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Sending love via big-screen TV

Families, Soldiers of 375th reconnect
during Blue Star Banner program

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"Hi, daddy!"
"Hi, Bree, Bree! I love you."
"I love you!"
"You look pretty."
"Thank you, daddy."

Two-year-old Briana Payne did, indeed, look pretty in a red, white and blue sundress that she wore just for her daddy, Sgt. Jeffrey Payne.

Briana's dad got to see her all dressed up thanks to a video teleconference that brought families of the Reserve's 375th Engineer Company together with their deployed Soldiers for a few minutes of big-screen-TV family time.

The teleconference was arranged by Lockheed Martin at the company's Huntsville headquarters as part of the Aug. 22 Blue Star Service Banner program for the families of the 159 deployed Soldiers. It was the first time such a large-scale video teleconference has been conducted in Huntsville on behalf of deployed Soldiers, said organizer David Carney.

For the families in attendance, the chance to see and talk to their Soldier made the Blue Star Service Banner program even more special.

"We have web cam. But it doesn't work all that well and our computer broke so we can only talk by phone right now," said Briana's big sister, 10-year-old MacKenzie Payne. "When we do talk to him, it's really late here or it's really late there. It's hard to communicate with him."

When the sisters and their mother, Nicolette, first saw Payne on the big screen, they saw their Soldier raise his hands in excitement.

"Daddy's silly," Briana said, laughing.

Two months into the 375th's deployment to Iraq, the Payne family of Athens is learning how to adjust without their Soldier at home.

"The important thing is staying busy," Nicolette Payne said. "I also had to quit my job. My husband worked security at the hospital and I worked in radiology on the weekend shift. But with him gone, I can't do that. It's a little tough. But we're making it. It's all worth it."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

BROADCAST FROM IRAQ— Soldiers from the 375th Engineer Company watch intently as their families receive blue star banners during the Aug. 22 Blue Star Service Banner program held in the auditorium at Lockheed Martin in Cummings Research Park. The company arranged for the video teleconference, which was the first time the technology has been used in Huntsville to connect a large number of deployed Soldiers with their families.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?— Lockheed Martin's Chad Hinton laughs at the enthusiasm and silliness shown by 4-year-old Landon Morse as he clowns around with his dad, Staff Sgt. Jay Morse, during a video teleconference



Photo by Kari Hawkins

QUIET MOMENT— Brandon Johnson, 3, sits quietly in the arms of family friend Casey Atkinson during the Blue Star Service Banner program for families of the Reserve's 375th Engineer Company on Aug. 22. Brandon is the son of Sgt. Robert Johnson, who is deployed in Iraq with the 375th.

An open lane random survey

What's your favorite football team and why?

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Jason Poe
Alutiiq Global Solutions
"The Pittsburgh Steelers. Just growing up, I visited Pittsburgh. Never lived there, I lived in California. We visited Pittsburgh when I was young. Hearing about the Steel Curtain, and Lynn Swann and John Stallworth. Those two guys spiked my attention. I grew up wanting to be a wide receiver."

Jason Couch
Northrop Grumman
"Alabama. It's the only SEC team in the conference. Roll Tide."



Maj. Kathleen Kelly
Staff Judge Advocate General's Office
"The (Washington) Redskins. I don't know why, I've just always liked the Redskins from years ago – going back to the coach Joe Gibbs era. I've just always been a huge Redskins fan."

Ellen Mahathey
AMCOM Command Group
"Auburn, because they're the best."



Quote of the week

Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is habit. Unfortunately, so is losing.

— Vince Lombardi

Letter to the Editor

Reading program has bark of success

I would like to thank MWR recreation chief Mike Chemsak, the MWR Library Staff, Gail Alden, Martha Piskulic, Sara Roberts, Laura Howell and Pam Causey, for the success of the recently implemented "Tales with Taka" reading program conducted at the Redstone MWR library during July and August.

I am a member of Love on a Leash Therapy K9s based out of Athens. In addition to being a registered therapy dog that visits veterans homes, nursing homes, schools, and dementia care facilities, my German shepherd, Taka, received the distinction of becoming the first Reading Education Assistance Dog in Limestone and Madison counties. Taka and I are a registered therapy team and a READ team.

I felt that Taka and I could help Soldiers and their families by volunteering to begin a READ program at the Redstone MWR library. I pitched my idea to the library staff and was welcomed wholeheartedly by MWR. With their assistance, we implemented a four-week READ program titled "Tales with Taka" where children age 5 and above could read to Taka at the library.

Taka and I came armed with his suitcase full of books and the library staff created a list of books about dogs for the children to choose from. The first Saturday we had five readers for the 10 a.m.-noon session. As we were leaving, three other children came into the library and Taka and I stayed to greet them and provide them the opportunity to read to Taka as well. Attendance increased each week and we were invited to greet guests at the Back to School Open House at the library. We



Courtesy photo

EASY LISTENING— Ahmahd Basham reads to Taka at the Post Library.

interacted with numerous children and their parents, and Taka was a big hit with the Soldiers as well. All children that read to Taka were provided with a "gift bag" which contained a Tales with Taka coloring page, colors, Taka's rules for staying safe around dogs, his special bookmarks, and candy. Children who participate in the program also receive Taka's personal thank you card for reading to him.

We have had lots of fun and enjoyed a number of great books. We obtain photo authorizations and take photos of the children reading and petting Taka. Photos are e-mailed to the participants when possible. Recently I e-mailed several of Taka's photos to a deployed Soldier. His children had participated in the program and his wife asked me to send the pictures to him. He was so thankful to see the pictures of his children reading to Taka. He shared with me how much he misses his family and that by having the pictures he felt as if he was

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Commentary: Why we celebrate women's equality day annually

By Sgt. 1st Class NELSON E. BALLEW Jr.
2nd Recruiting Brigade equal opportunity adviser

In the United States the progress and accomplishments of women are observed in March and August. It is often asked why women get two separate observances. The answer is that each observance is for a different purpose.

In March, Women's History Month is observed. During March recognition is given to accomplishments women have made to our Army, community and country. March is dedicated to the general recognition of women accomplishments. In August, Women's Equality Day is observed. Women's Equality Day is a celebration of "Women's right to vote." The right to vote was extended to women by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The 19th Amendment was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919 and ratified on Aug. 18, 1920.

Section 1 of the 19th Amendment states "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." We acknowledge the impact that the 19th Amendment has had upon women, as well as society as a whole. Prior to passage of the 19th Amendment, women lacked the power to vote. Consequently, they had little political power and were denied many opportunities afforded to their male counterparts. The political power that women gained through the right to vote no doubt played a role in the passage of legislation that improved life for women in virtually every aspect. Such legislation coupled with positive female role models has created better opportunities for women today.

An excellent example of the contribution that women's accomplishments have had upon society as a whole is the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Act of 2009 which was signed into law by President Barack Obama on Jan. 29. This legislation was in response to a Supreme Court decision concerning a case between Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company located in Gadsden and Lilly Ledbetter, an employee of the company. The

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Fairfax County, Va.

What do you like about your job?

Everything. I like helping people. I like meeting the foreign dignitaries that come through and all the high-ranking officials, but overall I like helping people.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Read, garden, and when I get a chance to go visit my grandkids (in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.).

What are your goals?

Retire and spend more time with my kids, my grandkids, my parents.

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

To bowl that perfect 300 game – but I know that'll never happen (laugh). It's getting tougher and tougher these days.



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Aug. 20-26:

Aug. 21: When a subject requested a visitor pass at Gate 8, it was revealed that he had an outstanding arrest warrant from the Calhoun County Sheriff Office. He was released to Calhoun County.

Aug. 21: A motorist stopped for speeding on Martin Road had a suspended license and was under an arrest warrant from Huntsville Police. He was issued two violation notices and released to Huntsville Police.

Aug. 24: Huntsville Police transported an AWOL Soldier to Gate 8. The Soldier was detained by Redstone Police pending release to his Fort Campbell, Ky., unit.

Aug. 24: A soldier entered the Redstone Police Station and surrendered as AWOL. He was transported by police to his Redstone Arsenal unit.

Aug. 25: Someone illegally entered a Soldier's private vehicle and removed items of military issue. His vehicle was also damaged by spray paint.

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

Violation notices issued: 16 speeding, 1 no driver's license, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 suspended driver's license, 1 expired driver's license, 1 parked in handicap zone.

Don't photocopy ID cards

Recent incidents regarding the photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards by commercial establishments to verify military affiliation or provide government rates for service have been reported.

Commanders and supervisors are reminded that the photocopying of U.S. government identification is a violation of Title 18, US Code Part I, Chapter 33, Section 701 and punishable by both fine and imprisonment.

Many military members, family member and DoD employees are unaware of this law. (U.S. Army North Provost Marshal Office release)

Flu shots begin this month at Fox

Fox Army Health Center has announced its 2009 flu immunization schedule. Dates for active duty personnel mass immunizations are pending.

Here's the schedule:

- Active duty, their family members, military retirees and family members: 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 12 and 26 at Fox Army Health Center.

- Military retirees and their family members: 8-noon Oct. 2, Retiree Appreciation Day, at the Officers and Civilians Club.

- DoD civilians and other eligible beneficiaries: 8-noon Oct. 14 and 21 at the Challenger, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road (off Goss Road).

Retired reservists and their family members are only eligible if the back of the ID card authorizes "Direct Medical Care." Family members of DoD civilians, retired DoD civilians and their family members, contractors, reservists/Guard in inactive status and their family members are not eligible for flu shots.

Flu shot screening forms may be completed in advance by downloading them from the Fox Army Health Center website at www.redstone.amedd.army.mil. Patients may also view the Vaccine Information Sheet at this site. Additional forms will be available at the immunization site.

For more information, call Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, extension 1026, 1440 or 1441. (Fox Army Health Center release)

School forms have local impact

When in doubt, fill it out.

Immediately following the Impact Aid kickoff Sept. 9 at the Mills Creek Elementary School, Impact Aid forms will be distributed to all parents. The key is for parents to complete these forms within the first week of receipt and return it to their respective schools.

Why is completing these forms important? One very important reason: free money for your schools.

The mission of Impact Aid is to disperse federal grant money to local school districts that are financially burdened

or impacted by federal activity populations.

Therefore, children of all employees who work on federal installations will qualify for Impact Aid assistance. If an employee's workplace is on federal property, the child of that employee qualifies.

When in doubt, fill it out, and return the forms promptly to your schools. It's just one of many means in which workers can support their children, school systems and the future.

For more information, call 842-0830. (Garrison release)

Youngsters enjoy reading to therapy dog

Reading

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right there with them while they read to Taka. I hope to meet him and see his family again at one of our future READ sessions.

Taka and I have been invited back to the library to continue the Tales with Taka program on a monthly basis on the first Saturday of each month from 10-noon. The program would not have been such a success without all the hard work and coordination provided by the library staff. It is unusual to see a dog in a library, but with the success the program has achieved, I hope to change that. My goal is to start a program at the Athens library sometime this winter.

Thanks to all of the parents and children who are supporting the program. If your child hasn't had a chance to read to Taka yet, please call the library at 876-4741 to sign up and become one of Taka's pack readers. You'll be glad you did.

Jamie D. Ward
Lower Tier Project Office

Workers take ride on new Black Hawk helicopter

There's nothing like flying in the Army helicopter that you help support. Just ask the members of AMCOM's Security Assistance Management Directorate.

A group from the directorate participated in an orientation flight Aug. 13 on the Army's new UH-60M Black Hawk to demonstrate the aircraft's various capabilities.

The goal of the flight was to elevate the importance of the security assistance mission while saying thank you for the hard work done every day by those in the directorate, according to SAMD director Dr. Tom Pieplow.

Employees who participated ranged in experience from eight months to more than 20 years and most had never experienced flying in a helicopter.

"Orientation flights such as these help with understanding how foreign military sales affects the end users," Pieplow said. "Seeing the many instruments, systems, components and sub-components in action provided an invaluable learning opportunity that cannot be attained in the office setting. The participants can now see how their role fits into the bigger FMS picture. In feeling closer to the war fighter, and by seeing the products and systems used every day in the global war on terror, these SAMD employees have a renewed sense of awareness of their ability to make a difference."

The individuals who took part in the flight included Charlie White, Martha Tallman, Vanessa Lugo, Ashley Humphries, Craig Handrich and Alisha Wade.

"Special thanks to the Utility Helicopter Program Management Office who made this flight happen," Pieplow said. "Lt. Col. Bert Vergez, Barbara Hatcher of UHPM, Jerry Gearhardt of the Aviation Test and Evaluation Center, CJ Humphry of SAMD who as a Reserve aviation officer (pilot) led the effort for this event, and the SAMD leadership team of Brandy Goff, Calvin Poole and Raymond Hayes." (SAMD release)



Courtesy photo

ORIENTATION FLIGHT— From left are Charlie White, Alisha Wade, Ashley Humphries, Vanessa Lugo, Martha Tallman and Craig Handrich, members of the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate.

Contractor jobs identified for conversion to government



Photo by Skip Vaughn

INDUSTRY BRIEFING— Col. Scott Campbell, deputy executive director of the AMCOM Contracting Center, speaks Aug. 27 during the 2009 Advance Planning Briefings for Industry.

About 1,450 positions to change under law

By SKIP VAUGHN

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About 1,450 contractor positions at AMCOM will be converted to Army civilian during the next three years.

Col. Scott Campbell, deputy executive director of the AMCOM Contracting Center, discussed the plan Thursday at the 2009 Advance Planning Briefings for Industry. About 500 people attended the conference and exhibition Aug. 26-27 in the Von Braun Center.

The conversion is required as part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008.

"This was not something we had a choice to do. It was in the law," Campbell said.

The identified contractor positions provide support services throughout the Aviation and Missile Command materiel enterprise, or life cycle management command, including the program executive offices for aviation and for missiles and space, the Aviation and Missile Research

Development and Engineering Center, and the Contracting Center.

Campbell emphasized during his briefing that there has been a significant planning process to ensure an orderly conversion to Army civilian jobs. And the change will occur within a three-year period.

"Nobody is getting a termination letter tomorrow," Campbell told the mostly-contractor audience. "We all have people in AMCOM that are working with each of your primes. Understand this process is going on but I still have small business goals to reach."

He outlined new acquisition procedures that are forthcoming and encouraged the industry representatives to register for potential business with AMCOM if they haven't yet done so.

AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister said the command has taken a common sense approach to the conversion requirement.

"We've taken every measure to communicate with the community and with industry to make sure they understand what our analysis was and what the impact will be to them," Chronister said. "We want to have a dialogue. We're very sensitive to the plight of local businesses with all the contributions they make out here."

Army jobs prove popular at career expo

Candidates wait in long lines to speak to personnel reps

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The Army was the standout employer at the Aug. 24 career expo at the Von Braun Center South Hall.

Judging from the lines of unemployed and underemployed candidates waiting to talk to an Army representative, Janice Hunt of Aviation and Missile Command Human Resources said *The Huntsville Times* Mega Career Expo was a "huge success."

"We got a lot of good qualified candidates," Hunt said. "AMCOM will be able to make probably several selections from the resumes we collected."

Besides AMCOM, Army participants in the career expo included the Army Materiel Command, Lead AMC Integration Support Office, Army Research Development and Engineering Command, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Army Contracting Command and Army Expeditionary Contracting Command.

The career expo began at 10 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m. But the lines at the nine Army booths kept human resources specialists at the expo until after 5 p.m.

"Everybody stayed until we had talked to everyone in our lines," Hunt said.

Hunt said Army and expo representatives were surprised at the large number of job applicants who waited in long lines to talk to an Army human resources specialist. The Army presence overshadowed the other 20-plus employers at the career expo.

"Our intent was to use the private interviewing areas to make tentative job offers there," Hunt said. "But I don't think anybody really had enough time to do that because we had so many candidates to talk with."

She said the resumes collected at the expo will be reviewed by hiring managers, matched against criteria and chosen for hiring. The career expo was the first time the Army organizations had used the recent expedited hiring authority that allows human resources specialists to make tentative job offers to those who meet highly qualified criteria.

"To use the expedited hiring authority at the career expo, we had to make public notice announcement on our job openings," Hunt said.

"CPAC (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center) worked really hard to get all those announcements out in time for the career expo. CPAC got those announcements out so that management could make offers."

That teamwork continued at the career expo.

"All of the recruiters and everybody worked really well together to get everybody interviewed who came to see us at the career expo," Hunt said, mentioning that CPAC and organization human resources representatives worked together to interview candidates at the career expo.

Karen McNully is hoping her 13 years as a Soldier will help her qualify for a civilian Army job. She has worked on the Ground-Based Missile Defense Program as a Teledyne Brown Engineering employee for about 11 years. But that work will



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PROMISING CAREERS— Charles Farrior of the AMCOM Contracting Center reviews the possibilities of Army employment with Kyle Watson, at left, and Walter Chambliss. Watson would like to work as a contracting specialist for the Army while Chambliss is hoping for an entry level engineering position with the Army.

come to an end in about two weeks when she will be laid off.

Sharon Coleman and Jacqueline Prichett, who both already work for the Army at Redstone Arsenal, hope to gain some new employment opportunities.

"The intern program is the way to get into a career field," said Coleman, who estimated she had waited four hours in lines to talk to Army representatives. "I want to gain training and experience in a specialized field. Where I am now there is no room for progress. I have maxed out in my pay band."

For Prichett, the career expo represented an opportunity to remain in Huntsville.

"My organization might be moving and I don't want to move," she said. "I'm trying to be proactive and find a job that will keep me here."

Hunt said now that the career expo has been a success, it is up to Human Resources and CPAC to make sure employees are hired to fill the current and future needs of Army organizations on Redstone Arsenal.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BETTER OPPORTUNITIES— John Jones, a human resources specialist for AMRDEC, and Elisa Stucker of LAISO talk with Nyah Whitaker about job opportunities with the Army at *The Huntsville Times* Mega Career Expo at the Von Braun Center on Aug. 24. Whitaker is employed, but she is looking for a better opportunity in test systems or logistics.

AMC summer hire ahead of essay pack

Wins the writing competition for Women's Equality Day

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A summer hire in Army Materiel Command is getting a firsthand look at women's equality. Besides working in their Equal Employment Office, she is spending her summer in an organization headed by the Army's first female four-star general. The combination inspired her to enter the essay contest as part of the Women's Equality Day observance.

"I had just started here when I found out about the essay contest," Regina Head said. "When the topic came out as celebrating women's rights, I thought it was really ironic. (Gen. Ann Dunwoody) was very inspirational for me. I think what she's doing is great."

The assigned topic for essay entries focused on the women's suffrage movement. As a junior majoring in history at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, Head was familiar with the subject. On researching a little further, she found that the fate of the 19th Amendment was settled nearby in Tennessee. She was shocked that it almost wasn't ratified.

"I did not know that it came down to the last vote," she said. "The last man's mother had sent him a letter telling him to be 'a good boy' and so he voted yes."

This was the first time Head had ever entered an essay contest. She looks forward to possibly trying again.

"I've got a good track record," she quipped. "It's definitely boosted my confidence quite a bit. I'll start participating more in the contests they have at UAH."

First-place winner Head received a certificate of recognition from AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, along with a coin. She also received 100 MWR bucks.

In addition to writing an essay, Head assisted another AMC summer hire, Nyasha Palmer, in creating a display in each of the foyers of the two buildings the organization occupies.

"I really like being creative," Palmer said. "This was a great opportunity to use that."

The pair included photos and quotes from famous women of all creeds, colors and backgrounds, emphasizing the ability of women to do and be anything. They also added their own photos flanking their inspiration, Gen. Ann Dunwoody.

"She was scheduled to come out and we knew she would see it," Palmer said. "We wanted it to be perfect for her. We wanted her to be proud."

Their efforts won third place for static displays for the observance.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DOUBLE WINNER— Regina Head's essay took top honors for the Women's Equality Day observance. She and fellow summer hire Nyasha Palmer placed third in the static display contest.

Arts & Crafts Center honors contest winners

Redstone has most entries in Armywide competition

Space, helicopters and missiles aren't the only areas where Redstone excels. Results from an Armywide competition show its artistic prowess.

Redstone had the most entries in this year's Army Art Contest.

"We had the largest entry out of the whole Army — internationally," June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center frame shop manager Gina Hurst said. She and Laura Metzger served as the center's co-organizers for the contest.

Redstone's winning entries were displayed during the center's open house Thursday.

The Art Contest was judged recently on the local level by experts and then the selected winners and honorable mentions were advanced to the international level which will be judged later this year by jurors in Virginia.

Here are the local winners by class and category:

Accomplished class

Drawings: first place, "Freed" by Angela Sekerak; second, "Castle Ruins" by Jackie Fisher; third, "Anemones" by Linda Morton; honorable mention, "I am a Paper Cup" by Jackie Fisher; honorable mention, "Phoenix" by George "Dan" Tatum.

Fibers: first, "Queen Doll" by Leslie Wood; second, "Large Red Collage Bag" by Leslie Wood; and third, "Small Green

Collage Bag" by Leslie Wood.

Jewelry: first, "Flower" by Leslie Wood; second, "Spiral" by Leslie Wood; third, "Disc-4" by Leslie Wood.

Mixed Media 2-D: first, "Miss Or" by Angela Sekerak; second, "Sculptural Equations" by Leslie Wood; third, "Ballenas in the Breeze" by Linda Morton; honorable mention, "Golden Leaves" by George "Dan" Tatum; honorable mention, "Altar Boys" by Leslie Wood.

Mixed Media 3-D: first, "Birch" by Judy Bobula; second, "Bell Angel" by Leslie Wood; third, "Cross" by Judy Bobula; honorable mention, "Star Angel" by Leslie Wood; honorable mention, "Red Junk Angel" by Leslie Wood.

Oil Painting: first, "Treasure" by Angela Sekerak.

Water-based Painting: first, "Bear in the Woods" by Brenda Villareal; second, "Brake Wheel" by Linda Morton; third, "Flying Fortress" by Linda Morton; honorable mention, "Nt6 Texan" by Linda Morton; honorable mention, "Cotton Fields" by George "Dan" Tatum.

Ceramics: first, "Rose Plate" by Bonnie Mann; second, "Apple Plate" by Bonnie Mann; third, "Stepping Stone" by Vanessa Austin; honorable mention, "Flower Pitcher" by Bonnie Mann; honorable mention, "Plum Plate" by Bonnie Mann.

Novice class

Drawings: first, "Beth 2" by Josh Hanson; second, "Janice" by Josh Hanson; third, "The Beauty of the Horse" by Eliza-

beth Preston; honorable mention, "American Gothic Opera" by Pete Boroch; honorable mention, "Beth 1" by Josh Hanson.

Fibers: first, "For Good" by Kari Hawkins; second, "Happy Birthday to You" by Kari Hawkins.

Glass: first, "3 Dolphins Swimming" by Patricia Tatum; second, "Dove of Hope" by Patricia Tatum; third, "Geode and Glass" by Patricia Tatum.

Mixed Media 3-D: first, "Jamie" by Josh Hanson; second, "Pieces of a Personality" by Josh Hanson; third, "Boardwalk" by Josh Hanson.

Oil Painting: first, "Joshua 1" by Josh

Hanson; second, "Joshua 2" by Josh Hanson.

Water-based Painting: first, "Clouds are Waiting" by James Waldon; second, "Farmer's Companion" by James Waldon; third, "Coffee Time" by Christa Smith; honorable mention, "Tulips" by Christa Smith; honorable mention, "American Art" by Gary Braden.

Wood: first, "Grandfather Clock" by Charles Mullins; second, "The Keep" by David Wilson; third, "Birdhouse with Stream" by Jim Poole; honorable mention, "...and what of Camelot?" by David Wilson; honorable mention, "Bayou Boudreaux" by David Wilson.

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:

Movin' and losin'

FMWR's Sports and Fitness Movin' & Losin' weight-loss competition will run Sept. 15 through Nov. 10. Teams will weigh in and turn in exercise logs weekly. They will compete for points and a chance to win prizes. To register or for more information, call Phylissa Shannon at 313-6094 or e-mail phylissa.shannon@us.army.mil.

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 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.

Fall bowling leagues

There will be bowling leagues every night of the week beginning the week of Labor Day. Ladies Bowling League will be every Thursday and Friday morning. Times will be determined by the officers of the leagues. For more information, call the Redstone Lanes Bowling Center 876-6634 or 842-2695.

Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building instructor training is Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Instructor Training will provide you with the tools to instruct and facilitate Army Family Team Building classes. Topics include AFTB overview, classroom management, platform skills, learning styles, and methods of instruction, instructional aides and the planning process. To register or for more information call ACS at 876-5397.

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 Skip Vaughn

AMONG WINNERS— Some of Redstone's award-winning artists include, from left, Judy Bobula, Josh Hanson, Bonnie Mann and Kari Hawkins.

Contribution

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company originally hired Ledbetter at a salary equal to that of her male counterparts. Upon her retirement date the male counterparts were all making approximately \$500 to \$1,500 more per month. She filed a lawsuit that went all the way to the Supreme Court. When it reached the Supreme Court, the court ruled that she could not sue because the discrimination had exceeded the 180-day statute of limitations. The bill signed into law by President Obama amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which states that the 180-day statute of limitations for filing an equal-pay lawsuit regarding the discrimination resets with each new discriminating paycheck rather than the date that the pay was agreed upon. This law is huge for women and society as a whole.

Women today have lives that their ancestors most likely could not even begin to imagine. Prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment, women had rights similar to that of livestock. A woman did not have the right to make choices about education, working or marriage.

In many cases a woman did not have the ability or right to decide when, or if, to have a child. A female child was the property of her father at birth and remained so until she was married. Often the marriage was pre-arranged and women had no say in the matter. Today women have not only the right to vote but also the right to make the same life decisions as their male counterparts.

Due to the influence of positive role models, young females are experiencing increasingly better opportunities. In the military, Gen. Ann Dunwoody with her attainment of four-star status has provided a blueprint for success for every young female service-member and cadet. In my organization, Army Recruiting Command, for example, there have been successful female battalion and brigade commanders who have provided positive mentorship to subordinate leaders and Soldiers. Redstone Arsenal is full of other examples. On Redstone Arsenal at the Youth Activity Center, there is a young lady named Rachel Hernandez who is having a positive influence on the community. She is a member of a Taekwondo class and she is a first-degree black belt in Taekwondo at age 14. I interviewed her for this article and observed her in her Taekwondo class. She is often the primary instructor for the class. I observed how several young girls in the class paid special attention to Rachel's instruction. Some of the students are quite senior to Rachel in age, but not in ability.

I started the interview with questions to get basic information. I then asked her how she felt about being a role model for the young girls in the class. She responded, "It's really cool that people are trying to follow me. I am cautious to do things right because of that."

I asked: how does it feel to have some of the young guys in the group want to accomplish what you have accomplished in order to compete with you? She responded, "It makes me feel good to have a guy want to achieve my level of skill in order to compete versus the opposite."

I asked; what are your goals? "I want to achieve a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo and be an instructor. In life I want to be a lawyer and own my practice working with family problems."

If you could give advice to young girls or women coming after you, what would it be? "Persevere. Ignore people who try to put you down and try to say you are just a girl. Keep on trying."

I followed up my interview with her instructor, Master Jeff Davis. He talked about how special Rachel is. He said that she had been a student since she was 7, that she comes from a quality family and now she is like part of his family. He went on to say, "You have the opportunity to work with someone (Rachel), to try to help mold him or her so that the student gives back to the community. She is connecting and now she is the one giving back to others. She is a good kid. With young women like Ms. Hernandez the future of Redstone Arsenal and our country is in good hands."

In conclusion remember what is important to the United States about the month of March and the 26th day of August. Remember the accomplishments women have made to our Army, community and country. Women's Equality Day is a celebration of "Women's right to vote." Remember to acknowledge the impact that the 19th Amendment has had and continues to have upon women, and our society as a whole.

With the influence of positive role models, young females are increasingly having better opportunities today. Without the enactment of the discussed legislation as well as positive women role models throughout American history, there would not be a Gen. Ann Dunwoody. There would not be a Secretary of State Hillary Clinton or a former Gov. of Alaska Sarah Palin. For a future generation of young girls, there would not be a Rachel Hernandez.

Logistics program manager returns from Iraq

Paulson's seven-month tour a 'most fulfilling assignment'

By **ROBERT SALINAS**
Logistics Support Activity

The Logistics Support Activity has welcomed back Kevin Paulson, program manager and senior logistician from the Logistics Engineering Center, after his seven months in Iraq.

Paulson served as the AMC liaison officer representing LOGSA products and services, field logistics and Soldier support to the Iraq theater of operations. He was deployed to the 402nd AFSB at Victory Base Camp, Baghdad and Joint Base Balad.

While deployed, Paulson had the opportunity to work with Soldiers under combat conditions while supporting other Soldiers and commands in the use of LOGSA related products and services including LIW and ARMT training and execution and establishing a readiness and training lab in Baghdad.

While in the theater of operations, Paulson was involved in



Photo by Melody Sandlin

WELCOMING PARTY— Kevin Paulson, in foreground with his son, Matthew, 13, is greeted by members of the Logistics Support Activity on his return from Iraq.

several unique situations regarding the Soldiers stationed in Iraq.

“The conditions and situations encountered over in Iraq were very unpredictable,” he said. “Our JBB facilities when I got there were very small and inadequate for what we were trying to accomplish.”

So, Paulson prepared authorizations and acquired newer and more up-to-date facilities located with the 402nd AFSB while at

the same time setting up a brand new lab in Baghdad to support 40 percent of the UICs in theater.

“It took a while, but we (LOGSA and the 402nd) finally managed to get the new facilities established which allows us to do a better job of training for ARMT, LIW and supporting the Soldiers in their logistics endeavors in theater,” he said.

The Army Materiel Command liaison officer position, to

which Paulson was assigned, has evolved recently over the course of sending LOGSA representatives to Iraq. According to Paulson, it was a natural progression that he took from a basic training position of earlier times to more of a program management perspective since that is his background.

“This is now a high visibility position with the LNO managing more than just the training aspect that was focused on before,” he said. “The LNO now has to deal with the home front, theater and contingencies that pop up continually. Everyone has a job to do to support that LNO in the field.”

“As the next group of folks make their way over to Iraq, the LNO position will become more and more important to the Soldiers in the field and especially with the responsible drawdown in Iraq to Afghanistan,” Paulson said. “It really gave me a different impression about the guys in the field and what our Soldiers have to face on a day-to-day basis over there. I have the utmost respect for every one of them.”

Roughly 40 people were on hand at Huntsville International

Airport on Aug. 5 as Paulson made his way back home after four and a half days of flights, mortar attacks, sand storms and weather delays.

“Unfortunately, I got stuck in Iraq for four days coming home after having two weeks of good weather prior,” he told his boss, Col. James Rentz, as his fellow LOGSA employees greeted his return.

Paulson said he’s glad to be home even though he’s having a hard time getting adjusted to being back on Central time and being away from his team of Soldiers and contractors that supported him so well during his deployment. The best part about being home, he said, is having the chance to salvage a little part of the summer spending some quality time with his 13-year-old son Matthew and playing golf.

“This has been one of the most fulfilling assignments I have ever taken and will always remember the work that we accomplished during my tenure as the LOGSA Iraq LNO,” Paulson said. “I will also never forget those Soldiers and staff over there that supported me. One mission, one fight!”

Hellfire missile version ready for prime time

Extended range system passes final test firings

By LINDSAY M. JENSON

For the Rocket

The Joint Attack Munition Systems Project Office's Hellfire Product Office team has conducted its final two test shots for the Extended Range/Multipurpose unmanned aircraft systems variant of the Hellfire missile.

The test shots, on June 16 at China Lake, Calif., proved the software design is now ready for the ERMP live firings schedule in the fall and Limited User Test in spring 2010.

After more than two decades providing war fighters with a world class air to ground missile, the Hellfire team continues to provide the aviation community with more lethal capabilities to meet current operational needs.

The ERMP product, managed by the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office, will fill the Army aviation capabilities gap following Comanche cancellation and the Army force restructuring. It is aimed to field a medium altitude, persistent Intel-



Courtesy photo

AIRBORNE— Maj. Kirk Ringbloom, left, APM Hellfire Product Office, and Hellfire product manager Lt. Col. Mike Brown visit Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, with the ERMP UAS program Sky Warrior-Alpha variant supporting military operations for Task Force ODIN and Task Force Thunder.

ligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance UAS system to complement existing UAS systems within the Army. One of the key requirements of the ERMP program is to provide direct attack capability, and the Hellfire missile is now ready to meet that requirement.

The ERMP will have multiple on-board weapons and be capable of loitering for 36 hours at altitudes up to 25,000 feet. Army commanders require UAS that execute tactical reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition in direct support of their ground maneuver mission.

Army UAS provide tactical commanders immediate responsiveness or eyes on target without lengthy processing, exploitation and dissemination processes associated with joint ISR assets. The software improvements in the AGM 114 UAS variant will increase the engagement envelopes and provide more lethality to the war fighter and more flexibility to the UAS operators when prosecuting targets. This capability will also be extended to all joint forces by 2012.

"The hard work and dedication by the exceptional men and women from Redstone paid off today with the 22nd in a row successful Hellfire UAS Variant shot," Charles Bates, Hellfire Product Office IPT lead, said. "I feel proud just to be a part of this team. The ability of the Hellfire UAV Variant missile to engage targets behind the launching aircraft provides the war fighter with an unprecedented capability that will most certainly result in higher lethality and survivability."

The test shots with the new software marked a milestone not only for the ERMP program

which will be the first combat platform to use it, but it is also historical for the Hellfire missile program as it will be used to transition to the Army enterprise and joint forces with the fielding of the AGM 114R in October 2012.

Hellfire is an air-to-ground missile that provides joint attack helicopters and UAS in Iraq and Afghanistan today with point-target precision strike capability to defeat heavy, advanced armor, individual hard point and non-traditional targets.

The recent test shot was the 22nd successful 114 UAV Variant shots off joint rotary and UAS platforms. This was a lock-on-after-launch shot with a 135 degree offset. This AGM 114 UAS Variant shot hit dead on the laser spot, demonstrating the ability of the Hellfire AGM 114 UAS Variant missile to engage and kill targets that are behind the aircraft at launch.

Completion of this test paces the way for the first Hellfire live firings from the Army's ERMP platform in October at China Lake. The joint AGM-114 UAS Variant missile will support all joint rotary and UAS platforms.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
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																
SCBK09644970	Supv Human Res Spec (Military)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0201	2	2	68,564 - 93,584							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				
SCBK09645412	Human Res Tech (Military/OA)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YB-0203	2	2	38,653 - 52,761							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				
SCBK09682971	Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	AMCOM Contracting Center	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128				X	X		X	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				
SCBK09704001	Trng Tech	2-Sep-09	USACE Learning Center	GS-1702	9	9	47,280 - 61,464							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	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				
SCBK09728892	Operations Research Analyst	2-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1515	14	14	96,346 - 125,254										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	X				
SCBK09642670	Supv Contract Spec	3-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332							X			X	X	X				
SCBK092YA201CLA	Human Res Spec (Class)	3-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	YA-0201	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X															
SCNAFBK0976	Recreation Asst (Matting & Framing)	3-Sep-09	Arts & Crafts, Rec Serv Div	NF-0189	2	2	8,71 - 14,95	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09627813	Electrical Engr	4-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	3	3	90,473 - 154,699							X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09625353	Lead General Engr	4-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X									X	X	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				
SCBK09640377	Lead General Engr	8-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X									X	X	X				
SCBK09670437	Contract Spec	8-Sep-09	USAAASC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09725225	Supv Strategic Planning Spec	8-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YC-0301	2	2	68,564 - 125,254				X	X				X	X	X	X				
SCBK092YB203STF	Human Resources Tech (Staffing/OA)	9-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	YB-0203	1	2	19,829 - 67,685	X															
SCBK09620558	Training Spec	9-Sep-09	USAOEMES	GS-1712	12	12	68,564 - 89,128							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09684897	APM FOR JAMS	9-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09728791	Security Spec (Personnel)	9-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0080	1	2	46,291 - 77,225							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09715938COE	Training Instructor (Electronics)	10-Sep-09	USAOEMES	GS-1712	11	11	57,204 - 74,360				X	X				X	X	X	X				
SCBK09701623	Mechanical Engr Tech	10-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	52,068 - 89,128	X									X	X	X				
SCBK09577828	Admin Supt Spec	10-Sep-09	Lead AMC Integration Spt Ofc	GS-0301	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X															
SCBK09691550	Logistics Mgmt Spec	11-Sep-09	IIMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09620763R	Asst Product Mngr	11-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X								X	X	X				
SCBK09611232	General Engr	14-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09709707	Computer Engr	14-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993									X	X	X	X				
SCBK09695647	General Engr	21-Sep-09	PEO Soldier, Product Mngr Air Warrior	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X															
SCBK09720090	General Engr	21-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254				X	X		X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09703118	Lead General Engr	22-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	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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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				
SCBK09644970	Supv Human Res Spec (Military)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0201	2	2	68,564 - 93,584							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				
SCBK09645412	Human Res Tech (Military/OA)	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YB-0203	2	2	38,653 - 52,761							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				
SCBK09646518	Budget Analyst	2-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0560	2	2	40,949 - 64,537							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				
SCBK09627813D	Electrical Engr	4-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09507732DR	Aerospace Engr	4-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	31,204 - 74,360	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09582079D	Engineering Tech	7-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YE-0802	3	3	48,509 - 77,194	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09728791	Security Spec (Personnel)	9-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0080	1	2	46,291 - 77,225							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09620763R	Asst Product Mngr	11-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993				X	X					X	X	X				
SCBK09709707D	Computer Engr	14-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09720090D	General Engr	21-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09YA110202OC	Contract Spec	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 105,993							X	X		X	X	X				
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X					X			X	X	X				
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X			X	X	X				
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X					X			X	X	X				
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															

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

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

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

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

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 &

Love

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The Blue Star Service Banner program included words of appreciation from Rep. Parker Griffith, State Rep. Howard Sanderford and Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle. During the program, sponsored by the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, families were presented with a Blue Star Banner provided by the American Legion Post 237, an AUSA coin and words of encouragement. Following the program, the Madison/Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross provided family and financial counseling.

But the heart of the program was the time the families got to spend talking with their Soldiers via the video teleconference.

Landon Morse, 4, could barely stay still when talking to his dad.

"Are you being a good boy?" his dad, Staff Sgt. Jay Morse asked.

His son nodded his head, smiled and then gave his dad an order: "Hurry home before it starts raining! We'll see you at Christmas time!"

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Blair was treated to a rousing performance of "Happy Birthday to You!" from his three daughters, wife and other family members. But then his two older daughters wanted to talk school.

"Daddy, I made a 100 on my math test," said Emilie Anne, who wore a pink shirt that said "My dad is my hero."

"Daddy, I made a 100 on my spelling test," said Briar Rose.

And like any good dad, Blair told both girls "That's great! That's awesome!"

The sisters – along with younger sister Madalynn – are spending their time away from dad learning about horses and taking horseback riding lessons, getting

ready for a Halloween party and planning a trip to DisneyWorld for Madalynn's birthday.

"This is his third deployment," mom Michele Blair said. "It's a little bit harder because the kids are older."

While most families kept their video conversations light with funny comments and stories from young children, there were also poignant moments, such as the tearful exchange between Terrye Preatt of Decatur and her husband, Sgt. Thomas Preatt.

While his wife brushed tears from her eyes, Thomas Preatt tried to sound cheerful, saying "I love you ... I miss you, too. Send me some beer."

But, after the laughter died down, Thomas Preatt quickly ended the exchange with his wife by saying "I'm going to start crying if I keep talking here."

"I miss him so much," his wife said, after saying goodbye.

Connecting Soldiers with their families is important during a deployment, said Reserve Maj. Wendy Rodriguez, a family readiness group leader assisting the 375th.

"Taking care of families and letting Soldiers know we are taking care of families is an absolute priority," she said.

The 375th Engineer Company includes Soldiers from north Alabama and south Tennessee. Organizer Carney said the Blue Star Service Banner program is designed to let the families and Soldiers know that the community does support them and appreciates their sacrifice.

Griffith, who worked with returning Soldiers after Vietnam, told the families during the program "we recognize that the kitchen tables are not the same when they're not here. We're here to show our support for the Soldiers fighting the good fight for us and our international allies. We appreciate you more than you know."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHOWING PRIDE— Jimmy Justice, father of Reserve Sgt. Anthony Justice, proudly holds a sign of support for his son during the Blue Star Service Banner program honoring the Soldiers and families of the 375th Engineer Company. Justice was represented by several family members and friends at the ceremony. His brother, Chris, will soon be deploying with his Army unit to Afghanistan.

Sanderford presented the 375th with a proclamation of appreciation from the state legislature.

"We appreciate what you are doing and the sacrifices you are making. We wish you godspeed in returning home," he said.

Battle said the deployment of the 375th was the first deployment he was involved in as a public official. During the unit's April deployment ceremony, he took a picture of the Soldiers on his phone camera and made it his screen saver.

"Hurry home so I can change that screen saver," he told the Soldiers.

The Soldiers at the other end of the video teleconference were quiet during most of the ceremony. They let their commander, Capt. David Borders, speak on their behalf.

"We appreciate everybody being there and your continued support," he said to his Huntsville audience.

"We're doing well here. Everybody is extremely busy and to the four winds here. We're at uptempo in Iraq as we make the transition between us and the Iraqis. We're working hand in hand and training Iraqis to do our jobs so we don't have to come back and do this again."

But words of appreciation weren't the only things conveyed during the teleconference. 1st Lt. Alan Moss told of the unit's efforts in adopting an Iraqi school known as Khair Al Janoob.

"We request help in supporting this school," he said. "Please send school supplies. We will present these supplies at the school during a ribbon cutting ceremony."

Family members are finding their own ways to cope with the deployment. Julia Jernigan, wife of Spc. Christopher Jernigan, keeps herself busy managing a restaurant in Shelbyville, Tenn.

"I work 70 hours a week. With him being gone, it's a good way to make the time go by fast," she said.

Working, spending time with family and friends, taking care of children, keeping a full schedule and focusing on the future are all ways to cope with a deployment.

Courtney Justice, wife of Sgt. Anthony Justice, is going to school at Northwest Technical College, playing college volleyball and helped coach a Little League softball team.

"It's rough from day to day," she said. "I'm getting used to it. We talk every day by Internet and web cam. And I'm living with my mom so we can save money. When he comes back, we are going to buy a house."

Food for thought

Weekly farmer's market sprouts up at Redstone

NASA organization offers fresh produce for sale

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If you're looking for fresh fruits and vegetables, try visiting the Farmer's Market on post each Wednesday.

The NASA Exchange – Marshall Space Flight Center's counterpart to an Army employee morale organization – holds the NASA Farmer's Market every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the south parking lot of building 4203. You'll see it under the big oak trees at that big NASA building on Rideout Road.

"It's all types of fresh fruits and vegetables," NASA Exchange manager Bill Mayo said. "All the farmers are local, from north Alabama and we have one from southern Tennessee. There's sweet potatoes, corn, okra, beans, peas, cucumber, squash. There's lots of stuff coming in right now."

The market started in May and will continue until probably the end of Octo-

ber, depending on whether the farmers still have produce for sale.

This was an idea of the NASA Exchange council.

"We just thought it would be a convenient, neat idea for the employees that work out here," Mayo said.

The farmers have pre-arranged with Mayo to participate. "They have to have a business license," he said. "We have one who's certified organic so he's got all the certification the state requires."

Usually seven or eight farmers participate; and Mayo isn't looking for more signups. "I probably have about 15 on my waiting list," he said.

But everyone is welcome to stop by and shop for fruits and vegetables.

"We definitely have some Army employees coming by," Mayo said.

Karen Fowler, a technical resource manager for the Space Shuttle, walked to the outdoor market Aug. 26 from building 4202. She shopped there last year, and this was her first time this year.

"I think it's wonderful and everything out here looks really fresh," she said.

For more information about the weekly sales, call Mayo at 544-7564.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
VEGGIES TO GO— Shoppers peruse the Farmer's Market on Aug. 26 in the south parking lot of NASA building 4203.

59th Soldiers, NCOs compete for top award

Challenge brings out best in brigade candidates

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59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

The time had come once again for the Soldiers and NCOs of the 59th Ordnance Brigade to gather at Redstone for the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter and Year competition, Aug. 20-21. The winners of the event's quarter competition competed immediately in another board to determine the year's winner.

The Soldiers and NCOs were tested in weapons qualification at the EST 2000, took an Army Physical Fitness Test, a written exam, and new event, the Urban Orienteering Course. Topping off the competition was the formal board where the Soldiers and NCOs came face-to-face with 59th sergeants major.

One motivated Soldier was originally studying for a promotion board when the opportunity to compete arose. She jumped at the chance.

"I was strongly encouraged by my sergeant major to attend the competition. It's beneficial to my career in the Army and helps prepare me for future assignments and promotions," said Spc. Angelia Mowery, a resources manager



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CONGRATS— 59th Ordnance Brigade's Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark-Davis congratulates Staff Sgt. Scottie Williams, platoon sergeant with B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, for winning the NCO of the Year competition while runner-up, Staff Sgt. James Kennedy, also of 73rd Ordnance Battalion, applauds his battle buddy's accomplishment.

with the EOD Training Battalion (Provisional) at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. "I've been studying for a promotion

board from the past few months now so heading into this competition helps me prepare for that.

"This competition is about finding the best Soldier (and NCO) in the (brigade)," she said. "To win, you needed to excel in the events including the Urban Orienteering Course, the APFT, and weapons qualification. It's an honor to be here competing."

Mowery faced some challenges during the competition but gave it her all and pulled through.

"We participated in a quick fire qualification at the EST 2000, which was the hardest for me," she said. "I hadn't participated in quick fire since basic training so that was a little different and challenging."

"The Urban Orienteering Course was also challenging for me. I don't know much about Redstone so I really had to focus on plotting my points and finding my way around," Mowery added. "It's definitely different from your normal

land (navigation) course. It's very testing but also beneficial."

"The Urban Orienteering Course was definitely the most challenging event through the competition," said Staff Sgt. James Kennedy, a member of the 73rd Ordnance Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga., and winner of this quarter's NCO competition.

"It really pushed you to focus on your map and the land marks around you," he said. "Not being from Redstone made it a challenge but I believe I fared pretty well."

Though the UOC was difficult for most of the competitors, it's an event Kennedy feels he needs to teach others about.

"The Urban Orienteering Course was fun and I think I'm going to teach the Soldiers I work with a little more about it. It's a training exercise that is extremely helpful to today's Army and I truly believe this needs to be taught during 'Sergeant's Time Training,'" he said.

With Kennedy's victory in the quarter competition, he headed back into the board room one more time to be judged for the NCO of the Year award. He finished second to April's NCO of the Quarter winner, Staff Sgt. Scottie Williams, platoon sergeant with B Company, 73rd Ordnance Battalion. Although Kennedy didn't win the overall award, he's looking toward the future and more competitions.

"My goals are to continue competing until I win the NCO of the Year award," Kennedy said. "I enjoy the challenge of competing and look toward being the best at everything I do. (Not winning) the NCO of the Year award isn't going to stop me one bit. It helps motivate me to train harder, study harder and to keep moving forward."



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

TEST TIME— Spc. Angelia Mowery, a resources manager with the EOD Training Battalion (Provisional) at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Staff Sgt. James Kennedy, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, take a written exam during the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter competition.

Soldiers render final salute to comrade

*Memorial ceremony honors
Pfc. Devon Bodenheimer*

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“As Soldiers, we train and prepare as much as possible for the day that we may be called to make that ultimate sacrifice. In the military, and especially as a commander, there’s no greater loss than that of a Soldier. As we memorialize Pvt. Bodenheimer today, we must also remember the individual. He was not just a Soldier; he was a friend, a son, a devoted husband and supportive father,” said Capt. Eugene Irby, Bravo Company commander, about the loss of one of his Soldiers, Pfc. Devon Bodenheimer.

Bodenheimer, 34, died the morning of Aug. 24 at Redstone. He was a member of the Louisiana National Guard, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery. Bodenheimer enlisted into the Army Dec. 4, 2007, arrived at Redstone Arsenal on July 2, 2008, and was assigned to Bravo Company. He was training to become a 94M, radar repairer. Bodenheimer is survived by his wife, Dawn, and his children,



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

SILENT MOMENT— Pfc. Michael Shelnut of Bravo Company pauses while delivering a speech during a memorial for Pfc. Devon Bodenheimer. “Private Bodenheimer was more than just a battle buddy or a friend, he was like a brother,” he said.

Devon, 12, and Dominick, 6. Members of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and the 59th Ordnance Brigade

gathered at Bicentennial Chapel on Aug. 26 for a memorial ceremony and to render a final salute to their comrade.

“Private Bodenheimer was a true testament and example of selfless service and the warrior ethos,” Irby said during the ceremony. “He first demonstrated this by joining the Army during a time of war.

“He wanted nothing more than to be a Soldier, to serve his country and to care for his loved ones. Despite any issue or problem he faced, he embodied the Army values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, integrity and personal courage. The (Army value that) stands out the most to me while describing Private Bodenheimer is selfless service.

“As an example of his selfless service, I’d like to offer a memory of mine of Private Bodenheimer,” Irby continued. “It was late one evening, and Private Bodenheimer was at the company. I remember he was in his civilian attire and I was standing in my doorway of my office, reading through some documents. He did not notice me standing there.

“I overheard him engage two new warriors who had just reported in to the unit

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and was waiting to see the first sergeant. He began by welcoming them into the unit and informing them of some of the company's (policies) and rules and regulations. Once he was finished, the two responded to him with a 'Hooah, Sir. Thank you, Sir.' He then told them, 'No, I'm like you. I'm Pfc. Bodenheimer.'

"It was because of his professionalism (and) motivation... that warranted that response from those Soldiers," Irby said.

"Private Bodenheimer was more than just a battle buddy or a friend, he was like a brother," Pfc. Michael Shelnut said. "We looked out for each other and I looked to him for advice... and Private Bodenheimer helped me become the father and husband that I am today.

"There's nothing Private Bodenheimer loved more than his wife and children," Shelnut continued. "They were all he talked about. He told me about how beautiful (they are)... and how lucky he was to have the woman (he loved).

"Private Bodenheimer also had a big heart. He was there for me when I had my car accident and kept me from having to walk home in the rain," he added. "Private Bodenheimer was (also) one of the first



Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

REMEMBERED— Pfc. Devon Bodenheimer's boots, weapon, ID tags and helmet were displayed during his memorial Aug. 26 at Bicentennial Chapel.

people to visit me and my wife after my daughter was born.

"He tried to set a good example for other Soldiers and square them away. It's going to be hard going to (physical training) in the morning, knowing I won't have him to talk to," Shelnut said.

As the ceremony concluded, service-members in attendance stood before a pair of Bodenheimer's boots, his weapon, ID tags, and helmet, and rendered their last salute and said goodbye.

"Private Bodenheimer made a lasting impact on all of us and will truly be missed by all," Irby said.

Soldier mission gets lift from evolving equipment

PEO-Soldier helps ensure best chance of survival

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Increasing survivability and combat effectiveness while improving Soldier quality of life are at the top of the list for those working to equip Soldiers with the best equipment during a time of uptempo operations, said the commander of the Program Executive Office-Soldier.

But there are challenges to achieving that goal – namely, the large number of products Soldiers wear and carry that need to be integrated, the number of times a Soldier receives equipment prior to an assignment or deployment, the weight and size of equipment Soldiers are required to carry in theater, and the need to reset individual Soldier ensembles following deployments.

“We want to increase the survivability of Soldiers working in any environment,” said Brig. Gen. Peter Fuller, commander of the Program Executive Office-Soldier and the Natick Soldier Systems Center.

“We are making changes inside the program executive offices to better serve the Soldier. We are one of 13 PEOs. We are out there touching brigades too frequently ... There are 40 touches from PEOs on the average brigade.”

Fuller’s comments came during the opening session of the annual Aviation Life Support Equipment Users Conference at the Von Braun Center. The conference is attended primarily by Soldiers, and contractors who design and manufacture Soldier equipment. Fuller is the first commander of PEO-Soldier to speak at the conference.

Reviewing several of PEO-Soldier’s 468 products – such as body armor, weapons, and sensors and lasers, Fuller said products go



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OXYGEN FOR AVIATORS— Joshua Minton shows Sgt. 1st Class John Mausling how the Portable Helicopter Oxygen Delivery System is integrated into the Air Warrior ensemble. Mausling, who was visiting the exhibit area of the Aviation Life Support Equipment Users Conference, is with the 1st of the 183rd Battalion Aviation from Boise, Idaho. The battalion includes both Black Hawk and Apache units.

through an evolution of development based on comments from the Soldiers in the field who use the products.

“We try to listen to what you are saying. We want to take your feedback, roll it in and give you a better product,” Fuller said “We want your feedback so that we know what we can do to help you do your job better. We are constantly trying to improve your capability.”

It is up to PEO-Soldier to find ways to integrate the equipment Soldiers need to be successful, he said, adding that job is more difficult when working to meet the rapid fielding initiative.

“How do we take all the capability (we’ve developed) and put it together in a package and bring it to the individual Soldier? ... We are constantly giving you new products. You are going to see the evolution,” Fuller said. “We’re going to give you the right capability before you deploy.”

Addressing equipment needed by air warriors, Fuller reviewed changes in the air warrior ensemble and the electronic data manager (digital kneeboard) that have been made as a result of Soldier feedback. Through its evolution, the air warrior ensemble has a redesigned holster for multi positions, reduced bulk and increased access, new Web attachment system, standardized pouches, added back panel webbing for future equipment growth and other features.

Today, the third generation ensemble – known as the Air Warrior Survival Equipment Subsystem — provides advanced life support, ballistic protection, and nuclear, biological

‘Fallen Angel’ pilot survives with aid of Army technology

Chief warrant officer describes crash, harrowing escape in Iraq

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Burrows is a survivor thanks to the technology the Army put at his fingertips while serving as a Kiowa Warrior standardization pilot in Iraq.

And most of the technology Burrows relied on while evading terrorists who were aiming to kill him and his co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Steven Cianfrini, was developed and fielded by the Program Executive Office-Soldier.

“My job (for the 17th Cavalry Regiment’s Troop 2, 3rd Squadron) was to ensure aircrews were trained and had the proper equipment so they could bring themselves back home safely from a mission,” Burrows said during a presentation at the Aviation Life Support Equipment Users Conference at the Von Braun Center on Aug. 25.

Little did he know as the senior pilot for Task Force Viper that he would use that training and equipment to save himself and Cianfrini.

On July 2, 2007, during his second deployment to Iraq, Burrows and Cianfrini were assigned to pilot a OH-58D Kiowa on a reconnaissance mission in support of ground forces conducting a rock clearance mission southeast of Baghdad.

“It was bad guy land for sure,” Burrows said. “I’d flown 1,800 miles on this deployment. We’d been flying a lot. Steve said right before we left ‘Heck, I’ve never been shot at.’”

That status was about to change. “When we flew over Baghdad we were kind of in a hurry. We maybe took a couple of short cuts to help the ground crew we were supporting,” he said.

The Kiowa crew was visually checking the area around the rock clearance convoy for anything out of the ordinary and had just finished spotting a suspected roadside IED when they unknowingly entered a “triangle of death.”

“We took fire. AK47s sound like popcorn. I had been shot at before and I knew that as long as a shot from an AK47 doesn’t hit you, the aircraft can support it,” Burrows said. “But the second battery was a heavy machine gun. It sounded like and felt like a sledge hammer impacting the aircraft.”

There was no time to fire back. The pilots dodged and weaved to escape the bullets. The Kiowa was flying only 600 to 800 feet off the ground at



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SURVIVOR— Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Burrows shares his story of surviving a Kiowa helicopter crash and insurgent gunfire in Iraq with the help of the equipment supplied by the Program Executive Office-Soldier. Burrows was the guest speaker at the Aviation Life Support Equipment Users Conference.

about 100 mph when things got worse.

“The aircraft was still getting hit, but we were still flying,” Burrows said. “Then something hit the main tail rotor. The dashboard was shaken so violently that we couldn’t see anything.”

“We had to slow down, but we were still flying. Then we got a hit between me and Steve that blew out the whole dashboard. Then it got deathly quiet. We were both OK. But at that point we were going to go down.”

The combination of large and small caliber weapons was too much for the Kiowa. With hydraulics still intact, Burrows was able to direct the helicopter toward a row of reeds. As he slowed, the aircraft began to spin on its axis, indicating the tail rotor was useless.

“I found out the reeds were part of one of the few bodies of water in the desert,” he said. “We hit the canal, bounced and landed on the left side.”

The pilots were able to get out of the helicopter, but we were “pretty much alone with no ground support. The Kiowa was riddled with bullets. They were very, very accurate fires. The tail rotor was full of holes,” Burrows said. “They hit the aircraft, but not the cockpit.”

Burrows had his M4 and extra ammunition. They could see muzzle action being fired toward the aircraft, so the two pilots climbed into the



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NEW COMMANDER— Lt. Col. Ian Klinkhamer is the new commander of the product management office of Air Warrior at Redstone Arsenal and reports to PEO-Soldier. Many of the products developed for Air Warriors are also used by ground forces.

NCO Academy reaches volleyball final

Academy advances by beating Charlie

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The NCO Academy volleyball team made an improbable run to the championship final.

After going 4-6 in the season, the Academy won three straight in the postseason tournament to advance to the final scheduled Sept. 1.

The Academy capped last week by beating Charlie Company 25-15, 26-24 on Thursday night at Pagano Gym.

“The tough thing is a lot of our guys are rotating (to other installations). We’ve got different guys all the time,” the Academy’s Wilson Rojas said. “So we’re trying to build chemistry, work together, because we’ve always got different pieces of the puzzle. We’re all working toward the same goal, and that is to win.”

Rojas, Elizabeth Curtis and Charles George all played well for the Academy (7-6) against the Wolfpack.

“It was just pretty much teamwork,” Academy coach Mike Harris said. “Controlling the net and just being aggressive when we had the open opportunity to be aggressive. Communication has gotten a lot better and the chemistry has gotten a lot better. We all know that we can depend on each other now to back each other up. Just teamwork, cohesion and chemistry – basic things. That’s all I try to preach to them.”

Charlie (5-8) took a setback the night after upsetting previously-unbeaten HHC 59th.

“Personally I want to say it was officiating,” Wolfpack player/coach Antonio Able said. “Some (of it was) we beat ourselves, not setting it up like we should. Overall, they were good. They play a set-up right.”

HHC 59th (11-1) advanced in the losers bracket by eliminating Headquarters & Alpha 25-20, 25-19.

“(Against the NCO Academy) there was a tinge of overconfidence,” the 59th’s Rob Coppage said. “I think we just took it for granted. And they wanted it a little more than we did. (But against Headquarters & Alpha) we stayed pretty focused. Tonight was all about adjustments.”

Brian Rogers filled in for 59th coach Dynetha Childs against Headquarters & Alpha (2-10).

“The key tonight was making them play intense,” Rogers said. “We had to refocus on what we did throughout the season and not take it for granted.”

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).

Here are last week’s results from the postseason tournament:

Aug. 25 – Charlie def. Marines 27-25, 21-25, 15-11; and NCO Academy def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-23, 25-19.

Aug. 26 – Charlie def. HHC 59th 26-24, 8-25, 15-13; NCO Academy def. Bravo 25-21, 25-22; and Bravo def. Marines 25-13, 25-12.

Aug. 27 – NCO Academy def. Charlie 25-15, 26-24; and HHC 59th def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-20, 25-19.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

OVER THE NET— Charlie Company’s Chris Barnett, left, duels NCO Academy’s Wilson Rojas. The Academy went on to win 25-15, 26-24 on Aug. 27.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DIG IN— HHC 59th’s Clarissa Lewis goes down for a dig against Charlie Company on Aug. 26 but her previously-unbeaten team lost.

Bama, Auburn, A&M to win debuts

Skip’s Picks opens season

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It’s time again for college football and that means “Skip’s Picks.”

Each week during the season, I’ll predict the winners of select games on the major college schedule. I’ll try to pick the top games weekly without dodging the tossups between evenly matched teams.

Bowl games don’t count on my won-loss record. It’s just too tough to pick the bowl game winners; and besides I’ll need a break. So, I’ll just predict the bowl winners for fun.

There’s plenty of football to be played through January, so let’s get started. Here are Skip’s Picks for this week:

- Alabama vs. Virginia Tech – **Bama**
- Alabama A&M at Tennessee State – **A&M**
- Louisiana Tech at Auburn – **Auburn**
- Missouri State at Arkansas – **UA**
- Mississippi at Memphis – **Ole Miss**
- Georgia at Oklahoma State – **Georgia**
- Western Kentucky at Tennessee – **UT**
- LSU at Washington – **LSU**
- South Carolina at North Carolina State – **SC**
- Jackson State at Mississippi State – **MSU**
- Charleston Southern at Florida – **UF**
- Western Carolina at Vanderbilt – **Vandy**
- Utah State at Utah – **Utah**
- Oregon at Boise State – **Boise**
- Tulsa at Tulane – **Tulsa**
- Akron at Penn State – **PSU**
- Appalachian State at East Carolina – **EC**
- Kentucky at Miami (Ohio) – **UK**
- Minnesota at Syracuse – **UM**
- Montana State at Michigan State – **Mich. State**
- Navy at Ohio State – **Ohio State**
- Jacksonville State at Georgia Tech – **GT**
- Nicholls State at Air Force – **AFA**
- Baylor at Wake Forest – **Wake Forest**
- Nevada at Notre Dame – **Notre Dame**
- San Jose State at Southern California – **USC**
- Missouri at Illinois – **Missouri**
- Rice at UAB – **Rice**
- Presbyterian at Furman – **Furman**
- The Citadel at North Carolina – **UNC**
- Middle Tennessee at Clemson – **Clemson**
- Army at Eastern Michigan – **EM**
- Brigham Young at Oklahoma – **Oklahoma**
- Louisiana-Monroe at Texas – **Texas**
- San Diego State at UCLA – **UCLA**
- Stanford at Washington State – **Stanford**
- Buffalo at Texas-El Paso – **UTEP**
- Maryland at California – **Maryland**
- Colorado State at Colorado – **UC**
- Cincinnati at Rutgers – **Rutgers**
- Miami (Fla.) at Florida State – **FSU**

■ PEO wants to increase survivability in any environment

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and chemical protection. The ensemble's concept is continually being improved with interoperability in mind and consists of components that increase mission effectiveness and provide a means for safe and reliable escape, survival and recovery in emergency or combat situations. A total of 13,721 Air Warriors have been fielded and complete fielding is expected in 2011.

"Now you have all that capability on your person," Fuller said of the air warrior ensemble. "It's a pretty neat ensemble that ties everything together and offers the latest and the greatest."

Likewise, the electronic data manager has evolved with feedback from Apache pilots into a device that has a thinner profile, lighter weight, brighter display and larger data storage capability. The EDM has been fielded to 1,029 Air Warriors to date with complete fielding expected in 2012.

The Aircraft Wireless Intercom System is another product that has evolved with Soldier input. Currently, the unencrypted version is being fielded with MEDEVAC companies with the encrypted version planned for all UH-60 and CH-47 crews beginning in fiscal 2012.

"This is one of the greatest challenges we have," Fuller said, referring to the unencrypted versus encrypted

versions of the AWIS. "We don't want to have information to leak from the unencrypted version into open networks ... But how much data is not perishable when you are on the ground? Why are we going to encrypt everything? When we're on the ground the enemy already knows where we are. The issue drives cost, drives schedule and doesn't give us the capability."

Wireless is the way to go, though, Fuller said, and provides a "great capability."

Another new system – the Portable Helicopter Oxygen Delivery System – reduces the need to carry oxygen tanks in



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SOLDIER EVOLUTION— Brig. Gen. Peter Fuller, commander of the Program Executive Office-Soldier, talks about the impact Soldier equipment has on the war fighter at the Aviation Life Support Equipment Users Conference at the Von Braun Center Aug. 25. Equipment is constantly evolving with the help of Soldier input, he said.

systems to date with fielding completed in 2011.

"In Afghanistan, you don't know when you are going to be at a high elevation and when you will have to go higher to get over a storm," Fuller said. "This system takes air and turns it into oxygen without the need of transporting big green oxygen bottles."

Other products – including the Micro-Climate Cooling System, Fire Resistant Environmental Ensemble System, Army Aircrew Combat Uniform, Aviator's Night Vision System and Aviation Laser Pointer – are all new systems that are being fielded or are planned for fielding. Many of the systems are developed for aviators, but are also being used by ground forces.

When systems like the Apache, Black Hawk, Abrams, Bradley, Humvee and Multiple Launch Rocket System were developed "we forgot to take care of the Soldiers in the process," Fuller said. "We

forgot we put people inside the platforms. Now, when we put them in these platforms, we want to make sure they are prepared."

Future systems include the Helmet Hear-Through Capability, Go Bag/Hydration System, Modular Aircrew Common Helmet and a cooler Army Aircrew Combat Uniform.

"Without a doubt, there is still unbelievable support on the hill (in Congress)," Fuller said, addressing funding. "There might not be the support there for big platforms in the future. But there is support for the Soldier. The Soldier will be part of the Army reset budget."

At Redstone Arsenal, the Air Warrior product management office, under the direction of Lt. Col. Ian Klinkhammer, is constantly reviewing upgrades to the Air Warrior ensemble, electronic data manager and other products that affect the Army's pilots and aircrews. There are 3,812 registered users on the Air Warrior website who can provide input on products.

■ Pilot recalls 30 minutes in muddy waters of Iraqi death triangle

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reeds, sliding knee deep in the mud of the canal. Their all-tan uniforms served as good camouflage in the tan reeds when attackers arrived and started shooting into the canal.

"How they never hit us, I couldn't tell you," Burrows said. "Our wingman (the fellow Kiowa that flew in support of the mission) was still taking fire. He was still searching for us ... I had one magazine round for all these guys. Luckily, they never saw us and that was primarily because we stayed still and never moved."

Burrows did have one of the attackers in his sight. But shooting him would have given up their position. The only thing the two pilots could do was hunker down and hope none of the bullets hit them.

"Then, they just left," he said. "They knew they had only a certain amount of time to mess with us. They knew we don't leave anyone behind ... Knowing people were there and coming to help really helped us."

Burrows had been able to radio a distress signal. The Kiowa wingman had

also been hit, but had retreated to a safe distance and its pilots had called in for reinforcements over their radio. Within 30 minutes of the crash, Burrows and Cianfrini were picked up by an Apache crew in an emergency maneuver. Other aircraft – Warthogs, unmanned aerial vehicles, Falcons and Kiowas — all came to the rescue.

"It was amazing how many people came at a moment's notice," Burrows said. "It seemed like everybody in the world stopped what they were doing to help us. They heard there was a 'Fallen Angel' and they came immediately."

Burrows said modern equipment and communication systems make it easier to survive a helicopter crash and the threat of enemy fire. He said aircrews should always have access to immediate first aid and other necessities needed to survive a short time until rescue comes.

"Crashes are violent and self-extraction training is a must. If you can survive the first 15 to 20 minutes of contact, then you need to hang out and wait for rescue," he said. "You are not going to be able to fight off 15 to 20 Taliban. But you're also not going to be left out there, not with the technology we have today."



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.

Movin' and losin'

FMWR's Sports and Fitness Movin' & Losin' weight-loss competition will run Sept. 15 through Nov. 10. Teams will weigh in and turn in exercise logs weekly. They will compete for points and a chance to win prizes. To register or for more information, call Phylissa Shannon at 313-6094 or e-mail phylissa.shannon@us.army.mil.

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.

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.

Punt, pass and kick

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association is hosting the third annual NFL 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.

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.

Honor Flight classic

Honor Flight, Tennessee Valley announces its "Fall Benefit Golf Classic" on Friday 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.

School House 5K

Christmas Charities Year Round/ William H. Councill 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. Councill 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.

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

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel has Bible studies each Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. 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.

Sergeants major dinner

The Sergeants Major Association will hold a dinner Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley will speak on the Year of the NCO. Cost is \$28. For information call Command Sgt. Maj. Blade 842-2896 or Sgt. Maj. Floyd 876-9685.

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.

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 Bevell 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.

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.

Admin professionals

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

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



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United effort

American Society of Military Comp-trollers community project committee members Dana Wilbanks, left, and Debbie O'Neal, right, present a donation to the United Way during a fund-raiser sponsored by the Piedmont Branch of First Commercial Bank. Accepting the contribution is Gena Hamilton, an employee of First Commercial and a United Way board of directors member. First Commercial, a corporate sponsor of ASMC, held the fund-raiser Aug. 20 on behalf of United Way.

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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 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.

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 today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. 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.

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

AMCOM town hall

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

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 pub-



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Scholarship winners

Catherine Morrow and Jasmine Ledet are this year's recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative professionals. Each year scholarships are given to two deserving individuals majoring in business, a graduating high school senior and a college student. Morrow attends Alabama A&M University. Sparkman High graduate Ledet attends Calhoun Community College.

lic 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.

Federal employees

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter 443 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Sept. 12 at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Refreshments and social time will start at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting at 10 and program to follow. Karen Motz, regional program chair for the Alzheimer's Association, is the guest speaker. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Sept. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month's luncheon speaker is Dr. Gary Huckaby. For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

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's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will have "Fashions Thru the Ages," featuring an historical clothing fashion show for 1776-2009, on Sept. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. Free childcare for ages 6 and under is provided off site. Reservations, essential for the luncheon and for childcare, are due by Sept. 17. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

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/NatSecWkshp.htm.

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 Thursday 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.



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 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 an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more

information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

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

Customer service survey

All Redstone personnel are encouraged to provide input and feedback on customer service issues to installation customer service officer Steve McFadden. Personnel may submit their issues via e-mail to rsacms@conus.army.mil, and include the following information: issue, date, who the issue affects (Soldiers, family members, civilians, retirees, veterans), recommendation, point of contact name and number (optional). For questions or more information, call McFadden 876-3294 or e-mail steven.ray.mcfadden@us.army.mil.

Veterans home visits

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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 6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. "This presentation relates to a male pageant with all the trimmings of Hollywood, but with more depth and meaning in terms of the completeness of what a true gentleman should portray," a prepared release said. 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), Michael Brazier (sales manager), Harry Hobbs (professor), Tyron Stanley (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/REN09/>.

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 Thursday 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

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Lunch and learn

Rick Davis of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce addresses members of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space on Aug. 12 at the BAE Facility. This serves as the kickoff for the program executive office's "Lunch & Learn," a new work force development initiative. The program will consist of monthly lunch sessions featuring presentations on professional development, educational growth, personal development, community issues and tips for getting things done.

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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 planning its 30-year class reunion for Oct. 10 at the Westin Hotel at Bridge Street. The cost is \$60 per person. For registration information, sign up on Classmates.com on the Butler Class of '79 Events page or Facebook — Butler Class of 1979 group page. The contact is Charlotte Dombrowski 564-9836.

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 (government or military) who contribute 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 Friday to Barbara A. Harris of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, call 876-3805 or e-mail barbara.a.harris@us.army.mil.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop is open this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Follow the signs for savings. There is a large selection of clothing and household items with new furniture coming in daily. Shop hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-4, Thursday 9-5 and (normally) the first Saturday of each month. Drop in building 3209 on Hercules Road anytime. Donations are taken daily at the drop box in back.

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.

Post Office move

The U.S. Post Office, building 3648, has moved to newly-renovated building 3710. 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 some-

thing for everyone — food, beverages, live music and an area just for the kids," a prepared release said. For more information, visit www.montesanoartshow.org.

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.

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 swewow2009@hotmail.com.

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.

Citizenship classes

Free citizenship classes and English as a Second Language classes are available through the First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive. Classes are held Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. Preschool child care is available. For more information, call 428-9400 or check out the website at www.fbchsv.org. For information about other area ESL classes or immigration questions, call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397.

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.

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.

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 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.

Death notice

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

Fall Fling benefit

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is holding one of its main fund-raisers of the 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. There will be food, silent auction, live music and dancing, beer and wine tasting, and various other activities. 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. Call 489-3009 to purchase tickets and for more information.

Mental health webinar

"Reducing Mental Health Stigma: Real Warriors, Real Battles, Real Strength" is a continuing education and training webinar being offered by TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors on Sept. 14. The webinar will feature a presentation by Brig. Gen. Loree Sutton, director of the Department of Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. The seminar will be offered Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. via a webinar interface. Attendees can interactively participate through their computer and view the presentation while listening through a phone. The goal of this webinar is to increase awareness and educate professionals about current mental health challenges faced by servicemembers and their families, identify sources of mental health stigma, and share information about activities undertaken by the military to reduce stigma attached to seeking mental health care. All active duty military personnel, Department of Veterans Affairs personnel, and Give an Hour professionals with a valid work e-mail address are invited to attend free of charge. Civilians who are not working for the military or the VA are asked to pay a small program fee of \$25. Students with a valid college or university e-mail address can attend for a reduced price of \$15. Registration is required and available at www.taps.org/professionaleducation. For questions about the program or registration, contact education@taps.org.

Mohawk reunion

The OV-1 Mohawk Association will celebrate its 20th reunion Sept. 23-27 in Nashville at the Sheraton Music City Hotel. The Mohawk, an armed military observation and attack aircraft, was used by the Army in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm and was removed from Army service in 1996. For more information about the reunion, call Chris Walker 660-885-5877 or visit www.ov-1mohawkassociation.org.

Garrison project

If you'd like to adopt a Christmas angel, the Garrison can help. The Garrison has adopted students from the Alabama Institute for the Blind and Deaf for the past three years. "We would like to invite organizations/tenants on Redstone Arsenal to join us in this effort this year and provide more children the great experience of having Santa visit them," a prepared release said. "Some of these children have great support from their families; while others do not. The students are so appreciative of our support, concern and of their gifts." If your organization would like to participate, e-mail Wendy Mitchell by Sept. 14 at wendy.mitchell@us.army.mil. You will be given the opportunity to provide any special requests you might have as far as what age, gender, etc. For more information on the school, visit <http://www.aiddb.org>.

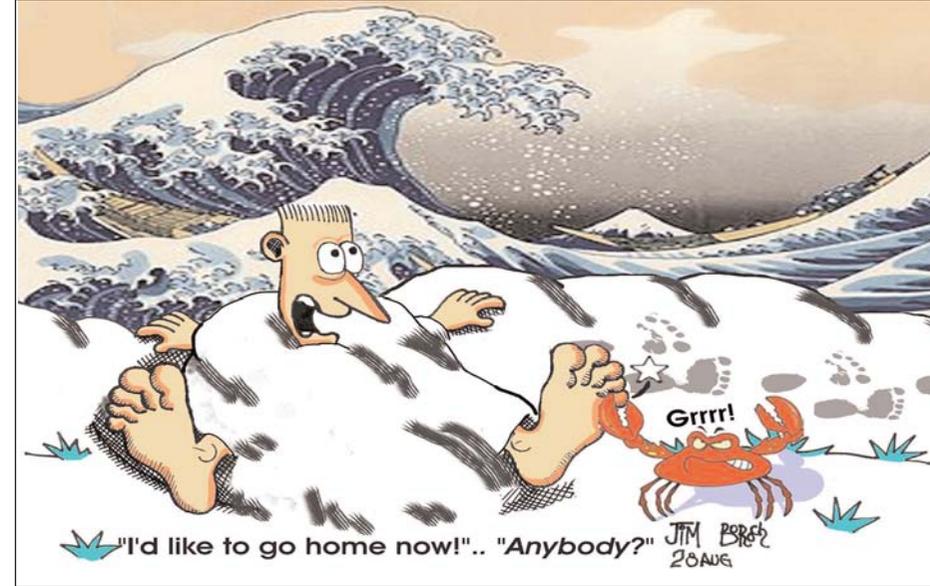
Update on move

The Garrison Supply, Maintenance and Transportation (personal Property/Passport) divisions are still in the process of moving. Effective Sept. 3, all transactions will be conducted from building 3215. "Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our services to you," a Garrison release said.

Environmental festival

"Green U - A Festival of the Environment" will be held Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. At 2 p.m., there will be a "Meet and Greet" with the Green 13+, including Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli. This environmental celebration is the first of its kind in Alabama and will highlight the benefits of living "greener" lifestyles by demonstrating how to become better stewards of the environment. There will be yoga and Tai Chi sessions, biking trail rides, rock climbing, organic lunches, solar car racing and more. Bring five recyclable items and admission is free. Regular admission fee is \$5. For more information, call 955-7110 or visit www.greenalabama.com.

Rocket Announcements



Road advisory

Fowler Road between Mills and Lindner will be closed through Sept. 5 due to installation of new sewer lines. A portion of Martin Road East, at the intersection of Gemini, will be closed Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and possibly (rain date) Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trees that are blocking drivers' view will be removed at that intersection. There will be a detour through Fowler. For more information, call 842-2856.

Read with Taka

The Post Library presents "Tales with Taka" from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month. The dates for the "Tales with Taka" program for the remainder of the year are Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. Jamie Ward and her German shepherd Taka, a Reading Education Assistance Dog, will appear at the library

for children to read to Taka. The program is open to children ages 5 and up and is available to anyone who has access to the post library. Call the library 876-4741 to schedule a time with Taka.

Young Marines

Young Marines of North Alabama will begin its boot camp Oct. 3 at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, 3506 South Memorial Parkway. The training will be on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon and recruits will complete an intensive course of training in citizenship, drug-abuse prevention, close-order drill and physical fitness. The program is open to boys and girls ages 8-17. Registration will be Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the center. For more information, call James Newell 682-4835 or visit www.orgsites.com/al/y Marines.