to be ready this year. So we're going to have to bring our 'A' game and do our best."

NASA shortstop Tony Fiorucci had two hits in last year's win. He's looking forward to Thursday's game.

"It's a little bit different from those past years which were very frustrating — always losing by one run in the last at-bat," Fiorucci said. "Now we've got something to defend. It's even more important. So I'm looking forward to it. I'm very excited about it."

The other NASA all-stars include infielder Miller Rock, outfielder Gary Smith, infielder Charles Foster, outfielder Jon Millard, outfielder Neil White, reserve Matt Chamberlain, designated hitter Jeff Klop, outfielder Matt Wood, infielder Carter Johnson, infielder Al Meyers, outfielder David Benjamin, infielder Austin Young, outfielder Mark Henderson, reserve Jon Patterson, reserve Harley Davidson, reserve Chris Daum, reserve Joe Navas and reserve Derek O'Rear.

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## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness centers

The Wellness Center is closing down for renovation/expansion beginning today. It will take approximately nine months to complete. You can visit one of the other facilities: Pagano Gym, building 3474, phone 876-6701 or 876-2943; Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705, phone 313-1201 or 313-1202; and Sparkman Fitness Center, building 5302, phone 313-6091 or 313-6096. Their website is [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Benefit tournament

Booz Allen Hamilton announces the fifth annual Booz Allen/EarlyWorks charity golf tournament Aug. 28 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. All proceeds from this four-person scramble tournament are used to better serve area students at the EarlyWorks Museum Complex. For information or to sign up, call Chris Parsons 426-9577 or visit [www.earlyworksgolf.com](http://www.earlyworksgolf.com).

### 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 Saturday. For more information, call Tom Patrick 882-0231 or Doris Ellison 852-0485.

### AER fund-raiser tourney

A fall four-person golf scramble, to benefit Army Emergency Relief, will be held Sept. 10 at 8 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. Presented by PM Aviation Systems, the tournament cost is \$50 for non-annual fee patrons and \$35 for annual fee patrons. For more information, call Edye Smith 955-0761 or Colbert Gautreaux 876-4953.

### Bowling benefit

The 24th annual Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon is Aug. 22-23 at all five local bowling centers (Madison Bowling Center, AMF Parkway Lanes, AMF Pin Palace Lanes, Plamor Lanes and Redstone Lanes). This event is one of JA's largest fund-raisers and is expected to attract approximately 1,000 bowlers this year. Directv is this year's title sponsor. If your company wants to get involved in Bowl-A-Thon or for more information, call the JA office 533-4661 or e-mail at [nharagan@janaonline.org](mailto:nharagan@janaonline.org).

### Golf classic

The 10th annual John Riche Memorial Golf Classic is July 24 at the Links at Redstone. Registration is at 7 a.m. and tee time at 8. The format is Four Man Scramble. Cost is \$100 per player, \$400 per team. For more information call Mirie Westbrook 694-0646, Robert Clark 759-6060 or the 100 Black Men of America business office 536-8050. Register online at [www.100ghc.org](http://www.100ghc.org).

### Speedway nights

Military Appreciation Nights at the Huntsville Speedway include Aug. 1 and Sept. 12. Active duty, reserved and retired military will be admitted free. For more information, visit [www.huntsvillespeedway.com](http://www.huntsvillespeedway.com).



## Conferences & Meetings

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-7910.

### Bible studies

Protestant Women of the Chapel holds Bible study classes every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Childwatch is available at the Child Development Center on a first-come, first-served basis for the 9:30 study. PWOC also provides adult supervision for home-schooled children at the chapel for the 9:30 study. "The lunchtime Bible study meets from 11:30-12:30 so take an hour off from your busy workday to release, refresh and regroup while learning of the healing power of God's word," a prepared release said. For more information, call Laura Keegan 489-7686 or Sharon Olshefski 489-0404. The contact for the lunchtime group is Mattie L. Jones 828-9890 or 508-7744.

### Space society

HAL5 (the local National Space Society Chapter) presents a free public lecture by David L. Christensen, aerospace consultant. He will speak on Space Solar Power and Other Alternate Energy Sources at 7 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's main auditorium, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow the meeting. More information is available at [www.HAL5.org](http://www.HAL5.org) or [HAL5.Help@gmail.com](mailto:HAL5.Help@gmail.com).

### APBI conference

The Aviation and Missile Command with Team Redstone will hold the 2009 Advance Planning Briefings for Industry Conference on Aug. 26-27 in Huntsville. The theme for this year's conference is "Supporting the Warfighter — Collaborating to Achieve Enterprise Success." The conference is part of the command's ongoing effort to provide industry and

academia information on the Army's aviation and missile technology efforts, requirements and potential contract opportunities. To review conference information and register, visit the following website: [www.apbi.redstone.army.mil/apbi](http://www.apbi.redstone.army.mil/apbi). To contact the conference event manager, call 842-9967 or e-mail [redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil](mailto:redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil).

### 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.

### Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold a luncheon July 23 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Loft Room. Guest speaker is Don Dixon, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

### Fleet reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting July 25 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Rae Smith 348-7025.

### Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers will meet Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$11. "Civil Engineering in China" will be presented by Dr. John Potter. For reservations call Dan Foran at Shearer and Associates 830-1031, ext. 130 or e-mail [dforan@shearerassociates.us](mailto:dforan@shearerassociates.us).

### Logistic engineers

SOLE Tennessee Valley Chapter will have its July luncheon today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The scheduled speaker is Dr. James Barnard, program chair, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Embry-Riddle University. Cost is \$20 for non-members (\$15 for members). For more information, call recording secretary Jane Campbell 544-1001.

### Admin professionals

The International Association of Adminis-

trative 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.

### Simulation conference

The Huntsville Simulation Conference, sponsored by the Society for Modeling and Simulation International and hosted by the Alabama Modeling and Simulation Council, is Oct. 28-29 at the Huntsville Marriott, Five Tranquility Base, with a classified segment Oct. 27 at the Advanced Research Center. The abstract submission deadline has been extended to July 31. Visit the website [www.scs.org/hsc](http://www.scs.org/hsc).

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will sponsor its Professional Development Seminar on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club ballroom. Topics of interest will address Leadership, Attitude, Reading Skills, and Job Commitment for Excellence. The keynote speaker for the luncheon plenary session is an Alabama native honored by a congressional act named after her, Lilly Ledbetter. The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Equity Act was one of the first bills signed into law by President Barack Obama. Ledbetter will also feature a workshop on the glass ceiling, pay equi-



Photo by Dave Macedonia

## First Communion

The Catholic community of Redstone Arsenal had 6 First Communicants receive this Holy Sacrament on May 17. From left are instructor Marlies Sarrette, Haleigh Danielle Sweeden, Lindsey Nicole Sweeden, John Thomas Nee, Dimitri Xavier Nolt, Christopher Martin Kallighan, Diego Jose Delany and Chaplain (Maj.) Rajmund Kopec. They each received First Communion gifts and a reception was held in their honor. Their CCD teachers were Drew Sarrette and Marlies Sarrette.

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ty and her experience in getting this legislation developed and passed. For information on how to register for the seminar, see your organization training point of contact or call seminar chairman James Foster 852-2129 or Mary Peoples 955-4275. Luncheon tickets can be purchased separately for \$25 if not attending the conference; call Foster or Peoples for reservations.

### Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have its monthly outreach luncheon July 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. Scheduled speaker Martha Frickie of Decatur will tell how she overcame disappointments in life including several bouts with cancer. Free childcare for ages 6 and under is provided off-site. For reservations, essential for the luncheon and for child care, call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by July 23.

### Government society

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals, Rocket City Chapter will have its monthly outing July 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. The group will attend "Concerts in the Park" at Big Spring International Park, featuring Jeff Crabb and First Flight Band along with GROOVE. "Join us for a snack, good music, and networking," a prepared release said. For more information on SGMP and how to join the Rocket City Chapter, call Andrea Landin 694-0531.

### 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.

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### IT professionals

Information technology professionals are invited to a forum on the IT Infrastructure Library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Aug. 12 at SAIC (Patriot Room), 6725 Odyssey Drive, Huntsville. Make reservations and lunch order by calling Greg 571-5567.

### Women in defense

The Women In Defense, Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold a Mentorship Luncheon on July 23 at 11 a.m. at Raytheon on Jan Davis Drive. This quarter's program will be a Leadership Panel consisting of Sarah

Savage, president/CEO, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County Inc; Laura Huckabee-Jennings, CEO, Transcend Business Coaching and Consulting; Dawn Bardot, University of Alabama-Huntsville, Engineering; and Dr. Christina Carmen, UAH Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Lunch will include a salad, cookie and a drink for \$10, payable at the door. Reservations are required. "Please note: If you make a reservation but do not attend the luncheon, payment is still due," a prepared release said. "All are welcome to attend and WID would like to extend a special invitation to Redstone's summer hires and co-op students." To reserve your seat, email [sandra\\_pape@raytheon.com](mailto:sandra_pape@raytheon.com).

## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

### Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assur-

ance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

### Surplus sales

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

### Motorcycle safety

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

### Reserve unit

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

### Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School.

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

### Pilots wanted

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

### 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

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U				
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<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																							
SCBK09510009	Lead General Engr	15-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09578755	Supv Prgm Mngr (Deputy Product Mngr)	15-Jul-09	PEO AVIATION	YA-0340	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X															
SCBK09568576	Electronics Engr	15-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09568576D	Electronics Engr	15-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09579635	Prgm Analyst	15-Jul-09	PEO AVIATION	NH-0343	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X	X	X			X	X	X							
SCBK09515193	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09586014	General Engineer	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X		X	X	X	X	X	X							
SCBK09586014D	General Engineer	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09568580D	General Engineer	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993							X									
SCBK09458386	Supv Contract Mgt Ofc (Procurement)	16-Jul-09	PEO Missiles & Space	YA-1101	3	3	96,346 - 147,332		X														
SCBK09530456	APM For JAMS	16-Jul-09	ACQ SPT CTR	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X															
SCBK09501017	Computer Engr	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993									X	X						
SCBK09501017D	Computer Engr	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09566071	Program Analyst	16-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0343	11	12	57,204 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09523219	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X														
SCBK09604776	Mgmt Analyst	17-Jul-09	SMDC	GS-0343	11	12	57,204 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09595514	Executive Asst	17-Jul-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	9	9	47,280 - 61,464	X															
SCBK09548053	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Jul-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X								X			X				
SCBK09569911	Supv Prgm Mngr	17-Jul-09	ACQ SPT CTR	YC-0340	3	3	113,331-147,332		X		X				X								
SCBK09597999	Procurement Analyst	17-Jul-09	PEO AVIATION	NH-1102	3	3	81,532 - 105,993		X		X			X	X	X							
SCBK09474796	Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X								X	X		X				
SCBK09504784	Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Jul-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X							X	X		X				
SCBK09591951	Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X								X	X		X				
SCBK09577810	Intern Coordinator	20-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0301	11	12	57,204 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09571675	Logistics Mgmt Spec	20-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X														
SCBK09569805	Public Affairs Spec	20-Jul-09	AMCOM, AO/G5 (Public Affairs)	GS-1035	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09571854	Logistics Mgmt Spec	21-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09591955	Supply Systems Analyst	22-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X															
SCBK09593629	Supply Systems Analyst	22-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X								X	X		X				
SCBK09571785	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09607622	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09584440	Mgmt Asst (OA)	22-Jul-09	ACQ SPT CTR	GS-0344	8	8	42,807 - 55,651	X	X														
SCBK09609532	Admin Supt Asst (OA)	22-Jul-09	AMCOM, G3 (Ops)	GS-0303	6	7	38,653 - 50,249			X						X	X		X				
SCBK09473028	Technical Info Spec	22-Jul-09	AMCOM, Ofc of Chief Info Ofcr/G6	GS-1412	9	11	47,280 - 74,360	X								X	X		X				
SCBK09529884	Emergency Serv Dispatcher	22-Jul-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2151	6	6	34,782 - 45,215					X				X	X		X				
SCBK09529884D	Emergency Serv Dispatcher	23-Jul-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2151	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09507306	IMA Opers Spec	23-Jul-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09620049	Contract Spec	23-Jul-09	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128						X			X	X		X				
SCBK09477121	Supv Prgm Analyst	23-Jul-09	PEO IEW&S	YC-0343	3	3	94,331 - 154,699	X	X		X	X				X	X		X				
SCBK09573169	Budget Analyst	23-Jul-09	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X		X					X	X						
SCBK09492077	Lead General Engr	24-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09521466	International ADP Prgm Spec	24-Jul-09	SAMD	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	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				
SCBK09583289	General Engr	29-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X								X			X				
SCBK09545447	Computer Engr	30-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09571611	General Engineer	30-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09466403	Equipment Spec (Aircraft)	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128																
SCBK09596826	Inspector	5-Aug-09	AMCOM, Ofc of the Inspector General	YA-1801	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X								X			X				
SCBK09597286	Mech Engr	5-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X															
SCBK09602500	General Attorney	7-Aug-09	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
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 (PlyPln)	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	7,999 - 14,599	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCNAFBK0919	Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	6,555 - 11,411	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	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 Ofc	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X		X					X			X				
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
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SCBK09568576D	Electronics Engr	15-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09586014D	General Engineer	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09568580D	General Engineer	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993									X			X				
SCBK09501017D	Computer Engr	16-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09529884D	Emergency Serv Dispatcher	23-Jul-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2151	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09620049	Contract Spec	23-Jul-09	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128									X			X				
SCBK09602500	General Attorney	7-Aug-09	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				

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

**A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.  
**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).

# Rocket Announcements

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.

## Civilian focus group

Installation Management Command has established a Customer Management Services office at each Army installation. Community forums or focus groups obtain issues or recommendations by the attendees or delegates that are worked and presented to the post leadership. This program is called Community First. The Teen, Family Member, Soldier and Retiree Focus Groups were conducted during the first, second and third quarters of this year. This is an invitation to all civilian members who would like to participate in the first Civilian (DoD and contractor) focus group held on Redstone Arsenal. This is a chance to voice issues that can be fixed on the installation or put on the Army Family Action Plan agenda for next year. The meetings will be held Aug. 11 and 13 from 2-4:30 p.m. in building 4488, room D-226. Light refreshments will be served. Anyone wishing to participate may call customer service officer Steve McFadden 876-3294 or e-mail rsacms@conus.army.mil.



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## Ready for picnic

**Integrated Materiel Management Center executive director Eric Edwards discusses the upcoming 2009 IMMC River Bash Picnic with co-chairpersons Jan Pickard, middle, and Michele Farris. The picnic Sept. 3 at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area is open to all IMMC employees, including retirees and matrix personnel. For more information, call Pickard at 842-6625 or Farris at 842-2668.**

## Customer service survey

All Redstone personnel are encouraged to provide input and feedback on customer service issues to installation customer service officer Steve McFadden. Personnel may submit their issues via e-mail to rsacms@conus.army.mil, and include the

near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Seating is limited. For tickets and more information, call SB Productions 683-3083 or visit [www.mrmanpremiere.com](http://www.mrmanpremiere.com).

the issue affects (Soldiers, family members, civilians, retirees, veterans), recommendation, point of contact name and number (optional). For questions or more information, call McFadden 876-3294 or e-mail [steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil](mailto:steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil).

## Motorcycle benefit

Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club will have a fund-raiser poker run Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. at Woody Anderson Ford in Madison to raise money for Tennessee Valley Honor Flight. For more information, call Kevin Newey 509-1036.

## 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 Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15. For more information, call Jessica Merritt of Wire-glass Hospice 519-8808.

## Mr. Man Premiere

SB Productions has completed the selection process for this year's Mr. Man Premiere. The 11 contestants selected include a doctor, an Army officer, Navy officer, Air Force reserve recruiter, Madison police officer, Madison fireman and Marine, research analyst, minor league baseball player, engineer, sales and catering manager, 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 tickets and more information, call SB Productions 683-3083 or visit [www.mrmanpremiere.com](http://www.mrmanpremiere.com).

## Call for papers

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

## 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>.

## 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.

### 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.

### Book discussion

Join the Post Library on July 23 for a discussion of the book "Three Cups of Tea." This bestselling book by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin tells the story of a young man who was mountain climbing in Pakistan, nursed back to health in a poor village, and has since spent his life bringing schools to isolated areas of the region. The book talk will be held at building 3323 from noon to 1 p.m. July 23. Feel free to bring your lunch and to come and go as your time allows. For more information, call the library 876-4741.

### Children's reading

The Post Library will present "Tales with Taka" beginning Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The program will continue for two additional Saturdays, July 25 and Aug. 8 from 10-noon. Jamie Ward and her German shepherd Taka, a Reading Education

Assistance Dog, will be appearing at the library for children to read to Taka. The "Tales with Taka" program will be open to children ages 5 and up and is available to anyone who has access to the post library. The library will have signup sheets for those interested in scheduling a time to read to Taka. Children will have an opportunity to read one of Taka's books or select one of the many books at the library. All children who participate in the program will receive Taka's special bookmark and a coloring page. The READ program was created in Salt Lake City, Utah by Intermountain Therapy Animals and provides children a one-on-one opportunity to have fun reading to a four-legged friend in a non-critical atmosphere. Today the READ program is presented in hundreds of libraries and schools and improves the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered therapy teams. For more information call librarian Gail Alden 876-4741 or Ward 233-3962.

### Technical writers

The University of Alabama-Huntsville English Department and the Huntsville/North Alabama chapter of Society for Technical Communication will hold an all-day workshop on XSL for Tech Writers on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at UAH's Salmon Library. Registration is 9-9:25 a.m. The workshop requires some experience with XML. Cost is \$100 for non-STC members, \$60 for members and UAH faculty and staff, and \$40 for students. Reservations are required by today and can be made by calling 824-6321. More information is available at [www.stc-na.org](http://www.stc-na.org).

### Fashion show

A Caribbean Fashion Show is planned locally to raise money for surgery for children born with birth defects. If you would like to place a business card in the programs (\$5 each) or make a donation, please

send information and donations to Allison Adams, P.O. Box 1966, Madison, AL 35758 by Aug. 1. For more information, e-mail [caribbeanfashionshow@yahoo.com](mailto:caribbeanfashionshow@yahoo.com).

### Job opening

The Army Logistics Management College-Huntsville Campus is hiring faculty members who will teach the four-day Contracting Officer's Representative Course. The position is procurement analyst (instructor), GS-1102-12. Vacancy announcement number is SCAQ09549023COE. This position is being advertised on CPOL Online [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil). The closing date is this Thursday. Frequent temporary duty travel is required for this position. Applicants must be DAWIA Level II certified in contracting. Good instructor presence and voice is essential. COR experience is a plus. For more information, call Joe East 864-1825.

### IMMC picnic

The AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center will hold its Fall River Bash on Sept. 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. The rain date is Sept. 17. All IMMC employees, including retirees and matrix personnel, are invited. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. This includes hamburger or hot dog, chips, drinks and ice cream. Attendees should bring lawn chairs, blankets, boom boxes, radios and mosquito repellent. There will be bingo, DJ with entertainment, softball, tug-of-war, horseshoes and other events. For more information, call chairpersons Jan Pickard 842-6625 or Michele Farris 842-2668.

### Thrift Shop

You can shop, consign or volunteer — all at the Thrift Shop. "Lots of bargains: clothing, books, toys, tools, collectibles and much more," a prepared release said.

# Rocket Announcements

Visit the shop at building 3209 on Hercules Road from 9-4 Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-5 Thursday and the first Saturday from 10-2.

### Smoking cessation

Fox Army Health Center is committed to assisting its beneficiaries who want to stop using tobacco products. The center's next five-week Tobacco Cessation series begins Aug. 11 with classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. To sign up, call program manager Valerie Francis 955-8888 ext. 1431 or health promotion coordinator Rick Stock 955-8888 ext. 1443 or ext. 1026. This program is available to active duty, active duty family members, Tricare Prime/Non-Prime recipients, and current Redstone Arsenal DoD/Army civilians.

### CFC volunteers

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting nominations for candidates to participate in the 2009 Campaign Associates Program, formerly called the Loaned Executive Program. "The CA Program is an excellent vehicle to train dynamic men and women for career and community leadership, enhancing their value to your organization," a prepared release said. "This is also a great opportunity for our military personnel. Your willingness to participate demonstrates your organization's commitment to enhancing the quality of life and welfare of others through greater community involvement." Individuals nominated will be required to attend a four-day workshop in August and be able to volunteer up to 20 hours per week during the campaign. Nominations for participation are now being accepted. For more information or to volunteer, call the CFC office 876-9143.

**Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program  
Public Comment Period – July 2 to August 1  
Statement of Basis/Proposed Plans for  
RSA-094, Chlorinated Solvent Distillation Unit 1,  
Operable Unit 10 and RSA-196, Test Stand and  
Cleaning Building, Operable Unit 10**

Redstone Arsenal is a U.S. Army facility located in Madison County, Alabama and occupies approximately 38,300 acres. A Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan has been prepared for two (2) environmental sites located in the former Redstone Arsenal Rocket Engine North Plant area where rocket motor testing and production operations were conducted.

**RSA-094, Chlorinated Solvent Distillation Unit 1:**

- No Action is recommended as the Preferred Alternative for the soil and soil vapor at RSA-094. No remedial action is needed to ensure protection of human health and the environment from direct contact risks. Groundwater under RSA-094, including the migration of contaminants from soils to groundwater, will be further investigated during the RSA-146 groundwater site remedial investigation.

**RSA-196, Test Stand and Cleaning Building:**

- No Action is recommended as the Preferred Alternative for the soil and soil vapor at RSA-196. No remedial action is needed to ensure protection of human health and the environment. Groundwater under RSA-196 will be further investigated during the RSA-146 groundwater site remedial investigation.

The Statement of Basis/Proposed Plans and supporting documents are available for electronic viewing on the Army's Web site

[www.garrison.redstone.army.mil](http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil) and at the following local libraries:

- Triana Public Library (Triana Youth Center), 280 Zierdt Road, Triana, Alabama, 256-772-3677
- Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Heritage Room, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville, Alabama, 256-532-5969

Public comments on these documents are requested to be postmarked by August 1, 2009:

1. Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan for RSA-094, Chlorinated Solvent Distillation Unit 1
2. Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan for RSA-196, Test Stand and Cleaning Building

The final clean up decision for these two sites will be made after the public comment period has ended and all comments have been received and considered. The U.S. Army Garrison – Redstone and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will select the site remedy for each site in consultation with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

**For more information, to receive a copy of either document in the mail or by email, or to request a public meeting or extension to the public comment period, contact:**

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