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Students gain engineering experience

Research center sponsors summer outreach programs

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The average age of workers at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center probably dips during the summer.

That's when select high school students join the work force to gain experience as future engineers and scientists. The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is an Army education outreach to provide learning experiences and hands-on application in research laboratories.

Sixteen students participated in the eight-week program which concluded last week.

"It's been pretty good," said Wes Duncan, 18, from Madison, who finished his second summer with the program. "That's why I keep coming back. And the money's good, too. It's good experience if you're going to do engineering. And you meet connections for co-ops and job opportunities."

Duncan, a 2008 graduate of Bob Jones High, is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. His mentor this summer was Aaron Brown of AMRDEC.

The students did a technical project, visited a number of laboratories and had tours and professional presentations during this comprehensive program.

"It's been fun and educating," said Keaira Lloyd, 16, from Huntsville, who also finished her second summer here. "It definitely has broadened my view about science



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AVIATION BRIEFING— Steven Low, chief of aviation and unmanned systems in AMRDEC's Systems Simulation and Development Directorate, talks to students about the Shadow unmanned aircraft system. He's holding a QuickMEDS (Materiel Express Delivery System), a re-supply pod which can carry 10 pounds of supplies to Soldiers in need without involving a manned aircraft. The students participated in the Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science outreach program.

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Lloyd is a junior at New Century Technology High. Her mentor was AMRDEC's Eugene Edwards.

Other groups of students participated in

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— **Wes Duncan**
UAH sophomore

another education outreach program called Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science, which is for students in grades 8-12. The weeklong GEMS-1 and GEMS-2 programs were conducted in cycles with a new group each session. There were three sessions of GEMS-1, two sessions of GEMS-2 and one session of GEMS-3, which lasted two weeks. Forty-five students participated in GEMS-1, 30 students in GEMS-2 and 15 in GEMS-3.

This was the first year for GEMS-3 at Redstone Arsenal and the first GEMS-3 program throughout the Defense Department,

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An open lane random survey

What is the best place to eat out?

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Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Garcia
Marine Detachment

"I'm going to go with Connor's at Bridge Street. I guess (because of) the location, the proximity to everything around it. You've got the movie theater right there, the Monaco. They have steaks. They serve all kinds of stuff."

Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Chamberlain
Marine Detachment

"I just moved here so I don't know where the good places are here. (But I will say) Bonefish Grill in Huntsville - great seafood."



Syleria Jarmon
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

"Landry's, a seafood restaurant in Huntsville. They have a main entrée, a blackened catfish that I just love. And they give you nice-size portions. I like the ambience, the atmosphere. It's beautiful, just delicious. It's kind of pricey, we like to go there for special occasions. And the desserts are great there."

"Posey's Restaurant, it's on (U.S.) 231 between Meridianville and Hazel Green. They have good fried chicken. And the price is right."

Irv Lyles
Redstone retiree



"Posey's Restaurant, it's on (U.S.) 231 between Meridianville and Hazel Green. They have good fried chicken. And the price is right."

Quote of the week

'Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.

— Mark Twain

Letters to the Editor

Imagine an undergraduate school of logistics at A&M

I have a vision of an opportunity for tremendous growth here in Huntsville at a great historical legacy: Alabama A&M University. I would like to see this university continue to grow to its full potential, and I believe my vision and proposal will help the university do so.

I believe the federal government should invest in an undergraduate School of Logistics because it would be an opportunity for the education of students who seek to become excellent logisticians, supporting both Department of Defense and commercial industries. This school would create an influx of new logisticians ready to embark on a journey to help improve our military's logistical processes, as well as our nation's economy through innovative ideas, that will get products on a company's shelf at affordable prices, so that hard-working Americans can better support their families during these difficult economic times and years to come.

An undergraduate School of Logistics could provide a plethora

of jobs to this community and abroad, as well as, limitless educational opportunities for young professionals as well as unemployed individuals that seek to better their own marketability by returning to school. This school could provide employment for an increasing number of government employees, who are currently retiring, and provide a platform to reach back in their community and teach college students how to take their place and effectively carry the "torch" that has supported our troops for decades, and for veterans coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq; as well as various other theaters to give future logisticians a real-world perspective that textbooks and classroom theory cannot provide.

In order to create a large-scale need for a large-scale logistics program, should the Department of Defense change the undergraduate degree requirement of new government civilians to Logistics and Chain Management? Would this lower overall costs to the federal government which currently incurs millions of dollars to re-educate

new civilian employees in the basics of acquisition, procurement and project management at universities such as Defense Acquisition University, when these principles can be taught at the undergraduate level and can be paid for by either scholarships or federal funding that has to be paid back by the student to the government?

Should the government commit dollars to start building the facility to create jobs for the community now and let the research on educational curriculums and new proposed government requirements catch up later while the facility is being completed?

What if the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Department of Education, the Department of Defense, DAU, A&M and UAH all partnered together and created a cross-functional "stair-step" supply chain of logisticians into the work force?

Step One — An undergraduate School of Logistics at A&M, that will support not only academics, but facilitate professional societies

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Computer network policy explained by Garrison

Recently I purchased my own personal BlackBerry. I wanted to put my us.army.mil account on the BlackBerry. I was told that I couldn't do it. The us.army.mil account is available to log into on any computer, so why can't I put it on my BlackBerry? I am willing to let the IA people monitor it.

Monte E. Caylor
Utility Helicopters

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We want to first thank you for your inquiry about the potential use of personal electronic devices for work purposes; however, Army and local policy does not allow for it."

"Per Army Regulation 25-2, Information Assurance, and Redstone Arsenal's Enterprise Network Acceptable Use Policy, both prohibit the use of personal electronic devices on the Army network. AR 25-2 Section 4-29(f) states employee owned PEDs are prohibited for use in official communications or connection to the

Army network. Appendix B of the RAEN AUP covers specifically prohibited activities. The following paragraphs from the RAEN address the use of non-government owned systems. Section 2, paragraph a(3) states that connecting employee-owned computers and/or electronic devices to government network ports is prohibited. Section 2, paragraph c(5) states that government official business will not be forwarded through a commercial Internet service provider account. Therefore, we must conduct official business and remain within the Army's official Internet channel. Each employee should have access to local web-mail and/or you can attain access to e-mail through an Army Knowledge Online account as alternative methods.

"One final reminder: Every user of the RAEN is required to read and sign the RAEN AUP annually as part of Information Awareness training. This policy is located on the AMCOM and Garrison portal. The RAEN AUP clearly lays out what is allowable and prohibited."

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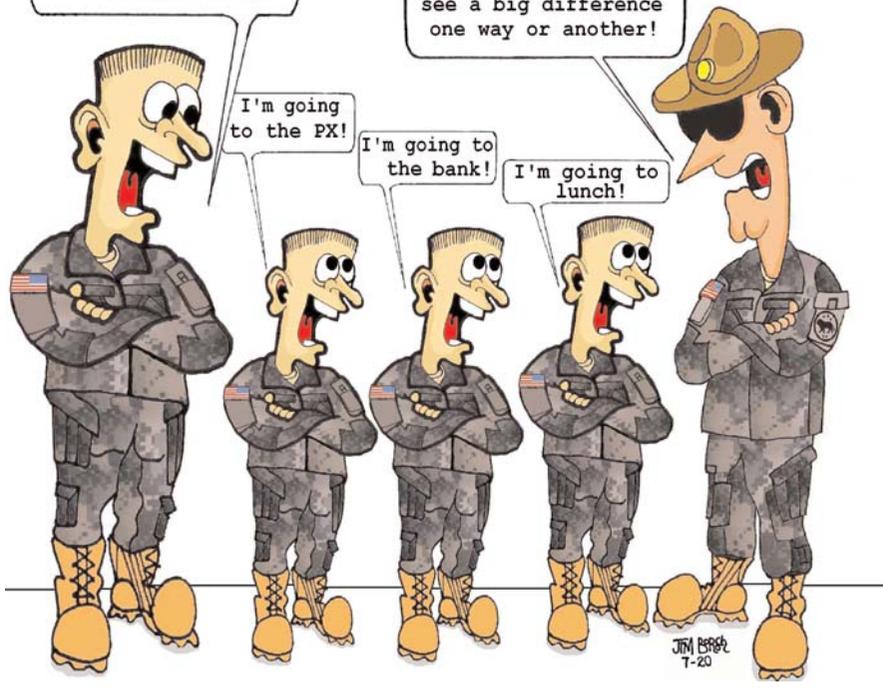
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I'm going to the PX!

I'm going to the bank!

I'm going to lunch!



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for July 16-22:

July 17: A lost driver who approached Gate 9 had a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

July 19: An arrest was made for the theft of a GPS system from a vehicle parked in the troop area.

July 19: A subject who was previously issued a violation notice for criminal trespassing returned to the installation and was located in the troop area. When arrested, he was found to be intoxicated and in possession of a Soldier's stolen wallet. Investigation continues by DES investigators.

July 21: Two subjects approached Gate 9 and were found to be undocumented aliens. Immigration and customs agents were contacted and the subjects

were denied access to the installation.

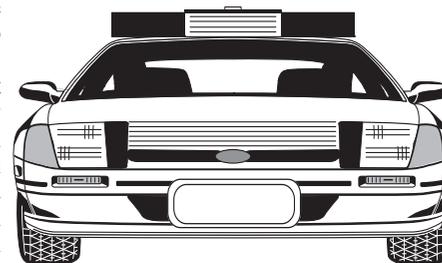
July 21: A subject who had previously been arrested for criminal trespassing was again arrested by Redstone police for the same offense. He was issued a barment letter by the Garrison commander, received another federal citation for criminal trespassing and was removed from the installation.

July 22: An Army deserter was arrested by civilian authorities in Cherokee County. He was released to Redstone police and

transported to Fort Knox, Ky., for processing.

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

Violation notices issued: 10 speeding, 3 failure to stop at stop sign, 1 failure to yield right of way, 2 improper backing, 1 following too closely, 1 inattentive driving.



School of Logistics proposed for local university

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such as SOLE — the International Society of Logistics — that could teach and offer CPL training courses and certifications; Program Management Institute that could teach and offer PMP training courses and certifications; American Helicopter Society, that could offer engineering aspects of products that future logisticians will support, as well as various other societies.

Step Two – UAH would facilitate both graduate and doctorate level principles and degrees in logistics.

Step Three – DAU would specialize the undergraduate and graduate educational training specifically into military classified processes that require a security clearance.

Can this supply chain improve partnership and networking capabilities of the universities as well as develop and maintain a healthy target market of future DoD employees that lack the visibility of such disciplines of logistics due to poor awareness?

Can this supply chain be a solution to the ongoing problem to fulfill the employment requirement due to the relocation of Army Materiel Command, as well as the quantity of retirees of various other commands?

The Department of Defense has adopted an acquisition process of designing quality and improvements into products from concept to disposal. So why not design quality into future business professionals from concept (undergraduate) to disposal (retirement)?

Jason T. Hopkins
Alabama A&M senior

Engineering apprentices benefit from summer jobs

Students

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according to AMRDEC.

GEMS-3 began with a weeklong session that was focused on alternative forms of energy. Students designed and built a hydrogen generator out of PVC, knives, steel plates and sodium hydroxide. Tests were run on the hydrogen generator to test the efficiency of hydrogen. Hydrogen was also used to explode a depth charge, and a rocket was launched using hydrogen as propellant. In the second week, students built a number of projects that examined aerospace engineering theories. After the two weeks, the students were given the opportunity to continue with the GEMS-3 Extended Program and completed a number of engineering-related tasks. GEMS-3 Extended ran an additional three weeks.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LAUNCHING CAREERS— Robert Helem, chief of platform integration in AMRDEC's Weapons Development and Integration Directorate, shows reduced weight missile launchers to students in the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program.

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Clarksburg, W.Va.

What do you like about your job?
The interaction with the different people, the different organizations.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to spend time with the family (wife Jennifer and 5-year-old daughter Madison).

What are your goals?

To have a long successful career with the government, providing fire service.

What's your favorite type of music?

Alternative rock.



Test support helicopter has precautionary stop

A UH-60 Black Hawk with three people onboard made a precautionary landing about noon July 27 in a grassy field near Whitesburg Baptist Church.

There were no injuries and no aircraft damage occurred during the landing.

The aircraft departed Redstone Airfield at approximately 11:30 that morning and was en route to the local flying area on a routine test support mission. When a transmission "caution light" illuminated in the cockpit, the crew executed the appropriate response procedure, safely landed the aircraft in the nearest suitable landing area, and called for a maintenance crew to travel to the site and assess the aircraft's status. (Aviation Technical Test Center release)

Answer to excess storage found on eBay system

FMWR directorate uses online auction

The closets and storerooms at the Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation were overflowing. They needed to make space, but wanted to do so in a way that boosted the bottom line.

"We had a lot of items that no one in the Southeast region wanted and some that people would consider junk, but you know what they say about one man's trash," said Francine Stone, IT systems analyst and business development manager.

So FMWR set out to sell those items to anyone interested in buying them. It took several attempts to get it right, though. First, they tried a warehouse sale. All the activities gathered their leftover items in one warehouse for a one day only sale to the Redstone community. Customers began lining up at 4 a.m., and by 6 all of the items had already been tagged. Customers who had been waiting were being forced to go home empty handed. It was frustrating.

"We even had to break up a couple of arguments that came to blows," Stone said. "So our leadership went back to the drawing board and came up with another option."

The second attempt was a bit more successful. They held a silent auction at the same warehouse. Everyone had the opportunity to bid on each item. The bids were to be compiled after the auction was over, with the winning bidder taking home the item. However, the devil is always in the details. At the end of the day there were thousands of pieces of paper with bids on them to process. Each bid had to be manually entered into the database created by the IT department. The entire IT department and other

employees from the directorate spent hours logging in bids. In the meantime, many of the bidders were calling and stopping by headquarters to ask if they had won their items — once again making for unhappy customers.

"I knew there had to be a better way to do this," Stone said. "I thought I might have the answer, and it was already an existing, successful auction system."

Since 1997 the world has been selling its unwanted items on eBay. So why not FMWR? The only real question was if it was legal.

After consulting all of the regulations and advice on the subject, FMWR got the green light. Outdoor Recreation was the first activity to turn over items to be auctioned. The first listing went smoothly. The auction ended with everyone on both sides of the deal smiling.

"eBay has been successful for Outdoor Recreation since the very first auction, I was thrilled with the results," Bill Moreland, activity manager for Outdoor Recreation, said. "The best part of eBay is that we receive money for our old items that we wouldn't have gotten before, so we can make even more upgrades to our equipment for our Soldiers and families. I love it!"

Each auction consists of locating the items, cleaning and photographing them, posting the listing, monitoring the activity, answering questions and then completing the transaction. It has become such a successful endeavor that a full-time employee had to be hired to monitor it all. After a lot of trial and error, it's obvious that they have found the formula for success — thanks to Stone. Now the closets and storerooms are no longer overflowing — but that bottom line is. (FMWR release)



Photo by Lew Campbell

Student artists

Arts & Crafts Center Watercolor II class members attend a student artist reception July 21. From left, in the front row, are Bryan Robles, Carol Knox, Julie Valentin and instructor Margaret Chapman. In the back row are Arts & Crafts Center manager Lori Connors, Rosalie Holt, Trish Mullins, Renee West, Donna Teasley and Aleta Graham.

Auto Skills Center pumps up services for customers

New equipment expands offerings

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The Auto Skills Center has helped the Redstone community save money on simple car repairs and maintenance for years. With some new equipment and their professional expertise, they are ready to save people even more.

"We've got a lot of great new equipment to help us do what we've already done better," Bill Woosley, Auto Skills Center business manager, said. "We're also getting equipment to offer services Redstone has never had before."

New equipment is arriving almost daily at the center's Entac Circle location. Some of the new additions are already up and running. A new alignment machine had its first customer two weeks ago. As word has spread, the calls from people wanting to use it have been pouring in.

"People saw the photo in the Rocket of the first customer to use the alignment machine," Woosley said. "We've had lots of calls. We had three or four alignments done yesterday afternoon alone."

They have a new semi-downdraft paint booth. Each service bay will soon have new air hoses, lights, power cords and fully stocked Snap On toolboxes. A new tire changer and balancing machine are on the way.

"The balancer has road testing where it will perfectly place your tire on your wheel so that you need less weights and the tire will run better," Woosley said. "It uses a laser to position the weights."

Tubing benders for exhaust work are scheduled to arrive within the next few weeks.

During the heat of summer, their air-conditioner service is very popular. For \$35, the professionals at the Auto Skills Center will inspect a car's air-conditioning system for leaks. Their specialized equip-

ment will check the refrigerant levels in the vehicle as well. The only way to truly measure the refrigerant level, Woosley said, is for the machine to remove the refrigerant from the vehicle. If it needs more refrigerant, they can then return the original refrigerant to the vehicle before adding more. This is where using the Auto Skills Center can save patrons a lot of money over outside providers.

"We only charge for the refrigerant we add above what you already had,"

engine damage. For \$15, less than a third of what an outside provider charges, the center can provide a computer diagnostic report in minutes.

"We have the top of the line, state-of-the-art diagnostic machine. It will test any vehicle whether it's European, Japanese, American or even Russian. It will test your transmission, computer and body sensors, too. We'll tell you what it is," Woosley said. "A lot of the time it's something simple."

car on a lift so that professionals can get nose-to-nose with a vehicle's major systems.

Summer intern April Smith learned that lesson firsthand last week. She brought in a used car she had purchased just two days before. Its glossy, clean appearance and low mileage made it look like a good buy. However, the professional scrutiny of the center's experts found enough things the average consumer would never think to check or recognize.

"There is serious dry rot damage to the tires," the center's Mark Nation told her. "The tread could come loose at any moment. It's really not safe."

Damage to multiple systems on the vehicle's underside made them wonder about the car's history. Drainage holes and other factors made them suspicious that the vehicle may have been submerged or flooded in the past.

"Without a Carfax report I can't confirm it though," the center's Dennis Fitzgibbons said.

Woosley encourages anyone shopping for a vehicle to ask for such a report before signing anything. If the seller is hesitant to provide one, it should raise a red flag.

"If they won't give you one, just walk away," Woosley said.

Since the purchase was still within state lemon law time limits, Smith was headed back to where she bought her car with the center's official report in hand. Grateful for their thoroughness, she planned to return the vehicle and get her money back.

"My family is in Virginia," she said. "I took someone with me, but we didn't see any of this. I just wish I had brought it here sooner."

The Auto Skills Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 1:30 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. They are closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and all federal holidays. For more information on their services, call 955-7727 or visit redstonemwr.com.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DIAGNOSIS— April Smith hears the preliminary report on her car from the Auto Skills Center's Bill Woosley while Dennis Fitzgibbons and Mark Nation, right, complete their inspection.

Woosley explained. "A lot of places charge for a complete recharge, including what was already yours."

Regardless of how many bells and whistles a car has, there is one light that makes every driver shake in their boots – the check engine light. It can signify something as simple as an improperly replaced gas cap all the way up to severe

Perhaps one of the most valuable and money-saving services the center offers is for the car you don't own yet. Woosley encourages anyone considering buying a car to bring it to the center beforehand for an inspection. Center technicians go over each vehicle carefully, checking for possible problems. Popping the hood and kicking the tires is no substitute for putting a

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:

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. "Don't miss these three amazing comedians for

a one of a kind evening out," a prepared release said. Advance tickets are \$10 without dinner and \$18 with dinner. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. The headliner, Bruce "The Moose" Goodman, has been seen on Showtime, Comedy Central and Fox.

Volunteer expo

The 2009 MWR Volunteer Expo is Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This is an annual event for all non-profit and not-for-profit organizations to set up a booth and educate the Redstone community about their agencies. This is also an opportunity for all participating vendors to recruit volunteers for their organiza-

tion or activity. RSVP by Aug. 13. To reserve a booth, contact Sabrina Forrest at 955-7398 or sabrina.forrest@us.army.mil.

Bowling leagues

The Mixed League plays Tuesday nights; and Peterson Point plays Thursday nights. To sign up, call the Bowling Center at 876-6634.

Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation sponsors Hunter Safety Orientation classes. You must attend one of these classes to be eligible to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. Classes are Aug. 25, Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center,

building 3711 near the corner of Aerobee and Patton roads. For more information, call 876-4868.

Youth soccer

Start Smart Soccer – to "prepare your toddler for a lifetime of enjoying sports" – is Aug. 8 through Sept. 26 on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. For more information or to register, call 313-3699.

Beer tasting

An international beer tasting is Aug. 7 from 5-8 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Hors d'oeuvres are provided. Cost is \$18 for club members, \$20 for non-members. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 830-2582.

Teaching JROTC for future success in the classroom

Using computer technology makes class fun, interactive

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Smart boards. Clickers. Grade books. Those names are used to describe the new technology that will be in the hands of many JROTC instructors and their students in North Alabama as the new school year begins.

About 35 instructors from North Alabama as well as Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Georgia met July 23 at a regional meeting at Columbia High to learn how to use cutting edge technology known as the Classroom Performance System to make their courses more interactive, interesting and fun for both instructors and students.

“By your attendance here, you are indicating you want to be a better instructor. Technology is only as good as the user,” JROTC instructor retired Air Force Maj. Roosevelt Williamson told the participants. “This system helps to invigorate and engage more students. It will revolutionize how you teach.”

CPS is a computer hardware and soft-

ware system being used by JROTC programs throughout the nation to develop and teach lesson plans, utilize multimedia and web-based instruction, and conduct student assessments with on-screen polls and tests. The system uses Easiteach software to build lessons using icons, sounds, simulations, video clips, games and other interactive features.

“It’s going to help us be better teachers and have more fun with our students,” Williamson said.

Army JROTC programs have been receiving the systems since the spring. Some instructors have already used them quite a bit in the classroom while others are planning to introduce the system with the new school year. Air Force JROTC programs have recently started getting deliveries of the systems while the Marines and Navy JROTC programs are now purchasing the systems.

“Of the 108 high schools in my region, two-thirds have this technology,” said retired Col. David Slaughter, the Air Force JROTC area administrator in the Southeast region.

When the technology is completely in place, it will represent a \$1 million investment in 884 Air Force JROTC programs and a \$1.5 to \$2 million investment in

1,300 Army JROTC programs.

“This is the leading edge in terms of technology,” Slaughter said. “The cost per classroom is not that expensive. But outfitting every classroom in a school system would be expensive.

“We have the ability in the JROTC programs to incorporate technology in our classrooms. For that reason, we have been pushing the envelope. We are using the same technology in the Air Force and Army JROTC programs and we are seeing the success of that application.”

CPS uses a whiteboard or screen on which lessons, quizzes and tests, subject material and other teaching tools can be projected. During a class lesson, the instructor can rely on CPS to provide information using graphics, icons and multimedia features. They can use CPS to poll students to determine the basic understanding of a subject, and they can test students as a group, with each student having their own handheld remote control device – “clicker” — that will allow them to choose on-screen answers to questions.

“Kids are so media conscious and so media savvy today that this computer system will really allow them to interact and let them see how well they are doing in the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY— From left, JROTC instructors David Slaughter (Air Force), Harry Hobbs (Army) and Roosevelt Williamson (Air Force) are among a growing number of Air Force and Army JROTC instructors who are enjoying the teaching and learning benefits of the Classroom Performance System, a multimedia computer-based educational system. They shared their expertise at a regional meeting of JROTC instructors July 23.

classroom. This will keep them interested and interacting,” Slaughter said. “When you put a clicker in their hand you engage them in a way they are familiar with.”

CPS also allows instructors to test students to see how well they have mastered

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Logistics interns perform community project

By JOSH HERNDON

For the Rocket

New interns at the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center put their training into practice in the local community.

They volunteered July 2 at the Downtown Rescue Mission's second annual Fourth of July celebration.

Their meeting was facilitated by the Uplift class offered by AMCOM G-1, which takes its participants on an in-depth journey through the Army's seven core values. The July 2 activity was part of the Selfless Service lesson.

"Anyone can talk about these values, but to actually put them into action gives us a different perspective on how they shape the lives of the Soldier," intern Michelle Moe said.

The interns arrived in that morning and immediately went to work inflating balloons. They filled more than 100 balloons which helped set the mood for the festivities of the day. The balloons were tied along the walkway to the children's area where there was an inflatable moonwalk and slide.

After beginning the day inflating balloons, the interns dispersed into a variety of jobs. Some supervised the children's activities to ensure the safety of the participants. Others assisted with the food preparation or distribution. All the interns were able to interact with

the residents of the mission as well as other members of the community.

When the celebration began to slow down after lunch, the interns were given a tour of the facilities.

"The facilities tour gave us some real insight into the struggles of those less fortunate than we are," intern Clayton Usery said.

Other participants included Shane Autrey, Melissa Kilgore, Dan Nguyen, Dale Bradford, Thomas Johansen, Jennifer Day, Nathan Wolfe, Josh Herndon, Patrick Johnson, Laura Sitko, Jeramie Kenyon, Matt Merritt and Eric Delk.



Courtesy photo

DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION— New interns at the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center volunteer July 2 at the Downtown Rescue Mission's second annual Fourth of July celebration.

Army research commander thanks work force

More than 600 people from the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center attended a town hall hosted by Maj. Gen. Paul Izzo, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Research Development and Engineering Command on July 22 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

After recognizing more than 50 people who went above and beyond in their support of the Soldier and mission accomplishment, Izzo spoke to the audience about what is always on his mind — Soldiers and ensuring they have the best equipment and overall support that RDECOM can give them.

Speaking to a photograph of a fully-equipped Soldier taking a knee, the first slide in his presentation, Izzo told everyone that the focus of his presentation was the Soldier, like this one, who wears 92 pounds of equipment.

"I came down to thank everybody for their hard work and thank you for doing what you do because at the end of the day, what we are all about, and our total existence, is taking care of our Soldiers; the Soldier is the strong fabric of this nation," Izzo said.

He spoke about the future of the Army and RDECOM and how the employees all play a part in that future.

During his time in command of RDECOM, Izzo has traveled around the world and seen firsthand the impact that the command's work force is having. Before he answered a few questions from the audience, he encouraged everyone to continue their efforts to support the nation and the Soldiers who serve.

"I guarantee you, somewhere someplace, everything that's out there we have RDECOM," he said. "We are in everything; we are in the fight." (AMRDEC release)



Courtesy photo

TOWN HALL— Maj. Gen. Paul Izzo, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Research Development and Engineering Command speaks July 22 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Army helps middle child find success in life

Retired chief warrant officer 5 worked to make father proud

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Among Anthony Caudle's siblings is an accountant, a teacher, a business owner, an Army contracting employee, a computer scientist, a postal employee and a hospital administrative. One of his seven sisters is the mayor of Triana. Another sister is married to former NFL hall of famer John Stallworth.

Caudle is the only career Soldier.

Growing up as a middle child in a family of 10 kids, Caudle knew he would have to work hard if he wanted to stand out from the rest. He found his chance to do just that as a chief warrant officer in the Army.

"I wanted to do something that would make my father proud," said Caudle, whose father is a Korean War veteran.

"I grew up on a farm in Triana. It was hard work. We raised cotton and corn. And, every morning, we had to feed the cows and the pigs. When I first got in the Army and found out we woke up in the

morning at 5:30, it was like getting to sleep in. On the farm, we were up earlier than that feeding the livestock so that we could all get on the school bus at 6:30."

Coming from a large family, Caudle already knew plenty about leadership, teamwork and dedication when he joined the Army in 1982, after a semester at Alabama A&M University. The lessons he learned on the farm served him well during his 29-year Army career. Caudle retired in late June as a chief warrant officer 5, serving in his last assignment as the sustenance maintenance manager for the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.

In a way, retiring at Redstone Arsenal seems appropriate for a home-grown guy who often found his career as an ordnance missile technician bringing him back to North Alabama.

"I joined the Army and went 15 minutes down the road," Caudle joked.

In actuality, Caudle's military career did take him around the world and nation. He has served in Korea twice, is an Operation Desert Storm veteran, and has been stationed at several U.S. bases, including Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Fort

Rucker. He was named Soldier of the Year during his first tour in Korea and as NCO of the Year while serving with the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell.

"I was blessed to have a tutelage of great NCOs early in my career who put me on the right path," Caudle said. "I was hungry for success. I knew I had to do well. I knew if I was going to go anywhere in my career with the Army that I had to be the best. At that time in my life, though, I didn't realize the significance of it."

Caudle was serving at Redstone Arsenal in 1988 when he was selected for warrant officer school, making him a member of an elite group that includes about 12,000 Soldiers in the entire Army.

"The main reason I went warrant was because I wanted to affect change," he said. "Warrant officers are subject matter experts. We are technical experts on particular weapon systems. We are well-rounded. We've got to be physically fit enough to run with the Soldiers, but also technically proficient enough to walk into a general's office and be candid about the technical capabilities of a system. We have to have the technical

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

DOOR TO NEW CAREER— Now a retired chief warrant officer 5, Anthony Caudle continues to serve his nation as a defense contractor and mentor to children. He recently retired from the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space following a 29-year military career during which he helped reshape training for warrant officers and worked to affect change in the Army.

Longtime worker looks forward to traveling

Ware retiring after 34 years

By MEGAN COTTON

For the Rocket

"I feel like I can really say been there, done that," said Linda Ware about her career on the Arsenal that began in 1975 and concludes today.



Courtesy photo

CHERISHES FRIENDSHIPS— Linda Ware retires today after a 34-year career, mostly working in personnel at Redstone.

Ware first came to Redstone as a summer hire in the worker trainee program; and now after 34 years she will retire as a

human resources specialist in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. In that time she moved around to different offices and worked every grade from GS 1 to 12.

"Some of my proudest moments were making job offers especially promotions, talking with new hires, providing retirement counseling and assisting with compassionate reassignments," she said about her time in personnel, which covers most of her career.

Her favorite memories though are from all the people that she has worked with over the years.

"During the seven years I spent in the Product Assurance Directorate I made friendships that still prevail today," she said. "Our group usually gets together for Thanksgiving or Christmas luncheons."

After retirement Ware plans a lot of traveling. "I made a decision long ago that when I retire I will visit Wisconsin more often," she said about her plans to visit her family.

Ware will travel to Europe along with the 13 states she hasn't already visited, so that she can say she's been to all 50. During her trips she will also work to achieve her goal of visiting every major league baseball stadium.

"I have had some good days and I have had some bad days and I think anyone who has worked for 30 or more years would say the same, if they would be truthful. But best of all, I am glad to say my good days have outweighed my bad days."



Photo by Steve Grzedzinski

Support work

Tracey Condi, a visual information production assistant at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., prepares audiovisual equipment prior to a meeting.

Legal Office claims excellence award

Army recognizes Claims Division

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The Legal Office workers who handle claims usually do their jobs behind-the-scenes. Their customers appreciate what they do but others probably don't notice.

They got the opportunity to step into the limelight Thursday when they accepted the Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award for fiscal 2008. AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister made the presentation at their office in the basement of building 111.

"You don't ask for a lot, you don't get a lot of visibility but you all do a remarkable job," Chronister said.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli said their work is appreciated by the community. "Thank you for all you've done," he said.

Maj. Kathleen Kelly, deputy staff judge advocate, said 51 offices competed for the award and Redstone was among 30 recognized.

"Thanks to everyone for being here today," Kelly said. "Because when good things are done, people need to be recognized."

Claims chief Erika McPherson, who also serves as the claims attorney, spoke on behalf of her division within the legal office.

"I really, really appreciate the staff and the great work they do each and every day," she said.

In fiscal 2008, the claims

division collected more than \$180,785 with \$11,567 for property recovery. Affirmative claims are collected from insurance companies and persons that have caused injuries to servicemembers, their family or government property. Property claims are returned to the installation and medical money is returned to Tricare or to Fox Army Health Center. Recovery for Tricare exceeded \$156,115; and another \$12,450 was returned to Fox.

Personnel claims reimburse for household goods and other items that are lost or damaged while Soldiers and civilians are in their service role. For household goods, the Army pursues the carriers to recover the money. The division had a carrier recovery rate of 96 percent in fiscal 2008 and collected \$32,000.

The division assists about 600 claimants annually.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TOP HONOR— With the Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award are, from left, AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister, claims chief Erika McPherson, paralegal for affirmative claims Sue Sammons, lead claims examiner Joe Friday and claims examiner/carrier recovery clerk Wyketa Watkins.

Georgia native leads Bravo Bulldogs nation

Irby takes command at Bravo Company

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Bravo Company now has another Georgia connection – besides its Bulldogs nickname.

The new commander Capt. Eugene Irby III is an Augusta, Ga., native. Ironically, his predecessor Capt. Jay Gavigan is leaving for Fort Gordon, Ga., to attend a telecommunications systems engineering course.

“I feel good,” Irby said of assuming command last Friday. “I think that it’s a good team here, all the systems in place. I just hope to have the same success that Capt. Gavigan has had. I look forward to assisting in training the future leaders of the Army.”

Irby, 34, arrives for his first Redstone tour from the captain career course at Army Logistics Management College at Fort Lee, Va. He served on the transition team in Iraq from October 2007 until November 2008.

Irby enlisted in the Army in 2000 as a radio and communications security repairer. He received his commission in 2002 from Augusta State University where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in field artillery. His wife is the former Margaret Aelesia Roberts of Augusta.

Gavigan, 37, led the 320-member Bravo Company the past two years. The Brooklyn, N.Y., native was a private here in the same battalion 14 years ago as an ammunition specialist. He became an officer in 2001 after Officer Candidate School.

A New York Yankees fan, Gavigan played baseball for

Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., from 1991-94 and earned a bachelor’s in marketing. He was a right-handed pitcher with a fastball in the mid-to-high 80s.

He and his wife, Martina, have two sons, John III, 4, and Connor, 10 months.

“It’s been great, a great ride,” Gavigan said of his command tour. “My NCOs took care of me, so that made it easy.”



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LOOKING FORWARD— Bravo Company’s new commander Capt. Eugene Irby III, right, talks with outgoing commander Capt. Jay Gavigan.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

New supervisors

A mix of new and seasoned supervisors takes the Human Resources for Supervisors (Beta) course July 20. Provided by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center’s Human Resources Development Office, this course taught the 55 supervisors the human resources functions for use in their organizations. Syleria Jarmon was the course manager.

Navy visits Army Airlift Clearance Authority

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The Navy Airlift Clearance Authority paid a special visit July 14-15 to the Logistics Support Activity to benchmark their program against the Army Airlift Clearance Authority. During the visit, Pat Edwards, chief of the NACA, and Debra Williams



Photo by John Hall

COMPARING NOTES— From left, Pat Edwards, Nathan Forbes and Debra Williams discuss the Special Assignment Airlift Mission validation process.

received briefings on LOGSA's Transportation, Operations, Plans and Security Division as well as the Special Assignment Airlift Missions.

The visitors also toured the

AACA's Combatant Command Focus Team, Customer Support Team, and Transportation Analysis Team to learn more about communication with overseas counterparts and the methods the Army uses to handle large volumes of transportation shipments.

"This visit was an excellent opportunity to strengthen the working relationship between the two services in order to better serve the war fighter," TOPS deputy chief John Hall said.

While at Redstone the NACA representatives also took part in the LOGSA/National Guard Department of Defense Activity Address Code training conference in Bob Jones Auditorium, toured LOGSA's Corps Theater Automation Service Center, and received an overview of the AMCOM Distribution, Transportation and Packaging Division from Charles Reeves.

A highlight of the LOGSA visit was meeting with Cindy Fugate to better coordinate the No Hit IPT functions between the Army and Navy Air Clearance Authorities. The No Hit IPT,

which is led by the AACA, facilitates transportation pipeline velocity by reducing the number of undocumented and frustrated cargo arriving at the aerial port for air transportation movement to the war fighter.

"The AACA has done an outstanding job of formulating the No Hit IPT which will result in a reduction of frustrated cargo destined to help our overseas Soldiers and sailors receive critical supplies in a timely manner," Edwards said.

Accompanying the NACA representatives was Kenya Roberts, an Army maintenance intern from Fort Lee, Va. Roberts received insights into Army transportation functions which she will be able to apply to future applications within the logistics field.

"This visit has helped me to better understand the role of transportation in the logistical life-cycle of Army items," Roberts said.

The Navy's two-day visit concluded with the LOGSA Race-Track analysis briefing from Adrienne Miller, LOGSA Soldier Support Center, OCONUS Division, who explained the end-to-end distribution cargo timeline.

Resource managers give to children's charity

The local chapter for American Society of Military Comptrollers selected the Kids to Love Foundation School Supply Drive as its July community project.

School supplies and monetary donations were collected from mid-June until July 9 and delivered to ASMC's monthly luncheon.

The Kids to Love Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that is committed to meeting the needs of foster children in Alabama by providing scholarships, Christmas gifts, school supplies and aiding in the rescue of children pulled from meth labs. The foundation was awarded an Emmy award by the National Academy for Television Arts and Sciences in the community service category.

This foundation was started by Lee Marshall, television news anchorwoman for WAFF-48 which is the local NBC affiliate. A former foster child, she said she considers herself to be "one of the lucky ones who was blessed to find a forever family."

The donations collected at

the luncheon were delivered by ASMC members Debbie O'Neal, Omar Williams, Dan Gadomski and Dana Wilbanks. A monetary donation on behalf of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter was presented to Marshall by Williams and Wilbanks.

The donations were made by both ASMC members and non-members. (Redstone/Huntsville Chapter release)



Photo by Dan Gadomski

GIFT COLLECTION— Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers collected gifts for the Kids to Love Foundation. From left are Dana Wilbanks, Kelly Glosson, Eura Reeves, Vickie Compton, Debbie O'Neal, Omar Williams and Lisa White.

Exchange enlisted adviser has awareness mission

DALLAS – Few assignments in the military involve taking care of 12.2 million people. For Army & Air Force Exchange Service senior enlisted adviser Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm, taking care of that many people is his day-to-day responsibility.

From the small Cannon Air Force Base Exchange to the large Fort Lewis Post Exchange to exchanges in Japan, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan, Helm takes care of the AAFES customer through education and awareness of the exchange benefit and what AAFES does to support troops and their families.

AAFES is a joint military command with a retail mission. The command's dual mission is to provide quality products and services to all active duty, Reserve, Guard members, their families and retirees and to generate earnings to supplement Army Morale Welfare and Recreation and Air Force Services programs. Carrying out AAFES' day-to-day operation include 72 active duty Army and Air Force personnel and more than 43,000 civilian associates.

Helm recently brought his educational awareness mission to the Noncommissioned Officers Association's 45th annual convention in Las Vegas, July 14-17. He spoke to more than 250 active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired NCOs from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard on a variety of topics.

Helm emphasized to the NCOA audience that Guard and Reserve members and retirees who are not geographically near an AAFES base exchange/post exchange can still take advantage of their exchange benefit right in their own household via aafes.com.

"AAFES.com has more than 18 million items, tax free, at low prices along with a variety of free shipping options," he said. "Military shoppers have the largest exchange right there at their fingertips."

Another point Helm made was how

AAFES lives up to its motto of "We Go Where You Go" with the support to servicemembers deployed to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"AAFES' most important mission is to support deployed troops which we do with 91 exchanges and more than 200 fast-food restaurants in OIF/OEF," he said. "By providing a shopping experience or serving a Whopper, it gives troops a moment where they can forget where they are and make them feel like they're back home."

The NCOA conference was Helm's 65th stop on a 10-month trek that has seen him address issues and educate troops at Army and Air Force installations and conferences around the world.

At any of Helm's installation visits, he meets with wing/garrison leadership and customers. During meetings with senior leadership, AAFES issues are discussed along with ideas as to how to make AAFES a bigger and better part of the military community. However, it's the face-to-face interaction with customers at settings like Airmen Leadership School, First Term Airmen Center, spouses clubs, first sergeants, chiefs and sergeants major groups, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and town hall meetings that Helm is able to bring the AAFES education and awareness directly to Soldiers and airmen.

"Many of our Soldiers and airmen don't know what AAFES does to support them," he said. "I can understand our young troops not fully grasping everything AAFES brings to the table, but it's also our senior NCOs who've served for 15-plus years who are also in the dark on AAFES. I try and touch them all, young and old troops, officers and enlisted, retirees and family members."

Helm continues his schooling at Fairchild AFB, Wash., Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and Portland Air Base, Ore., at the end of July. (AAFES release)

Tricare center provides customer service

By KIM KINSER

For the Rocket

Tricare Service Centers are offices where beneficiaries may go and receive assistance with various Tricare matters. These customer service centers are located throughout the South Region and usually found near a military treatment facility.

Beneficiaries visiting a TSC will find friendly and knowledgeable staff available to assist them.

A TSC is an excellent place to do the following:

- Ask questions about the Tricare program
- Pick up Tricare-related brochures and handbooks
- Obtain assistance with benefits,

claims, referrals and authorizations

- Enroll or dis-enroll in Prime
- Get assistance in locating a provider.

To locate a center near you, visit Humana Military Healthcare Service's website www.humana-military.com and click on the "Find a Provider" link. From there, look for the Tricare Service Center section.

You will find driving directions and contact information for each center in the South Region.

Your local TSC is on the second floor of Fox Army Health Center, building 4100, Goss Road.

Editor's note: Kim Kinser is a public relations representative for Humana Military Healthcare Services, the administrator for the Tricare contract for a 10-state South Region.



Army retiree happy to be home from Iraq

Served voluntary tour under recall program

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When retired Maj. Jim Richards returned to uniform in May 2008 under the voluntary retiree mobilization and recall program, he expected to be deployed in a support role to younger Soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

He didn't expect to be charged with a command for the first time in his five decades of service.

But that's exactly what happened to this now 61-year-old Iraqi war veteran, who returned to active duty after 15 years in military retirement.

"I was company commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 44th Medical Command in Iraq," Richards said. "In that role, I commanded about 125 Soldiers. Most of the work involved personnel duties, providing information, making sure Soldiers had what they needed to do their job in support of hospital facilities, handling quality of life issues for the Soldiers, and enforcing rules and regulations.

"The day-to-day mission was to provide the support so that our Soldiers could do their job with the subordinate units."

The 44th MEDCOM, which deployed to Iraq in September 2008 and returned July 3, provided medical care and support to more than 320,000 members of U.S., coalition and Iraqi forces, as well as care for the more than 120,000 civilian contractors in theater. It provided personnel for seven hospitals, and ambulatory, dental and veterinarian clinics.

Under Richards' command, the 44th's HHC included several officers, such as the chief veterinarian, dentist and nurse as well as 10 colonels and six lieutenant colonels.

"We had quite a mix. Our youngest Soldier was 18 and the oldest was probably me," Richards said, smiling.

Originally, Richards was assigned as a chemical officer to the 44th Medical Command, stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Richards wasn't anticipating a lot of demand for his chemical training, so he expected to be involved in plans and operations shift work in a tactical operations center in Baghdad.

"We ended up with two chemical officers assigned to Headquarters and the mission for chemical personnel didn't provide enough work to keep even one of us busy," Richards said. "There was a lieutenant colonel commanding Headquarters, but he left at the last minute. They needed a replacement quickly. So they decided to take someone within the command, and I was it."

Richards has served with both the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

RETURNING SOLDIER— Jim Richards, 61, who voluntarily reactivated out of military retirement to serve in Iraq, is spending three weeks at home with his wife Angela and other family members following his unit's return to the U.S. Richards, who is a major in command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company for the 44th Medical Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., is scheduled to remain on active duty through May 2010. He will then return to his job with Teledyne Solutions working for AMCOM's G-4 office in environmental support to aviation and missile programs.

Navy and Army. He joined the Navy in 1969 and served as a medic. He left the service in 1973 to attend college, during which he joined the Army ROTC program in 1975. He retired from the Army in 1993, after a career that included stints as an ordnance officer and a chemical officer.

Richards' seniority and experience made him the standout choice for HHC commander, even though it was his first time in a command position.

"It was a big challenge and I kind of had a steep learning curve not only because it was a command position but also because I was coming back to the Army after 15 years," he said.

"I received a lot of support from the MEDCOM staff and I had a lot of senior Soldiers in the company who helped me get up to speed on everything. They all knew it was a two-way street, that they would have to support me so I could support them."

Richards' matter-of-fact style combined with his dedication to serve also helped him more easily assume command.

"Because I was a little more senior, I tended to get less upset about things," he said. "My philosophy is that it's easier to reason with someone than it is to confront them."

The job, though busy, was not challenging in a physical sense.

"We didn't have physical training or formations because we were providing 24-hour force protection," Richards said. "Instead, we did PT in groups or sections of six to eight people. There is still too much danger there to do anything in large groups. Terrorism is still much a part of the environment and the streets are always crowded.

"I also wasn't part of the units that went on all-day patrols in convoys or foot patrols and who were wearing body armor in 110-degree heat."

The 44th was stationed at Camp Victory, a large compound adjoining Baghdad International Airport. Camp Victory, one of several U.S. military installations surrounding the airport, includes the Multi-National Force-Iraq headquartered in Saddam Hussein's Al Faw Palace.

"I was there when President (Barack) Obama visited," Richards said. "We had a

dining facility and fitness center, and lots of other MWR offerings. It was, for us, pretty much like being in the states, only it was dusty and we didn't get to go home at night and we had to carry our weapons.

"The living conditions were pretty good for living in a war zone. The food was good. The accommodations were good. We had laundry service. We had tours like (American Idol's) Bo Bice and David Cook come through and there was world famous wrestling, and visits from the Oakland Raider cheerleaders, and college and NFL coaches. There was a lot of entertainment that came through."

Richards was there in November when then President George Bush visited Camp Victory and then later for Obama's visit.

He was also there as the U.S. started making troop drawdowns.

"There was a time when our compound was really filling up with Soldiers because of the withdrawal of U.S. troops from cities. Those troops were brought back to Victory base," Richards said.

"A lot has changed because of the change in policy. Iraqis are now taking control of the green zone. Lots of U.S. personnel are being moved back to the states. You can see changes every day in Iraq. They started with President Bush and continued under President Obama. The policy toward Iraq was pretty much set and agreed to with the Iraqis before I even got there. Now, the bigger changes are in Afghanistan."

Because his movements were limited to "inside the wire," Richards was fairly isolated from the threat of terrorism and improvised explosive devices.

"I was in more danger of tripping and falling after dark or being hit by a vehicle than I was of anything else," he said. "Three or four times we had indirect fire attacks and the sirens sounded and we had to go for cover. Sometimes we would hear car bombs go off in Baghdad. But there was nothing that hit close to us."

While no one in Richards' compound was injured "inside the wire," others were. Two doctors were killed at a nearby compound by random and direct fire.

Though relatively safe from terrorism attacks, being confined to "inside the wire"

Logistics product team returns to Redstone

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

The IPT was co-chaired by Larry Hill representing the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition Policy and Logistics, and Col. Michele Hammond representing Army headquarters G-4. The IPT had an attendance of more than 75 people with

numerous others attending via video teleconference.

Key issues covered during this IPT included DoD IUID Registry, Army IUID Implementation Plan, Legacy System marking, Organizational roles relating to IUID, LOGSA Maintenance Consolidation Database System and a Small Arms Pilot.

The LOGSA-Army IUID Support Office hosted the meeting and served as executive secretary. This is the second time Logistics Support Activity has hosted the event and the fifth time the event has taken place. LOGSA serves as the Army's

IUID support office. In this capacity, LOGSA is the primary focal point for submission of all Army IUID plans. Its support office receives, reviews and archives all IUID plans for the Army.

The Army IUID IPT was formally established in 2008 to establish governance, resolve issues and guide Armywide implementation of IUID. The process owners are DASA (APL) and Army headquarters G-4.



Photo by Dick Ruhlman/LOGSA

ATTENDEES— From left are LOGSA Logistics and Engineering Center deputy Lou Sciaroni, DASA (APL) representative Larry Hill and Army headquarters G-4/chief of field maintenance operations division Col. Michele Hammond.

■ JROTC instructors learn computer-based system

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material and to determine which subject areas need to be concentrated on in further instruction. Answers to questions in a test are made anonymously from other students (although students are graded and scores are kept in a computer-generated grade book), and then they can be grouped and analyzed to determine the amount of understanding and learning among participating students.

"The learning is going to be much easier because the system helps you keep the students involved in the learning process," Williamson said. "Lecture is not really received well with students. They need to be involved and they like the immediate feedback this can offer them. This gets them into reading, thinking and interacting."

CPS also allows instructors to have better management of the classroom, giving them the freedom to move around the room to check on students as they teach the lesson.

Computer-based instruction programs like CPS provide benefits for students and instructors in the classrooms of today and the future. Using the technology can better

prepare JROTC students for college, where computer-based instruction is getting more and more prevalent.

JROTC instructors retired Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Everette "Red" Hodges of Johnson High and retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Elijah Porter of Butler High have yet to use CPS in their classrooms.

"I'm excited about what this system can do," Porter said. "I will have a better idea of all it can do once I start using it and applying it in the classroom."

"There's never going to be a perfect system," added Hodges. "But this is pretty close. The kids are going to like it."

The JROTC regional meeting was the first of many that Columbia High hopes to host, said retired Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, who is the senior JROTC instructor at Columbia and who coordinates a quarterly meeting for North Alabama JROTC instructors.

"We need to work together to share best practices. We need to work as a team to educate children to be better citizens," Hobbs said.

"We are in a kind of war in our work to educate children. We need to share techniques and technologies so we can be armed as the best instructors for these children. Meetings where JROTC instructors from schools like Grissom, Sparkman and Johnson show and tell me what right looks like is something that benefits all of us."

■ Retired Soldier returns to duty as commander

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did cause some issues with feelings of isolation and confinement.

"I missed not being able to drive my Mustang. I missed not being able to go more than a couple miles in any direction," Richards said.

Richards also missed his wife, Angela, and his family. The couple did, however, enjoy Richards' 15-day R&R on a vacation in Bavaria, Germany. And they stayed in almost daily contact during the deployment through e-mails and phone calls.

"One time I went out to the Arsenal to use the video teleconference system so that we could see and talk to each other," Angela Richards said. "But it was bitter-sweet. I was so excited going out to the Arsenal to see him. But on the way home I missed him so much that I wanted to cry."

There were lots of care packages, thank you cards and letters from children during Richards' deployment.

"Churches, civic organizations, my friends and my co-workers at Teledyne Solutions sent us lots of care packages," he said. "We received T-shirts, toiletries,

food, coffee, books, videos and almost anything you can think of. The support was great. I want to let everybody know we got their care packages and we appreciated them very much."

Richards is now home during three weeks of leave. He will remain on duty at Fort Bragg as the 44th's Headquarters Company commander until May 2010 or until the Army releases him from his assignment.

"I want to finish out my tour," he said. "But the Army changes and their needs change, so it's possible they could release me sooner."

When he does return to the civilian world, Richards will resume his work with Teledyne Solutions at the Arsenal, where he works for AMCOM's G-4 office in environmental support to aviation and missile programs.

"I don't regret doing this. It was a good adventure. I wanted to serve and support the Soldiers who are deployed over there," Richards said. "But I don't know if I would turn around and do it again."

"It was maybe a bigger strain on me and my family than I probably anticipated. But we had some Soldiers in our unit who were on their fourth or fifth deployment. What a tremendous strain that must be on their family life. Some were in new marriages or had young children at home. Maybe my deployment kept one other from having to leave their family one less time."

Bravo Company roars into volleyball season

*Bulldogs beat Marines
25-7, 25-14 in opener*

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The Bravo Company volleyball team wants to finish the job this year.

Last year the Bulldogs won the season title but were eliminated by HHC 59th in the postseason tournament. The 59th went on to lose to the Civilian Welfare Fund in the tournament final.

Bravo has made a good start on the 2009 season.

The Bulldogs beat the Marines 25-7, 25-14 on opening night July 21 at Pagano Gym.

“Practice and hard work,” Bravo player/coach Edwin Villamil said of the keys to the win. “We’ve been practicing. We’ve put in over seven hours (of practice) so far and it doesn’t stop here. We’re continuing and we’re going to get better. We’re going to take the whole thing.”

“Last year we won the regular season. This year we’re going to take regular season and the playoffs.”

Bravo’s Luke Park and Anthony Ate-mon had five kills apiece. Chris Matavoa added two.

The other winners in season openers were HHC 59th, which is the defending military champion, and Charlie Company.

HHC 59th beats Headquarters & Alpha: Cornelius Halliburton led the “Raise Up” bunch to a 25-16, 25-13 win over the Gators.

Halliburton, an outside hitter, had five service aces, four kills and two digs for the 59th. Anthony Cardona added four kills. Philip Hancock made three kills plus an ace on match point. Brian Rogers also had a kill.

“Teamwork,” 59th coach Dynetha Childs said. “We only had one practice. So we pretty much had to go on experience from prior knowledge of who could play.”

Charlie makes comeback: The Wolf-pack started slow but outlasted the NCO Academy 22-25, 25-15, 15-9.

Joshua Bignell, Antonia Able and Jake Mahaffey led Charlie Company.

“It was strategy and skill because we didn’t even practice. We just got together,” Wolfpack coach Demeta Levatte said. “The chemistry went well.”

In games July 23, Bravo def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-17, 26-24; HHC 59th def. Charlie 25-15, 26-24; and NCO Academy def. Marines 25-21, 23-25, 15-13.

Standings after week one had Bravo (2-0), HHC 59th (2-0), NCO Academy (1-1), Charlie (1-1), Headquarters & Alpha (0-2) and Marines (0-2).

The season continues through Aug. 20. The postseason tournament is tentatively slated Aug. 24 through Sept. 1.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NET GAIN— Charlie Company’s Jimmy Harvison makes a leaping return in the Wolfpack’s 22-25, 25-15, 15-9 win over the NCO Academy on opening night July 21.

Mullen reflects on latest trip to Afghanistan

Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman describes lessons learned

By Sgt. 1st Class MICHAEL J. CARDEN
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KHANDAHAR, Afghanistan — After spending the better part of a week meeting with coalition leaders and troops in Afghanistan, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said he is returning home with a sense that the overall situation there will improve with trust from the Afghan people.

The international force's mission throughout Afghanistan is focused on the Afghans and gaining their trust and support, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said July 17.

Lessons learned from nearly a decade of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have led the admiral and his leaders to understand that once security is established, the local populace will become more optimistic, he said.

"It's not about the number of enemy killed," Mullen said. "It's about the number of civilians protected."

Governance and development of essential services and infrastructure are essential and soon will follow, the admiral said. But first, security has to be established and the populace has to feel safe.

"We have to shape before we execute," he said, describing the military's counterinsurgency model of "shape, clear, hold and build," which begins with "shaping" the battlefield to root out insurgents. In this context, Mullen is referring to gaining Afghan support.

"Our troops right now, even down the junior levels, know what they need to do in a counterinsurgency," he said. "I continue to be impressed with what we've learned. It's about the Afghan population."

Mullen said some of these lessons were learned the hard and long way from counterinsurgency operations in Iraq. Lessons that apply are the "totality of a counterinsurgency, being properly resourced and protecting the people," he explained.

"We didn't learn these lessons quick enough," he admitted. "We killed too many civilians — one is too many."

Recent months in Afghanistan have recorded staggering numbers of innocent bystanders being killed in fighting here. Hundreds of innocent lives have been lost to the collateral damage of U.S. and NATO air bombings. But as of late, those numbers are down while the Taliban continue to grow unfavorable among the populace because of the increasing number of civilian casualties caused by roadside

bombs.

Several American, as well as international, military leaders attest that 80 percent of the improvised explosive devices



Adm. Mike Mullen

in Afghanistan target Afghans. More than half of those attacks are on innocent civilians, while the minority targets Afghan troops and police, Mullen explained.

Mullen shared a story that was told to him by one of his generals in southern

Afghanistan's Helmand province. About a dozen Taliban were harbored in a building and surrounded by U.S. Marines. After a short time of the Marines calling for their surrender, a woman came out of the building with hand injuries, followed by Taliban dressed in women's burkas with young children standing by their sides, he said.

The general continued to tell Mullen that the local villagers began to call the Taliban cowards for pretending to be women and using kids for protection, he said. Furthermore, Mullen explained that if U.S. forces had bombed the building, all of the children and the one woman would've been killed.

"When I talk about taking the time and going through all the steps, that's what I'm hearing more examples of," he said. "If we had bombed that house and killed that woman and those kids, it wouldn't have mattered how many Taliban were there. We've got to protect (Afghans), and that's what we care about."

Mullen said the Afghans also want a government at every level that's going to provide for them. "They want to be provided goods and services, and that's not going on."

However, civilians from the U.S. State

Department and nongovernmental organizations, such as the U.S. Agency for International Development, are establishing more of a footprint in the country. More civilian experts with knowledge in agriculture, governance and economics are needed, he said, but added that the number of civilians isn't as important as the expertise they offer.

"I think (provincial reconstruction teams) are key," he said. "But I think it's less (about) the number of them than it is (about) their ability to make the Afghan people as successful as possible."

Mullen said he still can't assess a timeline for overall success in Afghanistan, but the bottom line is that civilians need and want security.

"We have enough forces here to 'hold' after we 'clear,' so we can build the economy," he said. "We've got to rapidly develop the Afghan security forces, and there's a long-term commitment."

"I know it's possible, and I know the strategy's right, but we've got to turn it around in the next year, year and a half," he continued. "I think that after that, we'll have a much better understanding of how long it's going to take here."

■ Caudle finds niche in family of achievers

Caudle

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expertise to meet the challenge wherever it is.”

Caudle trained at Fort Bliss as a short-range air defense warrant officer. He provided technical support during Operation Just Cause in Panama and then, while stationed with the 82nd, Caudle deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of the 3rd Brigade during Operation Desert Storm.

“I was the first non-aviation warrant officer deployed on the ground,” he said of Operation Desert Storm. “I was assigned to an air defense battalion that’s main purpose was to ‘shoot, move and communicate.’

“We started in a warehouse and then moved out to the middle of the desert where there was absolutely nothing. We had over 500 pieces of equipment with us. As a battalion maintenance officer, I was in charge of overseeing repair and maintenance of that equipment and overseeing the work of warrant officers assigned to each of the battalion’s four batteries.”

During the deployment, Caudle was more worried about his family than he was about his living and working conditions.

“My major concern was that my family didn’t know I was gone,” he said. “We left in the middle of the night. The phones on post were cut off when we got the alert.

My wife didn’t know where we were for three weeks. We were familiar with alerts and moving at a moment’s notice. We were prepared. We trained all the time. But it was still a stressful time.”

There were no cell phones or Internet capabilities for Soldiers in theater in 1991. The Soldiers relied on the mail system to get information back and forth from the war front. Caudle was fortunate because on a trip to purchase supplies he was offered the use of a telephone by a merchant to contact home.

After Operation Desert Storm, Caudle was assigned to be a training instructor at the warrant officer school at Fort Rucker. During this two-year assignment, Caudle saw several changes in the warrant officer training, both in administration of the program and the type of instruction resulting from the Army’s Desert Storm experience. He participated in a committee overseeing changes in warrant officer training and certification.

“I trained 2,000 warrant officers while I was there in everything from physical fitness to map reading and all the warrant courses,” he said. “At the time, warrant officers completed warrant officer school and then their technical training before they were appointed to warrant officer 1. But that was changed while I was there, and I trained the first class of Soldiers to be appointed warrant officers 1 right after warrant officer school. It was the biggest appointment of warrant officers 1 at one time.”

Caudle then returned to Redstone Arsenal, where he and his family lived while he completed his bachelor’s degree in busi-

ness management at Athens State College. He then was assigned to Fort Lewis, where he activated the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, which became a model for the Army’s Stryker force. Other assignments included training short-range air defense personnel at Fort Bliss; and a second tour in Korea, where he was the battalion officer for the division maintenance team.

Caudle returned to Redstone Arsenal as an OMEMS instructor and as chief of the warrant officers training division, where he rewrote doctrine for warrant officer training. His last assignment was with PEO for Missiles and Space, where he oversaw the Army’s reset program and was responsible for the Army’s Unique Item Identification program, developing policy for marking missiles for identification.

During his career as a chief warrant officer, Caudle reached the highest level of professionalism, retiring as a chief warrant officer 5.

“My career as senior electronic missile technician has been so varied. If it’s a missile system, I’ve had an opportunity to work on it,” Caudle said.

“And I feel in my career I have affected change. As a CWO 5, I have been able to affect the way the whole Army does things. I’ve been on teams to study and improve the way we train warrant officer Soldiers and the way we deploy these Soldiers. I’ve been able to have an impact on the future of warrant officers and how they should be positioned in the Army. And I’ve had the opportunity to sit on selection boards for future warrant officers.”

During his service, Caudle received the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Saudi Arabia/Kuwait Liberation Medal and several other medals. At his retirement ceremony, he received the Legion of

Merit, a military award for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.

Caudle described his retirement ceremony as “bittersweet,” saying “today is an extremely emotional day because I feel a sense of loss and change. It’s sad to be saying goodbye to a job, career and an organization which I truly love. But at the same time I look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead.”

He also described it as a “milestone” that he could not have reached without the help of fellow Soldiers, NCOs, officers, warrant officers, DoD civilians (“the glue that keeps the Army strong”), and friends and family. He especially thanked his wife Angela, who “defined sacrifice, love, loyalty and true happiness for me.”

Caudle especially recognized the Soldiers – his first squad leader and first platoon sergeant — who served as his mentors.

“These guys challenged me early in my career and forced me to take the next step. With their guidance, I won soldier of the year and went from E-3 to sergeant in one year,” he said.

Caudle is now working in business development and customer service with local contractor MJLM Engineering & Technical Services. He and his wife, who works as a secretary with the Corps of Engineers in Huntsville, are raising their 12-year-old son Austin, who hopes to be like his dad when he grows up. Caudle is active with the Boys and Girls Club, and is a mentor to young kids through church and other organizations.

“I emphasize with them education and preparation,” he said. “The measure of success all depends on where you came from. I want to help kids be successful in their lives and in their life choices.”

NLOS missile on target in test flight

Non-Line of Sight-Launch System had a successful flight test July 16.

The NLOS-LS Project Office and prime contractor Netfires launched a precision attack missile against a moving three-target armored array at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The missile was launched from a container launch unit and engaged the moving target array at a range of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). The missile successfully engaged the primary target, a T-72, utilizing its uncooled infrared seeker.

This was the first autonomous engagement for an Army indirect fire system, using infrared seeker technology, with in-flight target updates.

Initial review of the video and telemetry data indicated all objectives were met.



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.

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.

Boating course

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Redstone Flotilla offers a course on Boating Skills and Seamanship beginning Aug. 13 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Garrison Safety Office, building 3687. Seven sessions will continue on Thursday nights through Sept. 24. "You are presented in very descriptive terms the essential task of being a good/safe boatsman and provided the knowledge on the rules of the road," a prepared release said. "You may get up to a 15 percent discount on your boating insurance. Many of the insurance agencies discount for certified trained owners. You are qualified and are exempt from taking the Alabama written boat operators examination required on your Alabama driver's license." Students pay \$25 to cover the cost of the textbook. For information call Tom Kunhart, Flotilla public education staff officer, 830-6621 (home) or 527-4475 (cell).

Speedway nights

Military Appreciation Nights at the Huntsville Speedway include this Saturday and Sept. 12. Active duty, reserved and retired military will be admitted free. For more information, visit www.huntsville-speedway.com.

Honor Flight classic

Honor Flight, Tennessee Valley announces its "Fall Benefit Golf Classic" on Sept. 4 at the Links at Redstone. All proceeds will go to funding future WWII veteran trips to visit their memorial in Washington, D.C. A registration and sponsor information form is avail-

able for download on the Honor Flight website www.honorflight.net. Additional sponsor opportunities (breakfast and lunch) are still available. For more information, call Nick Leone 883-9086 or 655-4352.

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.



Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major

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

Bible studies

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

Space society

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

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	CLOSING		ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?								
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

SCBK09583289	General Engr	29-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,932	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09586588	General Engineer	29-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09592624	Supv Prgm Analyst	29-Jul-09	AMCOM Contracting Ctr	YA-0343	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09588640	General Engineer	29-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK09633	Recreation Aid	29-Jul-09	Bus Opers Div	NF-0189	1	1	7,25 - 11,68	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08545447	Computer Engr	30-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08571611	General Engineer	30-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09612611	Program Analyst	30-Jul-09	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-0346	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09627183	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09633650	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09633666	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09652102	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	31-Jul-09	SAMD	YC-0346	2	2	58,141 - 113,908	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09631872	Financial Mgmt Analyst	31-Jul-09	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0501	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09651290	Logistics Mgmt Spec	31-Jul-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09466403	Equipment Spec (Aircraft)	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09631779	Mail Clerk (OA)	3-Aug-09	MEDDAC	GS-0305	4	4	27,891 - 36,256	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09612871	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09632822	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09632822	Human Resources Spec	3-Aug-09	AMCOM, G1 (Human Res)	YA-0201	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09612625	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Aug-09	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 91,801	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09612878	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09618418	Secretary (OA)	3-Aug-09	USADTC	GS-0318	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09608104	Aerospace Engr	3-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09589532	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Aug-09	LOGSA	GS-0348	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09585361	Logistics Mgmt Spec	3-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09627987	Support Serv Asst (OA)	3-Aug-09	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0303	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09631738	Systems Mgmt Analyst	4-Aug-09	AMCOM, G8 (Res Mgmt)	GS-0501	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09586826	Inspector	5-Aug-09	AMCOM, Ofc of the Inspector General	YA-1801	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09597286	Mech Engr	5-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0830	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09529496	Supv Prgm Mngdr	6-Aug-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0340	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09583959	Logistics Mgmt Spec	6-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09530170	Supv Emergency Serv Dispatcher	6-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-2151	1	1	32,778 - 58,622	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09602500	General Attorney	7-Aug-09	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09607500	Lead General Engr	10-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09623054	Lead General Engr	24-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09463157R	Aerospace Engr	25-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0920	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7,99 - 11,41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0919	Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	6,55 - 11,41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK09586588D	General Engineer	28-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09588640D	General Engineer	29-Jul-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09608104D	Aerospace Engr	3-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09604776R	Mgmt Analyst	6-Aug-09	SMDC	GS-0343	11	12	67,204 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09602500	General Attorney	7-Aug-09	AMCOM, Legal Ofc	GS-0905	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK091102-OCO	Contract Spec	14-Aug-09	Corp of Engr Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlayPin)	24-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08463157D1	Aerospace Engr	25-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlayPin)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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

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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.
 Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainees. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 &

APBI conference

The Aviation and Missile Command 2009 Advance Planning Briefings for Industry is Aug. 26-27 at the Von Braun Center, East Halls 1 and 2. The theme for this year's conference is "Supporting the Warfighter — Collaborating to Achieve Enterprise Success." The conference will provide information on the Army's aviation and missile technology efforts, requirements and potential contract opportunities. For conference information and registration, visit www.apbi.redstone.army.mil/apbi. For more information, call event manager Cheryl Wise 842-9967 or e-mail redstone-apbi@conus.army.mil.

Veterans group

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

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. "Gettysburg, Important Myths and Mistakes," part one of a video documentary, will be presented by Jeffrey Ewing, a Civil War enthusiast and a local documentary filmmaker. Highlights of the June 21-26 annual conference of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College will also be reported. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

Kansas club

The Kansas Club will have a breakfast buffet social at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 29 at Lofton's in the Holiday Inn Select at 401 Williams Ave. Newcomers are welcome. "The Kansas Club is a friendly, social group consisting of people with Kansas connections and those who like to socialize with those with a Kansas connection," a prepared release said. A short meeting will be held after breakfast to discuss the Kansas Day Dinner in January 2010.

Fleet Reserve

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 278 will hold its monthly meeting Aug. 22 at noon at Greenbrier Barbecue on I-565, Exit 3. For information call Bill Marriott 974-3763 or Rae Smith 348-7025.

Admin professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians and contractors in any 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 Alphasdella McRae 313-1957.

Federal update

AFGE Local 1858 will hold a Washington Update for Federal Employees from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sep. 2 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Attendees will hear the latest information on legislative actions affecting federal employment. A guest

speaker from U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith's office may be on hand. Heavy hors d'oeuvres/appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. Attendance is open to all federal employees.

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. For information visit the website www.scs.org/hsc.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Noel Hinkle-Godwin, executive assistant at "Visiting Angels," aliving assistance services company. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

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.

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 971-5567.

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 Confer-

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Courtesy photo

Young Marines

Seventeen North Alabama Young Marines returned July 18 to the Marine Corps Reserve Center located on South Parkway after spending a week at Parris Island, S.C. These Young Marines, from ages 9 to 15, experienced hands-on, intensive, boot-camp reality. If your child is age 8-17 and interested in becoming a Young Marine, call Cpl. Sean Herron at 508-2539, Cpl. Mitchell Stease at 797-3676 or visit www.orgsites.com/al/y Marines.

ence 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 telecom-

munications. 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

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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 <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

Officer candidates

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

Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of Army training? The 1st Battle Command Training Group offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing your professional management, train-

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

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

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 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

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.

READ dog

The Post Library presents "Tales with Taka" from 10 a.m. to noon 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 Intermountain Therapy Animals and provides children a one-on-one opportunity to have fun reading to a four-legged friend in a non-critical atmosphere. Today the READ program is presented in hundreds of libraries and schools and improves the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered therapy teams. For more information call librarian Gail Alden 876-4741 or Ward 233-3962.

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 Saturday. For more information, e-mail caribbeanfashion-show@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.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Don't let the (Gate 10) construction keep you from getting great bargains," a prepared release said. "Most recent deals include sheet music and other musical items, lots of books, storage and closet items, and an expanded 50 percent off area. If you can't make it this Saturday, stop in Tuesday and Wednesday 9-4, Thursday 9-5 or any other first Saturday from 10-2."

Smoking cessation

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

CFC volunteers

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting nominations for candidates to participate in the 2009 Campaign Associates Program, formerly called the Loaned Executive Program. "The CA Program is an excellent vehicle to train dynamic men and women for career and

community leadership, enhancing their value to your organization," a prepared release said. "This is also a great opportunity for our military personnel. Your willingness to participate demonstrates your organization's commitment to enhancing the quality of life and welfare of others through greater community involvement." Individuals nominated will be required to attend a four-day workshop in August and be able to volunteer up to 20 hours per week during the campaign. Nominations for participation are now being accepted. For more information or to volunteer, call the CFC office 876-9143.

Federal employment

Representatives from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Federal Employment process briefing Aug. 6 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The information provided will help participants to understand the application process. Topics will include recruitment sources, Resumix procedures, candidate evaluation and the referral process. To reserve a seat, call ACS 876-5397.

Back-to-school open house

Join the Post Library on Saturday for a kids-oriented celebration of the beginning of a new school year. Events will include two story times, one at 11 a.m. and another at 2 p.m. Taka, a Reading Education Assistance Dog, will be at the library to meet visitors from 10 a.m. until noon. Various CYSS activities will be on the premises to register children, and light refreshments will be served. Children will receive a small book bag with pencil toppers, bookmarks and a choice of a gift book. For more information, call the library 876-4741.

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 Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive

Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned for Redstone as outlined in Commander's Letter 005-08. Civilian employees, contractors and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. Re-entry counseling for overseas returnees is also available. For more information, call relocation assistance program manager Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Call Sgt. 1st Class James Nicholson 842-3034 or 876-7969 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is Aug. 28. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Dec. 10. "Please make special note of the following: While it may be appropriate to notify your chain of command that you plan to participate in this retirement ceremony, you must notify HHC Garrison (Sgt. 1st Class Nicholson) as indicated above (by the stated deadline) in order to participate in this event," a prepared release said.

Butler High reunion

Butler High School Class of '79 is planning its 30-year class reunion for Oct. 10 at the Westin Hotel at Bridge Street. The cost is \$60 per person. For registration information, sign up on Classmates.com on the Butler Class of '79 Events page or Facebook — Butler Class of 1979 group page.

ID cards

The ID Cards Section will receive an upgrade in equipment Aug. 3-7. "During this time, the section will operate at reduced capacity," a prepared release said. "Please plan your ID Card needs accordingly. We will be back up to full operations on Aug. 10. If you have any ques-

tion, please contact the ID Card Section at 842-2413. Thanks for your understanding and consideration as we endeavor to improve our services to better support all our customers."

Health center hours

Fox Army Health Center will close at noon Thursday, Aug. 6. Effective immediately the center will close the first Thursday afternoon of every month for mandatory training. The center will be open all other Thursdays. The center is closed on Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox does not have an emergency room or Emergency Medical Services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Health center day

Fox Army Health Center will close at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7 for its annual Organization Day event to allow its employees an afternoon of camaraderie and team building. The center is closed on the first Thursday afternoon of every month, Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox does not have an emergency room or Emergency Medical Services. Dial 911 to activate EMS.

Military spouses

Full scholarships are available for the H&R Block Income Tax Course at no charge to active duty military spouses. Learn to prepare taxes and upon successful completion of the course, you could earn extra income as a tax professional. Bilingual students are encouraged to enroll. For eligibility and scholarship information, call Debra Jefferson of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Blood drives

Red Cross blood drives in August include the following: Aug. 6 from 7-11:30 at Ground Based Midcourse Defense and 7-noon at the Sparkman Center. Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Exchange, 7-noon at Corps of Engineers-Huntsville and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Missile Defense Agency. Aug. 13 from 7-noon at MDA building 5222, AMRDEC building 5400 and building 6263. Aug. 14 from 7-noon at buildings 5681 and 4545. Aug. 18 from 4-8:30 p.m. at Bravo Company. Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316.

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.