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Marine 'poolies' step to boot camp

Recruits go on hike, prepare for training

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"Mama, Mama, can't you see?"
"What the Marine Corps has done for me?"

That military cadence – along with other favorites – could be heard from across the fairway at the Huntsville Municipal Golf Course on July 11 as more than 80 Marine recruits hiked 5.5 miles with "Molle Packs" on the grounds surrounding John Hunt Park.

It was a first-time event for Marine recruiters and their recruits, who came together in a regional Marine Poolie activity that included recruiting stations in north Alabama and south Tennessee. Although the Marines are known for organizing various physical training events for poolies (slang for recruits) at their recruiting stations, this was the first time for a large-scale event at the Marine Reserve's Kilo Battery headquarters on South Memorial Parkway.

"We try to help out the recruiters as much as we can," 1st Sgt. Timothy Rudd of Kilo Battery said. "We have a strong relationship with the recruiting stations and recruiters. It was our pleasure to be a part of this."

The poolies arrived at Kilo Battery headquarters early that Saturday morning to go through some of the physical challenges – push-ups, crunches and hiking with a heavy Molle pack

(backpack) — that recruits will face at Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island, S.C.

"You're supposed to push your body to the limit so at boot camp when the others fall out you can laugh at them," Huntsville recruiter Gunnery Sgt. Damian Cason told the recruits following the hike in 90-degree weather.

The event did exactly what was hoped, giving the recruits the opportunity to experience a little of what the Marines is all about.

"We want to expose them to the rigors of what they will experience in recruit training," Cason said. "Now they know what to expect and it won't be such a shell shock to them. We want to prepare them for what is ahead."

Cason has no doubts the group of recruits will be successful in the Marines.

"They are all motivated about being a Marine," he said. "They did excellent. They performed really well."

Although the recruits were well-hydrated during the hike, many looked exhausted and flushed when they returned to Kilo Battery. But a lunch of pizza, spaghetti and chicken supplied by the Blue Star Mothers of Madison and Morgan counties quickly re-energized them.

"I thought I had done really well. I've never done anything like this before," said recruit Ariel Majors.

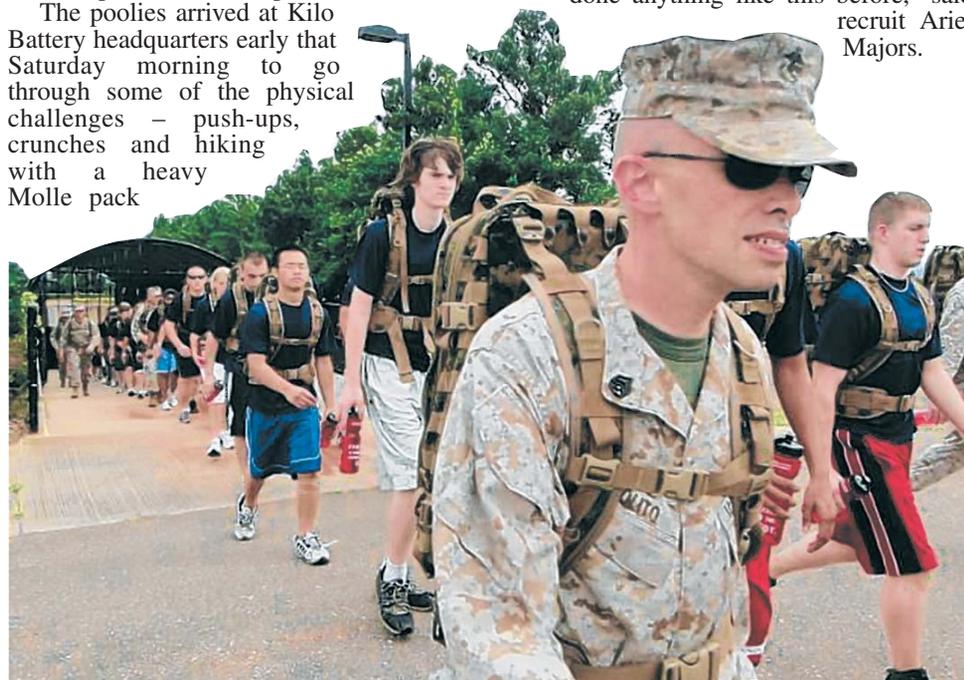


Photo by Kari Hawkins

FOLLOW ME— Staff Sgt. Victor Polito, a Marine recruiter from Albertville, helps lead Marine recruits – known as poolies – through John Hunt Park during a 5.5 mile hike.

"The part of the hike I did was really good," recruit Cassie Laberee said. "I got a blister on my foot that popped. I wanted to finish the hike, but my recruiter wouldn't let me."

Majors and Laberee were sitting on the floor in the gym of the Kilo Battery headquarters and eating lunch. Both are from Clarksville, Tenn., and both have fathers who served in the Marines.

"It's a tradition," Laberee said of joining the Marines. "My dad served in Vietnam. He was really excited to see me go."

Both have received advice from their fathers about boot camp.

"Dad said in boot camp just keep your mouth shut and don't argue," Laberee said.

"Yeah, and do what they say," Majors added.

Ryan Moring of Athens said he joined the Marine Corps after talking to all the military branches.

"It was the best branch," he said. "They do the best training. And I wanted to be the best."

Moring said the recruit event was an example of the emphasis the Marine Corps puts on preparation and training.

"The hike was great," he said. "It was a lot of fun. It was hard. But I got a lot out of it."

Recruit Wes Wherley, who graduated from Huntsville's Columbia High School in May, attended the recruit event, even though he was making plans to leave for boot camp the next day.

"I liked doing this today," Wherley said of the hike. "It makes me feel better. It gave me more energy to push forward."

Wherley plans to follow a career in aviation maintenance with the Marines. He participated in the Army JROTC program in high school and hopes to return to his alma mater in three months to share his experience.

"I want to show them what this is all about," he said.

Recruit Melissa Martin, a graduate of Johnson High School, also participated in the event, despite also planning to leave for boot camp the next day.

"The Marine Corps JROTC program at Johnson had a big influence on me. I was in the program all four years of high school," she said. "I've loved the military and what it has to offer ever since I was in the Tiny Soldiers program at Terry Heights Elementary School. That program was with Army Soldiers, but it was what first got me interested in the military."

Among the recruits eating lunch were

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An open lane random survey

Should the Army be concerned about allegations that some of its Soldiers are in extremist groups?

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*Bobby Coney
AMCOM equal employment
opportunity chief*

"If there appears to be a violation of Army Regulation 600-20, Chapter 4, Paragraph 12 on extremist organizations and activities."

*Staff Sgt. Crystal Basham
Bravo Company*



"I think the Army should take a concern in it because it's going to affect the well-being of the Soldiers when it comes to group environments – being in a company, being in a battalion, and things like that. I think the different extremist groups will have an effect when it comes to well-being of the Soldiers."



*Pfc. Joel Carpenter
Bravo Company*

"From what I've seen here, I haven't seen any of that going on here, from what I've seen in the Army so far. I don't see it as a problem."

*Pvt. Daniel Bravo
Bravo Company*



"Yeah, I think they should be concerned about that because people in those groups tend to put them before the mission and tend to commit violent acts against other people. I don't think it's a problem, though. I haven't seen any involvement."

Quote of the week

'My illness is due to my doctor's insistence that I drink milk, a whitish fluid they force down helpless babies.'

— *W.C. Fields*
actor (1880-1946)

Letters to the Editor

Health insurance issue goes public

What will happen to civilian employees who now have private health plans if President Obama and the Democrats health care plan goes into effect which has one of the main points to have a public plan? Will employees be forced to go into the public plan? Will private plans go away for employees? I believe this should be communicated with the employees.

Miguel A. Rodriguez

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "Since no law has been enacted or implementing regulations published, any responses to these questions would be speculative. Even if a Health Insurance Law is passed by both houses of Congress and is signed into law, the Office of Personnel Management would have to publish implementing regulations before we would know if there is any impact on federal employees' health insurance."

Patriotic poem defines the word 'disabled'

Come sit beside me child I have a story to tell,

I have worn the colors of battle, with pride I wore them well,

I have a great deal to offer, as my blood is red, white, and blue,

Some people call me disabled and physical-ly that is true.

I entered into service no more than just a child,

I took the oath with honor and raised my right hand high,

I donned the uniform to serve where Old Glory above did fly,

Keeping homesick thoughts tucked away deep in my mind.

I was shipped off to places only seen on global maps,

I sent home pictures of me seated beside trucks or leaning on poles of tents,

I watched the wind blow from a foxhole eating dinners from a can,

I shared holidays away from home surrounded by new friends.

Watched the landing at Normandy,

Saw the sun rise over of Panama,

Watched the rains falling hard on the rice fields of Vietnam,

I dodged the blowing sands and the heat of the Persian Gulf,

Sent my buddies home in coffins from the lands of Afghanistan,

Holding onto life for hours with just a rifle in my hands.

Many things I wish to forget, but cannot no matter how I tried,

I have shared laughter with friends and held them as they died,

I may not move as quickly child as I did before,

I was a physically fit individual long before the wars.

I now see their memories as vividly in my soul,

Now they take on new life form complete and whole,

As I seek to find their name engraved upon

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Getting to know you

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Job: Recreation assistant, Sports and Fitness

Where do you call home?
Independence, Va.

What do you like about your job?
Serving the customers. Getting to know different people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Watch Alabama football, of course. Hunt, fish and play my guitar.

What are your goals?
My goal is to retire happy and healthy.

What's your favorite type of music?
Country and bluegrass.



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MCR acquires Aerodyne Inc.

McLEAN, Va. — MCR, a provider of integrated program management services to the federal government, has completed the purchase of Aerodyne Inc., a Huntsville-based company that provides aeronautical and technical services to the military.

The acquisition will enable MCR to expand its offerings of program management services, while also providing opportunities to serve new government cus-

tomers.

Founded in 1995, Aerodyne has 75 employees and supports numerous Army customers in Huntsville. Aerodyne specializes in aeronautical systems and provides full spectrum technical solutions, including program management, aviation integration, testing and certification, training and requirements development, and system lifecycle management for manned and unmanned systems. (MCR release)

Minnesota firm wins Tricare contract for region

Humana loses bid to retain coverage

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Department of Defense has announced the selection of new Tricare Managed Care Support contractors for the North, South and West Tricare regions in the United States.

United Health Military & Veterans Services, Minnetonka, Minn., is selected for the South Region where Humana Military Healthcare Services is the current contractor.

For Redstone beneficiaries, this means their active duty and retiree Tricare insurance coverage will be handled by United-Health Military & Veterans Services. Humana Military Healthcare Services is the current contractor but lost the bid for the next generation of the contract.

This is the third generation of Tricare

managed care support contracts. They are worth an estimated \$55.5 billion over the base and five options periods. Transition from the current contracts is scheduled to begin immediately, with the start of health care delivery under the new contracts anticipated to be April 1, 2010. The transition will occur during the base period and health care delivery will begin with the first option.

The Tricare West region retains its current contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp. Aetna Government Health Plans, Hartford, Conn., is selected for the North Region where Health Net Federal Services is the current contractor.

States included in each region and other contract information can be found at a special web page at www.tricare.mil/T3contracts. (Tricare Management Activity release)

Local supplier earns recognition

Griffon Aerospace, a Madison based small business, has been recognized by Northrop Grumman Corporation's Aerospace Sector as a 2008 Supplier of the Year.

The awards banquet took place at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel ballroom and included approximately 130 suppliers from all parts of the United States.

Griffon Aerospace and 10 other suppliers from around the country received the highest honors as a "Northrop Grumman Supplier of the Year for 2008." (Griffon Aerospace release)

■ Veteran's daughter salutes flag

Poem

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a wall,
Knowing in the spirit form they had given
me their all.

My legs they may seem shakier,
These hands are not as fast,
My spine is bent more forward,
My thoughts are not as rapid as they were in
the past.

Old Glory is our symbol of freedom in the
homeland we reside,
Whatever you become child never sit when
she goes by,
She is like my best friend that listened to me
when I cried,
Physically I cannot stand, but I still beam
with pride.

Some Soldiers may not move the same, but
have stories in their minds,

When you hear the word disables child think
how it is defined,
Lots of Soldiers like myself child have laid
down at her feet,
It is stories of Old Glory that only they can
repeat.

Never take for granted the knowledge they
possess,
From Soldiers like myself displaying rib-
bons on their chest,
Remember always Soldiers have served
under trying circumstance,
They have witnessed hardships and obsta-
cles deserving more than a second glance.

In you there is a future from the times they
fought and died,
Never let Old Glory pass that you cannot
show your pride,
Remember how they worked so hard before
there was a little you,
Always show your thankful child to bleed
red, white and blue.

Kathy E. Hooper
daughter of a veteran

Exchange service marks 114th anniversary

DALLAS — On July 25, 1895, the War Department issued General Order number 46 directing post commanders to establish an exchange at every post where practicable. As the Army & Air Force Exchange Service marks its 114th birthday this July 25, the military command's mission remains basically the same: provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Morale Welfare and Recreation programs.

As part of the anniversary celebration, AAFES is giving military shoppers the opportunity to save as much as 17 cents on a gallon of gas. From July 25 to Aug. 7, those spending \$114 or more in a single transaction at any AAFES location will receive a coupon for 14 cents off of a gallon of gas, up to 20 gallons. Shoppers who use their MILITARY STARSM card will receive an additional 3 cents savings for a total of 17 cents off. The gas coupon will be redeemable from July 25 through Sept. 6.

No matter where America's military are called to serve, AAFES continues to provide a comprehensive and customer-focused benefit. In addition to its flagship main base and post exchange facilities, AAFES operates convenience stores, car care centers, military clothing sales stores, fast food restaurants, retail concession services like flower shops and gift stores, vending, telecommunications support and a wide variety of

personal services.

Today, AAFES relies on more than 3,100 facilities in all 50 states and more than 30 countries to extend the exchange benefit to Soldiers and airmen serving in almost every corner of the globe. In fact, more than 450 AAFES associates are deployed to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, actively delivering a slice of Americana to troops through 92 retail stores, 69 phone centers and more than 235 fast food restaurants scattered throughout the region. Just like the merchants who supplied provisions to America's troops in the late 1800s, deployed AAFES associates live and work alongside the troops they serve.

"The scope, breadth and intensity of AAFES global operations demonstrates the expeditionary and mission support capabilities to 'go where you go,'" AAFES senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm said. "This commitment is at the root of our continuing effort to develop a lifelong, emotional connection with military shoppers."

Since its establishment in 1895, AAFES has been involved in 14 major contingencies (to include the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, the Balkans and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom) as well as several dozen humanitarian and disaster relief contingencies. (AAFES release)

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for July 9-15:

July 10: At the Bowling Center, a man failed to pay his bar tab and fled from the area on foot. He was soon arrested by Redstone police on Aerobee Road. He was issued violation notices for theft and trespassing.

July 10: A Soldier reported that someone stole a GPS system valued at \$200 from his truck while it was parked in the barracks area.

July 11: Post Exchange security observed a subject conceal merchandise valued at \$67 and leave the store without paying. Police responded and issued the subject a violation notice.

July 13: A door was reported damaged at the Bicentennial Chapel youth activities center.

July 14: A routine ID check at

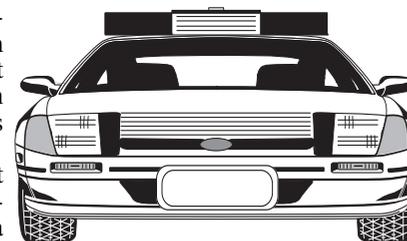
Gate 9 revealed a driver with a suspended license. An NCIC check also revealed he was wanted by Huntsville authorities on several outstanding traffic warrants. He was arrested, issued a citation for the suspended license and released to Huntsville police.

July 14: A Soldier reported her laptop computer was stolen from her desk.

July 15: A Soldier reported his vehicle was damaged while parked in the Pagano Gym parking lot.

Traffic accidents reported: two without injury, none

with injury.
Violation notices issued: 25 speeding, 1 failure to yield, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 expired tags, 1 inattentive driving, 1 no insurance, 1 open container, 1 driving with a suspended license, 1 trespassing, 1 theft of property.



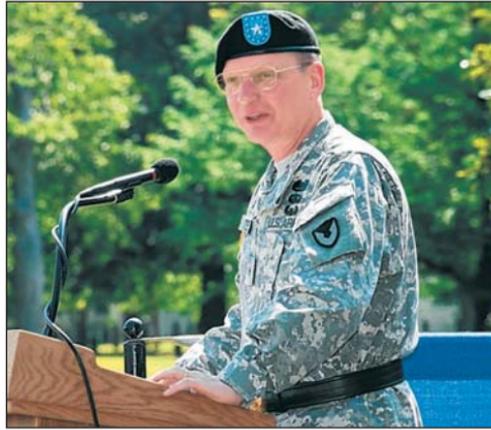
Terry relinquishes command of USASAC

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander of U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, relinquished command to his deputy, Rick Alpaugh, during a ceremony July 10 on Long Field at Fort Belvoir, Va.

USASAC will also symbolically end its eight-year stay at Fort Belvoir during a casing ceremony. The casing is only temporary, however, and the USASAC colors will again be unfurled when Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker assumes command at USASAC's new home at Redstone Arsenal.

Tucker is serving as the program manager for Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program and will assume command of USASAC in a ceremony Sept. 11 at Redstone.

Terry, a native of Pennsylvania, will return to Hawaii to command the Eighth Theater Sustainment Command and Fort Shafter. (USASAC release)



Courtesy photo

END OF ERA— Brig. Gen. Michael J. Terry speaks during the ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va., in which he relinquished command of U.S. Army Security Assistance Command.



Photo by Bill Woosley

Auto skills

Jonathan Luker, left, helps Lt. Col. Rob Hearon, the first customer to use the new alignment equipment at the Auto Skills Center on July 15. Heron also took advantage of the safety class, tire balancing and tire rotation while he was there.

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.

Changing the course of flight testing at Redstone

New facilities represent future of Army aviation

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Two new buildings on Redstone Arsenal buildings 4836 and 4838 – represent a major step toward making the Army's Aviation Test Center of Excellence a reality.

The buildings, built at the Redstone Airfield in support of the current Aviation Technical Test Center and the Program Executive Office for Aviation, were officially opened Friday with a ribbon cutting attended by about 50 employees representing ATTC, PEO for Aviation, the Aviation Engineering Directorate, Redstone Technical Test Center and the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The buildings are part of the Combined Test Team Developmental Flight Test Complex, which will eventually include a flight test hangar and other facilities.

"These buildings fundamentally allow us to change the way we do flight testing in the Army," ATTC commander Col. Chris Sullivan said. "The opportunities these buildings represent for ATTC and RTTC, for PEO Aviation and AMRDEC are tremendous. They are already doing testing here today. These buildings will allow testing to accelerate. We couldn't be more excited about the opportunities they represent and we appreciate the partnership with PEO Aviation to build them."

The buildings were made possible when Sullivan and aviation program executive officer Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby entered their organizations into an agreement to fund building construction, which cost about \$1.5 million per building. The buildings were funded as two separate laboratory revitalization projects that address separate aviation testing requirements.

"He took a risk with us," Sullivan said of Crosby.

From the PEO Aviation perspective, the buildings will provide many combined benefits for all organizations involved in aviation testing, said Rusty Weiger, deputy program executive officer for aviation.

"BRAC 2005 called for an Aviation Test Center of Excellence at Redstone Arsenal. This is the first step to getting that," Weiger said.

Referring to acreage adjacent to the buildings and the airfield, Weiger said, "Eventually, I would like to see a PEO Aviation building on the hill so that we're close to the action. There are a few PEO Aviation employees out here now. But I would like to bring all of us out here someday."

Weiger said funding for a new PEO Aviation facility at the airfield is a long way from reality. But, he said, his organization is looking into obtaining workspace in the

enhanced use lease facilities that will be built near Gate 9 and not too far from the airfield.

"It's great for our people if we can give them the opportunity to be more hands-on with the aircraft at the airfield," Weiger said.

"In conjunction with the future, BRAC-funded hangar facility, the two Combined Test Team buildings will facilitate the moves of many of those far-flung government and contractor test team personnel to our centralized flight test site here at Redstone Arsenal."

and at Fort Rucker.

"Within these two buildings, PEO personnel and aircraft manufacturers' flight test personnel will work among ATTC and AED employees so as to enhance flight test coordination and execution, to dramatically improve communications regarding airworthiness and system safety issues, and to accelerate materiel fielding," Darrow said.

"The buildings represent the realization of a powerful vision – a vision that encompasses the future of government and manufacturer combined flight testing and the future of Redstone Arsenal as the Army's central site for test management and execution."

The future of Army aviation will include several changes as the Army reorganizes its test organizations. At the end of July, ATTC will cease to exist as an Army organization. On Aug. 20, there will be a local ceremony to inactivate RTTC and activate the new provincial Redstone Test Center, which will represent a merger of ATTC and RTTC under the command of Col. Steve Kihara.

"The Department of the Army ordered the activation of the Redstone Test Center on Oct. 1, 2010," Darrow said. "We are doing that early and calling it the provincial Redstone Test Center until that official date. There is so much great synergy from doing this that we are going to get a head start for our customers, which include PEO Aviation, PEO Missiles and Space and AMRDEC."

On Aug. 21, the newly formed Redstone Test Center will break ground for the BRAC-funded flight test hangar. A total of \$46.5 million in funding has been set aside for the hangar at the airfield and the new RTC headquarters, which will be located on Martin Road just north of building 4500. The construction contract for these new facilities was signed July 15 with B.L. Harbert of Birmingham, which is currently building the Army Materiel Command facility, also on Martin Road.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CUTTING RIBBON— Col. Chris Sullivan, commander of the Aviation Technical Test Center, is joined by Rusty Weiger, deputy program executive officer for aviation, and Joe Davis, Garrison director of public works, to cut the ribbon on two buildings at the Combined Test Team Developmental Flight Test Complex at the Redstone Airfield.

The construction of buildings 4836 and 4838 was managed by the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works under the supervision of DPW director Joe Davis and project manager Scott Chapman. The construction contractor was CCI, an Alaskan native firm.

"This has been a win-win-win situation for everyone involved," Davis said. "We were able to do this under the new contract vehicle with the Department of the Army that allows us to build facilities needed to support lab testing."

"This is the first of many projects to come that will be built under the laboratory revitalization program. We're working with many labs to get new construction under way. The growth of Redstone Arsenal continues on."

ATTC is in the process of relocating all of the unit's operations to Redstone Arsenal during the next two years.

"ATTC test team personnel and aircraft will arrive here from not only Fort Rucker, but also from various other geographically dispersed test sites around the nation," said Keith Darrow, deputy commander of ATTC, who narrated the ribbon cutting.

The buildings each include 7,000 square feet of workspace for about 60 flight test support personnel. Employees are now in the process of moving into the buildings from aviation test sites around the nation

Airfield to close for renovation

The Redstone Airfield will be closed for major runway repairs at the north and south turnaround, runway surface, taxiways and ramp areas from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31. Helicopter operations are authorized during these times.

The airfield's original runway was built in 1943 at Huntsville Arsenal so that aircraft could take off and drop chemical munitions for proof testing. From 1943-44, Army bombers dropped more than 8 million pounds of chemical munitions at Huntsville Arsenal.

Testing ended and the airfield remained dormant until 1956 when Brig. Gen. Holger Toftoy became the Redstone Arsenal commander. Extensive renovations of the runway were undertaken and a control tower was

built.

Since 1956 the mission at Redstone has changed greatly with numerous large aircraft landing at the airfield – including C17, C5, AN 124 and the Space Shuttle piggy backed on a 747. The airfield was also used to support the largest cargo load that has ever been loaded on a C17.

All new traffic and larger aircraft have caused some damage to the taxiway surfaces and underlying base of the runway. Some 7,297-by-150 feet will be closed for repair. The entire runway will be updated to new and modern criteria for more and safer aircraft traffic.

For more information, call airfield operations officer Larry Marvin at 876-2188. (Garrison release)

Family support leads Soldier to recognition

Ordway winner
1st Sgt. Witt

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When Alabama Army National Guard 1st Sgt. Doug Witt received his 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award, the occasion brought back more than the memories of a 24-year military career.

It also brought to mind the family — his wife, two teenage children, and parents and grandparents — who have provided support to a part-time Soldier in times of war and national emergencies.

“My entire family has supported me in my military career,” he said. “My wife and I were dating in high school when I joined the Guard in 1985. She was there to put me on the plane to attend basic training and when I returned from my advanced individual training. We married and she’s stuck by me the whole time.”

Witt celebrated his son’s first birthday at Fort Benning, Ga., while awaiting deployment to Desert Storm. The couple added a daughter to the family after he returned from the deployment.

“My children are 17 and 19 now,” he said. “They’ve had me attend school functions over the past 12 or so years in uniform to speak or, if nothing else, to lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. They are very proud of me, they say.”

Also supporting Witt has been his father, who is a 40-year veteran of the

National Guard and a retired sergeant major. His grandfathers are veterans of foreign wars and his father-in-law is a Vietnam veteran.

“My father guided and directed me throughout my career,” Witt said. “My mother-in-law and father-in-law have stood by me and my family throughout my entire career helping with the care of my wife and kids whenever I could not be there.

“They have all stood by me and helped guide me throughout my career. My entire family has stood by me and, without their support, there’s no way I could have achieved what I have in the military. My wife and kids have been through a lot with me being gone so much over the years. But I know they are proud of me and I wouldn’t be the man or Soldier I am today without them.”

Witt is the first sergeant of the National Guard’s 200th Regiment at Fort McClellan, where he assists in the running of the regimental activities and courses for Officers Candidate School and Warrant Officers Candidate School, and a Military Police course and an Engineer course.

At the same time, he has worked since 1987 as a training technician for the 200th Regiment and its National Officer candidate course program and Warrant Officer course.

“I coordinate all training requirements for the program to include hiring of approximately 140 staff members, training ranges, buildings for housing and classrooms, ammunition, weapons, vehicles and other things,” Witt said.

As a trainer, Witt has been an integral

part of the training changes that have occurred within the Alabama National Guard since Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

“I remember some of the first annual training events that I attended. The training was low priority and had no real meaning,” he recalled. “But after Desert Storm, the Guard realized that we were as deployable as the active component.

“Most people believe that the Guard was a place to hide during Vietnam and

any military force active or other. We are well trained and diverse. Our civilian skills just add to our military backgrounds.”

Even though he is a teacher, Witt has also been a student during his time in the Guard. He has used the things he’s learned from other first sergeants to be the best first sergeant he can be.

“I have had some good first sergeants and some really bad ones,” Witt said. “I try to remember what the bad ones did or didn’t do, and do the opposite. I feel that my only goal — good or bad — is to take care of my troops. If I do that, the troops will take care of the rest for me. In the position I have as first sergeant, I am the mother, father, big brother, adviser, encourager and disciplinary person all in one for my Soldiers. But I love it.”

Witt was deployed from September 1990 to June 1991 during Desert Shield/Desert Storm as a motor sergeant for a combat forward maintenance company stationed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

“I had 22 mechanics and a couple of clerks in my company that provided maintenance on our 200-plus pieces of equipment, including approximately 200 civilian-donated vehicles,” he said.

His work for the Guard has also included national emergencies, such as the winter storm of 1993 when he was on state active duty to provide life support and assistance to Alabamians who were snowed in, out of power or needed medical attention. He has also been assigned to training in Panama, El Salvador and Germany.

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Courtesy photo

PRESENTATION— Alabama Army National Guard 1st Sgt. Doug Witt is presented the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award by David Carney of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army. The annual award recognizes an active duty, National Guard and Reserve recipient.

later conflicts. But that soon changed and now if you haven’t deployed you will and if you’ve deployed it’s only a matter of time before you deploy again. Today I would put the National Guard up against

Reservist uses military training on and off job

Ordway winner
1st Sgt. Hines

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Any way you look at it, Reserve 1st Sgt. Mickey Hines seems to be in the business of protecting the public.

If he’s not serving as the first sergeant for the 326th Chemical Company, headquartered on Patton Road, then he is working as a warrant officer for the Florence Police Department.

For more than 20 years, the two jobs have complimented each other — things learned on Reserve duty make him a better police officer, things learned as a police officer make him a better Reserve Soldier.

And that’s the way this 2009 Reserve recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award likes it.

“Both jobs require you to swear to protect, just in different ways,” he said. “The training and experience of both jobs work together to make me a better police officer and a better Soldier.”

In his job as a first sergeant, Hines oversees 187 Soldiers assigned to the 326th.

“Usually the platoon sergeants take

care of personal type problems,” he said. “But I hold formations, make sure everyone is accountable and provide pertinent information to the troops. I know my troops and they know me.”

Hines joined the military more than 28 years ago. He first joined the Alabama Army National Guard, serving in that organization for 18 years. In 1999, he decided to join the Reserves because of the opportunity it provided to be a chemical instructor.

At the same time, Hines was a police



Photo by Kari Hawkins

STANDING UP FOR TROOPS— Reserve 1st Sgt. Mickey Hines of the 326th Chemical Company is proud to be the Reserve recipient of this year’s 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award.

officer in Florence, where he has served for more than 20 years.

“I was only 17 when I joined the National Guard’s 115th Signal Battalion in Florence,” he said. “My mom wasn’t too keen about it. But she signed for me anyway.”

“My older brother was in the National Guard. He talked me into seeing a recruiter. And when I went to see the recruiter, I was signed up before I knew it. But I don’t regret any of it.”

He went to basic training between his junior and senior years in high school. It was the beginning of a military association that helped him grow up.

“It helped me mature a whole lot because it taught me about taking responsibility,” he said. “The military has definitely helped me be a better police officer, husband and father.”

Although his unit has been prepared twice for deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom, it has been stood down both times. But Hines’ son, National Guard Spc. Brandon Hines, has served in Iraq with the 203rd Engineering Battalion of Dothan. The deployment was made more difficult because Brandon Hines and his wife had a newborn baby at the time.

“My wife, Sheila, and I were concerned when he was on deployment,” Hines said. “But we weren’t worried. We

are Christians and we were completely at peace that he would come back to us.”

In many ways, his job as first sergeant is about information and communications, particularly when the question often is: Are we going to deploy?

“As a first sergeant, you have to realize that people really care about their families,” he said. “So, you have to make sure to keep them informed. You have to be honest and straightforward with them.

“We also really push to make sure our Soldiers are physically fit. We make sure they’re fed, they’re paid and they’re informed. As long as you keep those things done, they will have your back regardless of what happens.”

Although Hines has enough years of service to retire, he is not making any such plans. In fact, he is considering seeking a promotion to sergeant major.

“I will stay in until they put me out or I get tired of it or don’t like it anymore,” he said.

“Right now, I love it. I love the people. I love the training. In 28 years of the military I’ve gotten to meet and work with people from all over the world, in all walks of life, in all careers. The military is one big melting pot where people come together to make a team. It is that team that I love.”

Three-time Iraqi war vet continues to lead

Ordway winner
1st Sgt. Hamil

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Not long after being recognized as the Army's 2009 recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award, 1st Sgt. Terrence Hamil stepped up into the boots of the command sergeant major for the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

The assignment, which is temporary, was made practically overnight after Command Sgt. Maj. Willie Pullom, Hamil's mentor and the senior ranking Soldier who nominated him for the Ordway award, was suddenly called for duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom. A replacement for Pullom will report for duty in August or September.

Until then, Hamil sees his acting role as an opportunity to test his leadership skills in one of the Army's most commanding jobs.

"This is the craziest thing in the world that's happened," said Hamil, a three-time Iraqi war veteran and a two-time Bronze Star recipient.

"To assume the responsibilities of command sergeant major, although only for a short while, is a chance for me to try my abilities at the job. I was the most senior ranking first sergeant, so the job came to me. This is all very new to me. It's an honor to try to fill the place of a command sergeant major like CSM Pullom. I just hope I do the kind of job he expects me to do."

Hamil's abilities as a first sergeant have become well known on Redstone Arsenal since he was assigned to the 832nd Ordnance Battalion in November 2007. He first served as the first sergeant for Headquarters & Alpha Company. In December 2008, he was put in charge as first sergeant of Bravo Company. The assignments gave him an opportunity to familiarize himself with the operations of the battalion, and its Soldiers and their families.

"As a first sergeant, there's tons of stuff that you do for your Soldiers and the families of Soldiers," Hamil said. "You make sure you have your finger on the pulse of the company. You have to be fair and impartial with rewards and punishments, and you lead by a positive example. It's a multi-functional role where you juggle several administrative tasks at the same time."

Hamil was selected as the Army's recipient of the annual 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award after being nomi-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SETTING EXAMPLE— The 832nd Ordnance Battalion's 1st Sgt. Terrence Hamil (who is also the battalion's acting command sergeant major) is an example of the kind of leader the Army has developed during a 22-year-career that has included three deployments to Iraq. He recently was the Army's recipient of the 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Award presented annually by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

nated by Pullom. He received the award, along with the Reserve's 1st Sgt. Mickey Hines and the National Guard's 1st Sgt. Doug Witt, during an awards ceremony at the Army Birthday Dinner on June 9. Both the dinner and the award program is part of the activities of the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

As a first sergeant for the 832nd, Hamil has insisted that his Soldiers and their families participate in the Army Family Team Building program, and that they become aware of the support programs the Army offers its Soldiers and families.

"A Soldier comes in here as a student. They are usually new to the Army and so are their families," Hamil said. "A lot of times the younger Soldier and his wife have a hard time communicating because the Army language is different from civilian language."

"Army Family Team Building is offered to us through Army Community Service. It provides a classroom environment where the wife learns to understand Army acronyms and the different Army language. The Soldier attends the class with his wife. This class is good for the family because they both become more knowledgeable about how the Army works and, plus, togetherness is a good thing for them both. It's about fostering a good relationship between the Soldier and his spouse and the Army and the Army family."

It's not difficult for Hamil to pinpoint which Soldiers need access to the program.

"When they are in-processing I ask them 'Are you married? Are your family members here?'" said Hamil, who is very direct and frank in his approach to his Soldiers. "And, if they are, I tell them I'd like them to take this class."

As acting command sergeant major for a battalion of about 850 Soldiers, Hamil's leadership responsibilities have increased and include the battalion's entire Soldier population. When new Soldiers are in-processed, which usually occurs on Mondays of each week, Hamil reviews several topics with them, including safety, professionalism, discipline, pride, physical training, accountability, equal opportunity and family. He carries an outline of these topics on a 3-by-5 card in a system of index cards that help him stay organized and prepared.

"This job is on a tremendous scale," he said. "It takes a career to make a sergeant major. Command Sgt. Maj. Pullom was a great player who taught me and mentored me and showed me what right was all about. He had a very professional leadership style that allowed me to foster a tremendous amount of learning. It is a very humbling experience when you sit in the chair of a team player like Command Sgt. Maj. Pullom."

There are many who probably think the

same of Hamil, who endured the dangers of serving his country in Iraq during three tours. Hamil joined the Army in 1987, after one semester of college in Oklahoma.

"I grew up on a farm," he said. "I realized I wasn't ready for college and I didn't want to stay in a small town in Oklahoma. I was 19 when I signed up. But, even though I was of age, I asked my father's permission to join the Army. My dad is a very important person in my life."

And the Army turned out to be one of the best things that happened to Hamil, second only to his marriage to his wife, Lorraine.

"The neatest thing in the whole world is that I was awarded the 1st Sgt. John Ordway award the year after (now retired) 1st Sgt. Paul Grosch received it," he said. "I want to borrow the words 1st Sgt. Grosch said about the Army. He said 'I don't know when I joined up if the Army needed me, but I know I needed the Army.' That hit home to me. That's exactly right. That's perfect for me, too."

Hamil joined the Army as a radio signal (communications) Soldier, a military occupational specialty that was reorganized as an Ordnance MOS in the mid-1990s. His career began with the 440th Signal Battalion at Darmstadt, Germany (where, some 20 years later, he would serve again as a first sergeant).

Hamil first deployed in 1991 with the 3rd-502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. He served on the front lines of Desert Storm/Desert Shield, where he provided radio communications.

"I was a specialist and I didn't know anything. I knew how to repair radios, but I didn't know a lot about infantry stuff," Hamil recalled. "I was part of the flanking movement on the back side of Kuwait. We marched up from Saudi Arabia into Iraq and were 50 or 60 miles for Baghdad before they told us to stop and come back."

During that deployment, Hamil discovered what makes a Soldier.

"It was tough. We got involved in a couple of engagements," he said. "We lived nine months out of our ruck sacks. We had to build our own showers, tents, cots, everything and we had to carry it all with us. We road marched for the first couple of months. We were tickled to death

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Corpus Christi launches beefed-up Black Hawk

Depot upgrades helicopter delivered to National Guard

By ED MICKLEY

Corpus Christi public affairs officer

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Beefier Black Hawks will soon support troops on the ground thanks to the skilled artisans at the Corpus Christi Army Depot. The first UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter recapitalized and upgraded to UH-60L rolled out of the depot and into the hands of Soldiers June 26.

The unprecedented UH-60 ‘A’ to ‘L’ modification increases the Black Hawks’ mission lift, range and load capacity necessary to support war fighters at a time when air support is critical.

“The Sikorsky, Program Executive Office for Aviation and CCAD teams worked in very close coordination over the past several months to make this milestone event a reality,” Lt. Col. Bert Vergez, product manager for UH-60A/L/M, said.

Designed to provide for infantry squad delivery anywhere on the battlefield, the Black Hawk is the Army’s utility helicopter of choice. Contributing approximately 2.4 million flight hours since 2003, it is the primary air platform used by commanders to initiate, sustain and conduct combat operations and can deliver arms, troops and supplies at a moment’s notice.

“Thanks to the ‘can do spirit’ of the CCAD work force and management team, this Black Hawk will join the fight against our country’s enemies as the pivotal aviation combat multiplier for the Army’s overseas contingency operations,” Vergez said.

The program, known as recapitalization, or “recap” for short, is part of the Army’s ever present effort to reduce platform sustainment costs and contain the expense of replacing aging helicopters with new ones.

Overhauling and upgrading structural, engine and airframe components allows Army aviation to realize an asset that is equal to or better than a new one.

This Black Hawk was handed over to Company A, 3-238th Combat Support Aviation Battalion of the Delaware National Guard.

“It’s a great thing to do something for our war fighters with the great team that we have,” Corpus Christi commander Col. Joe Dunaway said. “We’re able to provide them with the product they absolutely need to be successful.”

Performance increases include enhanced capability for lift and Medevac operations, sling load missions, increased range and more power for contingency operations and improves all critical areas of reliability and maintainability, adding more than 10 years of useful service life.

“Knowing that you can hand that log-book off to the crew,” said Dunaway, “is

like handing off a piece of this team, it makes us very proud.”

Many recapitalized aircraft delivered to

the Army National Guard subsequently deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo by Ed Mickley

PRE-FLIGHT CHECKUP— Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jay Falkenburg, co-pilot, pre-flights the first production UH-60L Black Hawk to roll out of the Corpus Christi Army Depot, prior to the crew from Company A, 3-238th Combat Aviation Support Battalion, Delaware National Guard, flying the Black Hawk to their home base.

Recruits get taste of future life in Marine Corps

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also their recruiters and a few Marines serving at Kilo Battery. One of those Marines was Pfc. Dustin Mirandy, a graduate of Lee High School who joined the service after college and a stint as a school tutor and camp counselor for disadvantaged youth.

"I joined at the age of 24," he said. "I was a late bloomer. But I love it.

"I joined because I wanted to make a change. I wanted a challenge. I didn't feel disciplined enough. I wanted to make my parents proud. I wanted to earn the right to be a U.S. Marine."

Mirandy was an athlete in high school, participating in the football, track, baseball and basketball programs. But, after college, his 6-foot-6 frame was out of shape and he weighed 301. He lost 56 pounds following the Marine Corps physical training regimen before he joined up and then lost another 24 in boot camp. Today, he weighs 229.

"Working out with the Marines takes willpower. You've got to want it," he said.

Mirandy was at Kilo Battery for the recruit event during a temporary recruiting assignment in the area. He is stationed at 29 Palms in California, where he is awaiting an assignment for training in the field wireman military occupational specialty.

The recruiting event was just one step toward the making of future Marines, he said.

"I hope these recruits are starting to learn military discipline," he said. "And, of course, they are getting into better shape. The whole goal is to prepare them mentally and physically for boot camp. The more we work them out and the more heart they put into it, the better off they are going to be at basic training, where phys-

ical training is 24/7."

Mirandy said he hopes the Marines become as important to the new recruits as it has become to him.

"I earned this title," he said, pointing to his Marine uniform. "No one can take it away from me. It has given me an unbelievable sense of pride."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FACES OF FUTURE— Many of the recruits participating in the Marine Corps Poolie event July 11 are recent high school graduates. Some left for boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., on July 12 while others will leave in the next few months.

■ Oklahoma native Hamil finds home in Army

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when we got vehicles. I learned a lot and that experience helped me when I went back two more times as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.”

He earned his first Bronze Star while serving in Iraq from March 2002 to July 2003 as the senior most enlisted Soldier from the 1st Infantry Division attached to the 173rd Airborne.

“I went from a specialist that didn’t know anything to a sergeant first class. In Operation Iraqi Freedom, I knew exactly what was going on,” he said. “I commanded 22 Soldiers of the Combat Services Support Force Integration Module. We served in Baghdad and in places like Irbil, Mosul, Tikrit and Kirkuk during our 15-month tour.”

The unit provided logistical support to the entire northern combat area of operations.

“That was the hardest and toughest job I’ve had in my entire career. The 22 of us selected for the CSSFIM were not all from the same unit, but we became a logistical asset to the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Whatever they needed, we had to work the system to get it in a war environment,” he said.

Hamil’s third tour was from October

2005-06 in Baghdad, where he was assigned to the HH & Company, 22nd Signal Brigade, as the non-commissioned officer in charge of providing electronic maintenance and force protection for the brigade.

“During that time, we found Saddam Hussein, and he was tried and convicted and hung,” Hamil said. “There was a lot of responsibility with force protection. We provided guards for people like the lawyers involved in the case.”

During that tour, Hamil was awarded his second Bronze Star. He also sustained a minor injury during a helicopter flight that caused him to be re-assigned to Garrison in Darmstadt. Then, he was assigned to Redstone Arsenal, where he and his wife and their three children – Gabriel, 15, Erica, 14, and Ryan, 8 – have made a home.

The Army has been a blessing to Hamil, something he hopes to share with other Soldiers who come under his command as either a first sergeant or a command sergeant major.

“This is more and more a family focused organization,” Hamil said of the Army. “It’s important to get Soldiers to understand that the Army really cares. We’re in the people business. And, for a first sergeant, the most important thing is taking care of their Soldiers and the families that support them. If it wasn’t for my wife, there is no possible way I could be a Soldier.”

■ Witt proud of his service in National Guard

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Witt is making plans to attend the Sergeants Major Academy and will apply for the Fort McClellan post sergeant major position, which is open due to a retirement.

But, no matter where his service as a Guard Soldier takes him, Witt is proud to have served and is grateful for the experiences it has given him.

“I have always felt the military is a great experience for all young men and women after high school, even if only for a four-year enlistment,” he said. “We teach skills, ethics, morals, responsibility and accountability, and are a source of income and college assistance. For some, we are an actual career.

“I know the military’s not for everyone as a career but it is a great way to start your adult life and future. If you apply yourself and give the military a chance, there are many opportunities and rewards for you to serve your country, state and family, whether in the active military, Guard or Reserves.”

Soldiers support filming of Transformers sequel

Infantry members from Fort Bliss participate with Army vehicles

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WASHINGTON — Soldiers are saving the world against alien attacks — or at least they are helping in the new movie “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.”

About 20 Soldiers from the 5th Brigade, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas, traveled to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., last fall for two and a half weeks to help director Michael Bay with the battle scenes for the film which opened June 24.

1st Lt. John Auger and Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Buettner were in charge of Soldiers supporting the movie from the unit which has served as the Army Evaluation Task Force for Future Combat Systems. Auger and Buettner also coordinated equipment and tasking details for the Army’s support of the film.

“It was dumb luck,” said Buettner about being selected to help with the movie.

And Auger echoed similar sentiments, “Luck of the draw being the tank platoon leader.”

Film liaison officer Lt. Col. Gregory Bishop of Army Public Affairs-West was in charge of ensuring the depiction of Soldiers in the movie was accurate. In addition to behind-the-scenes advice, the Army provided two M-1 Abrams tanks and two Bradleys from Fort Bliss, a Humvee, an M-113 armored personnel carrier, and arranged live-fire shots that were used in the film.

The film also included a Black Hawk helicopter and Apache helicopter from the

Pennsylvania National Guard, a Black Hawk from the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, a CH-47 Chinook from the Nevada National Guard, and a Multiple Launch Rocket System from White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

“Ever since I was a kid, I watched the Transformers cartoon,” Buettner said. “To be able to grow up, watch the first movie and be a part of the creation of the second movie was awesome.”

The Transformers sequel picks up with the Decepticons making their return to

ber one, has grossed nearly \$340 million since opening and has had 66 million viewers worldwide.

“That’s a lot of people watching a film that positively depicts the Army,” Bishop said. Not only does the movie depict the Army, but it features real Soldiers in a few of the scenes, as well.

Soldiers operate the Army vehicles in the film, and charge out of the APCs. Auger and Buettner at first gave direction to the drivers of the tracked vehicles via radio behind the scenes. But they did it so

said “Yep, you’ve got good eyes — get out there, lieutenant!”

Auger, who has not yet seen the movie due to his son’s birth July 1, was reluctant to the idea at first.

“Acting is not really my thing, but it’s definitely a unique experience that I will have forever,” he said. “I just hope I look good.”

Bishop, Auger and Buettner spent 12 and 13 hours on set per day filming scenes. Mostly they stood by Bay and the crew radioing orders to the Soldiers on the set.

“It was a lot of hurry up and wait,” Auger said.

In the end, all of the waiting paid off.

“It was an interesting and fun experience to be a part of it. It’s really cool to be able to see the movie and realize how we witnessed the filming of the scenes,” Buettner said.

The Soldiers had other perks to filming, aside from coordinating machinery.

“To be able to watch Megan Fox was a big deal for a lot of the guys,” Auger said. “The actors, mainly Duhamel and Tyrese, thanked us for what we do for the country. It was very humbling from our perspective. To have these famous people appreciate us was a very heartfelt thing.”

The Soldiers also allowed the assistant directors to ride in the tanks and see the equipment up close and personal. “The assistant directors really got a kick out of that,” Auger said.

All in all, the movie has proven to be a success in the box office and with Army objectives.

Bishop said of the experience, “It was one of the largest joint films made with the military; it is a great film and the Soldiers had a lot of fun doing it.”



Courtesy photo

LIVE ACTION— This is a battle scene from “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen” in which Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division operate the tracked vehicles.

Earth. Josh Duhamel and Tyrese Gibson returned to portray Cpt. Lennox and Sgt. Epps. Shia LeBoeuf and Megan Fox also came back to the big screen.

The movie is currently at number three in the box-office charts. It debuted at num-

ber one, has grossed nearly \$340 million since opening and has had 66 million viewers worldwide.

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Fun alternatives offered at Redstone summer camps

Children's programs have plenty to do

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Balancing a parent's need to find a safe place for their child during the summer with a kid's desire for fun can be tricky. The Child Youth and School Services summer camp programs have managed to keep everyone happy while school is out.

Programs at the Youth Center and School Age Services give parents peace of mind for the weeks between school years. They kicked off the week following the end of the Huntsville city school term and will conclude during the first week of August. They have offered the two age groups different ways to pass the time safely and happily.

Kids in elementary school, from kindergarten to fifth-grade, attend the day camps at the new Myra Garriott School Age Services building, which opened in April. Camp goes until 5 p.m. each day. Inside the spacious facility, kids got to choose how they want to spend their summer.

"Every three weeks they sign up for a different track," facility director Mary Washington said. "There are eight tracks. They have music, arts and crafts, sports and fitness, reading and language arts, sci-

ence and nature, technology, hiking and walking, and the techno room has video games."

After lunch, children complete their time in their chosen track before moving on to the next part of their day – clubs of their choosing. Eight clubs offer kids a chance to learn more about their areas of interest. Some, like technology club, pick up where the tracks leave off. Others, such as rocketry, offer new areas to explore.

Of course, all kids love field trips. To make the group of 100-150 kids more manageable, they are divided into two age groups: 5 to 8, and 9 and up. Every week, both groups rotate to visit on-post activities like the pools and bowling center. Trips off post rotate on a biweekly basis.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

RACK 'EM— Matthew Thompson practices a bank shot at the Youth Center.

Kids from the camp have been to area attractions like the Chattanooga Aquarium and Birmingham's McWane Science Center.

"They're educational," Washington said. "But they're fun, too. Field trip days are a big hit here."

Unlike traditional daycare programs off post, the SAS summer camp prides itself on its flexibility. Parents can pick and choose which weeks their kids will attend. That means that they pay only for the time they actually need.

"In daycare you have to pay for every week to hold your space," Washington said. "We let parents choose which weeks they want. That way they can plan their vacations and not have to pay for a week they know their child is not going to be here."

Middle and high school students don't really need a babysitter and often resent any implication that they do. For them, the Youth Center summer program offers an alternative to sitting at home alone while their parents are at work.

"It's not childcare," Youth Center director Scott Shuffler said. "It is an alternative to sitting at home, but we look at it as more of an investment in the future."

From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday, the Youth Center gives teens a place to have fun, socialize and explore their interests in a less structured way. In between the provided breakfast and lunch, they have their choice of activities in the center's gym, computer lab and art room. They can watch a movie from the center's library, curl up with a book in the new furnishings, practice the piano in a sound-proof room, play a game or just hang out with their friends. Tutoring and sports are also available.

"We want to provide programs that help the kids do well in things they want to do better in, whether that's tutoring or getting involved in a sports league," Shuffler said. "If they have something they do well, we want to help them do better."

They have also enjoyed weekly field trips. The off-post offerings have included the Huntsville Museum of Art, Decatur's Point Mallard Water Park and the Birmingham Zoo.

"Sometimes they just go bowling or swimming on post," Shuffler said. "They go to movies. They have a great time."

Shuffler said many kids who get into trouble were just looking for something to do. Programs like the Youth Center camp give them a safe place to have fun. They have the supervision they need coupled with the independence they want. The combination has been a hit.

"We bring them into a positive, supervised atmosphere with adults who care about them. They're responding to it. We have record numbers," Shuffler said. "It's my understanding that we have almost double the number of kids than in previous years."

Now that summer is winding down, both facilities are gearing up for back to school. School Age Services offers both before and after school care, with busing to and from local schools for kids. The

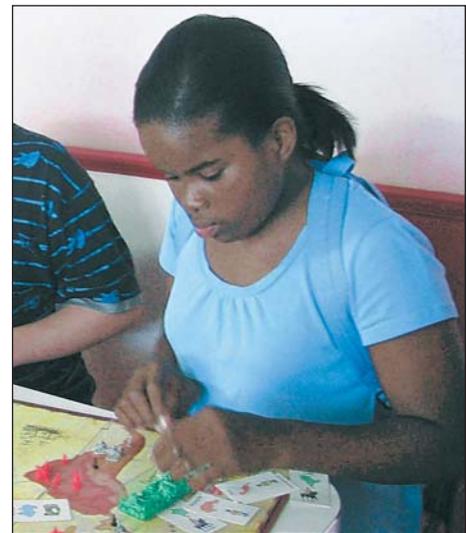


Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

RISK TAKER— Ashley Armstrong prepares to invade South America during a game of "Risk" at the Youth Center.

Youth Center is in the midst of negotiations to provide after school busing to their facility as well so that teens can come directly to the center until their parents are home.

"We're looking to take the programs that kids are interested in and expand them during the after school program," Shuffler said.

For more information on programs at either facility or to enroll a child, call Child Youth and School Services central enrollment and registration at 876-3704 or visit their office in building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Drive.



Courtesy photo

Superior service

Edgar Dalrymple, FCS associate director for software engineering, Software Engineering Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, receives the Superior Civilian Service Award and FCS Coin from Maj. Gen. John Bartley, program manager for Future Combat System. The ceremony was held July 15 in Warren, Mich. After serving seven years in his current position, Dalrymple has accepted a Senior Service College Fellowship at the Defense Acquisition University, Huntsville Campus.

Speeding up the learning curve for new employees

SMDC/ARSTRAT center does guidebook for hires

By DEBORAH ERHART

SMDC/ARSTRAT public affairs

The administrative lag-time in getting new government employees up to speed and fully operational has often been a barrier to productivity. Some of these issues were resolved with a Lean Six Sigma project launched July 13.

“We’ve instituted a SharePoint website



Photo by Deborah Erhart

SMART PROGRAM— Angela Jones, Lean Six Sigma program manager and SMDC/ARSTRAT Future Warfare Center deployment director, outlines the history of the smartbook program for Larry Burger, director of SMDC/ARSTRAT Future Warfare Center.

repository, utilizing screen captures, which provides a how-to guide to assist with the in-processing requirements of new employees,” said Angela Jones, LSS program manager and deployment director at the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Future Warfare Center.

“As new employees ‘bump around’ looking for support, USASMDC/ARSTRAT FWC needed to cut the time it takes to bring a new employee up to speed,” Jones said.

Kara Pleasant, a co-op and LSS greenbelt at the SMDC/ARSTRAT FWC operations division, said new hires were often waiting four months to be fully up and running with all the administrative requirements needed even to do things as simple as get access to the computer.

“We found that as seasoned administrative people left, they took their in-processing knowledge with them. This left incoming new employees with no subject matter experts to provide guidance on the administrative requirements that they needed to accomplish in order to do their job,” Pleasant added. “We’ve got sections in our smartbook guide on getting your Combined Access Card, AKO accounts, badges, Defense Travel System, time and attendance procedures and more. New hires now have one central resource to consult, which has dramatically decreased the learning curve. In-processing time has been cut in half.”

An additional hard copy of the guide

will be available for those still waiting for computer access. The smartbook is carefully geared to both contractor and civil service personnel, and takes into account slight variations in the in-processing for the different types of employees.

The team will tweak the guide as it becomes fully functional and meet monthly for the next six months to monitor progress.

“Our administrative personnel will be maintaining the site, updating it and sharing it,” said Simone Caldwell-Philson, LSS greenbelt and executive officer and program analyst, SMDC/ARSTRAT FWC operations division. “If any steps in employee in-processing change, information will need to be updated so our new employees are up and running as soon as possible.”

Philson emphasized that the smartbook is only as good as those who contribute to and maintain it.

“The LSS team who put this in place will support and guide the new users, and after six months, it is theirs to maintain,” Philson said.

Larry Burger, director of SMDC/ARSTRAT Future Warfare Center, commended the team on the program implementation.

“This is a very important step today. We are moving a program forward and adopting it as our way of doing business,” Burger said. “This is our way of making things more efficient so that we can provide more direct benefits. It is all about doing more with less.”

Future Force UAS has leadership change

The reigns of leadership for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Future Force product office were turned over to Lt. Col. Matthew Munster from Lt. Col. Winfield Keller on June 22.

During the ceremony, UAS project manager Col. Gregory Gonzalez thanked Keller for his dedication and intelligent leadership. He also welcomed Munster and stated that he didn’t think he could find a more perfectly suited individual to assume the responsibilities of Future Force.

Munster previously served as the Department of Army system coordinator in the Future Combat System program. The mission of the Future Force UAS will provide significantly enhanced networked capabilities to the war fighter. (UAS release)



Lt. Col. Matthew Munster

All-Army triathlon athlete returns to top form

Eakin overcomes injury, prepares for Ironman

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Staff Sgt. Tina Eakin thought her triathlon career was over when she shattered her left ankle while making her first jump in August 2007 at Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

The renowned athlete had surgery and was on crutches for 10-12 weeks. She started running in water in 12-15 weeks and moved to the treadmill that December. She ran a 5K that Christmas at Camp Humphries, Korea.

Now back at Redstone, her triathlon career has taken off again.

Eakin was selected for the All-Army Ironman team which will compete Oct. 10 at the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii. She and Maj. Christopher Bachl of Presidio of Monterey, Calif., will represent the Army against the other military services.

"It's like the World Series in baseball or the Super Bowl in football. It's the best of the best," said Eakin, an instructor with HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade and a squad

leader with the 832nd Ordnance Battalion. "I was actually selected last year but I came down with a stress fracture in my toe three weeks before the race so I had to back out. I feel fortunate I was given the opportunity to apply again. And I feel honored that I represent the Army and Redstone Arsenal."

Eakin, 38, has done four Ironman triathlons which include a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and marathon run (26.2 miles). She was the top female military finisher at Kona in 2001 and 2002; and she did New Zealand in 2001 and Australia in 2002. Her last Ironman was Oct. 6, 2002 at Kona. Eakin's best time was her 10-hour, 12-minute finish in April 2002 in Australia.

She represented the Navy in 2001-02 at Kona and was named the Navy's female athlete of the year in 2002. She served in the Navy from October 1992 until March 2007 when she switched to the Army.

After taking the Warrior Transition Course at White Sands, N.M., Eakin first arrived at Redstone in April 2007. She graduated that July from the Ammunition Specialist course and then left for Airborne School the following month at Fort Benning.

"I was in the third week, the jump week, first jump," Eakin recalled of her airborne mishap. "The jump went bad. I

looked down. My ankle was shattered. I was devastated. I have a rod and screws in there right now."

She was originally scheduled to go on to Camp Ederle, Italy with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. But since she wasn't airborne-qualified, the Army sent her instead to Korea in November 2007. She won several races in Korea in 2008 and was the second female finisher in a half-Ironman. Eakin returned to Redstone in December 2008. She has run about six races this year – including finishing as first female in a 15K in Columbia, Tenn., in 1:13, first female in a off-road duathlon (5K run/9-mile bike/5K run) and first female at a triathlon in Memphis (1,500-meter swim/30K bike/10K run).

Eakin was the fifth female finisher in 2:16 at the Armed Forces Championship in May in Point Magu, Calif., which included a 1,500-meter swim, 40K bike and 10K run.

Her typical training week includes 160-180 miles total on the bicycle, 4-5 miles swimming and 25-30 miles running. She

hopes to increase her mileage in preparation for the Ironman.

The Houghton, Mich., native takes classes at night at the Columbia College extension in pursuit of an associate degree in business administration. She has more than 17 years military service and plans to retire with 20.

"Career-wise, my goal is my bachelor's degree, so when I get out I can be marketable," Eakin said. "To attend the Basic NCO Course for professional growth, and continue working on those qualifications to better myself as an instructor. Athletically, just continue to race and continue to do my best.

"I appreciate the support my commands (both the 832nd and HHC 59th) have been giving me. They've been very supportive," she said. "In relation to my ankle injury, I'm just glad I can run again. Never give up. It's amazing what the human body can go through."

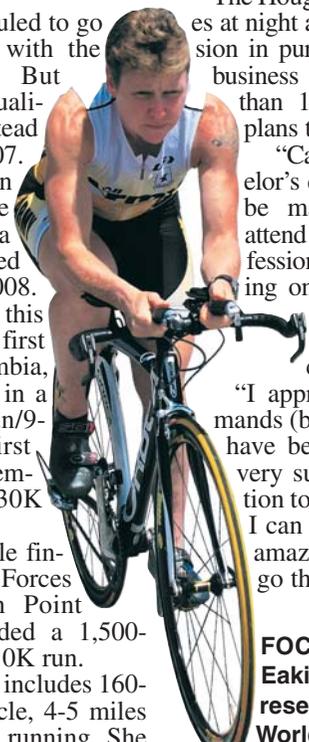


Photo by Skip Vaughn
FOCUSED— Staff Sgt. Tina Eakin of HHC 59th trains to represent the Army at the Ironman World Championship.

Army astronaut has real ball at Turner Field

Atlanta native addresses crowd at Braves game

By DOTTIE WHITE
 SMDC/ARSTRAT public affairs

ATLANTA — Atlanta native and Army astronaut Shane Kimbrough was honored at the Atlanta Braves baseball game June 26 at Turner Field.

After meeting many players and coaches, speaking to the crowd and sign-

ing autographs for the fans, Kimbrough and his son Zack announced for the players to "play ball."

Kimbrough joined the NASA team at the Johnson Space Center in September 2000. He was selected as an astronaut candidate in 2004. Kimbrough completed his first space flight in November 2008 aboard STS-126 Endeavour, logging a total of 15 days, 20 hours, 29 minutes and 37 seconds in space, and 12 hours and 52 minutes of extravehicular activity in two space walks.

Kimbrough flew Braves third baseman Chipper Jones' jersey into space during his mission. On his trip to Turner Field, he presented the jersey back to Jones.

The Boston Red Sox won the game 4-1.



Photo by Dottie White
GUEST CELEBRITY— Army astronaut Shane Kimbrough signs autographs for baseball fans prior to the June 26 Braves-Red Sox game at Turner Field in Atlanta.

Ledbetter law helps ensure equal pay for women

Alabamian's legal battle led to new legislation

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Lilly Ledbetter just wanted to retire quietly from Goodyear of Gadsden. But when she got an anonymous note comparing her pay to that of her male co-workers, she was outraged.

The Alabama grandmother waged an 11-year court battle against Goodyear which ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court. President Obama signed the Lilly



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SERVICE AWARD— James Foster, vice president of the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government, receives the chapter's Distinguished Service Award from president Mary Peoples during Thursday's luncheon.

Ledbetter Fair Pay Act shortly after he took office.

"I wasn't seeking fame, or looking to become a household name. I just wanted fairness," Ledbetter said at Thursday's luncheon of the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government.

She just wanted equal pay for equal work, the same compensation received by her male co-workers. And she wanted all women in the work force to receive the same fairness.

"I held up my end of the bargain. My employer, on the other hand, did not," she said.

Ledbetter's journey began in 1979 when Goodyear hired her as a supervisor at its tire plant in Gadsden. She worked there 19 years and was recognized in 1996 with a top performance award. But an anonymous note in her mailbox at work in early 1998 changed her life forever. It showed that she made less than three men doing the same job. She filed suit in 1998, hired a lawyer in 1999 and won a jury judgment awarding her back pay and more than \$3.2 million in punitive damages.

"To me it was never about the money," Ledbetter said. "It's about what's right."

Goodyear appealed and the case ended up in the Supreme Court. In May 2007, the Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 decision, Ledbetter vs. Goodyear, which reversed the lower court's ruling. The highest court in the land ruled that since Ledbetter had not filed her charge of pay discrimination within 180 days of her employer's initial decision to pay her less,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FACE OF PAY EQUITY— Alabama native Lilly Ledbetter speaks at a luncheon last Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act shortly after taking office.

she could not receive any relief.

But Ledbetter didn't even know her pay situation until she received the anonymous note. By its ruling, the Supreme Court essentially stripped Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of much of its potency.

"They basically changed the law," Ledbetter said. "They changed it when they did that interpretation."

She didn't give up the fight. "I refused to take this unjust ruling lying down," she said.

On July 31, 2007, the House passed

resolution 2831, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. And the newly elected president signed it shortly after he took office. This bill simply restores the longstanding interpretation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

"Laws I know are made to be interpreted. They are not made to be changed – not by the Supreme Court," Ledbetter said. "That's not their job."

Speaking to about 40 luncheon attendees at the Officers and Civilians Club, she said "the fight's not over." She encouraged support for the paycheck fairness act, which she called the logical next step to combat pay discrimination. The bill is in the Senate and she said she doesn't know when it will come up for a vote.

BIG chapter president Mary Peoples praised Ledbetter for her inspirational speech. "That was awe-inspiring," Peoples said. "It takes courage to go 11 years."

Ledbetter, 71, a Calhoun County native, resides in Jacksonville, Ala. Her husband of 53 years, Charles, a retired National Guardsman, died last December at age 73 after a massive heart attack. She has a son residing in Anniston, a daughter in Birmingham and four grandchildren.

The Blacks In Government chapter presented its Distinguished Service Award to vice president James Foster. The chapter's Thurgood Marshall Award went to State Rep. Laura Hall.

Annual workshop focuses on logistics tools

By ROBERT SALINAS
Logistics Support Activity

The Life Cycle Logistics Tools Workshop and User Group has announced the dates for the 2010 event. The workshop will once again be held in Huntsville on March 11-13 but is moving to the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. The event will once again be sponsored by the Logistics Support Activity and the Council of Engineering Professionals.

Next year's workshop follows on the heels of a successful event May 12-14 at the downtown Holiday Inn. Some 340

attendees gathered to learn about LOGSA's Lifecycle Logistics tools and current product users provided feedback on the various LOGSA tools.

As well as seminars and discussions on LOGSA's Life Cycle Logistics Tools, several keynote speakers provided the assembled logistics customer base with additional information on how these tools are being used or how they are planned to be used throughout the Army and with industry.

Keynote speakers included retired Lt. Gen. Roy Beauchamp and the program executive officer for aviation Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby.

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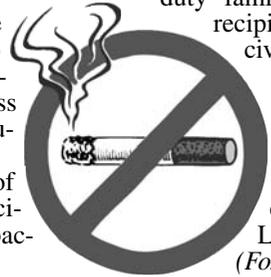
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Officials won't ban tobacco for deployed troops

By **DONNA MILES**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has made it clear he does not plan to restrict tobacco use among troops in war zones, the Pentagon's press secretary said July 15.

Gates has yet to see a report commissioned by the Defense Department that proposes a ban on smoking in the military, Geoff Morrell said.

The National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine completed the study last month, which reportedly recommends strict controls to limit new users from entering the military and to curtail use among those already serving.

The secretary is likely to consider some of the report's recommendations, but none that ban tobacco use among deployed forces, Morrell said.

“(Gates) has been very clear to me up front that one of the things he is not prepared to do is to restrict use of tobacco products in combat zones,” he said.

“We are fighting two wars right now using a force that we are demanding more of than we ever have before,” Morrell said. “They are under enormous stress and strain, and the secretary does not want to compound that stress by taking away one of the few outlets they may have to relieve that stress.”

The secretary shares the concerns of those who prepared the report about the health and well-being of the force and understands the administration's goal of a smoke-free America, Morrell said.

“Obviously, it is not our preference to have a force that is using tobacco products,” he said.

Morrell noted the enormous cost to the department in terms of health care. “By some estimates, it costs us nearly a billion dollars a year in tobacco-related health problems,” he said.

Dille becomes Garrison logistics director

By **MARTINA KAIWI**
For the Rocket

The Garrison's director of logistics is like the man behind the curtain, working backstage to make sure the production of Redstone Arsenal runs smoothly.

Mark Dille is the new guy pulling the strings.

He worked as a contractor in Huntsville before recently beginning his civil service career. He served 28 years as a Soldier before retiring in 2001.

“We are a different kind of people,” Dille of the military. “The military forces you to become social with others around. Whether it be your new neighbors, or a boss you can't stand. The Army teaches you discipline to get the task done. If you have the will, the Army will give you the skill.”

Dille, 59, has 35 years of experience that have prepared him for the Directorate of Logistics. All of his logistics training has come from the Army.

DOL's main function is to support all Garrison tenants. It provides supplies, ammunition, property, maintenance, transportation, and even moving vans for incoming or departing Redstone families.

“One of the great things about this organization is the experience of the work force,” Dille said of his 250-member directorate.

He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren.



Photo by Martina Kaiwi
BEHIND THE SCENES—
Mark Dille leads the 250-member Directorate of Logistics.

NASA softball all-stars soar over troops again

Marshall team triumphs for second straight year

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The NASA softball all-stars picked up where they left off last year against the Redstone team.

They hit the ball and they ran the bases. And the Redstone all-stars couldn't catch up.

NASA beat Redstone 16-6 on Thursday at Linton Field for its second straight win in the sixth annual game. The troops lead 4-2 all time.

"Just good defense and clutch hitting this time," NASA coach Victor Pritchett said. "We kept hitting till the end."

NASA scored four runs in the top of the first inning and never trailed. The Marshall Space Flight Center all-stars led 7-2 after three, 10-6 after five and outscored the troops 6-0 in the final two innings.

"We played solid 'D,'" winning pitcher Paul Prichard said. "Everybody just came out excited about this game. We were looking forward to continuing our streak."

Prichard helped himself at the plate by going 2-for-4 with a double, three RBIs and a run scored. Neil White went 4-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs. Tony Fiorucci, Miller Rock and Nick Benjamin had three hits apiece.

"We came out and played as a team," said Benjamin, the speedy right center. "We hit the ball well."

NASA outhit the troops 21-13.

Anthony Rusnak, Chris Cole and Elton "Gator" Grissom had two hits apiece for Redstone. Cole had two RBIs and Grissom one. Grissom took the loss on the

mound.

"I think they (NASA) have a big advantage because their season's still going on," Redstone player/coach Travis Roop said. "We've been off for three weeks. They're in the middle of their season."

"They were hitting their spots (in the game)," he said. "They were hitting and we couldn't."

Afterward, the players from both teams shook hands on the field and shared a moment of prayer. NASA coach Pritchett thanked the troops for their service to this country.

Sports director Gaylene Wilson presented the trophy to the NASA team for the second straight year. But she said, "Next year is for Redstone to take it back."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE— The NASA all-stars celebrate after beating Redstone 16-6 Thursday at Linton Field.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NOT ENOUGH— Redstone all-star Anthony Rusnak scores in the fourth inning while NASA catcher Matt Chamberlain looks on.

Volleyball teams dig in for season

The unit-level volleyball season opens this week at Pagano Gym.

Participating teams include the NCO Academy, Bravo Company, Headquarters & Alpha, HHC 59th, the Marines and Charlie Company.

The Civilian Welfare Fund beat HHC 59th in last year's postseason tournament final. The 59th had advanced from the losers bracket by eliminating top-seeded Bravo.

Games began July 21 and continue through Aug. 20. The postseason tournament is tentatively slated Aug. 24 through Sept. 1.

Here's the remainder of the season schedule:

- **July 23** – Bravo vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 6 p.m.; Charlie vs. HHC 59th at 6:45; and NCO Academy vs. Marines at 7:30.

- **July 28** – Marines vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 6 p.m.; NCO Academy vs. HHC 59th at 6:45; and Charlie vs. Bravo at 7:30.

- **July 30** – NCO Academy vs. Bravo at 6 p.m.; Headquarters & Alpha vs.

Charlie at 6:45; and HHC 59th vs. Marines at 7:30.

- **Aug. 4** – Marines vs. Charlie at 6 p.m.; HHC 59th vs. Bravo at 6:45; and NCO Academy vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 7:30.

- **Aug. 6** – HHC 59th vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 6 p.m.; Marines vs. Bravo at 6:45; and Charlie vs. NCO Academy at 7:30.

- **Aug. 11** – Marines vs. NCO Academy at 6 p.m.; HHC 59th vs. Charlie at 6:45; and Headquarters & Alpha vs. Bravo at 7:30.

- **Aug. 13** – Bravo vs. Charlie at 6 p.m.; HHC 59th vs. NCO Academy at 6:45; and Headquarters & Alpha vs. Marines at 7:30.

- **Aug. 18** – Marines vs. HHC 59th at 6 p.m.; Charlie vs. Headquarters & Alpha at 6:45; and Bravo vs. NCO Academy at 7:30.

- **Aug. 20** – Headquarters & Alpha vs. NCO Academy at 6 p.m.; Bravo vs. HHC 59th at 6:45; and Charlie vs. Marines at 7:30.



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AER honorees

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Engineering Directorate conducted an Army Emergency Relief awards ceremony honoring the key personnel for each division responsible for fund-raising events. The directorate contributed \$17,873 to AER. The directorate sponsored several AER events including cookouts, a golf tournament, and a Jailopy where employees could pay to have other employees and supervisors put in jail. Paul Seija, front right, accepted the first place plaque for the Industrial Operations Division which contributed \$4,200. Mary Gail Fairchild, front left, accepted the second place plaque for the Reliability Availability and Maintainability & Systems Analysis Division which contributed \$3,465. Sara Taylor, front middle, accepted the third place plaque for the Production Engineering Division which contributed a total of \$3,420. From left are Anita Benefield, Charlotte Jones, Patricia Terry, Fairchild, John Murphy, Taylor, Chris Kositzke, Seija, Lilly Ananew, LaShonda Washington and Vicky Caylor.

Army warns Soldiers to avoid 'diploma mills'

Army News Service

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The Army is warning Soldiers to avoid unaccredited colleges and universities that offer instant degrees supposedly based on military experience or training.

"The Army Human Resources Command is initiating an all-out campaign to warn Soldiers about these educational establishments and to work with Army educators and personnelists to ensure Soldiers are not enticed by unscrupulous vendors to purchase these fraudulent documents," said a message sent to all Army activities earlier this month.

"Soldiers who knowingly purchase one of these documents from a 'diploma mill' and attempt to have it placed in their official military personnel file for purposes of promotion (or) assignment consideration or other military reasons are perpetrating a crime, which may be punishable under the (Uniform Code of Military Justice)," the ALARACT message said.

"Diploma mills" are schools that offer certificates, degrees and diplomas

for a fee. They are not accredited or recognized by the Department of Education, the message said. Army tuition assistance is not approved for these schools, promotion points are not authorized and the credential will not be posted to official military records, the message added.

The message also listed resources educators, personnel specialists and Soldiers can check to see if a school is accredited. The website www.goarmyed.com lists all accredited institutions used by Soldiers to obtain degrees. The Council for Higher Education Accreditation website, www.chea.org, lists all colleges and universities that are nationally and regionally accredited. The American Council on Education also publishes a book and CD, "Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education."

The Department of Education maintains a database of accredited postsecondary education institutions and programs at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>.

(Editor's note: This article was prepared by the Fort Leavenworth Lamp newspaper.)

Wounded warriors continue to serve Army as civilians

Combat veterans earning master's through program

By MELISSA BOWER
Fort Leavenworth Lamp

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Tom Wiggins was shot in Afghanistan in 2004, recovered from his wounds, started a family and became president of a company — but he wasn't done serving the Army.

On July 13, 2009, about five years after he medically retired, Wiggins was sworn in as a Department of the Army civilian through the Army's Wounded Warrior Education Initiative along with four other recent combat veterans. The program is a partnership with the Army and the University of Kansas that allows wounded warriors to earn a master's degree paid for by the Army.

The intent of the program is to educate Soldiers so they can serve as trainers and educators throughout Training and Doctrine Command institutions. Students will teach three years for each year in the program.

"Who better to stand up and instruct current students than deployed vets?" said Beth Burns, a human resources specialist for the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

The first students joined the education initiative in 2008 and are entering their second year in various master's degree programs. They will serve as sponsors for the 2009 class, which includes Nathan Dehnke, John Gelineau, Rob Laurent, Kevin Nemetz and Wiggins. All 2009 class members except for Laurent live in Lawrence, Kan., near the university.

Along with Fort Leavenworth staff, Lt. Col. Warren Dewey, Wounded Warrior Education Initiative program manager and instructor at the Command and General Staff College, organized an orientation session on post to help each student learn about being an Army civilian.

Dewey said each student had to meet several requirements including recent deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan and wounds from that deployment. Students must have a bachelor's degree and meet KU requirements for entering a master's degree program. The education initiative also takes a look into each student's military background to ensure success in the program.

Adrian Lewis and Dawn Tallchief are director and assistant director of the KU Office of Professional Military Graduate Education. Tallchief said the program is one of high significance at KU.

"It solidifies and strengthens our relationship with Fort Leavenworth and allows us to reach out to other branches of the military as well," she said.

Several of the second group of wounded warrior students are bringing families with them to study in Kansas. Wiggins and his wife, Leslie, have a 1-year-old daughter.

Wiggins deployed to Iraq once and Afghanistan several times for various spe-

cial operations missions. He was deployed with the 1st Ranger Battalion when he was wounded. Wiggins' May 13, 2004, injury to the back of his head left him completely deaf, but he is able to hear through a cochlear implant provided by the Army.

Wiggins has a business degree from Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., and worked at Evergreen International Aviation as company president. Wiggins wants to return to his native Gainesville,



Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp
ORIENTATION— John Gelineau and Kevin Nemetz listen during an orientation session with Margaret Hanley, a human resources technician with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, before swearing in as civilians as part of the Army Wounded Warrior Education Initiative pilot program July 13 at the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Army Education Center.

Fla., to teach ROTC at the University of Florida. He is pursuing a master's in curriculum and instruction.

Laurent and his wife, Briley, live in Olathe, Kan., with their three children.

Laurent was injured Dec. 24, 2004, near Samarra, Iraq, by an improvised explosive device, causing him to lose his right eye. The fingers on his left hand had to be amputated above the first joint

because of shrapnel injuries. He also lost his pinky finger.

Laurent, a Baton Rouge, La., native, comes to the program with a degree in criminal justice and forensic psychology from Texas State University. He is the first in the wounded warrior education program to seek a master's in supply chain management, a business degree. He said he's willing to teach wherever the Army sends him.

Nemetz had to leave six of his eight children behind in Michigan to attend the program in Kansas for two years. His two oldest sons serve in the military.

Nemetz served in the Michigan Army National Guard and had 16 years total military service with seven years active duty in the Army. He was deployed to Iraq from June 2006 to July 2007 as a platoon sergeant.

Nemetz was injured in three separate IED attacks. He also dislocated his shoulder during a raid. Once, a sniper fired on Nemetz and missed, hitting the wall and sending shrapnel into his face.

"They couldn't take (the shrapnel) out in Iraq; I had to go back to the U.S. to get it out," he said.

As a result of his injuries, Nemetz suffers from a severe nervous disorder and traumatic brain injury.

In his civilian life, Nemetz was a social worker and corrections officer in Michigan. His bachelor's degree is in family relations. His goal is to earn a master's in teaching and curriculum at KU so he can help veterans and convicted felons rebuild their lives.

Nemetz is also seeking a graduate certificate in substance abuse counseling, a separate program, which requires six hours of graduate credit.

Two students in the program discovered they were wounded a day apart in Iraq. Gelineau was injured June 2, 2007, and Dehnke was injured June 3 — both by an IED. They only recently met through the education program.

Gelineau was an infantry platoon leader. His Stryker vehicle hit an IED that had been buried underground. The vehicle blew up beneath him and shattered his left leg below his knee and left behind shrapnel wounds.

Dehnke was investigating suspicious activity on a nearby bridge when his vehicle was blown up by an IED. His unit caught small arms fire after that. Dehnke was blinded in the left eye with nerve damage in his left leg and left foot.

Dehnke came to the Army with five years of teaching experience in his native St. Louis, Mo. His bachelor's degree is in elementary education and he also taught physical education. Dehnke is seeking a master's degree in political science. He'll be an instructor upon graduation, he said, but also hopes to serve on the political side of government one day, too.

Gelineau has a bachelor's in criminal justice from California State University at Fullerton. He is seeking a master's in international studies at KU. Gelineau wants to return to his native Columbus, Ga., and teach at Fort Benning, Ga.

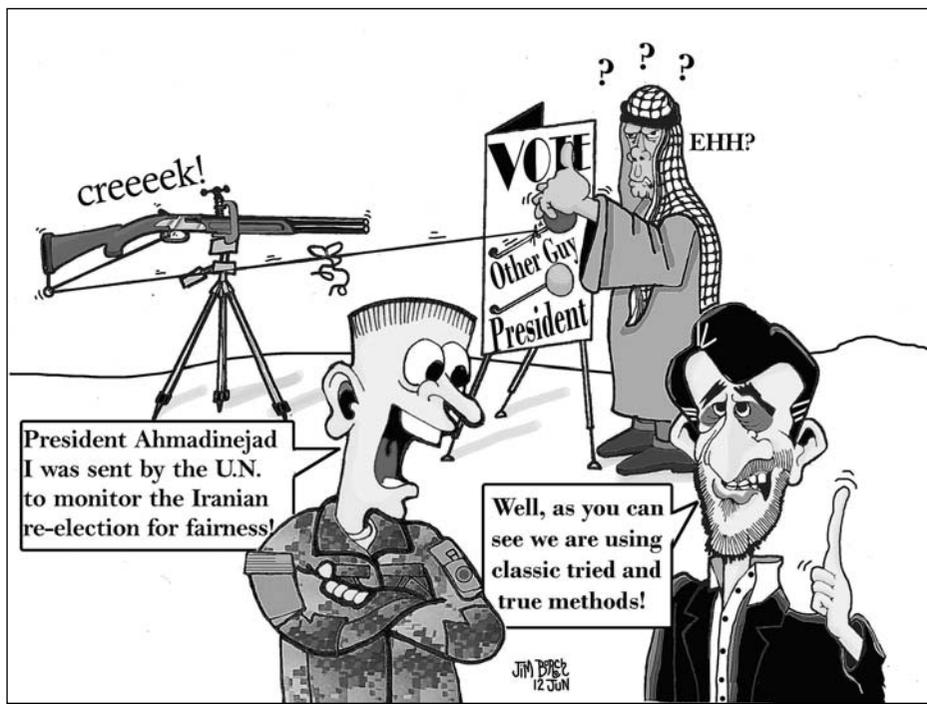
"I've always been interested in teaching," he said. "It's a great opportunity to get my master's degree and serve my country and help serve Soldiers."

He and his wife, Nicole, will celebrate their one-year anniversary this fall.

Chief Warrant Officer Ari Jean-Baptiste is a current student in the program. He has completed one year of study toward a master's in political science with an emphasis on terrorism and armed conflict. Jean-Baptiste's goal is to teach at CGSC upon graduation next year.

As a member of the first group of students, Jean-Baptiste will serve as a sponsor and mentor for the second group. He said graduate-level coursework can be difficult for anyone.

"It's a strange lesson in management," he said. "You have to learn to manage your time between life and school."



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Regional winner

Rick Turner, executive director of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, has been selected as AUSA's 3rd Region 2009 Civilian of the Year. Turner, center, is congratulated recently by Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Redstone-Huntsville Chapter president Steve Taylor after being named the chapter's winner for the Association of the U.S. Army.

Chief tells outgoing secretary, 'you are one of us'

By C. TODD LOPEZ

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — During a ceremony July 16 at the Pentagon, Chief of Staff of the Army George W. Casey Jr. shared thoughts about the man who has served as his boss for more than two years.

Outgoing secretary of the Army, Pete Geren, served as secretary since March 9, 2007. Before an audience of several hundred Army officers, enlisted, and civilian employees, Casey recognized Geren's character and humility.

"He's a man of character and he is a man of integrity," Casey said. "But it really struck me — and he'll tell you, 'I never served, I was never a Soldier.' He was apprehensive whether he would be accepted into our ranks."

But the general went on to let the outgoing secretary know that his devotion to the Army and to Soldiers, and his belief in Army ideals, had endeared him to those he served.

"As I've watched you, you are the quiet professional that we all aspire to be," Casey said. "We like to do the hard, right things. We like to do them to an exacting standard that makes us feel like we've done the right thing. And we like to do it without a lot of arm waving. And that's what I saw with you. And so Pete, you're one of us. You may not think that, but you're one of us — the quiet professional."

Casey credited Geren for initiating efforts to curb sexual assault and suicide in the ranks and for developing programs such as the Army Family Covenant, the Army Community Covenant, and the Year of the NCO.

Both Casey and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston took turns at the podium to let Geren know the effect he had on the force. Preston highlighted key contributions made by the secretary to Soldier and family well-being.

"The secretary's concern for our Soldiers and families took him to posts, camps and stations around the world,"

Preston said. "He wanted to look our Soldiers in the eye and hear their stories of success and understand their concerns firsthand."

Preston said he accompanied the secretary around the Army to visit Soldiers in Warrior Transition Units, a new construct developed to facilitate the transfer of injured Soldiers back into the force or into civilian life.

"In every case, the secretary met personally with Soldiers and their families," Preston said. "In very open and candid discussions, he wanted to understand how we as an Army are doing in caring for their immediate and future needs in all aspects of their lives — not just medical."

Preston also focused on the development of both the Army Family Covenant and the Army Community Covenant.

"Both of these initiatives are a legacy of support that will endure with the Army throughout our history," Preston said.

As part of the Army Family Covenant, Army funding to family programs doubled from \$700 million to \$1.4 billion. The funding provides for increased family programs, childcare for spouses when Soldiers deploy, and youth and recreational programs.

Preston also touched on the secretary's contributions to development of the noncommissioned officer corps. During his time as secretary, Geren was responsible for directing Army and national attention to the contributions of noncommissioned officers by designating 2009 as "the Year of the NCO." Part of that effort was to increase career development of NCOs.

"He committed his support to additional funding for new initiatives, and at our

request, his support of accelerating the implementation of existing NCO development initiatives," Preston said.

One of those initiatives, the NCO career tracker, is now on course to test as

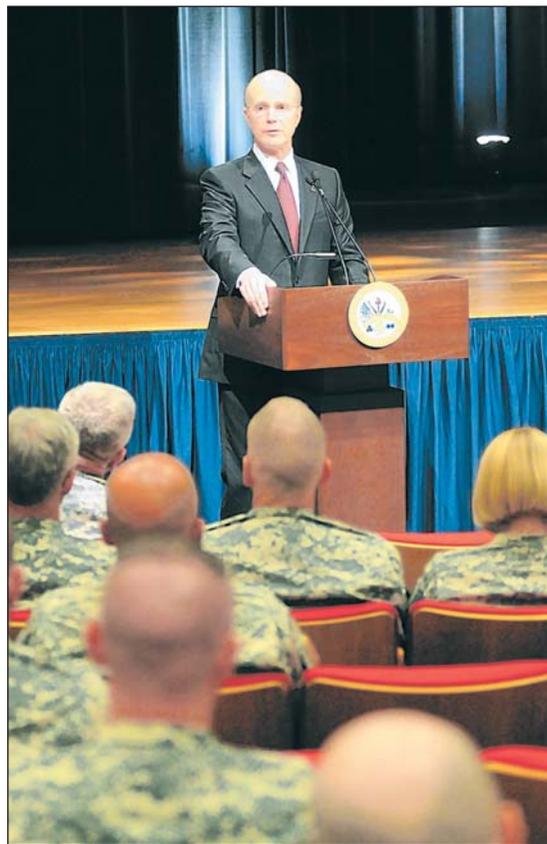


Photo by C. Todd Lopez

FAREWELL— Secretary of the Army Pete Geren addresses Army officers, enlisted and civilian employees during a ceremony July 16 at the Pentagon. The ceremony honored Geren as he prepares to leave his job as secretary. Geren served the Army beginning March 9, 2007 as the Army's 20th secretary.

a pilot program for the Army in November, Preston said, with full implementation expected in 2010.

"It'll provide lifelong learning opportunity for all Soldiers regardless of rank," Preston said.

Finally, Preston addressed the secretary directly — expressing his gratitude for the time they served together.

"Sir, your contributions will live on in the annals of Army history," he said. "Your care, concern, mentorship and leadership will be missed. On behalf of approximately 430,000 NCOs from all three components: thank you."

Geren himself took the opportunity to address the Soldiers he has served for more than two years, telling them he is impressed by their service and by the dedication of their families.

"Working for Soldiers and families has truly been the most rewarding experience of my life, and I thank all of you for letting me work with you, it really has been a privilege," Geren said.

Geren said his knowledge of the Army and Soldiers began his second week at the Pentagon, back in September 2001, when he served as a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense. With the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, Geren said he began watching Soldiers.

"That day I watched Soldiers go to the sound of that explosion — and for nearly eight years, I've watched Soldiers," he said. "I've watched you go off to war. And I have watched your families stand with you every step of the way. I've been truly inspired by your service, by your capacious sense of mission, and humbled by the sacrifice of your families."

The secretary likened the Army to a Norman Rockwell painting.

"It's a world of unabashed patriotism, of humility and selfless service," Geren said. "The Army is a cynic-free zone — a world so different than the 'me first' culture that is so much of the world today. Working for you and with you, and for your families, has truly been the privilege of my lifetime. I thank all of you — from the bottom of my heart — for what you do, and thank your families for what they do. It is the Soldier — Army Strong — God bless you."



Sports & Recreation

Fitness centers

The Wellness Center is closed for renovation/expansion which 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.

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.

Scholarship golf tourney

PME Education Foundation will hold a Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday at 1 p.m. at Colonial Golf Course in Meridi-

anville. 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.

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.

Golf classic

The 10th annual John Riche Memorial Golf Classic is Friday 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.

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.

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.



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 associ-

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ation 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.

Women in defense

The Women In Defense, Tennessee Valley
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Chapter will hold a Mentorship Luncheon on Thursday 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, e-mail sandra_pape@raytheon.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. To contact the conference event manager, call 842-9967 or e-mail redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil.

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 or HAL5.Help@gmail.com.

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.

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. The Redstone Toastmasters Club 1932 meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 8721 Madison Boulevard in Madison. For information call Margrit Carr 313-1952.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold a luncheon Thursday 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 Saturday at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Rae Smith 348-7025.

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 Thursday.

Admin professionals

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

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

long 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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. July 29 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Noel Hinkle-Godwin, executive assistant at "Visiting Angels," a living assistance services company. The chapter's monthly breakfast will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Madison Square Holiday Inn. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

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.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet Aug. 8 at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. A Windows/Internet Special Interest Group led by Ron Schmitz will start at 9:15 a.m. The general meeting will start at 10:45; and the speaker is Eunice Bellingrath, a member of HPCUG. The program for August will be a demonstration of Amazon's electronic readers, Kindle II and Kindle DX. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 881-6845.

System safety conference

The Joint Weapon System Safety Conference is being held in conjunction with the 27th International System Safety Conference in Huntsville on Aug. 3-7. The goal of this conference is to bring together system safety professionals from all organizations within the DoD and the associated contractor community for the furthering cooperation in development of safe weapon systems. The conference theme, "Expanding Threats, Evolving Technologies — Responsive Safety," emphasizes the challenges facing the weapon development community today. The technical program will include tutorials, training, workshops, panel discussions and paper sessions. For more information, call Bill Pottratz 313-2871. To register, visit the website at <http://www.system-safety.org/~issc2009/JWSSC/index.html>.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if

you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9435 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

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

Officer candidates

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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Product charter

Unmanned Aircraft Systems project manager Col. Gregory Gonzalez, left, and UAS's Maj. Jason Ross welcome Cliff Brandt as the product manager for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems in an assumption of charter ceremony June 19. Brandt has held a variety of positions at the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space after serving in the Army for 20 years.

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trains and validates Army Reserve and National Guard units throughout the Southeast in wartime readiness. It offers CONUS mobilization opportunities training and preparing USAR and ARNG units for deployment. Unit benefits include Fragmented Annual Training, and opportunity to travel throughout the Southeast. It encourages and supports attendance at Army professional development schools. For information call 1st Sgt. Larry King (205) 987-8443 ext. 4410, Capt. John Walker (205) 444-5208 or Lt. Col. Anthony Escott (205) 444-5163.

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 following information: issue, date, who 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.

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.

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.

Call for papers

This is a call for papers for the Research and Evaluation of NEMS/MEMS Workshop Sept. 8-9 at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, e-mail angie.cornelius@us.army.mil or visit the workshop website <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/SMAP-CENTER/Conferences/REN09/>.

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 www.merrimackhall.com/artscamp09.html.

Book discussion

Join the Post Library on Thursday 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. Thursday. Feel free to bring your lunch and to come and go as your time allows. For more information, call the library 876-4741.

READ dog

The Post Library presents "Tales with Taka" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and again Aug. 8. Jamie Ward and her German shepherd Taka, a Reading Education Assistance Dog, will appear at the library for children to read to Taka. The "Tales with Taka" program is open to children ages 5 and up and is available to anyone who has access to the post library. The library has 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 Inter-mountain 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.

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.

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.

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



Photo by Lynn Moore/IMMC

Diva decor

Vicki Schmitz gets a rousing retirement sendoff from the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center. Co-workers decorated her desk with a diva theme featuring pink and black feather boas, pink and black balloons, and plenty of jewelry.

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, Tri-care Prime/Non-Prime recipients, and current Redstone Arsenal DoD/Army civilians.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Aug. 4 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Red-eye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks
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Admin professionals

IAAP Alabama Division president Carolyn Drake, far left, installs 2009-10 officers for the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals. They include, from left, president Alhadella McRae, president-elect Dorothy May, vice president Ellen Mahathey, recording secretary Kim Russell, corresponding secretary Elise McWilliams and treasurer Susan Douglas. The chapter members include administrative professionals employed within the government and government contractors. The chapter meets at 11 a.m. every third Tuesday of each month, except July, at the Officers and Civilians Club. Everyone is invited.

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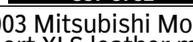
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