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Testing community enters new era

Redstone Test Center unites organizations

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Two Army organizations — each known for their long history of technical expertise, customer service and war fighter support — officially merged to become the Redstone Test Center in a ceremony Thursday that brought together the best the Army has to offer in testing and evaluation capabilities.

The ceremony, which included the casing of the flag of the Redstone Technical Test Center, the activation of the Redstone Test Center and the assumption of command of RTC by Col. Steven Kihara, was an historic event mandated by the 2005 BRAC recommendations and reflective of Team Redstone's growing profile as the Army's center for missile, sensor and aviation testing and evaluation.

"We're here today to celebrate change," said James Johnson, director of the Army Developmental Test Command.

"The only constant in the Army is change — change to adapt to new circumstances; change to improve how we do business; and change to shape the Army of tomorrow. The ceremony marking this change is much more than merely a symbolic gesture. It proclaims that we can adapt, we can improve, we can create a new history every bit as rich, as rewarding and as significant for today's Army and our nation."

RTC is now comprised of RTTC and the Aviation Technical Test Center, which was deactivated at Fort Rucker in July following a long history of providing airworthiness and safety qualification testing of aircraft and related aviation equipment. The changes celebrated in Thursday's ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium heralded in a



Photo by Kari Hawkins

OFFICIAL PARTY— Applauding during the merger ceremony are, from left, David Byrd, formerly director of RTTC and now technical director of Redstone Test Center; James Johnson, director of the Army Developmental Test Command; and RTC commander Col. Steven Kihara.

new era of testing that will build on what Team Redstone is well known for — providing the best of missile and aviation systems to the war fighter.

"The new Redstone Test Center will comprise the very best of the Redstone Technical Test Center and the Aviation Technical Test Center, leading to greater synergy and greater efficiency all the while maintaining the focus on customer support," Johnson said.

"The new RTC will bring enhanced aviation test and evaluation capabilities to Redstone Arsenal, a big step forward in supporting the PEOs and acquisition program offices in their development of new missile and aviation systems."

Among the changes coming to RTC will be the construction of a 126,000-plus Rotary Wing Center, a hangar at the Redstone



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UNFURLING THE COLORS— Col. Steven Kihara, the commander of the newly formed Redstone Test Center, stands at attention as the organization's flag is unfurled during Thursday's ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. Unfurling the flag is Sgt. 1st Class Victor Estrada.

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An open lane random survey

When's your birthday and what's your birthday wish?

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Dan O'Boyle
AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office
"Jan. 11, 1951. To have enough wind to blow out 60 candles."

Master Sgt. Erika White
Space and Missile Defense Command
"My birthday is Feb. 21st. I've got to make a big decision in January. And I want to know that the decision I make in January is the right choice. That's my wish."



Carra Daniel
Precision Fires, PEO Missiles and Space
"June 11th. Just for my family to be healthy and happy."



Ronnie Chronister
AMCOM deputy commander
"My birthday's Aug. 27th. That the next 50 years be as blessed as the first 50."



Quote of the week

'A great city is that which has the greatest men and women.'
— Walt Whitman
U.S. poet (1819-92)

Letter to the Editor

Service station plans to reopen

Do you have any idea when the Post Service Station will reopen? I have not seen an article in the *Rocket*. I am almost in need of tires for my car and an oil change.

Louis Elliott
retired sergeant first class

Editor's note: Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter provided the following response. "The tire center will reopen as Firestone in mid-September. If you need tires now, you can go to the customer service desk in the Main Exchange and we can order tires for you and arrange to have them installed downtown."

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home? Huntsville

What do you like about your job?

I guess seeing different people. I guess hopefully brightening up their day.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Just spend time with family and friends.

What are your goals?

To get a job that utilizes my business management degree (a bachelor's in 2001 from Athens



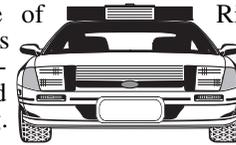
State University). And working with people is where I hope to get a job – working with people in a challenging environment.

What's at the top of your "bucket list" of things you want to do before you kick the bucket?

I guess to get married and have a family.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Aug. 13-19:



Aug. 17: A driver was stopped for speeding on Rideout Road and had a suspended license. She was issued two violation notices and released.

Aug. 18: A Soldier reported that someone stole his wallet and issued-footwear from the barracks.

Aug. 18: When a driver approached Gate 8 lost, he had a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Aug. 18: Someone damaged approximately 25 feet of chain link fence at the intersection of

Rideout Road and Goss Road.

Aug. 19: A subject was observed speeding on Patton Road and a traffic stop was

conducted. She had a suspended license. She was issued two violation notices and released.

Aug. 19: Columbiana, Ala., Police arrested a Soldier for desertion. The Soldier was detained in the Shelby County Jail and later released to Redstone Arsenal Police who processed the Soldier to Fort Knox, Ky.

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

Violation notices issued: 7 speeding, 3 driving while suspended, 2 improper backing.

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Post-wide emergency exercise under way today at Garrison

The Garrison is performing an installation-wide, full-scale anti-terrorism exercise Aug. 25-26. Madison County Emergency Management Agency, local hospitals and other community organizations are also participating.

Team Redstone personnel may experience more security searches and some delays while traveling into and on the installation both days. Be advised that Team Redstone personnel may see e-mail notifications, hear instructions from the loud speakers and see changes to the exercise awareness signs posted around the installation.

Redstone personnel may also see

increased local emergency responders activity on post. Additionally, Redstone is testing gate procedures at specific gate locations.

All announcements will be preceded by and ended with the words "Exercise, exercise, exercise," which means that the activities are not a response to an actual threat.

Redstone must be ready to respond to potential threats both here and abroad and at a moment's notice. The skills exercised Aug. 25-26 are directly applicable to all personnel on the Arsenal.

For questions or information about the exercise, call 842-2215. (*Garrison release*)

Firestone car care center opens in September

Judging from some recent letters to this newspaper, customers are tired of waiting. But they won't have to wait much longer.

The PX service station will reopen in September as a Firestone operation. The Post Exchange is among 30 continental U.S. locations getting Firestone stations within the Army & Air Force Exchange Service. AAFES has contracted with Firestone to operate these car care centers.

"It's going to open about mid-September," PX general manager Carl Carpenter said. "In the meantime (customers) can go to any Firestone in the local area and they will honor our existing road hazard war-

ranty. The local Firestones will take care of that.

"If they want to order brand new tires, they can come to our Main Exchange customer service and we'll arrange to have the tires installed downtown for them."

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

Customers with questions or concerns can call the Shoppette at 883-0367.

Garrison wants to hear from customers

Online assessment through Sept. 18

By **STEVE McFADDEN**

Customer service officer

The annual Customer Service Assessment is available online from Aug. 24 through Sept. 18 at www.myarmyvoice.org.

You might ask, "What is the value in taking this survey?" "What is in it for me?" Well, you've asked the right questions. The answer is so your voice can be heard, but not just your individual voice, but the collective voice of all who will be taking the survey.

The "Voice of the Customer" is everyone who takes the survey will collectively have a louder voice. It's not just one person saying it's this way or that way. It's the powerful voice of you and your fellow Soldiers, family members, civilian employees, veterans and retirees who live, work or play at Redstone Arsenal, which will have a huge impact.

"What kind of impact?" The more people who take the survey, the greater is their voice in validating what is being said by the answers given in the survey. With the CSA, your one voice can be instantly echoed around the Garrison along with that of others. So, if you want to make a difference here at Redstone, take the sur-

vey and your voice will be heard. Encourage everyone you know to participate as well.

"What is the Garrison's intent by having this annual CSA?" "Will I be able to remain anonymous when I take the survey?" The intent is to hear what the community has to say, on a Garrison size scale. We want to know what the community has experienced regarding the services provided to customers and yes, you will remain anonymous. You will be able to tell the Garrison how well it is performing customer service and how important the services provided are to you by ranking those services from the highest to lowest priority. By doing so, Redstone can then focus its efforts and allocate the right resources at the right place to meet your needs as a customer. It's that simple. In the survey you will be able to comment and compliment.

So, now that you know what the value and the intent is by taking the survey, just go to your nearest computer and log into www.myarmyvoice.org and have your voice heard. Encourage everyone in the Redstone community and in your unit to take the survey. The quality of life of all our Soldiers, family members, civilian employees, veterans and retirees is of the highest importance to the Garrison. Take the survey today and make a difference.

Son of Sputnik builder visits Explorer birthplace

Professor has family ties to first Russian satellite

By **CLAUS MARTEL**
AMCOM Historical Office

Dr. Mike Gruntman, professor of astronautics at the Viterbi School of Engineering of the University of Southern California, stopped by for a brief visit to the Office of the Command Historian on Aug. 17.

Gruntman partnered with the office a few years ago. He was looking for historical footage of the Army's early pioneering efforts in space for his lectures.

Mike Baker, AMCOM's command historian, jumped at the opportunity.

"Who better than one of the world's eminent physicists and early space experts to help spread our story?" Baker said.

Gruntman, the author of a number of award-winning books on the early history of spacecraft and rocketry, said former Redstone Arsenal commanders Maj. Gen. Holger Toftoy and Maj. Gen. John Medaris should share in much of the credit for the early Army successes in space, such as Explorer I, the free world's first satellite.

"They were the right men at the right place at the right time. (Dr. Wernher) von Braun could not have done it alone. It's always a team effort," Gruntman said.

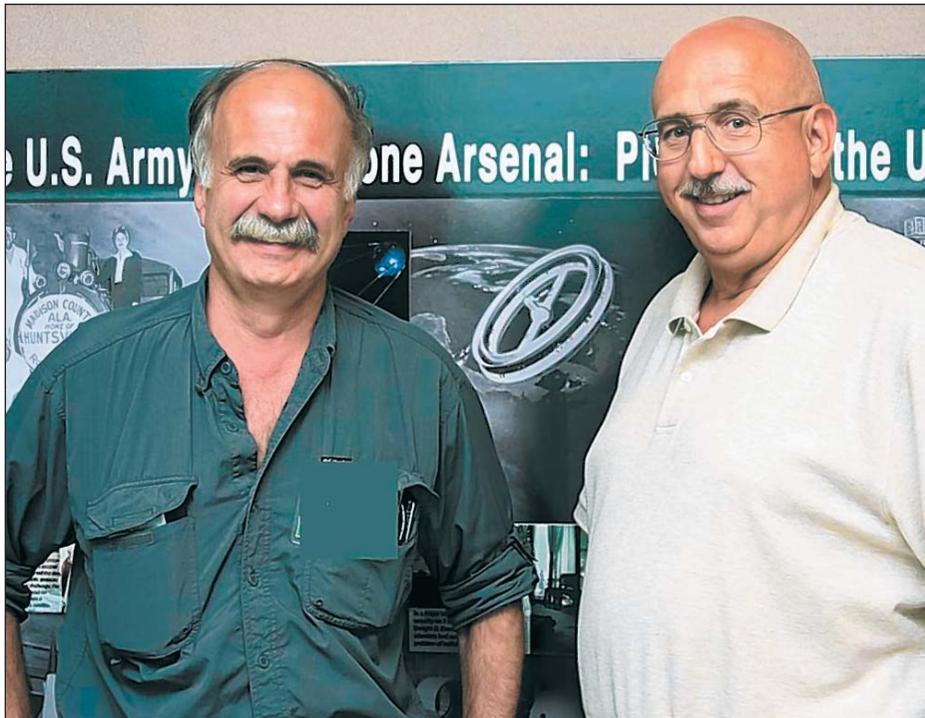


Photo by Claus Martel

EXHIBITS TOUR— University of Southern California professor Dr. Mike Gruntman gets a tour from AMCOM command historian Mike Baker.

Gruntman's interest in the Army's early pioneering efforts in space is made even more interesting by the fact that his

father helped build the Soviet Union's first space port in Tyuratam, Kazakhstan — now known as the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

"Sputnik I was launched from that site," he said.

In an interview with USC, Gruntman said "Tyuratam was inhospitable, nothing more than a whistle stop with 20 or 30 inhabitants, in the middle of literally nowhere. The Russians wanted to keep the launch site secret, so they announced that their space launch operations were being conducted from Baikonur, which later became known as Baikonur Cosmodrome. In reality, Baikonur is located 200 miles away from Tyuratam."

Sputnik was the satellite launched by the Soviet Union on Oct. 4, 1957. It was that "surprise" launch that became the impetus for the White House to order the Army Ballistic Missile Agency team at Redstone Arsenal, headed by Medaris, to go ahead and launch Explorer I. Explorer I was launched Jan. 31, 1958.

Gruntman escaped from the Soviet Union in 1989. He later became a United States citizen. He has consulted with NASA on a number of projects, including the Interstellar Boundary Explorer.

Gruntman said the historical footage supplied by Baker and the office have played a key role in his lectures.

"I want the students to see what was built and look at it from the perspective of the time," he said. "Your films have provided that perspective."

Expo highlights local community offerings

Organizations recruit volunteers, share information with attendees

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Attendees to the Aug. 18 MWR Expo got a good look at the organizations, activities and volunteer opportunities available on post and in the surrounding community.

"The reason we do the Expo is because so many people have moved to the Tennessee Valley over the last couple of years and it can be overwhelming to try and discover things about the community all on your own," Amelia Flanagan, MWR marketing, said. "We put all the information in one place to make it an easier and more pleasant transition. Everyone at MWR loves our communities and we want everyone to know how much we have to offer."

The event, sponsored by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, brought representatives from all over the area to talk to people about worthwhile projects and organizations looking for their patronage and support. Some were Redstone institutions, like Army Community Service. Some, however, offered different ways to give to others.

"It was a great mix of organizations coming together to show what our area has to offer," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "It was a good way of networking, meeting people and getting volunteers."

Scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event drew a crowd in its own right, but was also able to lure in lunchtime patrons to the Officers and Civilians Club. The variety of ages and backgrounds among attendees was a big draw for some of the organizations.

"This is our second year," Jamie Terry, volunteer and outreach coordinator for the Greater Huntsville Humane Society, said. "It's a great opportunity for us to come out and educate a wide variety of people on what we do."

While most booths passed out information and



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BEST FRIENDS— Gingerbear, Angel and human helper Shirley Greathouse talk to Expo attendees about The Ark animal shelter.

gave away small items, two booths had a few extra helping hands, or paws. Both The Ark animal shelter and the Greater Huntsville Humane Society had four-legged volunteers to help spread the word. Dogs Mushu and Scrapy promoted the Greater Huntsville Humane Society in between naps and snacks. For The Ark, it was rescue dogs Gingerbear and Angel.

Each booth contributed an item to the large door prize drawing. Most reflected the nature of the organization behind the donation, such as a Ping Golf Bag from the Links at Redstone. The Thrift Shop, however, took the drawing a bit more literally. For their door prize, the thrift store manager brought just that – a door.

"We thought it would be a lot of fun," Thrift Shop manager Jane Thompson said. "Fortunately, the lady who won it has a good sense of humor as well."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DOOR PRIZE— Michelle Goforth, Jane Thompson and Robyn Somers of the Thrift Shop brought a little of the store with them to the Officers and Civilians Club for the 2009 MWR Expo, including a "door prize" consisting of an actual door.

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:

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 Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Heiser Hall. For more information, call 876-4868.

Youth dove hunt

A youth dove hunt will be held Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at Gate 9. This is open to children age 10-15. Free hunter safety orientation and lunch provided. Limit is two children per adult, one gun per adult escort. Adult escorts must be at least 25 and must have a state issued hunting license. Pre-register by Sept. 1 at 876-3977. No late registration. For more information, call 876-4868 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Oktoberfest

The annual family festival is Sept. 17-20 at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field. Enjoy authentic German food, beverages and music by Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express. Ticket prices and hours are Thursday, Sept. 17 from 5-11 p.m., \$10; Friday, Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$13; Saturday, Sept. 19 from noon to 1 a.m., \$13; and Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-8 p.m., \$10. Admission includes carnival rides, parking and entertainment.

Dancing like stars

Register through Sept. 23 for dancing classes in Basic Waltz and Cha-Cha. The classes are Sept. 24 through Oct. 22 on Thursday nights from 7:30-9. Cost is \$55 per couple. Call 876-4531 to register.

Redstone 10K

FMWR Sports and Fitness, Fleet Feet and AUSA present the Redstone 10K Run on Sept. 26 at 7 a.m. at the Sparkman Center building 5302 parking lot. The \$10 registration fee includes a T-shirt when registered by the Sept. 16 deadline. Late registration of \$15 is available to those who have access to Redstone Arsenal. Each participant will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Fleet Feet. Registration is available at Pagano Gym (phone 876-6701), Redstone Fitness Center or the Sparkman Fitness Center. Off-post registration is at Fleet Feet Sports, 2722 Carl T. Jones, Suite 2B (Bailey Cove Shopping Center), phone 650-7063. For information visit www.redstonemwr.com.





Photo by Jeanna Reitmeier

Club fund-raiser

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles purchases his first ticket to the Officer and Civilian Women's Club's Fall Fling fund-raiser scheduled Oct. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Officers and Civilians' Club. There will be food, silent auction, live music and dancing, beer and wine tasting, and various other activities. Looking on are OCWC president Karen Stanish, left, and Fall Fling chairperson Tonya Daniels. This is the club's first and one of its main fund-raisers of the year. It is a collaborative effort with OCWC members. Proceeds will be used to further community assistance and merit award programs such as scholarships, donations to other supporting military events, and assistance to military families. Tickets are \$20 for individuals or \$35 per couple. The event is open to everyone with gate access. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 489-3009.

Commissary, Special Olympics earn six-peat

Among contest winners for 6th consecutive year

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The Commissary and Madison County Special Olympics have won a worldwide contest for the sixth straight year.

Procter & Gamble conducts an annual Special Olympics display contest in stores throughout the Defense Commissary Agency. Redstone is again among the grand prize winners for 2009.

P&G representatives presented the \$705 prize Thursday to the Madison County Special Olympics in a ceremony at the Commissary.

"Everybody wins," Procter & Gamble account manager Tom Seifert of Atlanta said. "The Commissary gets extra sales, P&G sells extra products, and the Special Olympics gets a local donation from a national corporation."

Parent volunteer Donna Morrison and her 33-year-old daughter, Spe-

cial Olympics participant Joy Morrison, accepted the check on behalf of Madison County Special Olympics.

"Can you use that (donation)?" Seifert asked Donna Morrison. "Oh yes, definitely," she replied without hesitation.

Donna and Joy Morrison assist P&G retail representative Katrina Coleman each January with the Commissary's perennial-winning display.

"This is really wonderful," Joy Morrison said. "I think it's fun."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BIG DONATION— With the \$705 grand prize for Madison County Special Olympics are, from left, Commissary store administrator Alfred Crawford, general manager Jerry Young, Special Olympics parent volunteer Donna Morrison, her daughter Joy Morrison, Procter & Gamble account manager Tom Seifert and retail representative Katrina Coleman.

The many faces of Kate Campbell Stevenson



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PERFORMER— Kate Campbell Stevenson sings as she opens her historical presentation for Women's Equality Day.

Artist takes her audience through women's history

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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One moment she's Kate Campbell Stevenson, the singer. The next she's Abigail Adams in 1776.

Keep watching and listening as she transforms again into a women's suffrage leader in 1913. Next she morphs into a female political candidate in 1920 Wyoming.

She then asks her audience to travel that year to Washington, D.C., where she becomes suffragist Alice Paul, awaiting ratification of the 19th Amendment. Finally, the word comes that the legislation passed, giving women the right to vote.

"We've come a long way, but we still have a ways to go before equality," Stevenson said, herself once again.

But then she becomes

Bessie Coleman, the world's first licensed African-American pilot, in 1922 Chicago. "She never gave up. She made it happen," Stevenson said of this pioneer.

She finishes her performance as Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Stevenson recalls that Eleanor Roosevelt overcame shyness about public speaking to become "the voice of the voiceless."

"She spoke out for civil rights, human rights all over America," Stevenson said.

Nearing the end of her presentation for Team Redstone's Women's Equality Day program Aug. 18, Stevenson said "we can learn from these women."

The estimated 200 people in Bob Jones Auditorium gave her a standing ovation as she finished. Stevenson combines more than 25 years of profes-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SUFFRAGIST— Inez Milholland, as portrayed by Kate Campbell Stevenson, prepares to lead a women's suffrage parade March 3, 1913 on Pennsylvania Avenue.

sional experience in music, theatre and education to create Women: Back to Future. She has starred in more than 30 Broadway musicals produced in regional theaters across the United States.

"First of all, I was blown away by what I just saw here," Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ABIGAIL— Kate Campbell Stevenson portrays Abigail Adams in 1776.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIRST LADY— Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is portrayed by Kate Campbell Stevenson.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

AWAITING VOTE— Suffragist Alice Paul, aka Kate Campbell Stevenson, awaits ratification of the 19th Amendment in August 1920. Finally, the word comes that the legislation passed, giving women the right to vote.

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Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said as he presented her with mementos.

This year's theme for the Women's Equality Day observance is, "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote." In support of the observance, Team Redstone sponsored an essay and static display contest.

Essay winners were: first place, Regina Head of Army Materiel Command; second, Margie R. Reed of AMCOM G-8; and third, Gayle Catt-Glenn of Defense Military Pay Office.

Display winners were: first place, 2nd Army Recruiting Brigade; second, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; and third, Army Materiel Command.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PETTICOAT PIONEER— Rose Crabtree, as portrayed by Kate Campbell Stevenson, is elected to the town council in 1920 in Jackson Hole, Wyo.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AIRBORNE— Kate Campbell Stevenson portrays Bessie Coleman, the world's first licensed African-American pilot, in 1922 Chicago.

Intelligence commander likes Southern hospitality

DIA leader praises workers and the local community

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In his first visit to Redstone Arsenal, the commander of the Defense Intelligence Agency – Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess Jr. – described his time at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center as “absolutely eye opening in terms of significant capabilities.”

Burgess, who in his position oversees MSIC, visited the center on Aug. 19 with Rep. Parker Griffith. They shared a joint media conference and talked with employees.

The general officer said he is proud of the expertise and technical knowledge MSIC employees “bring to our defense intelligence enterprise.”

The work of MSIC employees at Redstone Arsenal translates into success for Soldiers on the battlefield, Griffith said.

“War fighting begins with intelligence,” he said. “And that intelligence is particularly essential now when rogue nations are acquiring weapons. Iran and North Korea are not our friends. They are developing sophisticated weaponry with good science. They are worthy adversaries. The difference will be intelligence.”

Griffith said he appreciates the ability of MSIC employees to understand the physics, science and technology involved in missile systems. MSIC employees provide scientific and technological intelligence on adversary surface-to-air missiles and ballistic missile systems. This intelligence includes characteristics, capabilities and limitations of foreign military systems, including data about related weapons, weapon system material, research, development, test, evaluation and production.

“I can’t emphasize enough the war fighter is our primary concern,” he said. “One life is too many to lose and the safety of the war fighter starts with intelligence. The safety of the war fighter begins here and spreads to the battlefield.”

“You bring all the knowledge and intelligence of weapon systems together in one place. I call it ‘fused intelligence’ that delivers a product to the war fighter.”

With 38,000 acres and 32,000 employees, Griffith said Redstone Arsenal is “at the top of the list of every unfriendly government in the world” because of the contributions it makes to the nation’s defense programs.

Burgess added that MSIC and its employees will continue to be very much a part of the Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville communities.

“We want to continue to be neighbors,” he said. “I want to thank the people of Huntsville for their good old Southern hospitality.”

Dear drivers, beware of deer crossing road

Government not liable for resulting damages

By ERIKA McPHERSON

Chief of claims, Legal Office

Deer have long enjoyed the comforts of the wooded areas of Redstone Arsenal but now they are enjoying crossing onto the main roads during peak traffic hours.

Deer accidents have occurred on some of the main roads on Redstone Arsenal such as Goss Road, Martin Road and Vincent Drive. In addition, deer accidents have resulted in an increase of the number of claims filed and claim inquiries regarding payments for the damages caused by the deer.

Several drivers and employees on the Arsenal with vehicle damages caused by deer have raised the question whether the government has a duty to warn drivers about deer crossing the main roads. Unfortunately, the government cannot pay claimants for damage caused by deer. A driver who collides with a deer should consult his or her insurance carrier to pay for any vehicle repairs.

Depending on the circumstances, a claimant may file a claim requesting reimbursement for vehicle damage under the Personnel Claims Act or under the Federal Tort Claims Act. The PCA allows compensation for certain damages to vehicles caused by thefts, vandalism and “unusual occurrences.” The PCA defines an unusual occurrence as a hazard outside the normal risks of day-to-day living and working. This includes incidents of an unusual nature or those of a common nature that occur in an unexpected degree of severity. For example, a lightning bolt striking and destroying a vehicle, or a base-

ball sized hailstone striking and denting a vehicle would be considered unusual occurrences. Conversely, a deer striking a vehicle does not qualify as an unusual occurrence and therefore a claimant would not be paid under the PCA.

Similarly, deer strikes are not payable under the FTCA, which protects individuals from the negligence of government employees. Under the FTCA, the claimant has the burden to prove the damage to his or her vehicle was the direct result of government negligence. A deer crossing the road would not amount to government negligence.

The government has a duty to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe condition and to warn of all dangers which are known to the government. For instance, if there was a huge pothole in the road, the government should repair the pothole in a reasonable time, or post warning signs to alert the drivers of the possible danger.

The Arsenal does have some deer warning signs posted on various roads. While potentially dangerous and often resulting in costly repairs, deer unexpectedly crossing the road, however, does not qualify as a hidden danger that the government must warn about. Drivers are cautioned to slow down and be aware of their surroundings.

For claims other than those arising from deer strikes, you may download the appropriate forms and get other valuable claims information at the claims website, www.redstone.army.mil/legal/claims.html or visit the claims office located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, building 111 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal. For additional information call James Friday, claims examiner, at 876-9006.



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THANKING MSIC— Defense Intelligence Agency commander Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess Jr. makes his first visit to the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, where he praised the work of the center’s employees. Making the visit with him was Rep. Parker Griffith.

Garrison replenishes blood donor program

Collection efforts coordinated by Redstone representative

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The Garrison has reorganized the post's blood donor program to better coordinate donation activities.

The reorganization – under Dan Morgan, the chief of operations for Fox Army Health Center – reflects an agreement between Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Mark Smith that Arsenal blood

“Some people get very emotional when they think we’re going to reduce the source. But we think there are enough donors to go around and if we schedule blood drives properly then there should not be any decrease in the number of donors. With our growing population here, the numbers should increase.”

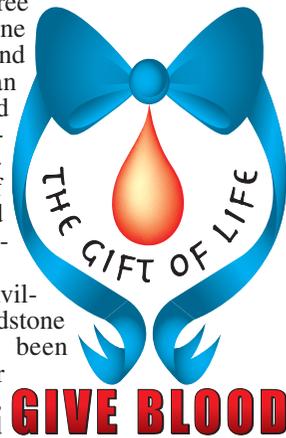
— Dan Morgan
Blood program coordinator

drives conducted by three collection agencies – one that is military based and two that are civilian based – be coordinated by an Arsenal representative to reduce confusion, prevent overlap of collection drives, and increase public awareness and participation.

“The military and civilian employees on Redstone Arsenal have always been generous in giving their blood,” said Morgan, the newly appointed command blood program coordinator.

“We want donors to give to the Armed Services Blood Program because those donations go straight to Soldiers, their family members and veterans at a time when our nation is at war. But we also want to allow donors on the Arsenal to participate in civilian blood programs because we want to provide community support and there is always a need for blood locally.”

Blood collection drives on Redstone Arsenal are conducted by the Armed Services Blood Program,



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Parents asked to watch for eye problems

By MATTHEW HABEL

Fox Army Health Center optometry chief

Did you know that children as young as 6-months-old receive eye examinations?

Even at this young age, and despite a child's inability to give responses, doctors can detect eye muscle problems, refractive problems and eye diseases. You may be thinking, “My son or daughter can see well. He or she doesn't need to go to the eye doctor.” But did you know that a child might see well out of one eye but not the other eye?

Having eyes that are imbalanced can, and will, affect a child's visual development, how sharply they see, and their depth perception or sports vision. Vision does not develop spontaneously. A child's brain learns how to use eyes to see, just as it learns how to use legs to walk or a mouth to form words. The longer a vision problem goes undiagnosed and untreated, the more a child's brain learns to accommodate the vision problem.

That's why a comprehensive eye examination is so important

for children. Early detection and treatment provide the very best opportunity to correct vision problems, so your child can learn to see clearly.

Additionally, if your child is participating in sports, his or her eyes need to be protected, no matter what the age. Eye injuries in sports can happen as a result of contact with hard objects, such as a ball, bat, puck, racket, dart, air gun, elbow or finger.

Thousands of children suffer sports-related eye injuries each year, and nearly all of those injuries can be prevented by the use of proper protective eyewear. Wearing eye protection not only prevents injuries from occurring, but it also lessens the blow to the eye if the object's impact is severe.

Eighty percent of all learning is performed through vision. Make sure your child has the best possible tools to learn successfully. Schedule your child a comprehensive eye examination, and ask your eye care professional about proper protective eyewear at your next visit.

Security assistance chief of staff returns to Redstone

Colonel with USASAC
first arrived 17 years ago

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As U.S. Army Security Assistance Command makes the move to Redstone from Fort Belvoir, Va., one new addition is helping to smooth the way for others. Col. Tommy Lancaster became chief of staff for the organization June 22.

With the organization both moving and restructuring as part of its BRAC-mandated relocation, Lancaster finds his duties divided between the two main locations.

"Right now is very interesting because of our split operations," Lancaster said. "It's a challenge to work two headquarters at once."

The move is going well. Lancaster estimates USASAC is about 18 months ahead of schedule. They have 85 people in place at Redstone and are expecting about 60 more. While helping the organization's staff move forward, Lancaster is working on what will happen to those not coming with them.

"I've been working with personnel, trying to make sure that our people who are not coming down here find other positions," he said. "We want to do as much as we can for them. We also have people in St. Louis. We're working with Scott Air Force Base to get some folks hired in over there."

As chief of staff, he sees himself



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

IN OFFICE— Col. Tommy Lancaster is chief of staff of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command.

watching over the USASAC work force. By taking care of the individual, he is taking care of the whole.

"A lot of people have a hard time and aren't used to trying to find out about the individuals," he said. "When you get to know people and you treat them with dignity and respect, you'll be surprised how hard they'll work for you. They'll go that extra mile if you're sincere and you care about their welfare."

While other people are focused on performing their job and fulfilling their part of the mission, Lancaster said his job is to make sure those parts add up to the proper whole.

"I tell my people that I know everyone has their job and they're worried about the tree in front of them," he said. "While everyone is working on their tree, I'm watching the forest."

The military has been a way of life for Lancaster from the beginning. He was born in Okinawa, Japan, where his father was stationed with the Air Force. He calls Mississippi home, mainly because that was where his family lived the longest. He graduated high school there and went on to college in the state.

While attending the University of Southern Mississippi for political science, Lancaster joined the ROTC program. He quipped that he probably would have gone into the Air Force himself if he hadn't seen where that led his older sister.

"My sister was two years older than me. We were both in a (ROTC) program that let you choose Air Force or Army," he said. "Being two years ahead of me, my sister graduated and went into the Air Force. My father ended up following her to her next assignment. I saw that and said that wasn't going to happen to me. I opted for the Army so Dad wouldn't follow me, too."

His quiet rebellion led him on to a long Army career that has taken him all over the world. Along the way, he received a master's in general administration from Central Michigan University and a master's in strategic studies from the Army War College.

This position isn't his first at Redstone. In fact, it isn't even his first BRAC move.

"I was the XO (executive officer) for the 74th Maintenance Battalion about 17 years ago," he said. "The ironic thing is that when I came here with the 74th, I came down with BRAC also. They were at Fort Lewis, Wash. I was supposed to report there, but en route they flagged me down and told me I was headed to Alabama."

Most recently, however, Lancaster was station in Battle Creek, Mich. with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service first as its chief of staff and then its deputy.

When he's not watching out for his work family, Lancaster is spending time with his wife and kids. His wife, Melanie, is an Arab, Ala., native. Lancaster said she's having a great time teaching him about the area.

"She's the main reason why I'm here today," he said. "She was really excited about moving back to this area. She's really excited to get involved in the community here."

A large portion of Lancaster's free time is also taken up by his youngest son, Tommy Jr., and sports.

"My 8-year-old plays soccer, hockey, basketball and football," he said. "I like to coach, but I try to be the assistant coach. My work keeps me busy and I don't want any kids waiting for a head coach who can't come."

Lancaster also has two older children. His oldest son is a doctor in Warren, Mich. His daughter just completed her master's from America University after undergraduate studies at Georgetown.

■ Military, civilian blood donations shared to meet needs

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the American Red Cross and LifeSouth. The three agencies work with various Arsenal organizations to conduct blood drives throughout the year.

"The Armed Services Blood Program is a unique organization in that it exists only in a time of emergency or in a time of war," Morgan said. "Their mission is to collect blood and they make sure it gets to the government organization that needs it, whether that be Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine or even NASA and the VA. They provide blood and blood products to the services."

Currently, most blood collected by ASBP is used in Iraq, Afghanistan, and at Landstuhl, Germany, Regional Medical Center, Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C., and Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"We are still at war. The need for blood in theater is great," Morgan said.

"When a young Soldier is wounded in theater they are kept alive and transported to a combat hospital with the help of blood donated through ASBP. If you want to give blood to troops, the most direct

and expedited way is with the Armed Services Blood Program."

ASBP is a Department of Defense program and can only conduct blood drives on federal installations. The ASBP blood donor center serving Redstone Arsenal is located at Fort Benning, Ga. Its representatives are planning four blood drives a year on the Arsenal.

ASBP will be at Redstone Arsenal in September for a four-day blood drive. On Sept. 21, ASBP will conduct a drive at the Sparkman Center; on Sept. 22 at Fox Army Health Center, on Sept. 23 at the Redstone Fitness Center for the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and on Sept. 24 at the Missile Defense Agency. Anyone with access to Redstone Arsenal may donate blood at any of the four locations, although Morgan cautioned civilians and contractors not to participate in the Sept. 23 drive with the 832nd Ordnance Battalion because of the large number of Soldiers expected to participate. Another drive is scheduled for Dec. 21-23.

"ASBP plans to be here four times a year until the war ends," Morgan said. "Once the war ends, the demand will then lessen and the ASBP drives will stop."

Blood donors can register themselves for the ASBP blood drive online at

www.militaryblood.dod.mil. Preregistration will provide donors with a specific date and time for their donations. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Besides working with ASBP, Morgan is also establishing new agreements with the American Red Cross and LifeSouth to allow both agencies to continue to conduct blood drives on the Arsenal.

"A lot of the blood drawn here at the Arsenal is used to facilitate the need for blood locally," Morgan said. "We don't dictate to organizations which agency they want to work with. They are free to choose. But we do want to prevent agencies from conducting blood drives at the same time or at dates that are close together."

Both the American Red Cross and LifeSouth will be providing Morgan with their schedules of Arsenal blood drives. Twenty percent of the blood donations received at civilian blood drives by these two agencies is committed for use by the military or their dependents while the rest is used in local emergencies and to fill hospital needs.

"The need for blood locally is great," Morgan said. "Some people get very emotional when they think we're going to reduce the source. But we think there are enough donors to go around and if we schedule blood drives properly then there should not be any decrease in the number

of donors. With our growing population here, the numbers should increase.

"The need for blood is real. If you want it to do something to help our troops then give blood to the Armed Services Blood Program. If you want blood to stay locally to help people here then give to the American Red Cross or LifeSouth."

For more information about ASBP, visit its website at www.militaryblood.dod.mil. For information about the American Red Cross, visit www.redcrossrelief.org and for information on LifeSouth visit www.lifesouth.org.

Last of large-scale BRAC footprint becomes reality



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CELEBRATING GROWTH— From left, Rep. Parker Griffith talks with the Army's Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, James Johnson and Col. Steven Kihara about the footprint the Redstone Test Center will have at Redstone Arsenal once the construction of RTC's Rotary Wing Center Hangar Facility and RTC's headquarters are completed. The two projects total \$46.5 million, making it the last of the large-scale, BRAC-related construction projects to be built on the Arsenal.

Officials break ground for \$46.5 million project

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It's official – ground has been broken for the last of the large-scale, BRAC-related construction projects coming to Redstone Arsenal.

Arsenal and community officials gathered Friday under a tent adjacent to the Redstone Flying Activity at the airfield to break ground for a \$46.5 million building project that includes the Rotary Wing Center Hangar Facility and the Redstone Test Center's new headquarters buildings. The hangar facility will be located at the airfield while the RTC headquarters will be in front of building 4500 on Martin Road.

The groundbreaking, combined with Thursday's merger of the Redstone Technical Test Center and the Aviation Technical Test Center, "is truly a milestone event in the life of Redstone Arsenal, the Army and the state of Alabama," said Col. Steven Kihara, the new commander of RTC. "The official merger completely changes the face of aviation and missile testing and evaluation. The critical expertise to test and qualify now resides co-located with customers."

The new facilities will augment the efforts to make Redstone Arsenal the Army's Aviation Technology Center of Excellence.

"We are doing things to take it to the next level," said Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command. "This will allow us to enhance our Aviation Technology Center of Excellence. This will be a key enabler."

Myles thanked the Alabama congressional delegation, represented at the groundbreaking by Rep. Parker Griffith, for their support of the changes coming to Redstone Arsenal.

"You are helping to make the dream become a reality by making our Army the best Army that's ever existed on the face of the earth," he said.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli said the new RTC facilities symbolize longevity and "also marks our final large BRAC-directed project."

"Getting this project under contract is a major step for the Garrison, the whole installation and the Army. The Garrison's commitment is that every building project remain on time and at or below cost. I look forward to these buildings being completed in late 2010 or early 2011," Pastorelli said.

Participating in the groundbreaking with Myles, Pastorelli, Kihara and Griffith were Developmental Test Command director James Johnson; Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle; Madison Mayor Paul Finley; Claudinette Purifoy, senior project engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers; and David Hare, vice president of U.S. operations for B.L. Harbert Construction.

Redstone makes history with new chapter in testing

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Airfield that will hold 10 rotary wing aircraft, and provide labs and aviation support services. Construction is also beginning on a 37,000-square-foot RTC headquarters building on Martin Road. RTC has about 1,100 employees, 300 of which are still in the process of transitioning from Fort Rucker to Redstone Arsenal.

Speaking to an audience that included Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command; Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau, commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Command; Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space; Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Madison Mayor Paul Finley and many former RTTC as well as former ATTC employees, Johnson outlined highlights of RTTC's "essential chapter in the history" of the Army's test and evaluation community that began in the early 1950s.

"By testing a multitude of weapon systems that have made our Army the dominant force on the battlefield – with the needs of the Soldier always in mind – RTTC has not only written a proud history, it also has demonstrated the technical

competence and commitment to Soldiers that the Redstone Test Center is founded upon," Johnson said.

RTTC's accomplishments were possible because of the ingenuity, expertise and commitment to excellence of its employees and leadership, he said. RTTC employee expertise, technical know-how and technological capabilities "cemented its reputation as an outstanding Army organization," he said.

As part of the ceremony, Johnson thanked David Byrd, formerly director of RTTC and now technical director of RTC, for his leadership in a time of transition for Redstone Arsenal's testing and evaluation community.

Under Byrd's leadership, the RTTC team provided development test support for a spectrum of Army missiles, aviation systems, sensors, subsystems and system components, and supported 85 Rapid Initiative Force Protection Systems, directly contributing to the fielding of vital Improvised Explosive Devices detection and neutralization systems, and enhancing the safety of war fighters in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Byrd's leadership team was responsible for advancing the growth of aviation flight-systems testing at RTTC with the conversion of one of RTTC's test ranges into a joint Aviation, Sensor and

Unmanned Aerial System Range and with the upgrade of aviation instrumentation at RTTC. There have also been significant enhancements to the RAPTR, E3 testing, aviation safety parts and condition based maintenance testing.

RTTC developmental tests conducted on the Javelin, TOW and Hellfire missiles – all currently in use by U.S. war fighters in Iraq and Afghanistan – were conducted at RTTC, including tests of the Warhead and Launcher Modifications designed for use on unmanned aerial systems. Programs like RTTC's Active Protection System/Hit Avoidance Program are essential to the missions of organizations such as the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Directorate of Operational Test and Evaluation, Defense Advanced Research Projects and Future Combat Systems.

"These farsighted changes have placed the Redstone Test Center in a position of strength and will maximize its effectiveness and productivity for acquisition programs," Johnson said. "By serving as a major testing organization, RTTC has been at the center of efforts to field technologies that protect our Soldiers and support them in battle from sensors to missile guidance systems."

Byrd, who has served as the director of RTTC for two years following Johnson's tenure, thanked Redstone commander

Myles "for the outstanding support you have provided to the test community at Redstone. Your continuing support on-post and within the local community are very much appreciated. At every community event that I have heard you speak, I believe you have mentioned the importance of ATTC and RTTC to Team Redstone and to our Soldiers."

He also thanked Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and the Garrison staff for their support in assisting with the facility needs of RTTC.

"Not only does RTTC occupy approximately one-third of the land on Redstone Arsenal and probably has the largest number of buildings on post, we also require extensive services ranging from construction, equipment and logistics support to ammunition supply," Byrd said. "Col. Pastorelli, we are probably your biggest headache, but you and your staff continue to provide tireless support to our mission."

Excellence in RTC leadership will continue under its new commander, Johnson said. Kihara most recently served as the commander of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate at Fort Eustis, Va. He is a master aviation and a certified experimental test pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours in more than 65 different aircraft.

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Logistics Support Activity appreciates summer hires

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Logistics Support Activity

For the past 10 years, the Logistics Support Activity has used summer hire students to support the work accomplished by its three centers: Soldier Support, Enterprise Integration, and Logistics Engineering.

The summer hire students create memoranda, assist with projects and provide administrative support. Every summer LOGSA not only enjoys having them here, but garners a great benefit from these young professionals.

While LOGSA is only one of many organizations participating in the summer hire program, it has a particular affinity for its summer hires.

"We try to give them an assortment of work to enlighten them on how the skills they are learning in school today will be utilized in the real world tomorrow," Reena Strong of the Soldier Support Center said.

Each summer, all high school graduates and college students of Huntsville and its surrounding areas, are offered this unique opportunity to spend the summer as civil servants, getting a feel for government service while earning a better than average wage compared to other summer employment opportunities.

This year LOGSA hired several summer hires. They said they enjoyed the experience.

"I have been a LOGSA summer hire for three years and enjoy the professional experience I have gained, and the opportunity to use skills obtained in college," Tempest Allen said.

"This is my first year as a summer hire and I thank LOGSA for giving me the opportunity to work in a real world environment," Oliver Brown said.

To show its appreciation to the summer hires, LOGSA held an end-of-summer potluck luncheon July 28.



Photo by Melody Sandlin

SUMMER HIRES— The Logistics Support Activity's summer hires include, from left, Lauren Reasner, Brittani Hills-Nickel, Mathew Matala, Alyssa Luna, Leah Simpson, Mary Despelder, Kenneth Miles, Olivia Brown, Jake Ritter, Tempest Allen and John Reed. Not pictured are Eric Smith and Michael Nidoh.

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"Col. Kihara brings to RTC a critical understanding of the role test and evaluation plays in the development of DoD weapon and aviation flight systems," Johnson said.

Kihara told ceremony participants that he is "absolutely honored and humbled" by his new assignment.

"There is no place I would rather be than right here, right now, doing what we are doing here today," he said.

Kihara thanked Byrd for his "absolutely incredible" work in leading the RTTC

staff while also serving as the BRAC coordinator for the merging of ATTC and RTTC. He said the success of RTC "will be borne out in the coming months as we fully establish a world-class test organization with the ability to conduct qualification testing of integrated aviation, missiles and sensors from component through system level."

That success will also be evident in RTC's role with its command organizations, partners and customers.

"It will be borne out as we establish an organization that is an honest and respected member of this 'coalition of the willing' that we call the 'aviation and missile enterprise' – fully integrated with AMC, the respective program executive offices,

life cycle management commands and the war fighters ... and accomplishes the mission in concert with other organizations as an equal partner," Kihara said.

"It will be borne out as we establish an organization that capitalizes on the talent and takes best breed care of its most important asset – its work force, whether military, government or contractor in order to get the right data at the right time the first time and allowing data transparency from component through system level for the Army's decision makers."

Employees like Ron Yarbrough and Jeff Welch, both formerly of ATTC, view the formation of RTC as a good move for the Army, the customers, the war fighter and the civilian work force.

"It's good for the Army to have all testing under one command," Yarbrough said.

Yarbrough is moving in about a month from Fort Rucker to Redstone Arsenal. Welch has already made the transition.

"I really like the area," Welch said. "There are some growing pains with the move. But there is always good and bad. This is going to be good. We're going to make it good."

Johnson said he hopes RTC's employees will remember and build on the past success of RTTC and ATTC.

"I urge you never to forget where you came from," he told his ceremony audience. "Remember it. Be proud of it and build upon it. Your past efforts have written a distinguished history of a proud organization. Now, what you do from this day forward will honor and define the legacy of the Redstone Test Center."

'A good defense requires a good offense'

Strategic Command leader addresses ongoing technology development

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The need to stay ahead of the threat on the world stage from rogue nations, political and economic organizations, and non-state actors that include terrorists is driving the U.S. missile defense program as the nation focuses on defending its borders, its allies and its troops, said the commander of the U.S. Strategic Command.

Speaking to participants at the 12th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center on Aug. 18, Air Force Gen. Kevin Chilton said the U.S. is operating in a "multipolar environment with new threats and adversaries that challenge us. It makes us look at offense and defense in a different light."

Chilton, a veteran astronaut of three space flights and the first former astronaut to receive four-star rank, is responsible for the global command and control of U.S. strategic forces to meet decisive national security objectives. The Strategic Command provides a broad range of strategic capabilities and options for

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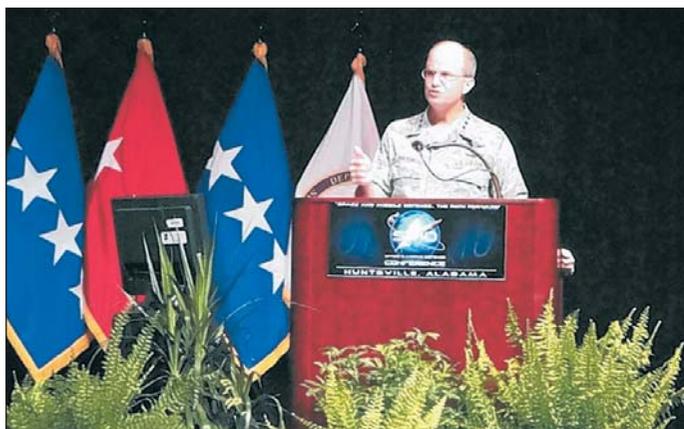


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TALK OF THREAT— Air Force Gen. Kevin Chilton tells an audience at the Space and Missile Defense Conference that the threat presented by rogue nations, political and economic organizations, and non-state actors that include terrorists make it essential that the U.S. continue to develop, test and deploy its missile defense programs. Chilton, a former astronaut and veteran of three space flights, commands the U.S. Strategic Command.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SCIENCE WITH SCUDS— ZacLyn Miller of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center talks to Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, commander of SMD/ARSTRAT, about how MSIC uses the Russian Scud-D for scientific and technical analysis of weapon systems.

NASA administrator from the few and the proud

Retired Marine major general sees common ground in space

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NASA's new administrator wanted to get one thing clear when he spoke for the first time in front of a heavily military-oriented audience Aug. 19 at the 12th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference – DoD and NASA are not two very different agencies.

"We do things differently," said Charles Bolden, a retired Marine Corps major general who served as a pilot in Vietnam and as a NASA astronaut. "But our space activities give us a common foundation. Whether you work for NASA or the Army, space is important to our nation. It is critical."

With that out of the way, Bolden had another misconception to dispel concerning President Barack Obama's interest in space and space exploration.

"He has a vision for space. He has very interesting thoughts of the future of space," Bolden said. "A lot of people are afraid of what's going to come out of the Augustine Commission (an advisory committee on the future of the nation's space mission). I'm not."

Although he was not a member of the Augustine Commission, Bolden, who is the first African-American to lead NASA in a permanent position, said he would be at the briefing table when recommendations on the future of space exploration are written for the president.

In week five of his position as NASA administrator, Bolden, 63, said NASA must ask the same questions DoD asks about its relevance to the needs of the nation.

"We serve the nation. That's our customer. Our stakeholders are the president and Congress, but, most importantly, the American people."

Bolden said based on his experience talking to young people there is a significant change in the number of stu-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FUTURE OF SPACE— NASA's new administrator, retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Charles Bolden, speaks for the first time to a Huntsville audience at the 12th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference on Aug. 19.

dents who aspire to be scientists, engineers and astronauts. Unfortunately, that change reflects a decline in interest in scientific and technology fields.

"When I would visit schools in the '80s and '90s, I would ask students 'Who wants to be an astronaut?' Nearly every hand in the room would go up," Bolden said.

"Now when I visit schools maybe two or three hands go up. We have to reach them. I want every hand in the room to go up."

He has also seen that lack of interest in the young adults of America.

"There is a huge voting portion of our community that doesn't resonate with NASA," Bolden said. "We must find ways to make what we do relevant."

In part, because of the nation's military strength, Bolden said NASA is able to connect with the global community.

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Enduring through two wars while planning for future

Vice chairman of joint chiefs of staff describes balancing act of defense

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Balance is the goal for the Department of Defense as its officials work to develop a strategy relevant to fighting two wars and to providing for future military needs, said the second highest ranking military officer in the U.S. armed forces.

"We need to be able to balance the realities of the war we are fighting and the idea that we have to put together

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FULL VIEW— Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discusses concerns of balancing the needs of two wars while also equipping the military of the future during the 12th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference.

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the president and secretary of defense. STRATCOM mission areas include full-spectrum global strike; space operations; computer network operations; Department of Defense information operations; strategic warning; integrated missile defense, global command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; combating weapons of mass destruction; and specialized expertise to the joint war fighter.

Chilton said the world threat has changed greatly since the early years of missile defense. In the late 1960s and early '70s, missile defense focused primarily on countering the Russian threat and maintaining world stability. In the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan continued that strategy while also working to decrease the threat of nuclear warfare by reducing the "incredibly large numbers of nuclear weapons we had facing each other."

But strategies and focus shifted with the end of the Cold War and, in 1991, Operation Desert Storm ushered in a new era of threats and conflicts.

"We had another reason for good capabilities of missile defense and that was pushing troops forward," Chilton said, adding missile theater defense gained strategic implications during Operation Desert Storm.

Through the '90s and early 2000s, as other nations developed their offensive and defense capabilities, the U.S. had to evolve the way it looked at its deterrents and threats. North Korea's development of its own ballistic missile program gave the rogue nation the capability to "blackmail" the U.S., he said.

"They could dissuade us from participating in a conflict in Asia by holding at risk a U.S. city," Chilton said. "That motivated us in that strategy period to move forward with a missile defense system deployed against North Korea."

In addition, Iran was developing its own ballistic missile program and nuclear weapons program.

"We have to stay ahead of the threats," Chilton said. "The need to anticipate is still very real and staying ahead of the threat is still real. Staying ahead of the threat is important to our homeland and also to our allies and our field forces. This is a different global environment than the Cold War."

Today, U.S. missiles are not aimed at Russia and China.

"Our capability today cannot

and should not hold their strategic forces at risk," Chilton said, adding that stability between the nations will keep them from instituting a first strike.

At the same time, the U.S. doesn't want to put its adversaries in a position where they think they must strike or lose their advantage. For example, he said Russia's "distrust of us kind of leaps out" when there is discussion of placing U.S. nuclear-capable missiles in Europe. But, at the same time, the U.S. has determined these missiles are needed to deter the Iranian threat against Europe as well as Russia.

"We must walk a fine line as we deploy missile systems," Chilton said.

The commander went on to say he is "amazed at the capabilities that have been fielded at the speed they have been fielded" during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He said those missile systems provide the support and credibility Soldiers need to serve as a deterrent to aggressors around the world.

"Our continued testing and validation of missile defense is very important to maintain that credibility," Chilton said. "A good defense requires a good offense."

Looking toward the future, Chilton said sensors are needed



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TRAINER EXHIBIT— Bill Daniels of SMDC/ARSTRAT, at right, discusses the operation of the Stinger Troop Proficiency Trainer with Charles Wilcox of SMDC/ARSTRAT and Lt. Col. Tim Sellers of the 263rd Army Air Missile Defense Command. The trainer is used at SMDC as an integration tool.

for global and persistent mid-course tracking. He said sensors need to have a dual role in space situational awareness and space surveillance.

"We need to merge missile defense sensors and space sensors and Cold War sensors. We need to merge data, fuse it together to allow commanders to make decisions in real world time," he said.

The U.S. must continue to develop and test new missile defense programs that can

respond to threats worldwide.

"It is absolutely imperative that we maintain a technical edge if missile defense is going to remain a valuable deterrent," Chilton said.

"These are incredibly hard problems. But I'm convinced, after watching the miraculous deployment of missile defense, that we can do this. There's not a challenge we cannot conquer. Missile defense is an invaluable part of our strategic defense."

Final frontier deemed important to nation's future

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"The military provides us with an umbrella of protection so we can build coalitions ... International partners are critical to success. We know whatever our future, chances are it will be better if we work with our partners," he said.

He hopes those coalitions — both international and with industry — will go a long way in promoting scientific efforts, particularly when they involve climate research, technology innovation and space exploration.

Bolden went on to note Marshall Space Flight Center's significant role in the development of technology for space exploration, particularly the advanced rocket engine and life support work. He hopes the scientists and engineers at MSFC will continue to "make their mark" on space exploration, adding that he hopes these same scientists and engineers will find ways to encourage and mentor young people to take their places when they retire.

"How do we develop the young pool of talented scientists and engineers so they want to work for NASA?" he asked, describing the decline in scientists and engineers in the U.S. as the "quiet crisis."

Talking about the work of NASA being innovative, imaginative and fun, Bolden said "it's up to all of us to encourage students to follow a space and engineering path."

Bolden spoke briefly of his own experience in space, which included piloting the Space Shuttle Columbia on STS-61-C, piloting Space Shuttle Discovery on STS-31, commanding a crew of seven aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis on STS-45 and commanding a crew of six aboard Space Shuttle Discovery on STS-60.

"If you could go out in space you would see how fragile our world is and how important it is that we work together ... Humans are by nature explorers. We want to see what's on the other side of the hill. We want to know how things work. The universe is full of wonder that is available to everyone," he said.

DoD developing strategies to overcome threats worldwide

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some sort of crystal ball and figure out where we are going," said Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Where are we going to adjust our balance? We have two adversaries, two high-end fights. The challenge this time around is are we ready for two fights that have worn on and we are likely to be in for five to 10 more years? A lot of this is about ... is the strategy relevant? Are the tools we are procuring relevant? Is the strategy adaptable?"

Cartwright's comments were made during his presentation at the 12th annual Space and Missile Defense Conference at the Von Braun Center on Aug. 19.

Strategic objectives and potential military threats are being discussed ongoing as part of the Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review. That study now reflects lessons learned during nearly eight years of war.

"If there is anything we've learned while at war it should be that the enemy has a vote in the war and where it is going," Cartwright said. "The other thing we should have learned is that affordability is a big issue."

"At some point, this level of funding is going to have to change. The global financial environment and the pressures felt internally afford how much we have. Somehow we have to balance funding concerns with high-end conflicts and the conflicts

we are more likely to be in in the future."

The general said the U.S. must have an enduring policy on high-end offensive and defensive capabilities and a balance between "exquisite and good enough" when deciding whether to invest in one or two high-end weapons or a multiple of more affordable weapons.

Policy must reflect the changing world environment, especially when it comes to nuclear weapons.

"We are in a world where conflict has proliferated all over," Cartwright said. "With our nuclear posture review, the reality is the deterrent strategy of the '50s and its relevance in today's world is very much in question."

Signaling out North Korea, Iran, other rogue nations and the emergence of non-nation state actors such as terrorists, Cartwright asked "How relevant is a nuclear weapon as a deterrent to those kinds of challenges? It's time to move away from one-size-fits-all deterrents. We provide an umbrella of safety for our allies. But how relevant is that deterrence with an emerging Iran or North Korea? A nuclear deterrent certainly worked for the past 50 years. But it won't for the next 50 years."

In terms of ballistic missile defense, Cartwright said the emergence of intercontinental ballistic missiles hasn't happened as quickly as expected. He added that the nation's ground-based intercept capability against rogue threats has been successful "thanks to the people in this room," indicating the government-industry partnerships that are part of Team Redstone.

Win
or lose

HHC 59th volleyball team rolls into playoffs

'Raise Up' bunch
the clear favorite

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The HHC 59th volleyball team wasn't about to rest on its unbeaten record in the final week of the regular season.

So, the "Raise Up" bunch practiced on their serves the morning before facing the Marines. And the results showed that night.

The 59th beat an improved Marines team 25-16, 25-16 on Aug. 18 at Pagano Gym. The postseason tournament began Aug. 25.

"It was just practice, teamwork. Just working together as a team," 59th outside hitter Philip Hancock said. "No one's being unselfish. We've got our subs that play well. And we've got a few experienced players that really know the game."

Hancock had five kills and a service



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AIR BATTLE— Marines defensive specialist Sonny Powers goes up against HHC 59th on Aug. 18, but the 59th won 25-16, 25-16.

ace as the 59th improved to 9-0. Ian Crawley contributed three kills, three assists and two aces. Cornelius Halliburton had three aces, a dig and a kill. Wayne

Hyman had two kills and an ace. Clarissa Lewis added two aces and a kill. Michael Walden had five aces and two kills.

"This (Marines team) is one of our toughest competitors," 59th coach Dynetha Childs said. "The Marines picked up a couple of new players.

"I think it was good teamwork and we were passing the ball better. We practiced our passing this morning. So, we're passing a little better," she added.

Defensive specialist Sonny Powers had three aces and two kills for the Marines (3-6).

In the night's other games, second place Bravo improved to 7-2 by beating the NCO Academy. Charlie Company (3-6) got past Headquarters & Alpha.

Bulldogs ace Academy: Marion Church had seven kills as Bravo beat the NCO Academy 25-16, 25-22.

"It was practice, and we have a good coach," Church said. "This is a motivated team."

Player/coach Edwin Villamil made four aces. Justin Williams had six kills

and two aces. Tiffany Jones had four kills and an ace. Kayla Cormier contributed five assists and two kills. Curtis Barnes made four aces; and David Hess had two kills. Anthony Ateomon added an assist and a kill.

Wolfpack stops Headquarters & Alpha: Josh Bignell had six kills and a dig to lift Charlie over the Gators 27-25, 25-17.

Travis Roop added three kills, two digs and an assist. Antonio Able had three kills and two aces. Christopher Barnett contributed two kills and an ace. Jake Mahaffey and Travis Mosley had one kill apiece.

"We just hustled. Just trying to get to the ball, hustle to the ball," Charlie player/coach Demeta Levatte said. "We kept our cool."

In games Aug. 20, NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 22-25, 25-18, 17-15; HHC 59th def. Bravo 25-18, 25-19; and Marines def. Charlie 25-13, 29-27.

The final regular season standings had HHC 59th (10-0), Bravo (7-3), NCO Academy (4-6), Marines (4-6), Charlie (3-7) and Headquarters & Alpha (2-8).

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He said the nation must protect the homeland, deployed forces, and friends and allies in "credible ways that will, in fact, shape the minds of adversaries. We need to end the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and integrate multiple states that bond together as neighbors to create a regional extended deterrent construct."

Cartwright is concerned that the nation's ballistic missiles at the short, medium and intercontinental level and that are deployable within minutes are all equipped with nuclear warheads.

"Is a nuclear weapon prudent for the nation? There is the regret factor. Is it significant enough? We need an offensive side. We need something that can hold at risk these ballistic missiles, something that is going to deter nations who we believe have ballistic missiles and that can export these capabilities to influence their neighbors," he said.

In terms of the use of space in missile defense, Cartwright said military space programs must be relevant, adaptable and affordable.

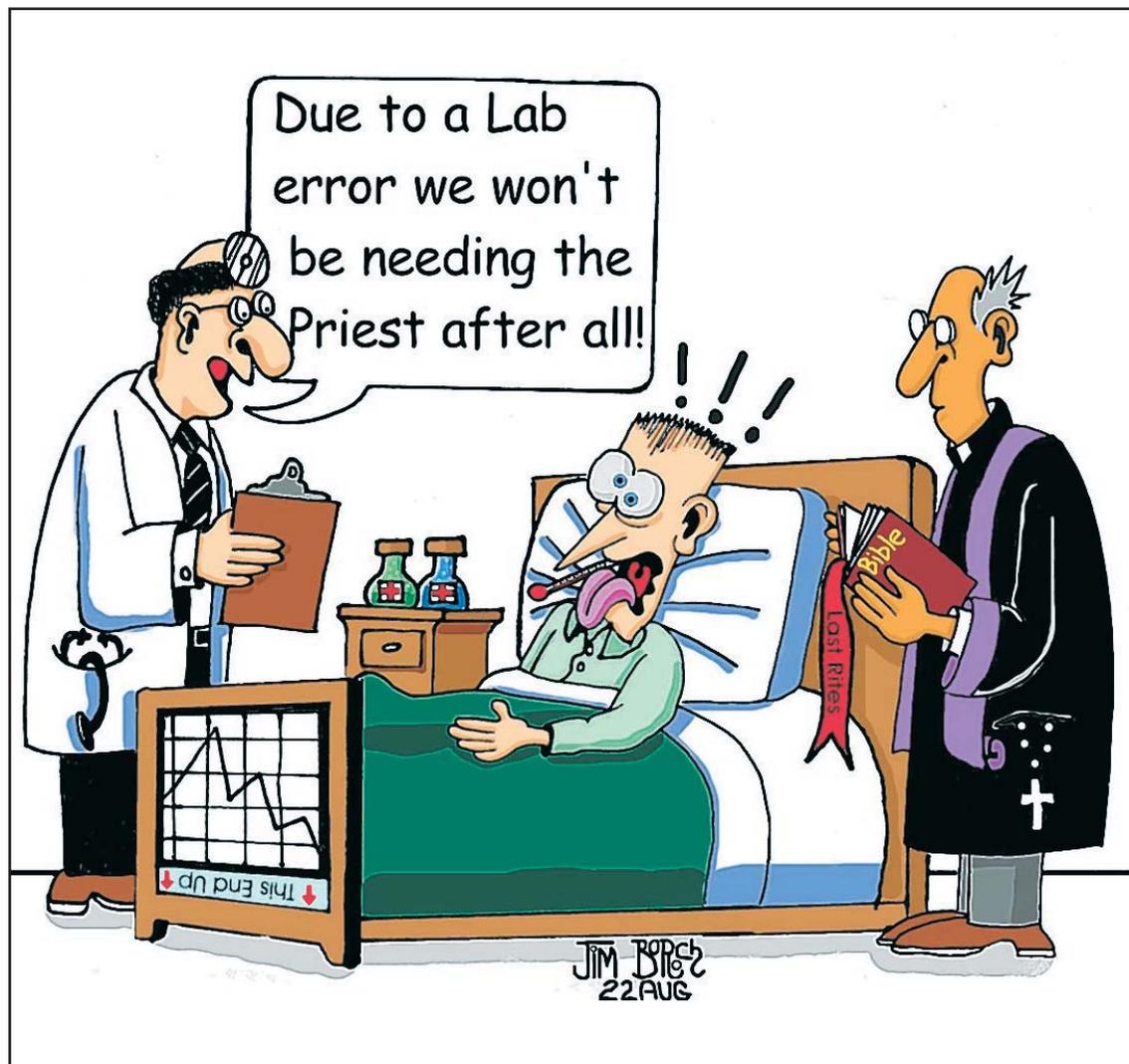
"We're losing our competitive edge in space now," he said. "The programs we do have in space are delivered late, over cost and under perform. If we don't change that dynamic, the competitive edge is gone."

Space is contested, busy and competitive. It no longer belongs to the U.S. and should no longer be considered a national secret.

"It's really questionable some of the assumptions we've operated under," Cartwright said. "It's time for a new idea. We don't have all the intellectual capital of space. We need to partner or completely divest to the commercial sector."

Whether ground-based or in space, missile defense programs must balance the need to protect against regional threats with the need to protect the homeland, Cartwright said.

"What's the right investment posture as we move forward? Regional stability for our allies and friends is as important as our national defense ... Our adversaries need to know that no matter what they do, the outcome of the fight is going to be the same," he said.



Quick hire of military spouses starts in September

Hiring authority represents noncompetitive mechanism

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Under a personnel rule that takes effect next month, some military spouses could be quickly hired for federal jobs without going through the usual competitive process.

The new hiring authority takes effect Sept. 11. The Office of Personal Management issued the authority's final regulatory guidelines Aug. 12. The guidelines are posted in the Federal Register under the title: "Noncompetitive Appointment of Certain Military Spouses."

The intended effect of the rule, according to documents listed in the Federal Register, "is to facilitate the entry of military spouses into the federal civil service as part of an effort to recruit and retain skilled and experienced members of the armed forces and to recognize and honor the service of members injured, disabled, or killed in connection with their service."

"Military spouse employment is a key to the quality of life of our military families," Kathleen Ott, director of talent acquisition, development and management in the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, said Aug. 13 during an interview with Pentagon Channel and Ameri-

can Forces Press Service reporters.

The availability of jobs for military spouses contributes to the sustainability of the all-volunteer force, Ott said, citing a recent survey in which employed military spouses reported that their work income constitutes about 48 percent of total family income.

"But, it's really hard to keep a job if you have to move from station to station," Ott said. Federal employment, she said, offers military spouses a portable career with transferable benefits and worldwide presence.

"We thought, in order to help our military spouses continue their employment, it would be a good thing for us to facilitate their entry into the federal government," she said.

Eligible individuals, Ott said, include spouses of active-duty servicemembers who have been called on to relocate. This includes spouses of Guardsmen or reservists who've been called up for more than 180 days of active service other than training. Eligible spouses must be moving to another duty station accompanied by their servicemember husband or wife.

Spouses of former servicemembers listed as 100-percent disabled and separated or retired, as well as widows or widowers of servicemembers who died on active duty and who have not remarried also are eligible.

The new hiring authority does not con-

stitute a hiring preference for eligible military spouses, according to OPM. "This authority is a noncompetitive hiring mechanism; it does not establish or constitute a hiring preference for eligible spouses, nor does it create an entitlement to a federal job for an eligible spouse," according to regulatory documents listed in the Federal Register.

Applicants still must meet specific job-qualification criteria listed for individual positions, according to OPM documents.

"This is not a preference. We firmly believe that our spouses can compete on their own merits," Ott said, noting that the new hiring rules provide military spouses with "a streamlined, facilitated means of obtaining federal employment."

Use of the new hiring authority "is completely at the discretion of hiring agencies," according to OPM documents, and "it is one of many hiring tools agencies may use to recruit needed individuals."

Spouses who complete three years of continuous satisfactory service will be converted from a career-conditional appointment to career appointment, Ott said.

Personnel officials do not anticipate that the new military-spouse hiring authority would adversely affect the hiring of military veterans into the federal government, Ott said.

Military spouses can find out about federal job opportunities through OPM's

USAJobs website.

The new hiring authority "sends a very important message to our military families that their sacrifice is recognized by the federal government, and that they recognize that having a career opportunity is really critical for their family's well being," said Barbara Thompson, director of the Pentagon's Office of Family Policy/Children and Youth.

More than 77 percent of military spouses have indicated in surveys that they are interested in establishing careers, Thompson said. Other data, she added, indicates that military spouses are, overall, more highly educated than their civilian counterparts.

"I think it's a win-win situation that the federal government is accessing a pool of spouses who have the same levels of commitment and caring and service to the nation," Thompson said.

The department's Military Spouse Career Advancement Account, also known as MyCAA, provides employment, career, education/training, counseling and financial assistance for spouses of active-duty military and activated Guard and reserve members worldwide.

President George W. Bush issued an executive order establishing guidelines for the hiring authority in September 2008, but implementation of the order was delayed while it was reviewed by the Obama administration.

Aviation ground support equipment has milestone

By Lt. Col. RUSS WYGAL
AGSE product manager

The Aviation Ground Support Equipment fielding team, consisting of employees from the AGSE PM and Yulista Management Services — supporting the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Prototype Integration Facility — fielded three A&E shop sets to Soldiers in the B603 Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division at Hunter Army Air Field on June 3.

In addition to the A&E Shop Sets, the team fielded the other nine shop sets that comprise the Shop Set Plus Complex of intermediate level shop sets for rotary wing aircraft maintenance/repair. These include Composite Shop Set, Engine Shop Set, Machine Welding Shop Set, Non-Destructive Items Shop Set, Production Control/Quality Control Shop Set, Pneudraulic Shop Set, Power Train Shop Set, Sheet Metal Shop Set, and the Tool Crib Shop Set.

This was the first fielding of the A&E shop sets which replace the Instrument and Electrical Shop Set, the Armament Shop Set and the Fire Control Shop Set.

Post contractors practice equipment safety

It never hurts to think safety — just ask the Garrison and its support contractors.

Garrison Safety helped sponsor mobile crane and equipment training Aug. 18-21 for more than 100 contractors working on Redstone. The classroom portion was inside Garrison Safety, building 3687 on Neal Road. Hands-on training with equipment was behind the bowling center.

"We've done a four-day training deal here and as of (Friday afternoon) we have put through 110 guys," Todd Tielking, quality control safety manager for CCI Group job order contractor, said.

The training sponsors included Garrison Safety, CCI Group, United Rentals, and Hardiman Remediation Services of Ardmore, Ala. The instructors were Daniel Hunter and Clay Griffen, both of United Rentals.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WITHIN REACH— United Rentals instructor Daniel Hunter, right, shows instrumentation and operation of a reach forklift to David Kirby, a supervisor with Hardiman Remediation Services.

Poultry project empowers Afghanistan women

By Air Force Capt. JOHN T. STAMM

Special to American Forces Press Service

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – The Women’s Poultry Project in Afghanistan’s Panjshir province is a giant leap forward for the women who call the Panjshir River valley their home.

The project is designed to empower women in the valley by assisting them in providing food and income for families.

Greg Schlenz of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the agricultural adviser to the Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team, said the project began last spring in the Anaba district with about 200 families and now includes more than 1,200 Panjshir families in the Anaba, Rhoka, Bazarak, Dara and Khenj districts.

In four training phases over three months, the women learn how to raise, maintain and profit from their chickens.

“The first phase is the initial training, where the women learn how to properly care for the chickens,” Schlenz said. “This includes feeding, watering, managing and how to vacci-

nate against diseases.”

During the second phase, the women receive materials to build their own chicken coops. In the third phase, the women are given 13 hens and two roosters and receive follow-up visits to ensure the chickens are being cared for properly. The fourth phase teaches the women how to market eggs laid by the chickens.

The provincial reconstruction team’s women’s affairs working group serves as the liaison between the Afghan women taking part in the project and the agricultural team. On Aug. 16, the group visited several project sites in the Chalapawi village in Dara district.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Danielle M. Sempter, noncommissioned officer in charge of the provincial reconstruction team’s medical unit, is an active member of the working group and was present at the site visit.

“This project is a huge success,” she said. “They were happy to see us, and many said raising chickens has significantly improved the quality of their lives.”

Obama, Gates lead defense acquisition reforms

By DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama threw his weight behind the Defense Department's acquisition reform efforts, emphasizing that unnecessary spending hurts not only taxpayers, but also war fighters on the front lines.

"Every dollar wasted in our defense budget is a dollar we can't spend to care for our troops or protect America or prepare for the future," the president told participants at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 110th convention, in Phoenix.

Obama made clear that he's 100 percent behind reforms Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates made a top priority – second only to succeeding in Iraq and Afghanistan – the day he assumed his post two and a half years ago.

"We cannot build the 21st-century military we need and maintain the fiscal responsibility that America demands unless we fundamentally reform the way our Defense Department does business," Obama told the veterans. "It's a simple fact."

Talk about changing the way the Defense Department does business is nothing new. What's new, a senior Pentagon official told American Forces Press Service, is that the issue has percolated to the highest levels, turning rhetoric into action.

Gates, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III and other defense leaders have demonstrated that they're willing to make the difficult decisions about which programs to support and which to curtail, said Shay Assad, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition and technology.

The president's fiscal 2010 defense budget proposal reflects some of those hard decisions. It proposes cutting or ending several conventional modernization programs that proved to be poor performers or simply weren't needed in light of real-world needs to free up funding for other, needed programs.

"The secretary has shown the courage to make those tough decisions,

"If a project doesn't support our troops, if it does not make America safer, we will not fund it. If a system doesn't perform, we will terminate it. And if Congress sends me a defense bill loaded with a bunch of pork, I will veto it."

— President Barack Obama

because in some quarters, they are not popular decisions," Assad said. "They are absolutely the right decisions to have been made for the war fighters and the taxpayers, but there are parochial interests involved."

Gates, backed up by the president, has demonstrated he's willing to stand up to those interests to make those decisions stick. In a pointed speech in July at the Economic Club of Chicago, he told Congress, the defense industry and the defense institution itself that it's time to put the "business-as-usual approach to national defense" aside.

Obama recognized some of that "business as usual" during his VFW address. "You've heard the stories: the indefensible no-bid contracts that cost taxpayers billions and make contractors rich, the special interests and their exotic projects that are years behind schedule and billions over budget, the entrenched lobbyists pushing weapons that even our military says it doesn't want," he said.

"The impulse in Washington to project jobs back home, building things we don't need, has a cost that we can't afford," Obama said. "This waste would be unacceptable at any time. But at a time when we're fighting two wars and facing a serious deficit, it's inexcusable. It's an affront to the American people and to our troops. And it's time for it to stop."

Special interests, contractors and entrenched lobbyists invested in the status quo and are putting up a fight, Obama recognized.

"But make no mistake, so are we," he

said. "If a project doesn't support our troops, if it does not make America safer, we will not fund it. If a system doesn't perform, we will terminate it. And if Congress sends me a defense bill loaded with a bunch of pork, I will veto it."

The decision to cancel the F-22 Raptor aircraft program shows this spirit in action.

Gates dug in his heels when Congress pushed the Pentagon to buy more than the 187 F-22s it needed or wanted. Obama threatened a presidential veto if Congress didn't eliminate the \$1.75 billion in additional F-22 funding it had added to the budget request. The Senate ultimately relented and withdrew the funding.

Obama referenced the F-22 decision during his VFW address, questioning why the United States would consider spending nearly \$2 billion to buy F-22s "when we can move ahead with a fleet of newer, more affordable aircraft."

But even that alternative aircraft – the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter – has come under acquisition reformers' scrutiny. Obama called excessive costs in that program just one example of "tens of billions of dollars in waste we don't need" – that he vowed to cut.

"Think about it: Hundreds of millions of dollars for an alternate second engine for the Joint Strike Fighter when one reliable engine will do just fine," he said. "Tens of billions of dollars to put an anti-missile laser on a fleet of vulnerable 747s. And billions of dollars for a new presidential helicopter."

The Defense Department scrapped the

VH-71 presidential helicopter development and demonstration program in June. That program, designed to replace the VH-3D and VH-60N helicopters that currently conduct presidential missions, had doubled in cost and was running six years behind schedule, Assad said.

Compounding the issue were questions about whether the helicopter offered the needed capability.

Obama poked fun during the VFW convention at some of the capabilities the VH-71 would have delivered. "Among other capabilities, it would let me cook a meal while under nuclear attack," he said, eliciting laughter from the audience. "Now let me tell you something: If the United States of America is under nuclear attack, the last thing on my mind will be whipping up a snack."

The decision to terminate the VH-71 program reflects a broader recognition of the need to overhaul the way the department buys weapons systems, Assad said. It's already making an impact through better-defined requirements up-front, more competitive bidding and increased program oversight, he said.

Obama touted some of that progress to the VFW. "I've already put an end to unnecessary no-bid contracts," he said. "I've signed bipartisan legislation to reform defense procurement so weapons systems don't spin out of control," a reference to the Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act he signed into law in May.

"And even as we increase spending on the equipment and weapons our troops do need," he said, "we've proposed cutting tens of billions in dollars we don't need."

Obama underscored the importance of these initiatives for war fighters on the front lines today, as well as those who will defend against future threats.

"This is pretty straightforward: Cut the waste. Save taxpayer dollars. Support the troops. That's what we should be doing," Obama said. "We will do right by our troops and taxpayers, and we will build the 21st-century military that we need."

Installation supply, maintenance activities set to reorganize

By **BARBARA TONER**
Army Sustainment Command (AMC)

A large but quiet change will take place in Army installation supply and maintenance activities during the next two years.

Directorates of Logistics (DOLs), a worldwide organization currently managed by the Installation Management Command, will split into Directorates of Materiel (DOM) and Directorates of Support Services (DOSS), realigning functions to fit the Army Enterprise concept.

Materiel programs, including installation-level maintenance activities, certain supply operations and ammunition supply functions, will transfer to Army Materiel Command, while IMCOM will retain its transportation, services and support missions under the DOSS.

Army Sustainment Command is AMC's choice to take on the new mission. Initial operating capability for management of DOMs located in the United States, Alaska and Hawaii is scheduled to begin Oct. 1. Full operating capability is expected in fiscal year 2012, beginning Oct. 1, 2011.

The scope of the mission is large: \$1 billion in supply and maintenance work at 77 installations, including approximately 2,100 government employees and 15,000 contractors.

The DOM will execute transitioning supply, maintenance and ammunition supply missions formerly performed by the installation DOLs. What this means for ASC is the assumption of a large new mission. What it means for the organizations supported by the current DOLs is they will see no change in service, said Carl Cartwright, executive director for Field Support.

"For the average person, nothing will change," he said.

Splitting the DOL is the result of the Army's Enterprise Architecture that divides Army Force Generation functions into four enterprises, Cartwright said. Personnel will be led by Training and Doctrine Command, readiness by Forces Command, installations and services shared by IMCOM and the vice chief of staff of the Army, and materiel by AMC.

The objective is to align all Army functions into core competencies under the Army commands and a direct reporting

unit.

A priority goal of the reorganization is to create more efficient supply and maintenance capabilities for the Army, said Kathy Acree, co-lead of the DOM Integrated Product Team.

Additional efficiencies may derive from consolidation of installation maintenance programs and developing a common acquisition strategy. Employing ASC's Command Assessment and Continuous Improvement Office to share best practices and replicate them at all locations will also yield benefits, said Acree.

At this point, AMC has delegated management of the DOM to ASC because it fits the field-level support mission.

Continued planning for the realignment will take place over the two years of the IOC process, Cartwright said. During this initial phase of the transfer, funding, manpower, and resources will remain with IMCOM. At full implementation, all funding and assets will transfer to ASC.

So far, the IPT has determined the DOM will be centrally managed, with a command and control group located at ASC and consisting of five regional offices: three sections to oversee CONUS

locations, one for Europe and one for the Far East. At this point, there are no plans to manage installation activities in Southwest Asia, Cartwright said.

The Army Field Support Brigades will interface with the DOMs on behalf of the warfighters, Acree said. They will continue as AMC's face to the field, coordinating with the DOMs on workload prioritization and synchronization of support requirements.

Several challenges face the IPT in its DOM development, including the task of planning for this responsibility.

"This isn't about a cookie cutter solution," said Acree. "We must take into account unique aspects at each installation in order to support senior mission commander requirements. For us to be able to assume management, we have to first understand what missions are involved."

"We look at this as a major step forward for the Army in making more effective use of resources by aligning missions with core competencies," Acree concluded.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Redstone 10K

FMWR Sports and Fitness, Fleet Feet and AUSA present the Redstone 10K Run on Sept. 26 at 7 a.m. at the Sparkman Center building 5302 parking lot. The \$10 registration fee includes a T-shirt when registered by the Sept. 16 deadline. Late registration of \$15 is available to those who have access to Redstone Arsenal. Each participant will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Fleet Feet. Registration is available at Pagano Gym (phone 876-6701), Redstone Fitness Center or the Sparkman Fitness Center. Off-post registration is at Fleet Feet Sports, 2722 Carl T. Jones, Suite 2B (Bailey Cove Shopping Center), phone 650-7063. For information visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Fitness centers

The Wellness Center is closed until March for renovation/expansion. 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 Friday 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.

Scholarship tournament

A golf tournament to benefit area scholarships is set by the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers for Oct. 1 at Sunset Landing Golf Course, located at the Huntsville International Airport. Check-in and luncheon begin at 11 a.m., and the shotgun start is 12:30 p.m. Rain date is Oct. 2. The cost is \$55 per person and includes green fees, cart, range balls,

lunch and after-tournament awards. Organizations may sponsor a hole for \$350, or get a team sponsor package, which includes the cost of a four-person team, for \$500. You do not have to be a member of SAME to participate. For more information, or to donate prizes or items for goodies bags, call Art Holcomb 430-3701 or Scott Haas 430-3620.

Babe Ruth baseball

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the fall season Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon; and players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2010 are invited. Players age 12 are eligible to sign up as well under the "local swing player" option. Registration forms will be accepted after Saturday on an individual basis upon park approval and team availability. A copy of the players' birth certificate is required for all new players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. Call one of the following park representatives for registration locations and the park where the player is zoned to play: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, Emile Jones 990-5902; Southern Division, Sandhurst Park, Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, T. Poe 527-8763.

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 available 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.

Punt, pass and kick

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association is hosting the third annual NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored by the Tennessee Titans, at 10 a.m. Sept. 19 at Louis Crews Stadium on the campus of Alabama A&M. This is open to all male and female youth age 8-15 in the Huntsville/Madison/Monrovia and Tennessee Valley area. For more information, call C. Lamar Sterns 722-8093 or 679-8961.

School House 5K

Christmas Charities Year Round/ William H. Council Alumni is calling all runners for the third annual 5K School House Run and one-mile Fun Run. The run is Oct. 3 at William H. Council High School (just

east of the Huntsville Public Library). Registration begins at 7 a.m., the 5K at 8 and the Fun Run at 9. Pre-registration is \$15 or pay \$20 the day of the run. For more information, call 837-2373.

Still Serving benefit

A charity golf tournament will be hosted by Analytical Services on Oct. 2 to raise funds for Still Serving Veterans, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps wounded veterans and their families deal with life changing injuries. The golf tournament will be held at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course beginning with registration at 6:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30. Prizes will be awarded during an awards luncheon. The event costs \$150 per golfer and offers several different team sponsorships. Golfers must register by Sept. 18. For a registration form or more information, call Shannon Nelson 562-2135.

Golf extravaganza

The Semper Fi Community Task Force Golf Extravaganza is Aug. 31 at Valley Hill Country Club, 8300 Valley Hill Drive. The tournament will raise funds to benefit wounded warriors visiting the Tennessee Valley. There is a noon shotgun start and an awards dinner. The cost is \$125 per golfer and there are also several team sponsorships available. To register, send a check to Tom Dunn, 7 Perth Drive, Huntsville 35802. For more information, e-mail thomasdunn7@comcast.net or jaytown@districtattorney.org.

Roller derby

The Dixie Derby Girls will have their season finale Saturday at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.; and the doubleheader games are at 7 and 8. The first 50 people with military ID cards will get in free. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; and children 12 and under are admitted free. Visit www.dixiederbygirls.com.

Speedway nights

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



Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for \$6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the



Photo by Laurie Taylor

See Rock City

Girl Scouts from Redstone Arsenal Troop 465 enjoy a trip to Chattanooga where they visited the Chattanooga Zoo, Ruby Falls, Rock City, the Incline and the longest pedestrian bridge. Troop 465 meets on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Laurie Taylor at 722-8167.

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

Join the Protestant Women of the Chapel for its PWOC Fall Kickoff this Thursday, at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. "We will enjoy a catered lunch (or dinner) and an exciting guest speaker, Carol Simpson (president, PWOC Central Region)," a prepared release said. Child

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care is available in the morning as follows: Beginning Thursday, the Child Development Center will accept children on a first-come, first serve basis (limit five slots). First-time users will not be required to have the paperwork completed, however, it must be completed by the second visit. Moms may take their eligible children directly to the CDC. On Thursday the PWOC welcomes school-age children at the chapel. "Activities are planned and they will join us for lunch," a prepared release said. Beginning Sept. 3, school-age children will be welcome at the Youth Center. Moms may bring their school-age children to PWOC at 9:30 a.m. and a PWOC sister will walk them over to the Youth Center at 10. Moms must pick them up by noon at the center. This also is a first-come, first-serve basis and the limit is eight children. A Youth Center staff member will supervise Arts and Crafts and open recreation. "We praise God for this opportunity for our homeschoolers," the release said. PWOC Bible Studies this fall are: 9:30 a.m., "Esther" by Beth Moore and "Putting on the Armor" by Chuck Lawless; and 6:30 p.m., "How Now Shall We Live?" by Charles Colson. The lunchtime Bible Study begins a study of Psalms at 11:30 a.m. And the Korean sisters begin their study at 10:30. For more information call Judy Strange 430-3110, Karyn Wilson 837-7421, Mattie Jones (lunchtime group) 828-9890 and Soran Thrasher (Korean group) 539-4862.

Men's ministries

Men's Ministries, "addressing the needs of men and planting seeds for spiritual growth in Christ Jesus," meets every second or third Saturday — for exact monthly date, call Harry Hobbs at 682-4010 — at 8 a.m. at the Redstone Links golf clubhouse. Breakfast is served for \$5. For more information, call Hobbs 682-4010.

Veterans group

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

Engineer section

North Alabama Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet Sept. 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Von

Braun Research Hall room M-50 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. The scheduled speaker is Dr. Jessica Gaskin of the X-ray astrophysics group (Space Science directorate) at Marshall Space Flight Center. Cost is \$10 for a box lunch. For reservations call James Denson 883-2531 or e-mail jjdenson@reiszeng.com.

Kansas club

The Kansas Club will have a breakfast buffet social at 8:30 a.m. Saturday 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.

Lead-free electronics

Lead Free 101, a symposium on lessons learned from lead free electronics design and manufacturing, will be held Sept. 16-17 at the Beville Conference Center, room 275, on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. The target audience includes engineers, project managers and supply chain/logistics professionals. Early registration is \$75 (\$95 after Sept. 8). For information call 824-6015 or visit www.ConEd.uah.edu.

AMCOM town hall

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles will conduct a Town Hall Meeting on Sept. 2 from 1-3 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. This town hall will be for



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Iraq veteran

Sgt. 1st Class Eric Sears receives the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pinning on the award is Col. Scott Campbell, deputy executive director of the AMCOM Contracting Center. Sears, who served as a convoy commander in Iraq, is assigned to 626th Contingency Contracting Team, 901st Contingency Contracting Battalion as a procurement NCO.

Aviation and Missile Command employees only. Topics will focus on the Materiel Enterprise, Responsible Drawdown, Logistics Modernization Program, Base Realignment and Closure, including Garrison road and installation improvements, and Civilian Manpower Equivalent to Department of the Army Civilian conversions. The town hall will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending.

Race relations

The "Better Together Conference on Race" is Sept. 10-11 at the Redstone Federal Training Center in Huntsville, on Wynn Drive. "The Better Together Conference on Race is an open and professional forum to discuss sensitive, but very necessary issues of race, culture and ethnicity," according to a prepared release. It will feature national guest speakers, panel discussions, suggestions and guidance from local church congregations and advocacy group and social service agencies. Conference fees are as follows: \$50, full conference fee two days; \$40, students (two days); \$40, attendance for half-days Thursday and Friday (each day); \$25, Thursday evening speaker series (featuring Hank Klibanoff, 2007 Pulitzer Prize author); and \$40 for one day Thursday or Friday. For more information on the two-day conference, visit www.bettertogetherconference.net.

Ground support equipment

The Aviation Ground Support Equipment Product Office announces the 2009 Aviation Ground Support Equipment Users Conference on Sept. 21-24 at the Von Braun Center. The conference will include working sessions for government users of AGSE equipment as well as trade show exhibits and static displays of AGSE equipment, products and kits. Individuals are invited to register to attend by Sept. 11. The conference fee is \$25. Vendors offering Aviation Ground Support Equipment are invited to submit their request to provide an AGSE related exhibit/equipment

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display. Booth space will be available for vendor displays subject to confirmation and space availability. For more information, call the MWR office 842-9182. Attendees can register at www.redstonemwr.com/conferences/agse/welcome.html.

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 Mike Burden, Army Emergency Relief officer. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

Research and evaluation

A workshop on the Research and Evaluation of NEMS/MEMS will be held Sept. 8-9 at Redstone Arsenal. Registration closes Aug. 31. For more information, visit the workshop website <http://smapcenter.uah.edu/SMAP-CENTER/Conferences/REN09/>.

Suicide prevention

Maj. Gen. Mark Graham will bring his message of suicide prevention to Redstone Arsenal on Sept. 10 during Suicide Prevention Month. The general officer, who is commander of Division West and Fort Carson, Colo., lost a son to suicide and another son to a roadside bomb in Iraq. He will speak about his family's experience during two sessions – one at 11 a.m. in Heiser Hall and the other at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Garrison's Employee Assistance Program. All Soldiers, DoD civilians, contractors and retirees, as well as family members are invited to either session.

Federal update

AFGE Local 1858 will hold a Washington Update for Federal Employees from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Attendees will hear the latest information on legislative actions affecting federal employment. U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith is the scheduled

speaker. Heavy hors d'oeuvres/appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. Attendance is open to all federal employees.

Management association

The National Contract Management Association-Huntsville Chapter invites the members of the North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association to its August meeting. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle will address the NCMA-Huntsville Chapter today at the Huntsville Marriott. The cost is \$25 and registration will begin at 11 a.m. Full details and registration information are available at the NCMA-Huntsville website www.ncmahsv.org. The contact is Patricia Vail 313-4182.

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.

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.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. southeast. Terry Winschel, an award winning author and the Vicksburg, Miss., National Military Park historian, will discuss the Vicksburg campaign. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet will be available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. For more information, call 890-0890.

AFAP conference

The Team Redstone 21st Army Family Action Plan Conference is Oct. 27-28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. "This is an opportunity to make suggestions or express concerns about programs, services or benefits affecting the total Army family, to include active duty Soldiers, retirees, National Guard, reservists, family members and civilians," a prepared release said. To register as a con-

ference delegate or submit an issue or concern visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Space society

HAL5 (the local National Space Society Chapter) presents "Fly to the Moon, Rocket to Space" as Seth Eden Hollingsworth gives a free public demonstration of his free simulator software Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. A social will follow the meeting. More information is available at www.HAL5.org or HAL5.Help@gmail.com.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave., on Sept. 12 starting at 9:15 a.m. with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group with Kevin Wangbickler, a past HPCUG president, presenting a topic of general interest. At 10:45 there will be a short business meeting followed by a program on "Learn the power of Facebook and why you should join in on the fun." Curtis Coghlan, the managing editor of *The Huntsville Times*, will introduce you to the social networking site and show you how easy it is to get connected with old and new friends. Coghlan will also discuss Twitter and its many uses and benefits.

Women in defense

Women in Defense will host a workshop titled "Preparing to Support Challenges in National Security" on Oct. 14 at the Marriott Tranquility. Speakers will include Maj. Gen. Susan Lawrence, commander of the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command; Kathryn Condon, executive deputy to the commanding general, Army Materiel Command; Vickie Plunkett, professional staff member of the House Armed Services Committee-Military Readiness; and Brig. Gen. Heidi Brown, deputy commander of the Sustainment Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Panel discussions will include technology challenges, acquisition and contracting challenges, and foreign military sales in national security. For more information, call Christina Hinkle 562-0600. Register online at www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc/NatlSecWkshp.htm.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for

upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9435 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Nicole Massey 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 courses offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space-available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. To enroll in motorcycle training, e-mail MSF rider coach Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net. The Garrison Safety contact is Keith Coates at 876-3383 or keith.coates@us.army.mil.

Reserve unit

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

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a

four-year degree or higher from a mentation, 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.

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 Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 15. For more information, call Jessica Merritt of Wireglass Hospice 519-8808.

Mr. Man Premiere

SB Productions will present the 2009 "Mr. Man Premiere" on Sept. 19 at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. This semiformal affair will start off with the red carpet walk followed by dinner. After dinner, the Premiere will begin. Dessert will be served during the show. Six judges will determine the finalists in the areas of personality, finesse, style, and the substance of their character. Only one will win the title of "Mr. Man" and join a legacy that dates back to 1980. The 2009 contestants include Craig Thorstad (doctor), Joseph Davis (Army officer), James Baynard (Navy officer), Edward Norris (Air Force reserve recruiter), Andrew Rickabaugh (Marine/Madison fireman), Chris Townsend (Madison police officer), Shannon Anderson (engineer student), Keith Wood (engineer), Daniel LaBoudiere (director of sales and catering), Harry Hobbs (professor), Tyron Stanley (senior logistic analyst) and Khaled Sabouh (engineer student). For more information, call Samuel Brown 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/RENM09/>.

Deployed work force

In appreciation and recognition of AMCOM Life Cycle Management Command's service and sacrifice, commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles would like to honor those who are serving or who have served in deployments in support of AMCOM LCMC operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom. The fourth Aviation and Missile Command LCMC 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.

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. 16. All IMMC employees, including retirees and matrix personnel, are invited. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$3 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, horse shoes and other events. For more information, call chairpersons Jan Pickard 842-6625 or Michele Farris 842-2668.

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 plan-

ning 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. The contact is Charlotte Dombrowski 564-9836.

Thrift shop

"What's in a name?" Name brands — like Ann Taylor, Gap, Coach, Abercrombie, American Eagle Outfitter, Chicos; Levis, Chanel, Limited, Liz Claiborne, Coldwater Creek, Tommy Hilfiger, Merona, Gymboree, Sag Harbor and Columbia — can be found at the Thrift Shop. Visit building 3209 on Hercules Road from 10-4 Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-5 Thursday and 10-2 the first Saturday of the month. Call 881-6992 for more information.

Health fair

"Fall Family Healthfair" will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the campus of Mayfair Church of Christ. This free event is open to the public. "Come enjoy the best Huntsville has to offer in great health," a prepared release said. "Door prizes, discounts and other goodies will be provided by quality area healthcare providers." The health fair is sponsored by James C. Briggs. For more information, call 881-1575.

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Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

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

Customer service survey

All Redstone personnel are encouraged to provide input and feedback on customer service issues to installation customer service officer Steve McFadden. Personnel may submit their issues via e-mail to rsacms@conus.army.mil, and include the following information: issue, date, who the issue affects (Soldiers, family members, civilians, retirees, veterans), recom-

Labor Day closing

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. On Tuesday, Sept. 8 the Primary Care Clinic will be open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The pharmacy, medical records window and the Tricare Service Center will be open until noon. The Central Appointments telephone line will be answered until 4:30 p.m. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. The health center is closed on 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 is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

Divisions on move

To better serve their customers, some divisions within the Garrison are moving from building 4488 on Martin Road to building 3215 on Hercules. The following divisions are included in the move: Supply, Maintenance and Transportation (Personal Property/Passports). This move is anticipated by the end of August, according to a Garrison release.

Post Office move

The U.S. Post Office, building 3648, is moving to newly-renovated building 3710

on Aug. 31. Directional signs will be posted to send customers from the old building on Elmwood Road to the new facility, building 3710 which is off Patton and Aerobee roads behind the Redstone Fitness Center. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new site is Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. Hours at the new facility will remain 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone with questions about the move can call installation mail manager Donald Battise 842-8051 or Marcus Adams, contract supervisor of the mail and distribution center, 876-1382.

Older drivers

AARP Driver Safety Program, a driver improvement course designed for older motorists, will be held Sept. 22-23 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Hospice Family Care Inc., 3304 Westmill Drive (near Milton Frank Stadium). This eight-hour course will be taught in two four-hour sessions. There are no tests. Tuition is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Graduates may be eligible to receive a multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums. Class size is limited to 30 participants. For information and registration, call AARP certified instructor, Vince Guarin 880-6928.

Monte Sano art show

The 11th annual Monte Sano Art Show is Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Monte

Sano State Park. "Showcasing the works of highly talented artists, there will be something for everyone — food, beverages, live music and an area just for the kids," a prepared release said. For more information, visit www.montesanoartshow.org.

Artsy open house

FMWR's Arts and Crafts Center will hold an open house Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be food, demonstrations, displays and give-a-ways. In addition, visitors will get to view the entries and winners in the local level of the annual Army Art Contest. Redstone Arsenal had the highest level of art contest entries in the Army.

Charity benefit

SAMD is holding a Charity Benefit in support of the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund at Huntsville Hospital Foundation. Enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing Oct. 16 at the Holiday Inn downtown. For more information, call Liz Preston 313-6825 or 683-7574 or Gena Scofield 313-1162.

Theatre league tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring discounted season tickets for the Broadway Theatre League's 2009-10 season. The shows this season include "Mamma Mia!" Nov. 20-22; "The Drowsy Chaperone," Jan. 8-10; "A Chorus Line," Feb. 12-14; "The Wizard of Oz," March 5-7; and "The Color Purple," April 30 through May 1-2. CWFC season ticket prices as follows reflect the 10 percent

savings from standard Broadway Theatre League costs: orchestra, \$247.50; orchestra 2, \$243; orchestra 3 and loge, \$189; and balcony, \$112.50. CWFC also offers the 10 percent discount for tickets to three additional season specials: "Broadway Bash: Our 50th Anniversary Special with Patty Lupone and Mandy Patinkin," Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.; "Circo Comedia," March 9 at 6:30 p.m.; and Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center, March 25 at 7 p.m. Prices for these show vary according to seat location. The deadline to order CWFC discounted tickets is Thursday. Send your name and daytime phone number to charles.urban@conus.army.mil. For more information, visit the Broadway Theatre League website www.broadwaytheatreleague.org.

Logistics award nominees

Nominations for the 2009 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are now being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2009 "Ernie" format will include two awards — the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Eligible candidates for the award include all Team Redstone personnel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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SCBK09612055	Supv Info Sys Mgmt Spec	26-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-0301	2	2	67,129 - 131,518	X											
SCBK09646466	Lead Data Mgmt Spec	26-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DE-0301	4	4	81,532 - 125,254	X	X	X				X	X	X			
SCBK09512739	Human Resources Asst (OA)	26-Aug-09	SMDC	GS-0203	6	7	34,782 - 50,249	X											
SCBK09672410	Computer Engr	26-Aug-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993				X	X		X	X	X			
SCBK09689934	Program Analyst	26-Aug-09	PEO AVN	NH-0343	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09667990	Admin Supt Asst (OA)	26-Aug-09	AMCOM, CIO/G6 (Info Mgmt)	GS-0303	6	7	34,782 - 50,249						X			X	X		
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SCBK09611467	Housing Mgmt Spec	27-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-1173	7	9	38,653 - 61,464	X											
SCBK09490493R	Supv Firefighter (Deputy Chief)	27-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YN-0081	2	2	58,141 - 113,908	X											
SCBK09640030	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Aug-09	IMMC	GS-0346	11	12	57,204 - 74,360	X											
SCBK09600648	Architect	28-Aug-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	57,204 - 105,993		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK09689181	Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Aug-09	SAMD	GS-0346	11	12	57,204 - 89,128	X								X	X	X	
SCBK09644623	Supv Logistics Mgmt Spec	28-Aug-09	SAMD	YC-0346	2	2	58,141 - 113,908	X											
SCBK09681809	Environmental Engr	28-Aug-09	SMDC	GS-0819	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X									X	X	X
SCBK09689268	Medical Spt Asst (OA)	28-Aug-09	MEDDAC	GS-0679	5	5	31,204 - 40,567				X					X	X	X	
SCBK09445654R	Budget Analyst	28-Aug-09	SMDC	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128							X			X	X	X
SCNAFBK0920	Lead Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Swimming Pools, Outdoor Rec	NF-0189	2	2	7,99 - 14,59	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCNAFBK0919	Lifeguard	31-Aug-09	Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	1	1	6,55 - 11,41	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09CRP80002	Civil Engr, Environmental Engr, Landscape Architect, Chemical Engr, Elect Engr, Mech Engr	31-Aug-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0810,0819, 0807,0808, 0893,0850, 0830	2	2	46,291 - 105,993									X	X	X	X
SCBK09697917	Secretary (OA)	31-Aug-09	PEO AVN	NK-0318	2	2	31,204 - 50,249		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK09666611	Information Mission Area Spec	31-Aug-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X							X	X	X	
SCBK09678059	Logistics Mgmt Spec	31-Aug-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X							X	X	X	
SCBK09661523	Contract Spec	31-Aug-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09698040	Procurement Analyst	31-Aug-09	PEO AVN	NH-1102	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK09698025	Program Analyst	31-Aug-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	NH-0343	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X									
SCBK09670396	Contract Spec	31-Aug-09	USAASC	GS-1102	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X											
SCBK09701502	Contract Spec	31-Aug-09	USAASC	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09635641	IT Spec (INFOSEC)	1-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128								X	X	X	X	
SCBK09680512	Telecommunications Spec	1-Sep-09	MEDDAC	GS-0391	9	9	47,280 - 61,464						X			X	X	X	
SCBK09524511COE	Instructional Sys Spec	1-Sep-09	USAOMEMS	GS-1750	12	12	68,564 - 89,128						X			X	X	X	
SCBK09716235	Accountant	1-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	57,204 - 89,128						X						
SCBK09706248	Contract Spec	1-Sep-09	USAASC	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09647986	Program Analyst	1-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0343	7	12	38,653 - 89,128		X										
SCBK092YA201STF	Human Res Spec (Staff/Class)	2-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	YA-0201	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X											
SCBK092YC201SPV	Supv Human Res Spec (Class/Staff)	2-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	YC-0201	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X											
SCBK09645844	Logistics Mgmt Spec	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0346	2	2	47,280 - 64,537				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09644970	Supv Human Res Spec (Military)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0201	2	2	68,564 - 93,584				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645487	Supv Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0560	2	2	68,564 - 93,584				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645412	Human Res Tech (Military/OA)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YB-0203	2	2	38,653 - 52,761				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645322	Human Res Spec (Military)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0201	2	2	47,280 - 78,078				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09682971	Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	AMCOM Contracting Center	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128						X	X		X	X	X	
SCBK09646518	Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0560	2	2	40,949 - 64,537				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09704001	Trng Tech	2-Sep-09	USACE Learning Center	GS-1702	9	9	47,280 - 61,464				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09710492	Medical Records Tech (OA)	2-Sep-09	MEDDAC	GS-0675	7	7	38,653 - 50,249				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645655	Logistics Mgmt Spec	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0346	2	2	47,280 - 78,078				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09642652	Contract Spec (Proc Analyst)	3-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 131,517	X											
SCBK09642643	Contract Spec (Proc Analyst)	3-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 131,517	X											
SCBK09642662	Supv Contract Spec	3-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332				X				X				X
SCBK09642670	Supv Contract Spec	3-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332				X				X				X
SCBK092YA201CLA	Human Res Spec (Class)	3-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	YA-0201	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09627813	Electrical Engr	4-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	3	3	90,473 - 154,699				X	X			X	X	X	X	
SCBK09625353	Lead General Engr	4-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X											
SCBK09579291	Computer Engr	4-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X											
SCBK09587753	Computer Engr	4-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X											
SCBK09582079	Engineering Tech	7-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YE-0802	3	3	48,509 - 77,194				X			X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK09640377	Lead General Engr	8-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X											
SCBK09611232	General Engr	14-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993						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	
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SCBK09669888E	Operations Research Analyst	26-Aug-09	AMCOM, G3 (Opers)	GS-1515	13	13	81,532 - 105,993									X			X
SCBK09600648D	Architect	28-Aug-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0808	2	2	57,204 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09680512D	Telecommunications Spec	1-Sep-09	MEDDAC	GS-0391	9	9	47,280 - 61,464	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09716235	Accountant	1-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	57,204 - 89,128						X						
SCBK09710492D	Medical Records Tech (OA)	2-Sep-09	MEDDAC	GS-0675	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09645844	Logistics Mgmt Spec	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0346	2	2	47,280 - 64,537				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09644970	Supv Human Res Spec (Military)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0201	2	2	68,564 - 93,584				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645487	Supv Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0560	2	2	68,564 - 93,584				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645412	Human Res Tech (Military/OA)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YB-0203	2	2	38,653 - 52,761				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645322	Human Res Spec (Military)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0201	2	2	47,280 - 78,078				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09646518	Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0560	2	2	40,949 - 64,537				X				X	X	X	X	
SCBK09645655	Logistics Mgmt Spec																		

to the logistics mission at Aviation and Missile Command. The award winners are selected by a voting panel comprised of management and non-management members from the Integrated Materiel Management Center directorates and other AMCOM/Team Redstone organizations depending on the nominations received. Nomination packages must have a cover memorandum signed by the nominee's director or deputy director to ensure that the nominee's management officials are aware of the nomination. The cover memorandum will also serve as an endorsement. Nominations should be submitted by Sept. 4 to Barbara A. Harris of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, call 876-3805 or e-mail barbara.a.harris@us.army.mil.

Garrison day

The Garrison will hold an Organization Day on Sept. 1 at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson recreation area. Lunch tickets are being sold through Aug. 20 for \$10 each. Activities will include volleyball, a two-mile Volksmarch, Bingo, Texas Hold 'em tournament and a kickball match between the directors and the employees. For tickets call one of the following: Chaplain's Office, Staff Sgt. Simmons 842-2176; Command Group, Sarah Brazzel 313-0546; DES, Theodore Tyson 876-0796; DHR, Diane Corlew 313-1041; DOIM, Jack Padley 876-1747; DOL, Connie Elfrink 876-3067; DPTMS, Linda Cook 876-8588; DPW, Sal Riccardi 876-0307; EEO, Jackie Williams 876-9223; FMWR, Christal Howard 876-2073 and Tracy Helmick 876-2021; HHC, Sgt. 1st Class Nicholson 842-3034; PAI, Angela French 313-0626; PAO, Sofia Bledsoe 842-9828; RM, Gwenda Hall 876-2975; and Safety Office, Rusty Brands 876-3114.

Women engineers

In order to encourage young women to get involved in engineering and technology, the Society of Women Engineers has unveiled a new program called "Wow! That's Engineering!" A free event for girls ages 12-14 will be held Sept. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. "Experience the creativity and innovation of engineering and technology with fun hands-on activities like CSI Huntsville, Need for Speed Rocket Car, and SWE's Next Top Cosmetic

Designer," a prepared release said. "Come meet women engineers, scientists and technologists and hear firsthand about these exciting careers." Register by Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. at www.swe.org/nalwow. The contact is Shayla Bennett at swe-wow2009@hotmail.com.

A&M dinner theatre

The Huntsville Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association Inc. is sponsoring its third Dinner and Theatre fund-raiser Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park, Grand Ballroom, Madison Square Mall location. Honorees will be Dr. R. D. Morrison, president emeritus, and Dan Tibbs, retired Madison County educator, for their continuous dedication and support of Alabama A&M University. "We hope you will join us in keeping the legacy of our founder William Hooper Councill alive through this fundraising event," a prepared release said. Attire will be semiformal. For more information, call Pam Thompson 851-9572 or Ann Dickerson 859-1244.

Military family day

The American Red Cross will hold Military Family Day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Max Luther Community Center, 207 Max Luther Drive. All military families are invited. "Carnival style games and food will be provided for the entire family," a prepared release said. "Throughout the day, families will be given the opportunity to honor their Soldier by creating postcards to send to their Soldier." For more information, call emergency services coordinator Tasma Ball 536-0084, ext. 310.

Record sale

WLRH Public Radio (89.3 FM) announces the return of the WLRH Great Record Sale on Sept. 18-20 at its studios on John Wright Drive on the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. Times are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 18-19 and 1-5 p.m. Sept. 20. "Literally thousands of LPs and CDs of every variety will be available in the WLRH large studio," a prepared release said. "Classical, jazz, blues, pop, rock, gospel - you name it, and you'll likely find your vinyl treasures (heart's desire)." Record collections/donations are being accepted through Sept. 16. "Vinyl LPs and CDs only - please no cassettes, 78s or 8-track tapes," the release added.

Fashion show

Caribbean Fashion Show is Saturday at The Lumberyard, 120 Cleveland St., Park Place Plaza by the skate park downtown. Doors open at 7:20 p.m., and the show starts at 8. Admission is \$12. Half of the admission proceeds will go to the United Cerebral Palsy Charity where a child has already been appointed to receive the funds. Donations are welcomed. Tickets can be purchased at James Records and Tapes or Bon Chic Boutique on Madison Boulevard. You can also call 684-6840 or e-mail caribbean-fashionshow@yahoo.com.

Health fair

The 100 Black Men of America's Greater Huntsville Chapter will sponsor the 10th annual Health Fair and Run/Walk on Sept. 12 at Elmore Gym on the campus of Alabama A&M University. There will be free food, entertainment and door prizes; and this family event is free and open to the public. The run/walk begins at 7:30 a.m. The health fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Earnest Starks 658-4545.

Personnel/ID cards

On the Garrison's Organization Day Sept. 1, the Military Personnel Division and Identification Card Section will close at 11 a.m. The MPD will open Sept. 2 with normal operations.

New civilian employees

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees will be held Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. NEO participants will receive training to orient them to federal employment and the installation, which will include: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director remarks, Staffing/Classification Procedures, Employee Benefits, Human Resources Development, Management and Employee Relations and Labor, American Federation of Government Employees, Equal Employment Opportunity, Legal, Communication Security, Defense Acquisition University, Employee Assistance Program, and Morale Welfare and Recreation. For information on how to participate in NEO, call LaToya Davis Ragan 313-0286 or Jessie

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McCray 876-4803. To obtain a space in this course, register in TIP at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

Yard sale

Christmas Charities Year Round is holding its second annual Yard Sale on Sept. 19 from 6 a.m. to noon at 2840 Jordan Lane (a mile north of Woody Anderson). If you have items to donate to the sale or wish to set up a booth to sell your items, call 837-2373 for assistance. "We have lots of miscellaneous items such as porcelain dolls, exercise equipment, books and glassware," a prepared release said.

Impounded vehicles

The Directorate of Emergency Services said the following vehicles have been abandoned and should be reclaimed by their owners: a white 1995 Ford Windstar GL (Alabama tag 52J758J), green 2000 Ford Focus (Tennessee tag 591FEX), dark red 1997 GMC Jimmy Blazer (Georgia tag AMR7032), white 1986 Honda Civic CRX (Alabama tag 472P979), green 1980 Volkswagen Jetta (no tag), 1994 Mazda B2300 pickup (Tennessee tag MXM521), 1994 Chevrolet Corsica (Alabama tag 47C12G), 1989 Honda Accord (Alabama tag V29736), gray 1988 Dodge Caravan (Alabama tag 47B966K) and a white 1987 Oldsmobile Royale DLT (Tennessee tag AJA107). For more information, call Maj. Roger Triplett 876-2436.

Road advisory

A section of Mills Road between Neal Road and Martin Road is closed for repair. That section begins at the intersection of Neal Road and Mills Road and extends southward to the southern entrance of the Von Braun Complex located on Mills Road. Individuals who park in the area on the western side of the Von Braun Complex should plan on accessing it via Martin Road rather than Neal Road. The road repair operations should conclude by close of business Sept. 2. For more information, call Brendan Bennick 842-3289.

Fall Fling benefit

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is holding one of its main fund-raisers of the

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year that will benefit military families and other non-profit organizations supporting the military. The Fall Fling fund-raiser is a collaborative effort with OCWC members and will be held Oct. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$20 for individuals or \$35 per couple. The event is open to everyone with gate access. Call 489-3009 to purchase tickets and for more information.

Logistics career day

The AMCOM Integrated Material Management Center will sponsor its 2009 Logistics Career Day on Sept. 1 from 8

a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. The theme for this year's event, "Your Career Path – Opening Doors to Opportunity," will focus on potential opportunities for civilian employees on training and career development and will assist the civilian work force in taking the next step up the career ladder. For more information, call Zakiyyah Shakoor in the IMMC Business Management Office 876-7966.

Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Capt. Ronald Luce should call Capt. Ryan Averbeck 876-6118.