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AMCOM mission flows with war tide

Firefight focus shifts toward Afghanistan

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The mission in the nation's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has changed in recent months, and Redstone Arsenal's charge has shifted slightly because of it.

Speaking at a packed Town Hall meeting in Bob Jones Auditorium on Sept. 2, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, opened with comments on the nation's overseas contingency operations, namely the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In previous addresses, Myles told AMCOM's employees their work put them 35 miles outside Baghdad, in terms of the aviation and missile program support, technical expertise and maintenance capability they provided to the war fighter.

"Now, you are 35 miles outside Bagram, Afghanistan," he said. "In the month of August, we had four Soldiers killed in Iraq. That is an incredibly low number that we are talking about. The prism has turned around. The prism has changed."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SPEAKING OF COMMITMENT— Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, speaks to employees at an AMCOM Town Hall about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the need for continued employee commitment in the support of the nation's Soldiers.

But that doesn't mean the mission is complete. While AMCOM employees support efforts to drawdown troops in Iraq, support is ramping up for the war fighter in Afghanistan.

"Our Soldiers continue to need our help and our support," he said. "People in this world still don't like the fact that we congregate the way we do, that females can sit in the front row in this auditorium, that the color of your skin doesn't matter and that your religion doesn't matter. They want to stop our way of

life by doing us harm.

"We are taking the war to them because we will not allow our individual rights and freedoms to be hijacked ... We will stop them, find them, hunt them down."

Myles spoke about the Soldiers — many of them just out of high school or in their early 20s — who fight to defend and protect the U.S. on the front line.

In overseas contingency operations, "we are offering up something most precious to us — our sons and daughters who

have pledged to 'give my life if I have to,'" he said.

Myles said U.S. efforts in Iraq have affected a new generation of citizens who appreciate the freedoms and the quality of life they can now enjoy.

"The surge made it happen. They were able to see that we could offer them better things — a better quality of life — if they trusted us," he said. "And, when they realized that, they started pointing out the bad guys. In turn, they got electricity, they got the right to vote, they got a better way of life.

"Putting our Soldiers out in the environment was the way to go. What they (the Iraqis) saw is what we are and that's a good thing."

Afghanistan is a "helicopter war," and that means AMCOM employees will be working even harder to ensure the Army's helicopters stay in the air. Myles mentioned that MEDEVAC Black Hawks are crucial to the protection of forces when travel by road is difficult and injuries are sustained in remote areas.

"Keeping Soldiers alive is your deal. You are that important to our Soldiers," he told AMCOM employees as he mentioned Black Hawk capabilities,

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Garrison steps up to support Arsenal community

Workers praised for doing 'a great job every day'

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The Garrison Town Hall on Sept. 3 at Heiser Hall started and ended right where it should — with its mission and programs.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli reviewed with employees the Garrison slogan — "Support First ... People Always!" — in his opening comments about the Garrison's impact at Redstone Arsenal. That slogan reflects the Garrison's mission to provide high quality, effective and efficient installation operations support and quality of

life programs for Team Redstone.

"Our mission and vision ('Be what right looks like for a U.S. Army Garrison') talks to you as an organization, as to who you are," he said. "A lot of key things that go on around the Arsenal are because of the Garrison."

The Garrison consists of 600 civilian and more than 1,500 contractor employees who work every day to ensure installation operational readiness, provide high-quality safety, security and quality of life services, and plan for and implement long-term growth and stability strategies.

"Everybody does a great job every day," Pastorelli said of his Garrison work force.

The colonel recognized several employees for their longevity of service, and employees who have made contributions through the Garrison's Lean Six Sigma program, including Bruce Coleman, Cyrus Jones, Ken

McDonald, Wayne Tadlock, Bobby Taylor and Reggie Williams.

Lean Six Sigma is a program that employees use to restructure processes to eliminate waste and

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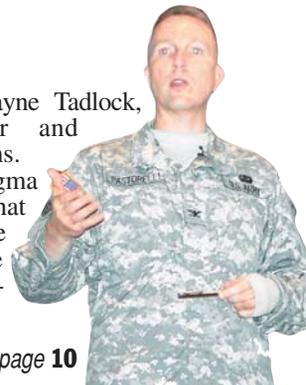


Photo by Kari Hawkins

QUALITY SERVICES— Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli talks to employees at the Garrison Town Hall on Sept. 3 about providing high quality services that touch the lives of all Arsenal employees.

An open lane random survey

What do you think about health care reform?

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Chris Karlson
Spiritus (contractor supporting SMDC)
"I'm just still concerned about it. I'm concerned we're not heading down the right path with the cost that's going to be involved with it. I think there are a lot of good ideas but I'm just concerned that the cost is going to be overwhelming."

Tim Jennings
Quantum Research

"I think Congress doesn't need to rush into anything and just sign a document. I've got no problem with helping people with health issues but it seems like there's a lot of crazy spending going on. They've enacted some things I don't think are right, so it'll be nice to get the health issue right. It's their job to do things right and I hope they do it right."



Carrie David Ford
SMDC Public Affairs Office
"Although our current system is not a perfect system, it's much better than allowing the government to run such a large portion of our economy."

Robert Taylor
SMDC Supply and Services Division

"I think health care reform is a real good program to ensure all Americans are insured, not just the rich. And also if all Americans are insured, it would definitely reduce crime and poverty within the United States of America."



Quote of the week

I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air.

— Nathaniel Hawthorne
author (1804-64)

Getting to know you

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Name: Master Sgt. Jonathan Holmes

Job: Logistics NCO-in-charge at Space and Missile Defense Command

Where do you call home?
Beaufort, S.C.

What do you like about your job?

I've been here four weeks. I'd say interacting with the civilians, because they're about taking care of Soldiers, too. So that's what I care about. This is my first time working with civilians rather than military.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy playing basketball. I fish every so often – not a lot, but every blue moon I fish. And it's basically spending time with the family (wife Angela and sons Jayden, 8, and Jaylen, 15).

What are your goals?

My goals for the future are to retire in four years and pursue a civilian job. I don't know exactly what but probably in the criminal justice system.

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

I want to have some type of business to take care of youth before I kick the bucket. I want to have my own organization. That's the one thing I want to accomplish before I kick the bucket, because the kids out there need it.



Copying ID authorized in some cases

There are exceptions to the government rule against photocopying of military identification cards and common access cards.

Authorized instances of photocopying include: to facilitate obtaining DoD benefits, to facilitate medical care processing, or administering other military-related benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

The Army North Provost Marshal Office issued a recent release reminding commanders and supervisors 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. But the release failed to mention the exceptions to the rule.

At Fox Army Health Center, there are medical business processes that require the copying of the ID card. Unfortunately, some patients lately have refused to allow this because they saw the Force Protection Advisory, according to a Fox release.

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Aug. 27 through Sept 2:

Aug. 29: A Soldier reported that his Apple iPod valued at \$800 was stolen from his wall locker.

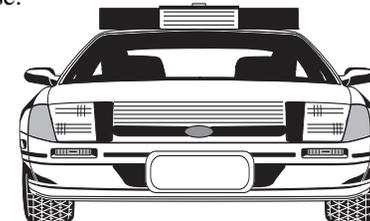
Aug. 30: When a driver requested a pass at Gate 1, he had a suspended license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Aug. 30: A Soldier previously reported as AWOL was located by Huntsville Police. He was released to his unit first sergeant.

Sept. 2: A Soldier reported that her Zune Mp3 player valued at \$350 was stolen from her barracks room.

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

Violation notices issued: 25 speeding, 1 driving while suspended, 1 failure to yield, 4 illegal parking, 1 following too close, 1 stop sign violation, 2 failure to use turn signal, 1 expired driver's license.



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Try a taste and see what you're missing

Food trailer open outside Garrison

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Johnnie Whitson's day starts earlier than that of most members of the Redstone work force.

He owns Taste and See, a food trailer that parks weekdays outside Garrison headquarters building 4488 on Martin Road. It sells breakfast and lunch from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We serve a lot of variety of different things," said Whitson, who formerly owned Cinno-o-man's bakery on Jordan Lane. "We make a lot of our stuff homemade. We have a variety of some of everything."

But his day doesn't end there. He works as a financial analyst for aviation mission equipment at the Program Execu-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

READY TO SERVE— Johnnie Whitson of the Program Executive Office for Aviation owns the Taste and See eatery.

tive Office for Aviation.

To manage a food order, call Taste and See manager Charles Hunter at 457-6539.

"They've got good food," Deborah Plunkett, executive assistant to the deputy to the Garrison commander, said. "Very good food."

Former IMMC worker cited for valor

George Burks, who formerly worked at AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center, has finally received recognition for a battle fought nearly 40 years ago.

Burks, along with the other veterans of A Troop 1/11 Armored Cavalry, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the battle which took place March 26, 1970 in Vietnam.

He said the award has already been

issued by President Barack Obama's administration, but added that he and his comrades await news that the president himself will do the honors. A presentation is tentatively scheduled Oct. 20 at the White House.

"A Presidential Unit Citation is equivalent to receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest valor award behind only the Medal of Honor," Burks said.

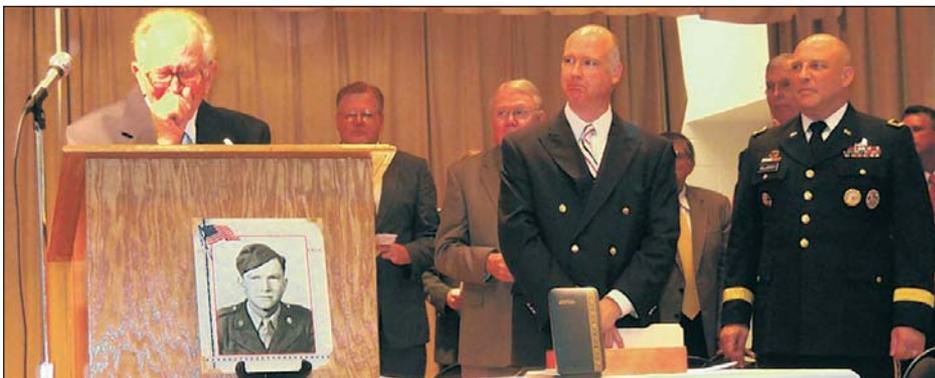


Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Greatest generation

World War II veteran Dee Johnson, 84, fights back emotions Thursday at the Boaz Middle School during an awards ceremony where he received the Bronze Star Medal. In June 1944, Johnson was transferred to the Philippines, serving on the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and Bataan. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Ala., joined Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, program executive officer for missiles and space, in honoring Johnson for his distinguished service while engaged in military operations involving conflict.

Mucho Mexican cuisine arrives at O' Club

All-you-can-eat buffet offered on Thursdays

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Eat hardy, amigos, at the Officers and Civilians Club.

On Thursdays the club offers an all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet. This is part of the club's new menu which began last week.

It's the first time Mexican cuisine has been offered at the club, according to general manager Robert Schumann.

"I don't think anyone else has really tried to do Mexican," he said, "other than a taco salad here and there."

Chef Ben Howard is excited about all the dish possibilities the genre opens up. In addition to the standard fare, Howard plans to add other popular recipes similar to what you would find at some eateries in town.

"It will be a nicer quality of Mexican food," Howard said. "It will be more like

the authentic restaurants and less like the fast-food version."

The all-you-can-eat meal replaces the usual lunch offerings. Instead of \$7.25 for a regular adult meal with drink and ice cream, patrons will pay only 75 cents more for a drink, ice cream and as many trips to the buffet as they please.

"We'll still serve you," Howard explained. "But you can keep coming back."

Mexican Thursday replaced what was known as Italian day. The club's popular salmon entree moved to Friday's American buffet, which features barbecue, fried chicken and other home-style favorites. Tuesday and Wednesday are still dedicated to the German food the club is known for.

"We're keeping the German. Everyone loves our German food," Schumann said. "We're hoping everyone will love our Mexican, too."

The change did not affect the sandwich menu; and the sandwich line operates the same as usual.

For more information on the club's offerings, call 830-2582 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

THREE AMIGOS— Cooks from left Joe Sparks, Ben Howard and Josh Cagle prepare for the all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Military retirees have their day Oct. 2-3

The 36th annual Retiree Appreciation Day is Oct. 2-3 at Redstone with this year's theme "Enjoy Your Benefits, You've Earned Them."

On Oct. 2, the event will start at 7 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club and include other locations across Redstone Arsenal. On Oct. 3, the event will take place in Bob Jones Auditorium from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year the Association of the U.S. Army, the Post Exchange, Commissary

and MWR/ITR have donated numerous items that will be given away at the conclusion of the day. MWR and its corporate sponsors Costco and USAA along with the Commissary and its vendors will once again provide a free breakfast, with service in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria.

For more information, call the Retirement Services Office at 876-2022 or e-mail Cynthia Anderson at cynthia.anderson1@us.army.mil. (Garrison release)

Youth Center gets youthful appearance

Volunteers deliver with new paint job

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Nothing beats a fresh coat of paint to instantly refresh a room. Thanks to Home Depot and the hard work of volunteers, the Youth Center looks youthful and fresh.

Stephanie Stone at Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation got the call from Home Depot. Their service crew, Team Depot, was looking for a community project to do and they really wanted to make it happen on Redstone.

"Linda Ares from Team Depot came to me and asked if FMWR had any community projects they could do at no cost to us," Stone said "I put the word out to let everyone know we had this great offer. We got a lot of ideas from all the activities."

The Youth Center was ultimately chosen. Even though new furniture and equipment had been bought for the facility, the old paint made it feel dated, Stone said.

It was settled. Team Depot from South Memorial Parkway Store 888 would furnish the materials, supplies and their crew. Scott Shuffler, facility director, got on the phone, rounding up some volunteers to help the job go faster. The NCO Academy pledged their help on project day and Fox Army Health Center would help with the preparations.

"They came over to help with spackling and the real grunt work during the week before," Shuffler said. "Thanks to them we were ready to go."

At 7 a.m. Aug. 29, approximately 40 volunteers from Redstone and Team Depot converged on the Youth Center to make the plans a reality. Within two hours, all of the furniture had been moved and the walls taped off. Then the real fun began — painting. With so many brushes at work, the project went quickly.

By the time free pizza arrived from Papa Johns for lunch, they were down to touchup work and a second coat where needed. In fact, the volunteers had time to



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

TOUCHUP WORK— Staff Sgt. Tommy Montoya puts the finishing touches on one of the columns at the Youth Center.

put together some of the new furniture that was awaiting assembly. They also helped clean out other items that were being temporarily stored in other rooms.

"They had time to clean out our art room," Shuffler said. "The volunteers are in there putting together new things for the homework lab. They have just been great."

At the end of the day, the tape came off and the furniture was returned. The Youth Center now had a fresh look at no cost. It's almost like having a whole new facility.

"The new color scheme is just so much more mature," Shuffler said. "The pink and blue is gone. Now we have khaki, gray and red. It's much warmer. It looks like a brand new place. We're so grateful to Team Depot and the Arsenal people who stepped up to make this happen."

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.

Spinning class

Looking for a new workout? Visit Pagano Gym to see the spinning bikes and new class schedule. Spinning classes are available at the gym Monday 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.; Tuesday 5:30-6:30 a.m.; and Wednesday 5-6 p.m. First come, first served — seven spaces available. For more information, call Angie 313-1200/1201 or Pagano Gym 876-2943.

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

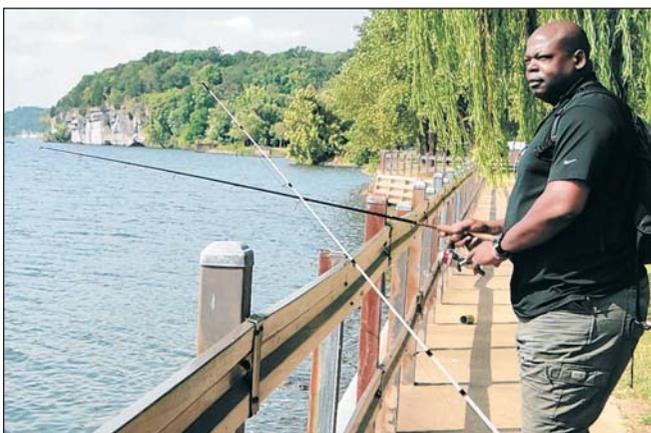
Register through Sept. 23 for dancing classes in Basic Waltz and Cha-Cha. The classes are Sept. 24 through Oct. 22 on Thursday nights from 7:30-9. Cost is \$55 per couple. Call 876-4531 to register.

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.



Photos by Kari Hawkins

Garrison day

Kevin Kidd of MILPO takes advantage of the great fishing at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area during the first ever Garrison Organization Day on Sept. 1. But fishing wasn't the only fun to be had. In the other photo, Grady Fike of the Directorate of Logistics takes in a Dominos game of Chicken Foot with, from left, Regina Lakes, Lisa Wright and Gwenda Hall of Garrison Resource Management. The Garrison Org Day included a barbecue lunch, Volksmarch and other activities on a sunny day that was just right for a picnic. "We want you to have a little fun for the day," Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli told Garrison workers.

Impact Aid forms should go back to school quickly

Parents urged to verify federal connection for additional funding for school system

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Working on Redstone Arsenal can mean more money for your child's school.

That is, if you take the five minutes or so to fill out the Federal Impact Aid form going home with school children today.

"It is so important for parents to fill out this form," said Barbara Williams, the Garrison's Youth Education Support Service director and school liaison officer.

"In years past, we've always needed the additional funding for local schools that comes from Impact Aid. But, this year, with budgets being cut by proration, this additional funding for school districts is even more important. Schools can use these funds for things like supplies, textbooks and existing programs."

Federal Impact Aid is an annual program that disperses federal grant money to local school districts that are financially burdened or impacted by federal populations. These federal populations must live or work on federal property, which in this area includes Redstone Arsenal, TVA property including the Guntersville Dam, Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant and its substations, and the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Huntsville International Airport.

"This program is not limited to children of military personnel," Bob Lott of Garrison's BRAC Support Team said.

"Most people think only children who qualify for Impact Aid are children of military personnel. But, it actually includes all federally connected children, meaning children who have at least one parent working on federal property. They are children of military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and contractors, NASA civilians and contractors, and anyone working in a support function for the federal government on federal property. If you drive through the gate at Redstone Arsenal to get to work, then your children qualify for Impact Aid."

School forms for Federal Impact Aid going home with school children throughout the Tennessee Valley today should be completed and returned quickly. A press conference promoting the program is set



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CRUNCH THE NUMBERS— Jeff Kemp, left, and Bob Lott of the Garrison's BRAC Support Team review the Federal Impact Aid that has been received by local schools in past years. Today is the kickoff day for the FY 2010 Federal Impact Aid program. Federal Impact Aid forms will be going home with school-age students today. Parents are urged to complete the form and return it as quickly as possible.

for this morning at Mill Creek Elementary School in Madison.

"The goal is to get all Tennessee Valley school districts involved in Impact Aid," Lott said.

Although local school systems have had good participation in the program in the past, Williams said it could be better.

"There's a lot more out there that could qualify," she said. "We probably get 75 to 80 percent of those school districts that are eligible. There is a growing number of federal employees, some of them BRAC-related, who live in places like Decatur, Limestone County and Athens. We know they are driving in to Redstone Arsenal every day to work. We are trying to reach out to the Tennessee Valley and get more Impact Aid for our schools."

Since the announcement of BRAC in 2005, Huntsville City Schools, Madison City Schools and Madison County Schools have received \$4.2 million in Federal Impact Aid, and over \$10 million since 1997.

Federal Impact Aid was started by the federal government to offset the loss of

local property taxes associated with federal properties.

"This program helps local populations recoup property taxes," Lott said. "The federal government does not pay property taxes on its property. This helps to offset the local impact by providing schools with Impact Aid funds in lieu of property taxes. It helps to level the playing field."

While the three Madison County school districts have benefitted from Impact Aid funds for several years, other school districts, such as the Arab system, is a more recent participant.

"Huntsville City Schools can tell you what properties in Huntsville are federal properties and what are leased" commercial properties that don't qualify for Impact Aid, even though they may house federal employees, said Jeff Kemp of the Garrison's BRAC Support Team. "In fiscal year 2009, they received almost a half million dollars in Impact Aid."

Arab city schools participated in Impact Aid for the first time in fiscal year 2007 and received more than \$27,000 in federal money.

Kemp said parents should complete and return the Impact Aid forms as quickly as possible to give school systems time to process them.

"School systems have to validate the information before they submit it for Impact Aid," he said. "They have to verify that mom and dad do work on federal property."

Kemp also said the Impact Aid forms must be completed every year to reflect changes in each school district's student population. Since 2005, the three Madison County districts have seen a growth of 11.4 percent, representing 5,305 new students.

"There is a threshold that school districts must meet so that schools can participate in this program," he said.

"That threshold is 1,000 school children or 10 percent of the student population in a school district must have a parent working on federal property to qualify for this program."

Last year, one local school district missed the threshold by about 25 students. School officials in that district plan to work harder to pinpoint families that qualify for Impact Aid in hopes of meeting the threshold this year.

"The school systems understand that this form means money for their school district," Lott said. "Every form that is not filled out is like leaving money at the kitchen table."

The larger number of students who can qualify for Impact Aid, the more federal funding a school district receives.

"More than ever this money is important to our school districts. With BRAC bringing in more school children and proration cutting funds, these additional funds can help to keep programs going in our schools," Lott said.

Besides the press conference today, Williams has plans to visit local PTAs and attend principal meetings to emphasize participation in Federal Impact Aid.

"The keys to this program are the parents and the school officials," she said. "We want to emphasize to school leaders how important this program can be for their schools. Principals who are pushing for these forms to be returned and parents who take the five minutes to complete the form can really make a big difference in their schools."

Parents who do not receive a Federal Impact Aid form through their child's school can access a form at The Schools Foundation website, <http://www.theschoolsfoundation.org/>.

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the new Avenger weapon system on the Kiowa Warrior and the run-and-shoot capability of the Apache. “It doesn’t matter what it is, your support to the fight is incredible . . . You may not realize how close you are to the fight, but you are.”

He said convoys do not move in Afghanistan without air cover. The roads are so poor or non-existent, that convoys are extremely vulnerable to attack if they move without the air support provided by the Army’s helicopter fleet.

“We’re going into this area to make sure we provide the security necessary for the population to grow,” Myles said of the Afghan mission, which includes defeating the terrorists, securing freedom of movement along roads, securing the borders, denying sanctuary for terrorists and completing the roads for commerce.

Though the country’s terrain offers challenges not experienced in Iraq, Myles said Afghanistan is much like Iraq two to three years ago “prior to turning the corner with the surge. There is an increase in aviation hostile fire incidents and IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and coalition casualties. We must have a responsible drawdown in Iraq while ramping up in Afghanistan. This is about our will to prevent the Al-Qaida network from growing.”

AMCOM employees working in support of the Army’s helicopter fleet “help us fight the fight” by increasing capability, lightening the load, and increasing lethality and survivability.

During his comments, Myles reviewed the accomplishments of several individual employees, including Rick Turner’s recognition as the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year by the Association of the U.S. Army, Dan Parker’s recognition as Outstanding Army Materiel Command’s Personnel of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Lance Green’s outstanding support as casualty assistance officer, Jim Snyder’s and Patti Martin’s Medaris Leadership Excellence awards, the Order of St. Michael awards received by several AMCOM LARs (Logistics Assistance Representatives), the Judge Advocate General’s Excellence in Claims Award received by the Arsenal’s JAG office and the Army Superior Unit Award received by the Integrated Materiel Management Center. He personally thanked LARs Gene Franco and Homero Reyes for their recent deployment to Pakistan in support of the war in Afghanistan.

“It’s important to tell people (about these award recipients),” Myles said. “I know who you are and what you do and you are great Americans.”

Myles also reviewed the Department of the Army contractor to civilian conversion required by Congress.

“We have about 8,000 contractors (at Redstone Arsenal) and 1,100 contractors have been identified, which is about 15 percent of the contractor work force who are going to be affected,” he said. “The transition will occur in the next 12 to 36 months. It will be a gradual transition over time with transitions being made at the end of contracts.”

Myles said “each case is a little bit different,” but that the jobs will be competed and “we’re going to make the right decision for the Army.”

BRAC was also discussed during the Town Hall, with Myles calling it “the largest economic impact that’s happened in the history of the state of Alabama.”

Employment numbers on the Arsenal will grow from 30,000 pre-BRAC to 36,000 post-BRAC. Annual income and sales tax will go from \$184 million pre-BRAC to \$234 million post-BRAC. New jobs on the Arsenal will grow to 4,651 by 2011. The infrastructure investment on the Arsenal to support base realignment and closure is \$1.06 billion.

“You are big players in the state and you should have some expectations,” Myles said, mentioning the need for better roads leading in and out of the Arsenal, better schools for federally connected children, and better medical services for the work force.

He also talked about the Logistics Modernization Plan, the need to retain employees and to recruit new employees and transfers, the need to four-lane Martin Road west, the need for eating establishments and other services along Martin Road (10,000 cars go in and out of the Arsenal gates at lunch time) and Enhanced Use Lease near Gate 9. And, at the prompting of questions from the audience, he talked about the lack of separation incentives or voluntary early retirement plans offered at the Arsenal in FY 2010, daily working hours, Enhanced Use Lease plans and food services offered at the Sparkman Center.

Myles closed the meeting by talking about his recent trip with AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody to Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Italy and Iraq. In Iraq, he visited the 334th Expedition Hospital in Balad, where he talked to a nurse who told the story of a MEDEVAC doctor who had died the day before his visit.

“An RKG (a Russian-built anti-tank hand grenade) went into the Soldier’s MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle from the top,” Myles said. “There was a call made to his battalion for blood.”

In response, Soldiers lined the hospital’s hall and for eight hours Soldiers gave blood to help save the doctor.

“The Soldiers kept saying ‘Specialist Parrish is our doc. Keep him alive.’ They drew over 200 units of blood and the nurse said ‘Sir, we put every drop of blood in him and operated on him for 15 hours, but we couldn’t save him.’ I put my arms around her and hugged her and cried,” Myles recalled.

Spc. Charles “Dusty” Parrish happened to be from Jasper, Ala, and Myles made it a personal point to attend the Soldier’s funeral.

“You must keep up your commitment,” Myles told employees. “It’s not about what you did yesterday or even this morning. It’s about what you are going to do for our sons and daughters when you leave here. We still have work to do. We still have a fight to fight.”

“We need your work 100 percent of the time. Our Soldiers deserve nothing less. It’s about our Soldiers in the fight and for what they are sacrificing each day.”

Cargo helicopter upgraded ahead of schedule

Prototype Integration Facility meets mission in half the time

The Prototype Integration Facility has celebrated the completion of its latest modification to the CH-47F helicopter with a recognition ceremony for the team.

Installation of the Infrared Suppression System was supposed to take six weeks but the PIF completed it in just three.

Lt. Col. Brad Killen, product manager for the CH-47F, came out to honor the team for installing the modifications so quickly.

“We took time to come out today to recognize the guys from the PIF because they were able to install modifications on the CH-47F helicopter under-schedule, nearly three weeks under-schedule, which was a great asset to us in the PM office. It speaks highly of what the PIF is doing,” Killen said.

The IRSS modification is one of 12 that the PIF currently performs for the Cargo Helicopter Project Office.

“Of the 11 or 12 modifications that we’re doing right now, this recent modification for the IRSS is one of the most important,” said Wes Patterson, who leads all efforts the PIF performs for PM Cargo



Photo by Merv Brokke

PIZZA LUNCH— Lt. Col. Brad Killen, product manager for the CH-47F helicopter, congratulates the Prototype Integration Facility team that modified the CH-47F ahead of schedule. Shelia Champion, aviation team project manager for Yulista Management Services, and Wes Patterson, PIF lead for the Cargo Helicopter Project Office and CH-47 helicopter, look on from behind the awaiting pizzas.

and the CH-47 aircraft. “It actually aids the aircraft in reducing the threat for heat-seeking missiles.”

Shelia Champion, project manager for Yulista, the PIF’s prime contractor, had plenty to say about the quick installment of the new modification.



Photo by Merv Brokke

INSPECTION— A member of the flight crew that will fly this newly modified CH-47F conducts a preflight inspection prior to takeoff from one of the Prototype Integration Facility’s hangars in Meridianville.

“We’re very proud of the fact that we’ve accomplished this major install in such a short time,” she said. “We’ve just installed the IRSS along with 11 other minor modifications three weeks shorter

than what we had scheduled for.”

These three spoke with the workers during a lunch of pizza and cake piled on

Tactical aerostat soars in first flight



Courtesy photo

EYE IN SKY— Spectators watch JLENS ascend during the ceremony in Elizabeth City, N.C.

The Army's Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Sensor system, which uses aerostats to elevate sensors for long-range target detection and tracking for superior land-attack cruise missile defense, demonstrated its first flight Aug. 25 during a ceremony at TCOM LP manufacturing and flight test facilities in Elizabeth City, N.C.

The flight demonstration marked the first time a JLENS aerostat was elevated to an altitude of 3,000 feet, the maximum altitude allowed by the FAA for aerostat testing in the airspace surrounding Elizabeth City. This demonstration was the first step in the platform integration of the JLENS Mobile Mooring Station with the aerostat.

At the completion of the integration activities in Elizabeth City, the JLENS hardware will be moved to the Utah Test and Training Range for initial testing where it will be flown at its normal operating altitude of 10,000 feet mean sea level.

"JLENS makes our current weapons systems more effective," said Lt. Col. Steve Wilhelm, product manager for the JLENS program. "Missiles that were once limited by their organic radars can now meet their full kinematic potential because of the extended ranges provided by JLENS radars. This first flight brings us one step closer to providing that capability." (*Cruise Missile Defense Systems Project Office release*)



Courtesy photo

Retirement flight

David Richard, county program manager at the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, is retiring after more than 40 years service. The Kankakee, Ill., native served as a combat pilot during the Vietnam War. He was recalled to active duty during 1991 for Desert Shield and Desert Storm where he served as a combat pilot, pilot in command, tactical operations officer and air mission commander.

■ Prototype Integration Facility praised for quick work

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tables in congratulations of their swift and thorough work. Being so ahead of schedule meant they could get the equipment into the hands of the war fighters quicker, which could save lives.

"This achievement is a great example of the PIF's overall commitment to providing the highest quality rapid response solutions for the war fighter and dedication to meeting objectives and exceeding customer expectations," PIF program manager Danny Featherston said. (*Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center release*)

Step outside to help fight diabetes

Fund-raiser walk slated Sept. 26

On Saturday, Sept. 26, you will have an opportunity to enjoy the fresh fall air while improving your health, helping the American Diabetes Association not only fight but defeat diabetes by walking in the "Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes" at McMullen Cove.

The developers of McMullen Cove have opened their walking trail system for this humanitarian cause.

"Please gather up your co-workers, peers, friends, church groups to raise money for this wonderful event and at the same time have the opportunity of building camaraderie and team cohesion in this important fund-raiser for the ADA," a release from Fox Army Health Center said.

Registration is set for 8-8:45 a.m. with the walks beginning at 9. The walks will include a one mile kids walk, a 5K walk around the neighborhood, and a trail hike.

There is no registration fee for the walk; however it is hoped that you will develop teams for the walk and raise as much money as possible. Each walker who sponsors \$100 in fund-raising will receive a 2009 Step Out Walk to Fight

Diabetes T-shirt. There is a \$20 fund-raising requirement to walk.

Here are directions from I-65: Take I-565 via exit 340 toward Huntsville. Take US-431-S/Governors Drive exit. Stay straight onto US-431-S/Governors Drive for approximately nine miles. Turn left onto Old Highway 431/Eastern Bypass. Go approximately four miles to McMullen Cove Information Center on right.

Here are directions from south Huntsville: Take Airport Road/Carl T Jones Drive, left on Cecil Ashburn Drive, over the mountain. Cross US 431-S, go approximately four miles to McMullen Cove Information Center on right.

For more information, call Rick Stock, community health promotion educator at Fox Army Health Center's Preventive Medicine, at 955-8888 ext. 1443 or e-mail richard.stock@us.army.mil.

For team signup information, e-mail www.diabetes.org or the local director of the ADA, Doris Lewis, at dlewis@diabetes.org or call 539-4404.

Fox Army Health Center Community Health conducts a free two-day diabetes workshop monthly on the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month. For registration information, call Barb Anderson at 955-8888 ext. 1445 or 1026. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Workers recognized during Garrison's town hall

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redundancy. Pastorelli pointed out two such actions – the reduction in the process cycle time for a non-appropriated funds electronic process and the improved process time for emergency vehicle access to buildings.

"I think Redstone Arsenal leads the way in Lean Six Sigma. Not all of IMCOM is using it," Pastorelli said. "I think it's a great way of looking at improving processes. If it can save us money, to me that's an added benefit."

A special recognition ceremony for employees was scheduled Sept. 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"It's important that we as leaders when people have done great work and put in a lot of effort to show them respect by commending their efforts," Pastorelli said.

"We've got some heavy hitters here. Some folks with great experience here."

With the end of FY 2009 looming, Pastorelli reviewed the Garrison's accomplishments for the year, including BRAC construction, progress on the Enhanced Use Lease program that will locate 4 million square feet of office space adjacent to the Arsenal near Gate 9, the new post office, gate improvements and the transfer of the Directorate of Information Management to NETCOM (Network Enterprise Technology Command).

Before Oct. 1, the Garrison will oversee the Federal Impact Aid program, and will work to conduct performance coun-

seling, implement full automation and improve on-post food vendors.

Pastorelli encouraged employees to participate in the Customer Service Assessment and the ICE program.

"We are only as good as our customers think or perceive we are," he said. "These are tools that allow us to know what our customers are saying."

A total of 794 employees participated in the customer service assessment through the end of July. Several work force areas of concern were pinpointed because of those comments, including managing a work force during a time of increased uptempo and funding constraints, information flow between management and employees, and the age of equipment and facilities. The Garrison is addressing those concerns as well as an expressed need for Red Cross CPR training and additional workplace safety. Plans are under way to survey employees on food services.

Pastorelli also mentioned upcoming events, including this week's Suicide Prevention Week with a special program on Thursday with Maj. Gen. Mark Graham, the mail facility ribbon cutting today, Oktoberfest on Sept. 17-20, National Hispanic Heritage Program on Sept. 23, Redstone 10K Run on Sept. 26, Military Retiree Appreciation Day on Oct. 2-3, National Native American Heritage Program on Nov. 9, Salute to Military dinner on Nov. 22, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 3 and the Garrison Holiday Ball on Dec. 4.

TOW system upgrade goes to troops in Afghanistan

Close combat weapons team returns from delivery mission

By LIZ MCCARTHY
For the Rocket

A team from Close Combat Weapons Systems Project Office has returned from Afghanistan after a mission to field the latest capabilities to war fighters using Tube-launched Optically tracked Wire-to-command missiles.

The team delivered Improved Target Acquisition Systems that incorporate Far Target Location capability that allows gunners to determine accurately the position of enemy threats well beyond traditional engagement ranges.

The ITAS Far Target Locator Fielding Team consisted of Maj. James Stepien, APM, ITAS fielding for the TOW weapon support division, Close Combat Weapons Systems, PEO Missiles and Space; Jason Morris, government engineer; Greg Mattson, contractor logistician; and Kevin Beck, a Raytheon field service representative. The team spent nearly two-and-a-half months in theater from January to March, including a two-week reconnaissance trip in December.

ITAS is the fire control system for the TOW missile and consists of integrated optical and second-generation forward-looking infrared sights and an eye-safe laser range finder. It offers improved hit probability by aided target tracking, improved missile flight software algorithms, and an elevation brake to minimize launch transients. It is capable of firing all versions of TOW missiles and can be employed mounted on the Humvee or dismounted on a tripod. It provides long-range heavy anti-tank and precision assault fires capabilities to Army and Marine Corps light, airborne, air assault, and Stryker Brigade Combat Team forces. ITAS has played a leading role in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and in Operation Iraqi Freedom since 2003.

The latest upgrade, ITAS-FTL incorporates a global positioning satellite based position attitude determination subsystem. The addition of the PADS to the TOW ITAS system provides the Soldier an instant grid location of his position and of the target that he sees in his ITAS sight. It is accurate to a 60 meter CEP (circular error of probability) at eight kilometers and it gets linearly more accurate at closer ranges. The new capability makes it possible to immediately direct other weapon system fires and to call in close air support or to direct artillery fires without the time consuming task of manually using a compass, map and protractor to calculate the enemy position.

"ITAS-FTL significantly enhances system lethality and Soldier survivability," Stepien said. "This superior surveillance capability enables the Soldier to detect targets at long range and engage and destroy those targets with TOW missiles or by directing the employment of other weapon systems."



Photo by Maj. James Stepien

AERIAL SUPPORT— Due to the difficult terrain and unimproved roads in Afghanistan, the delivery operation relied almost exclusively on aerial transportation. Members of the ITAS Far Target Locator Fielding Team are dropped at one of the 14 fielding locations.

The team orchestrated deliveries of ITAS-FTL systems to 14 locations along the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. After flying into Bagram Air Base, the team set up three main hubs – in north-eastern Jalalabad, at the central Forward Operating Base Sharana, and in the south at Kandahar airfield.

The team experienced diverse terrain throughout their mission – steep, snow-covered mountains in the north, significant vegetation and lush growing fields in mountain valleys, and areas of desert in the south. This varied terrain, along with the single-lane, unimproved roads and terraced mountainsides, made ground travel extremely difficult and time-consuming. "Put the enemy threat on top of that and traveling 75 kilometers by ground could take upwards of two-and-a-half days," Stepien said. Thus, the operation relied almost exclusively on aerial transportation, primarily provided by American, Canadian, and Russian contractors, as well as the American military.

"The contracted air support is a real benefit as it frees up Army aircraft to do their mission," Stepien said. The Russian helicopter pilots in particular, many veterans of the Soviet war in Afghanistan, had experience with the terrain and the environment.

The fielding process included new equipment training, hand-off of new equipment, and turn-in of old equipment. Since many of the Soldiers had experience with the ITAS, the fielding did not require extensive training. Units spent time familiarizing themselves with the system and reviewing set-up, maintenance and disassembly. The new training included an explanation of the FTL controls and indicators for surveillance and target engagement. Each unit also received an updated ITAS-FTL manual and a DVD per system. The DVD features a Redstone Arsenal trainer assembling the system and reviewing the controls. These leave-behind training materials are essential for new Soldiers rotating into the units and can be

viewed anytime on the Soldiers' laptops.

"Our systems are not too large and we have limited overhead, so it was easier for us to move around the battlefield relatively quickly, without interfering with a unit's ongoing operations," Stepien said. "They told us where they would be and when and we went to them."

Members of the team finished the fielding to an additional brigade in May. In all, 92 systems were fielded, enough to equip three Infantry Brigade Combat Teams plus one battalion.

"We are honored to serve our war fighters – they are heroes and patriots. Morale is good. They are doing their job and serving with honor," Stepien said. "They seemed happy that we came to see them. We were happy to give them an improved capability that has proven effective against the enemy."

The team also educated the Soldiers on the new TOW Bunker Buster missile and its recent availability in theater. The new TOW BB capabilities better suit the target set in Afghanistan than the original anti-tank rounds. The TOW BB warhead consists of a blast type warhead designed to penetrate and then detonate inside Military Operations in Urban Terrain targets such as 8-inch double reinforced concrete, brick-over-block, and triple brick walls. The warhead utilizes both a cast titanium body and chisel style nose to allow better penetration capability while reducing ricochet probability. These blast characteristics make it a very effective overmatch against enemy rocket propelled grenades, mortar and rocket teams and when fired into caves. The new missile arrived in theater at the end of the Redstone team's fielding mission. The Soldiers have recently received the new TOW BB and successfully used it in enemy engagements.

With the new FTL and TOW BB missile capabilities, the TOW ITAS weapon system is more than an anti-armor system. Its precision and effectiveness with minimum collateral damage makes it particu-

larly suitable for the non-tank targets of the current theater environment. Throughout OEF, units are adapting what were traditionally anti-armor systems to defeat insurgent forces. Both the ITAS and the Javelin weapon system, a shoulder-launched "fire-and-forget" anti-tank missile, are seeing increased usage against emerging asymmetric threats in Afghanistan.

"The ITAS is the longest range, precision, direct fire asset available to the IBCT. It has tremendous effect against the target sets we are seeing – RPG teams, caves, and personnel emplacing improvised explosive devices or time-delayed rockets. It is essential that Soldiers are using these weapons to their maximum potential," Stepien said.

The ITAS-FTL provides a significant advantage to the war fighter. It greatly improves his situational awareness while giving the ground commander the option either to destroy a wide array of target sets with a missile or to direct other assets against the threat, such as CAS or artillery.

"Much of the combat in Iraq is fighting in the cities – it is reflexive, close combat," Stepien said. "In Afghanistan, in many cases, it is the opposite. We are making contact with and fighting the enemy at greater ranges."

An ITAS gunner can detect an enemy target on a distant mountainside – far beyond the traditional engagement ranges, even beyond the 3,750-meter range of the TOW missile.

"ISR (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance) is critical in this fight. It is about detecting the enemy early on and destroying them before they can affect you," Stepien said. "The ITAS-FTL gives that ability to our war fighters."



Photo by Judy Wilson

Engineer society

Holly Ralston McClain, director of communications at the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, speaks at the August meeting of the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers.

Senior scientist sees patent for polarized technology

By DEBORAH ERHART

SMDC/ARSTRAT public affairs

A senior scientist with Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, Technical Center, has received a patent award for work in developing technology that uses polarization to discriminate debris and decoys from incoming ballistic missile reentry vehicles, as well as from ground and airborne targets.

Robert McMillan, who has a doctorate in physics, was presented with the patent award during a Technical Center town hall meeting Aug. 26.

“The idea of using polarization in target discrimination is similar to the way that polarized sunglasses work,” McMillan said. “They cut the glare because they reject the horizontal polarization in sunlight, which is the one that is most strongly reflected. Once this glare is rejected, you are more readily able to see things.”

McMillan’s patent, “Coherent Radar and Ladar Polarimeter,” follows along the same principle.

“If you can detect all of the polarization components that a target emits or reflects, you have a better chance of figuring out what that target is,” he said. “Incoming ballistic missile reen-



Photo by Deborah Erhart

PRESENTATION— Senior scientist Robert McMillan is presented with a patent award by Dr. Rodney Robertson, director of SMDC/ARSTRAT Technical Center. McMillan’s patent focused on the uses of polarization for target discrimination.

try vehicles are often accompanied by debris and decoys, and that is what the enemy wants you to focus on instead of the real target.

“During reentry, we need to be able to discriminate targets from clutter and other junk. We think polarization has a possibility in helping with target discrimination.”

McMillan’s patented technology can be used with radar or in a passive sensor like a radiometer that measures temperatures remotely, he said.

Boeing marks decade of PAC-3 production



Courtesy photo

NEWEST PATRIOT— The PAC-3 missile intercepts and destroys tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and hostile aircraft through direct body-to-body impact.

Boeing marked the 10th anniversary of its production of the seeker for the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile, as well as the upcoming delivery of the 1,000th seeker to prime contractor Lockheed Martin, with a ceremony Sept. 1 at the Boeing production facility in Huntsville.

The PAC-3 missile, which has been in service with the Army since 2001, is a high-velocity, hit-to-kill missile and the newest addition to the Patriot family of missiles. The Boeing-built seeker detects and tracks the target during the terminal phase of an engagement, pro-

viding data to the missile’s onboard guidance system.

“The PAC-3 Missile, the most advanced air defense missile in the world, is battle-proven to defend with hit-to-kill precision against a range of threats, including ballistic and cruise missiles,” said Debra Rub, vice president of Boeing weapons programs. “The Boeing seeker team is focused on quality above all else to ensure it will succeed every time the PAC-3 missile is called on to protect U.S. and allied war fighters and civilians against hostile forces.” *(Boeing release)*

New software generates logistics documents

By KEITH McLENDON and BILL EDWARDS

Logistics Support Activity

The Army and other military services have been using the Systems Planning and Requirements Software to create high quality planning documents since 1990. The software was initially called LOGPARS but with the inclusion of the Acquisition Strategy, Systems Engineering Plan and Test & Evaluation Master Plan the name was changed to reflect the usefulness of the software for more than just the logistics functional area.

The latest release of SYSPARS includes an IUID Implementation Plan module. It walks the user through the difficult process of planning for IUID implementation. The software is an expert system that helps users through the IUID Implementation Plan document creation by prompting the users with questions that are applicable to their program.

Expert system software captures the process that an expert would go through to create a planning document and walks users through the same process that the expert would go through. This is an excellent way to capture and perpetuate knowledge in an ever-changing work environment. It also helps standardize the processes captured. This is very important when new policy is created that must be adhered to. The output of the software is an IUID Implementation Plan that



Photo by Dick Ruhlman

PROGRAMMER—MarLa Medders of Jacobs Team ITSS, a developer of the SYSPARS IUID Implementation Plan generator module, takes a moment to discuss the module with new customers.

adheres to the latest policy and expert guidance.

The Logistics Support Activity worked with experts throughout the Army and the Army IUID IPT to create the comprehensive module. So far, all IUID Implementation Plans created with the SYSPARS software have successfully made it through the approval process.

The Army ILS Executive Committee tasked LOGSA to add the IUID Implementation Plan to the integrated knowl-

edge base of 18 different document modules that SYSPARS creates. SYSPARS is very useful in implementation of IUID policy because the IUID requirement is relatively new to the Army. The AILSEC has worked with LOGSA in the past in order to standardize the implementation of new Army policies and procedures to include Performance Based Logistics.

SYSPARS and its IUID Implementation Plan module are provided by the LOGSA to the government and authorized support contractors at no cost. For information about SYSPARS and its new IUID Implementation Plan module just go to www.logsa.army.mil/lec/syspars, or call Keith McLendon at 955-9064 or David Kelly at 955-9941.

Former managing editor visits *PS Magazine*

Has written a book on noted cartoonist

By ROBERT SALINAS

Logistics Support Activity

Paul Fitzgerald who was *PS Magazine's* first managing editor for some 10 years, stopped by LOGSA's *PS Magazine* for a recent visit. He has written a book describing the history of celebrated graphic novelist and artist Will Eisner, who spent 21 years giving the material in *PS Magazine* its comic look and feel.

Fitzgerald took some time out of his schedule where he spent part of the week as a speaker at the SMD conference and held a book signing at the Post Exchange as well.

Fitzgerald's longtime friendship with Eisner was the impetus for writing the book. "He urged me to do it and I promised him that I would someday," he said. "When he died, I was determined to keep that promise to him."



Photo by Dick Ruhlman

OFFICE STOP— Paul Fitzgerald, who was *PS Magazine's* first managing editor, talks with LOGSA's Robert Salinas while visiting the Logistics Support Activity.

Overall, Fitzgerald is proud of how *PS* has endured over the years. When asked about all the changes in the magazine and how he felt about them, Fitzgerald commented: "When I'm asked that question, two famous quotes come to mind, the first is a biblical reference from Luke; 'No man, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of

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'I am here to protect, serve and support'

Former New York City undercover cop finds new challenge at SMDC/ARSTRAT

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Joe DiNoto is committed to working at the tip of the spear.

This former third-generation New York City cop has lived through the destruction of Sept. 11, 2001, worked undercover to break up a trans-national group involved in providing material support to a terrorist organization and, most recently, served as the sole designated disclosure authority for classified information released to foreign forces through the Army's Special Operations Command's Security Operations Division.

Six months ago, he brought his expertise as a command foreign disclosure officer to the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, where he works as a subject matter expert in the area of international security, export control and international technology transfer.

"I like the leadership here. I like the mission. We're the Army's strategic command," DiNoto said. "USASMDC/ARSTRAT is at the tip of the spear in the nation's strategic mission. Being a part of this organization is humbling for me."

As the command's foreign disclosure officer, DiNoto's duties involve making decisions for the release of classified military information, sensitive military technology, and sensitive weapons systems to foreign forces and international organizations.

"In my heart, I feel my work is protecting this command and the people in this command by providing them with good security guidance," DiNoto said. "Part of my job is to protect the employees from being exploited or possibly from being put in a vulnerable position."

"I want to put people at ease and make them understand that they can come to the G-2 (Intelligence and Security Directorate) because we can help them with problem solving and with deciding what should be done in the best interest of the command and the United States."

DiNoto has a long history of providing protection for U.S. citizens. He attended the New York State Police Academy in 1996, graduating valedictorian of his class and going to work as a criminal investigator for New York City. In 1999, he was promoted to senior criminal investigator and became the commander of a specialized undercover squad of investigators focused primarily on trans-national organized crime groups. The group worked closely with the NYPD's Terrorism Interdiction Unit and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

That mission came to an abrupt end on 9/11, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center, destroying the unit's offices located on the 87th floor of 2 World Trade Center.

"I lost 40 friends and co-workers in the attack," said DiNoto, who was not in the office at the time of the attack. "Forty people are a lot to lose. It's hard for me to even think about."

"After 9/11, we tried to pick up the pieces. We created Task Force Phoenix, which was symbolic for reconstituting the unit out of the ashes of the trade center."

DiNoto was promoted to supervising criminal investigator for the state of New York.

"I was the unit commander of a quasi-intelligence division, and one of our duties was the infiltration and exploitation of trans-national crime groups and terrorist



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AT TIP OF THE SPEAR— Joe DiNoto brings his experience in anti-terrorism and international security work to his new position as the command foreign disclosure officer at SMDC/ARSTRAT.

groups. Our duty station was New York City. We were put on loan very frequently to support the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and several joint terrorism task force organizations," he said.

He also oversaw Operation Phoenix, a counterterrorism undercover assignment that involved about 50 criminal investigators from Task Force Phoenix, and agents from Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the U.S. Secret Service.

"We worked undercover to investigate terrorists who were providing material support to Hezbollah (a Shiite Islamic political and paramilitary organization based in Lebanon) and for criminal activities in the United States," DiNoto said. "We linked groups to it that were operating out of New York City, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Michigan, Latin America and Lebanon."

As part of the operation, DiNoto worked undercover as a terrorist dressed in Middle Eastern attire to infiltrate the group.

"At the end of the operation, I had to maintain my cover until we could debrief and arraign everyone that had been captured. So I got arrested with them by the feds," he said. "I was in shackles and I was brought into court with all the bad guys for the arraignment. As we were getting ready to plead guilty or not guilty, my handcuffs were removed, I took my police shield out and showed it to the court, and then I went to sit with my friends. Several of the bad guys pled guilty right then and there."

The operation changed DiNoto's life. It made him realize he wanted to be even more involved in stopping terrorism and protecting U.S. interests. In 2003, he applied for a position through a program managed by the Army's G-2.

"I realized there was more for me to do," he said. "I had a good career. I was a supervising criminal investigator at the age of 30. But I gave up that career for the opportunity to support U.S. Special Operations. I went to Fort Bragg (N.C.) to work at the tip of the spear in support of the Global War on Terrorism."

As chief of foreign disclosure and technology protection for the Army's Special Operations Command's Special Operations Division, DiNoto worked with the Army Special Forces, 75th Ranger Regiment, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, 4th Psychological Operations Groups and the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade.

"I did a lot of good there. I felt I made a very good contribution to that command and to the war fighter," DiNoto said. "One of my responsibilities was to train Special

Forces (Green Berets) to prepare them for deployments where they were working with Afghans, local tribal groups in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Iraqi Special Forces."

During his five years in the uptempo environment at Fort Bragg, DiNoto was honored with the 2007 Kenneth C. Raymer Memorial Award, which annually recognizes the knowledge, proficiency and sense of duty required of intelligence and security professionals to provide commanders with precise foreign disclosure support. He received the Army Foreign Disclosure Officer of the Year Award in March 2008.

In late 2008, DiNoto was presented with the opportunity to provide even greater support to the Global War on Terrorism as the foreign disclosure officer for SMDC/ARSTRAT.

"As time progressed, I saw a paradigm shift and strategic missions were where I could provide additional support. I felt ready to make a contribution to the strategic mission," he said. "It's a very dynamic environment because as our strategic and technical relationships evolve, the security requirements have to evolve with it."

"The goal is to protect the commander's equities and to integrate security operations into a combined mission environment. The intent is to provide security support to assist partner countries and allies in obtaining information and/or technology that will enhance the national security objectives of the U.S. government while also protecting the commanding general's equities."

DiNoto said the SMDC/ARSTRAT G-2 security team is "one of the best" under the leadership of the G-2's Col. Tom Wolff and deputy director Steve Eldredge, and command security manager Kathy Simmons. The G-2 also includes Mich Gussie, a security specialist, and John "Dutch" Davis, a counterintelligence officer.

"We want to be proactive in integrating security operations within the command's functional areas as much as possible," he said.

A tattoo on DiNoto's arm symbolizes his commitment to the nation's security operations. It is a drawing of a Templar, an ancient warrior monk, and the words "Eternal Vigilance - To Be Always Vigilant, Always Watchful."

In his work, DiNoto is much like the shield a Templar used to protect villagers from attackers.

"This command is filled with heroes," he said. "Anybody who makes it a point to support this country, whether a civilian or a green suiter, is a hero. They are the reason I'm here. Whenever I make an introduction, I say 'I'm your foreign disclosure officer' with an emphasis on 'your.' I want the employees of USASMDC/ARSTRAT to understand I am here to protect, serve and support them."

■ Author visits magazine office at LOGSA

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God,' and the other quote from baseball great Satchel Paige who said: 'Don't look back: Something may be gaining on you' kind of sums it all up."

"It was nice having Fitzgerald here to visit with us," Richard Morris, *PS Magazine's* current editor, said. "We enjoyed his stories and sharing some of our history with the writers."

The book, "Will Eisner and PS Magazine," is only available from Fitzgerald and is a limited printing of 500 copies. Information on the book or how to order a copy can be found at www.willeisnerandpsmagazine.com.

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)

Army expects swine flu vaccine in October

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers and families can expect to get two flu shots this year.

In addition to the conventional flu shot administered each fall, the H1N1 or swine flu vaccine should be available by mid-October, said Col. Deborah Knickerbocker, chief of emergency preparedness and response, the Office of the Surgeon General and Army Medical Command.

Knickerbocker spoke during the Army Emergency Management Conference, Sept. 1, at the Pentagon. The conference

coincided with the start of National Preparedness Month.

Swine flu vaccines will be administered by Fox Army Health Center on Redstone Arsenal when the vaccine becomes available. The plan will be to follow the typical flu vaccination schedule where active duty receive priority. The schedule usually follows as: active duty military, their family members, military retirees and their family members and then current DoD civilians. Currently, Fox is administering the seasonal flu vaccine.

Editor's note: The local information is based on a Garrison advisory.

Suicide prevention focus this month

September is designated Army Suicide Prevention Month with the intent of improving the health of the Army's most precious assets — Soldiers, families and Department of Army civilians.

Suicide is only one aspect of this health improvement. Healthy living also addresses high risk behaviors, which often mask

underlying challenges in a person's life. The Army is committed to improving the physical, spiritual and behavioral health of all who serve. This is being done through a variety of ways and opportunities for personal wellness. (Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine)

Officials stress precaution, not alarm for flu outbreak

Swine flu is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.

Federal, state and local health departments and Redstone Arsenal are paying close attention to swine flu trends and are confident that protocols and treatments will be effective in treating it, just as they are in treating normal seasonal flu. Local facilities' preparations include coordinating additional support as needed.

If you become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact your health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine

whether influenza testing or treatment is needed. Redstone work force members who feel that they have flu-like symptoms — cough, fever, sore throat, body ache — should call either their primary care physician or Fox Army Health Center at 955-8888. (Garrison release)

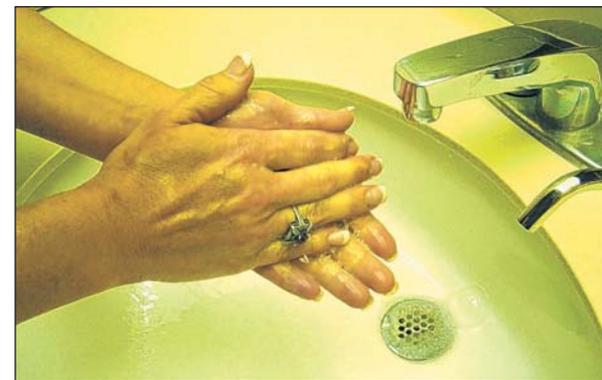


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IMPORTANT PRACTICE— Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for 15-20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

NCO Corps due more recognition

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Medal, the Association of the U.S. Army's highest NCO award, will be presented to the Noncommissioned Officer Corps at the opening ceremony of AUSA's 2009 Annual Meeting and Exposition, Oct. 5, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

The award is presented for distinguished service by a noncommissioned officer — active, National Guard, Army Reserve, retired — whose contributions

to the NCO Corps and local community have been significant.

Bainbridge, the fifth sergeant major of the Army and the award's first recipient, was a true Soldier-warrior who served his country and the Army in and out of uniform for more than 65 years.

To honor all NCOs, present and past during this The Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston and Sgt. Joel Dulashanti will accept the award on behalf of the NCO Corps. (AUSA release)



Photo by Claus Martel

Happy birthday

Members of the AMCOM command group hold a 57th birthday celebration for Maj. Gen. Jim Myles in the commanding general's conference room Sept. 3. Deputy commander Ronnie Chronister, who celebrated his 50th birthday Aug. 27, served as master of ceremonies. Myles' wife, Alice, far right, visited the command suite to wish her husband a happy birthday.

Company delivers 2,500th shelter to Army

Military shelter and trailer manufacturer DHS Systems LLC has celebrated the production and delivery of its 2,500th Trailer Mounted Support System to the Army.

The milestone was marked with an event Aug. 25 at the company's manufacturing facility in Huntsville.

During the event, which was attended by prominent members of the Army's Program Office, local officials and area military contractors, guest speaker Brig. Gen. Terry "Max" Haston, assistant adjutant general of the Tennessee National Guard, discussed how the company's line of Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter systems and support equipment have improved the military landscape.

"I can tell you that having used these shelters, it makes a difference. It gives more planning time to the Soldiers who need it. It saves lives and gives them the time to plan their operations," Haston said.

DHS Systems founder and CEO A Jon Prusmack also spoke of how the company has evolved since producing its first trailer 10 years ago.

"Ten years ago, we delivered our first Patriot Battery Command Post, and that was the genesis of the TMSS program. At

that time we had 60 people, our sales were under \$10 million. Ten years later, we have over 500 people and sales worth a quarter of a billion dollars," Prusmack said.

DHS Systems began producing the TMSS in 2006, delivering its first TMSS to the 1st Calvary Division at Fort Hood, Texas, as a commercial-off-the-shelf, non-developmental item system.

In 2008, Systems and Northrop Grumman Corporation were awarded the Army's Standardized Integrated Command Post System contract. Under the firm, fixed-price contract, which is valued at \$240 million and will run through January 2013, Northrop Grumman and DHS Systems are producing, integrating and delivering two TMSS variants – TMSS-Medium and TMSS-Large.

DHS Systems produces up to 40 TMSS Systems each week. While all trailer production takes place at the Huntsville manufacturing facility, the systems' shelters are produced at the company's headquarters and manufacturing plant in Orangeburg, N.Y.

The Army has fielded 945 SICPS TMSS Systems since September 2008. (DHS Systems release)

Metering program helps Army reduce energy costs

By DEBRA VALINE

Huntsville Engineering Center

Sometimes saving energy is as simple as installing a meter.

In the past, the Army did not have meters on buildings to measure electricity or natural gas use like private homes; the installation received one big energy bill that was not broken down by individual buildings.

That started to change with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that requires metering in federal buildings by Oct. 1, 2012.

Energy-use studies have shown that by metering individual buildings, installations are able to identify which buildings are the biggest energy hogs, and take appropriate measures to reduce energy consumption.

The Army Metering Program is installing advanced meters with remote reporting capability to a central data base accessible via the Engineering Knowledge Online website. This will provide Army installations the capability to measure and track electricity, water, natural gas and steam consumption at the facility level. It is one way the Army is working to meet established goals for energy reduction.

The Army also requires the installation of advanced utility meters on all military construction projects and for renovation or energy projects with



Photo by Patrick Holmes

METER RUNNING— Shark 200 Advanced Electric Meters are used to capture the electric usage for the Post Exchange. In addition to electric usage data the meters also collect natural gas consumption for reporting to the Directorate of Public Works energy manager. There are other meter installations similar to this at various locations around the post.

a programmed cost of \$250,000 or more that include electrical, natural gas, water or steam components.

The Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville is responsible for managing the execution of the Army metering and other energy programs for the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the

Installation Management Command.

Installation of electric advanced meters began in fiscal 2008 on facilities that were deemed cost effective to meter based upon the Office of the Secretary of Defense criteria, which says that buildings that consume an estimated \$35,000 per year in electrical costs are economically justified for metering.

For Army planning and budgeting purposes, the \$35,000 per year electrical cost equates to 29,000 square feet and larger buildings.

“This translates to approximately 6,700 Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard facilities to be metered at more than 480 sites worldwide,” said Lawson “Stan” Lee, chief of the Facility Support Division at the Huntsville Center. “Electricity, natural gas, water, and steam or high temperature water will all be metered. To determine the exact number of meters required, all installations are currently being surveyed in phases. The anticipated scope is a total of 13,000 advanced meters.”

As of July, the Huntsville Center has awarded meter installation contracts for 36 Army installations. Approximately 3,000 electric and natural gas meters have been installed. By the end of fiscal 2009, the Army will have installed advanced electric meters on 47 percent of its facilities that are economically justified for metering, according to David Purcell, Army energy program manager for ACSIM’s Facilities and Policy Division. This amounts to 3,151 out of 6,700 required by the end of FY ‘12.

In December 2008, Huntsville Center awarded the contract for the Meter Data Management System that will receive meter readings from across the Army.

Center workers enjoy day down by river



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LUNCH TIME— The picnic fare included hamburger or hot dog, chips, drinks and ice cream.

Members of the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center converged Thursday on the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area for their Fall River Bash. They enjoyed a day of sports, music and food. More than 850 tickets were sold.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, arrived on a Black Hawk helicopter.

Activities included bingo, a DJ with entertainment, softball, tug-of-war and horseshoes.

— Skip Vaughn



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LANDING— A Black Hawk helicopter, with AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles onboard, lands Thursday morning at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AMCOM ONE— Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, exchanges a salute with the helicopter pilot as he leaves the Black Hawk.



Photo by Melody Sandlin

LOGSA ceremony

Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Perrin receives a Meritorious Service Medal from Col. James Rentz, commander of the Logistics Support Activity. Perrin is recognized for her 20 years of service as she retires in September.

Workshop underscores safety's importance

By DARRYL HOWLETT

Joint Munitions Command public affairs

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. — Keeping the Army's Soldiers, civilians and contractors safe served as an unofficial theme for the Army Materiel Command/Joint Munitions Command Safety Training Workshop held here Aug. 25-27.

Attendees networked, brainstormed and participated in vigorous discussions

during the three-day event.

On Aug. 27, AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody highlighted the week's events when speaking to participants via video teleconference.

"Thank you all for participating in the conference. Safety is my and our number one priority," she said. "I am first of all proud of the progress that we as a command have made in safety. Safety is an attitude.

"I'm also proud that Tobyhanna (Army

Depot) and Crane (Army Ammunition Activity) have achieved (Volunteer Protection Program) status. That is a good list to be on. I know it involves a lot of hard work," she said.

She also spoke on JMC earning the Secretary of the Army/Chief of Staff of the Army Fiscal Year 2008 Army Safety Award in the category of Army Industrial Safety, as well as the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command for winning a safety award.

Ten-miler team seeks championship three-peat

Redstone has won two straight titles at Army's annual race in Washington

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Redstone is sending an experienced running team to defend its title in this year's Army Ten-Miler.

The two-time defending champion in the government agency division, Redstone will compete in the 25th annual race Oct. 4 in Washington, D.C. Most of its runners are back from last year.

"I believe this year's team will do quite well in the field of runners they'll be running against," coach Harry Hobbs, professor of military science at Columbia High and a retired chief warrant officer 5, said. "I'm proud that our team represents the full Army team - which consists of active Army, DA civilians and contractors. That's why we run in the government agency division. I feel that our premier runner, David Riddle, will lead us to a championship again in the government agency division."

Riddle, an aerospace engineer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, returns for his third year. Last year he finished in 50 minutes and 51 seconds, better than his 52:31 in 2007. He was eighth overall, among 18,857 finishers.

"It's been going really well," Riddle, 27, said of his running. "The end of last year was really good. I ran my first marathon



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FAST COMPANY— From left, seated, are Maj. Brian Hackenberg, Randy McFarland, Liz Biondi and coach Harry Hobbs. Standing are Greg Reynolds, David Riddle, Brett Wilks, Jason Gilliam, Nathan Graham and Tim Vinson.

at Rocket City. Really this year I've been taking a little time to recover from that marathon. I haven't focused on racing this spring. I still ran about what I have been at Cotton Row the past two years."

He did Huntsville's Cotton Row 10K in 32:03 in May and was the first local finisher.

Asked his goals for the Army Ten-Miler, he said, "That's tough. I really had one of the best races of my life last year. It'll be hard to beat that. I just really want to run well again. You just never know what the competition is going to be like.

"As long as I help the team come home with the team trophy that's all I really care about."

Tim Vinson, 45, an assistant product manager at the Program Executive Office for Aviation, is back for his fourth year. The retired major finished last year's Army Ten-Miler in 1:02:46. His best time was 1:01:53 in 2006.

A Madison resident, Vinson placed 10th overall in the Mountain Mist 50K in 4:42:12 in January at Monte Sano. He did the Mercedes Half-Marathon in just over 1:26 in February in Birmingham.

"I'm once again happy to represent Redstone Arsenal, to be a part of the team," Vinson said. "I have two goals (for the Army Ten-Miler). The first is to just help the team bring home a championship, first place again. And then second I want to get under 1:01."

Hobbs expressed his appreciation for the support from the Garrison and its Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, the Aviation and Missile Command, and the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Redstone is competing in both the government agency and all-comers divisions. Members of Redstone One, in the government agency division, include Hobbs, Capt. Laura Matejick, Col. Bob Pastorelli, Jason Reneau, Greg Reynolds, Riddle, Vinson and Brad Schroeder. Members of Redstone Two, in the all-comers division, include Liz Biondi, Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper, Jason Gilliam, Nathan Graham, Maj. Brian Hackenberg, Randy McFarland, Brett Wilks and assistant coach Skip Vaughn.

Editor's note: Runners on Redstone's Ten-Miler team will be featured in the Sept. 16 Redstone Rocket.

NCO Academy captures volleyball crown

Outlasts Charlie in tourney final

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The NCO Academy guidon bearer gleefully ran around the gym while his unit's volleyball team celebrated.

The Academy outlasted Charlie Company for the post championship.

In an improbable final, matching two postseason tournament underdogs, the Academy prevailed Sept. 1 at Pagano Gym. The Academy was pushed to the limit after Charlie advanced from the losers bracket and forced a second match.

The Academy beat Charlie 25-19, 25-20 for the championship. Charlie won the night's first match 26-24, 25-22.

"The key was the teamwork," Academy spiker Carl Buck said. "Once we started getting the spikers the ball, we put it down and they couldn't stop us."

Buck had 15 kills and five digs for the Academy (8-7). Collin Murphy had seven kills, two digs and two service aces. John Butler made four kills, three aces — including two to end the match — and two digs. Shawn Scott had two kills, two digs and two assists. Charles George contributed three assists and two kills. Wilson Rojas

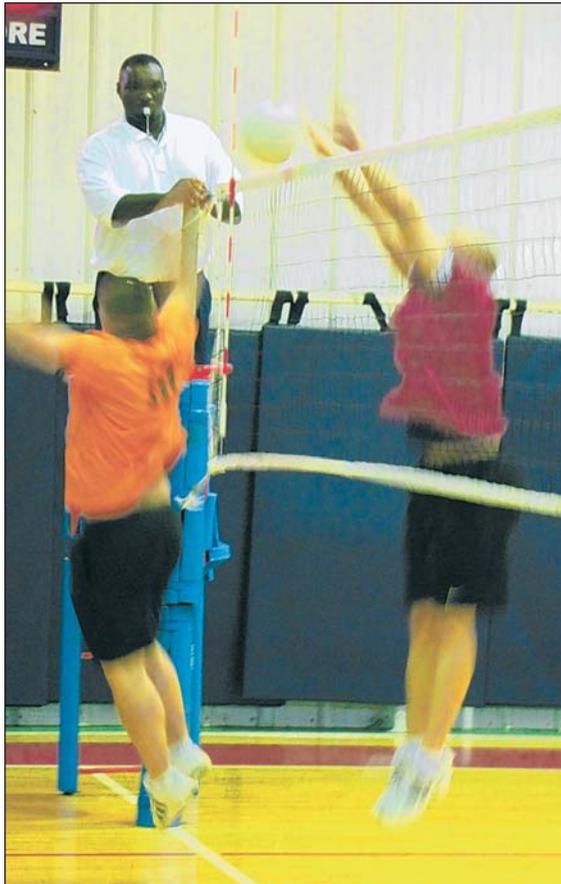


Photo by Skip Vaughn

UPPER LEVEL— Charlie Company's Travis Roop, left, battles the NCO Academy's Carl Buck in the postseason tournament final Sept. 1.

made seven kills and Eric Herron had four.

"I've got to give it to Charlie Company, they played a terrific game," Academy coach Mike Harris said. "They came ready to play. Our team came out and I think the players took it for granted because we beat them before."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FINAL ACES— The NCO Academy players celebrate their post volleyball championship.

The Academy beat Charlie 25-15, 26-24 on Aug. 27 to send the Wolfpack to the losers bracket. But Charlie beat HHC 59th, the tournament's top seed, 21-25, 25-16, 15-12 on Aug. 31 to advance to the final. The 59th eliminated second-seeded Bravo Company 27-25, 25-21 earlier Aug. 31.

After Charlie forced a second match in the final, Harris made sure he got his players' attention. The Academy responded with a gritty win.

"It's pretty much a team effort there," Harris said, "a total team effort."

Charlie went 3-7 in the regular season but 4-2 in the tournament, including two wins over the previously unbeaten 59th. Travis Roop had seven kills for the Wolfpack (7-9) in the final.

"We started making small errors at the end," Charlie coach Demeta Levatte said. "But I'm sure that was due to intensity."

Georgia Bulldogs should sack South Carolina

Gamecocks picked to fall between hedges in Athens

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Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week in major college football:



- South Carolina at Georgia — **Georgia**
- Mississippi State at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Florida International at Alabama — **Bama**
- Hampton at Alabama A&M — **A&M**
- Vanderbilt at LSU — **LSU**
- UCLA at Tennessee — **Tennessee**
- Clemson at Georgia Tech — **GT**
- Colorado at Toledo — **Colorado**
- Duke at Army — **Duke**
- Fresno State at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**
- Iowa at Iowa State — **Iowa**
- North Carolina at Connecticut — **UNC**
- Stanford at Wake Forest — **Wake**
- Syracuse at Penn State — **PSU**
- Troy at Florida — **UF**
- Marshall at Virginia Tech — **VT**
- Brigham Young at Tulane — **BYU**
- East Carolina at West Virginia — **WV**
- Houston at Oklahoma State — **OSU**
- Louisiana Tech at Navy — **Navy**
- Notre Dame at Michigan — **ND**
- TCU at Virginia — **TCU**
- Texas at Wyoming — **Texas**
- Southern Methodist at UAB — **SMU**
- Furman at Chattanooga — **Furman**
- Jacksonville State at Florida State — **FSU**
- Air Force at Minnesota — **Minnesota**
- Hawaii at Washington State — **Hawaii**
- Illinois State at Illinois — **Illinois**
- Memphis at Middle Tennessee — **Memphis**
- Rice at Texas Tech — **Texas Tech**
- Kansas at Texas-El Paso — **Kansas**
- Southern California at Ohio State — **USC**
- Purdue at Oregon — **Oregon**
- Utah at San Jose State — **Utah**

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Redstone 10K

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

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.

Basketball officials wanted

The North Alabama Basketball Officials

Association is preparing for the 2009-10 season. Basketball officials of all experience levels are encouraged to join the NABOA. The first meeting will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Oakwood University gymnasium. Anyone interested in officiating basketball this season should attend this meeting. For more information, call Leon Bradley 426-7745 or Greg Hill 503-5469.

Stars baseball night

The Huntsville Stars have dedicated their baseball game Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. to all Tennessee Valley's Neighborhood Heroes, courtesy of Alabama Society of CPA's Huntsville Chapter, Colsa Corporation, Creative Touch Jewelers, Kratos Defense and Security Solutions, NetwoRx of Huntsville, North Alabama Chemical Company, United Space Alliance, and West Corporation. All you have to do is present your ID card or badge at the box office to receive complimentary tickets for you and your guests. For more information, call Joe Davis Stadium 882-2562.

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 Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. Presented by PM Aviation Systems, the tournament cost is \$50 for non-annual fee patrons and \$35 for annual fee patrons. For more information, call Edye Smith 955-0761 or Colbert Gautreaux 876-4953.

Scholarship tournament

A golf tournament to benefit area scholarships is set by the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers for Oct. 1 at Sunset Landing Golf Course, located at the Huntsville International Airport. Check-in and luncheon begin at 11 a.m., and the shotgun start is 12:30 p.m. Rain date is Oct. 2. The cost is \$55 per person and includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and after-tournament awards. Organizations may sponsor a hole for \$350, or get a team sponsor package, which includes the cost of a four-person team, for \$500. You do not have to be a member of SAME to participate. For more information, or to donate prizes or items for goodies bags, call Art Holcomb 430-3701 or Scott Haas 430-3620.

Punt, pass and kick

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association is hosting the third annual NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competi-

tion, sponsored by the Tennessee Titans, at 10 a.m. Sept. 19 at Louis Crews Stadium on the campus of Alabama A&M. This is open to all male and female youth age 8-15 in the Huntsville/Madison/Monrovia and Tennessee Valley area. For more information, call C. Lamar Sterns 722-8093 or 679-8961.

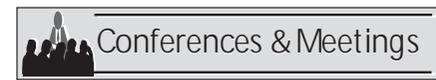
School House 5K

Christmas Charities Year Round/ William H. 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.

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.



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.

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.

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 Bevill 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 Thursday and Friday 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 Alphadella McRae 313-1957.

Air defenders

The Huntsville/Redstone Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will have its annual dinner dance Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Featured guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Roger Mathews, commandant of the Air Defense Artillery School. For more information and reservations, call Janett Beasley 428-3522 or e-mail janett.beasley@cobham.com.

Suicide prevention

Maj. Gen. Mark Graham will bring his message of suicide prevention to Redstone Arsenal on Thursday 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.

Ground support equipment

The Aviation Ground Support Equipment Product Office announces the 2009 Aviation Ground Support Equipment Users Conference on Sept. 21-24 at the Von Braun Center. The conference will include working sessions for government users of AGSE equipment as well as trade show exhibits and static displays of AGSE equipment, products and kits. Individuals



Photo by Tony Medici

Tobyhanna barracks

U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, Pennsylvania 11th District, announces \$2.4 million for renovations to Tobyhanna Army Depot's barracks Aug. 19.

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.

Simulation conference

The Huntsville Simulation Conference, sponsored by the Society for Modeling and Simulation International and hosted by the Alabama Modeling and Simulation Council, is Oct. 28-29 at the Huntsville Marriott, Five Tranquility Base, with a classified segment Oct. 27 at the Advanced Research Center. For information visit the website www.scs.org/hsc.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Lunar Nooners Toastmasters Club 9783, which meets Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the building 4610 cafeteria. For more information, call Paul Pickett 544-6078. The Research Park Club 4838 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at the Sentar offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Valerie Cortez 313-9753. The Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30 at building 5301, second floor, in room 1217. For information call Caville Blake 876-7351. The Redstone Toastmasters Club 1932 meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 8721 Madison Boulevard in Madison. For information call Margrit Carr 313-1952.

Federal employees

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter 443 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday 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.

Engineer post

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers meets Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The spotlight speaker is EGEN, Khurshed Anwer; and the keynote speaker is Steve Marks of Brown and Caldwell on "Environmental Sustainability." The luncheon cost is \$11. For reservations call Dan Foran at Shearer and Associates 830-1031, ext. 130 by noon Sept. 14.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. south-east. 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 today 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.

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.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave., on Saturday 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.

Communications/electronics

Huntsville Chapter 198 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association presents the third in a series of one-day technical symposiums that will explore the topic "System Development in an Era of Change" today from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Boeing Auditorium, 950 Explorer Drive. For information call Kenny Watts 542-5100.

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.

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Engineer chapter

This month's Tennessee Valley Chapter SOLE program and luncheon will be held Sept. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Doug Gooch, president of River Country Development Inc., will speak on the benefits of a light rail system to North Alabama. For reservations call Jane Campbell 544-1001 or Dave Welch 450-1620.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will meet Sept. 17 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club, Loft room. The potential guest presentation topic from Whitten and Associates is the Thrift Savings Plan. Lunch is available at the snack bar. For more information, call chapter president Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Women in defense

Women in Defense will host a workshop titled "Preparing to Support Challenges in National Security" on Oct. 14 at the Marriott Tranquility. Speakers will include Maj. Gen. Susan Lawrence, commander of the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command; Kathryn Condon, executive deputy to the commanding general, Army Materiel Command; Vickie Plunkett, professional staff member of the House Armed Services Committee-Military Readiness; and Brig. Gen. Heidi

Brown, deputy commander of the Sustainment Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Panel discussions will include technology challenges, acquisition and contracting challenges, and foreign military sales in national security. For more information, call Christina Hinkle 562-0600. Register online at www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc/NatlSecWkshp.htm.

Space society

HAL5 (the local chapter of the National Space Society) presents "You Are There, 1969 Revisited" on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library auditorium, 915 Monroe St. Robert Jaques, former Marshall Space Flight historian, will recap the events of 1969 including the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon. A social will follow the meeting. More information is available at www.HAL5.org.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

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

Jam weekend tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council has Big Spring Jam weekend passes available for the corporate discount rate of \$45 each. Big Spring Jam is the weekend of Sept. 25-27. Deadline for purchasing your tickets from the CWFC is Sept. 16. Weekend passes are only available in advance of the Big Spring Jam. Daily tickets sold at the gates are \$25 each. Payment is by check made payable to BSJ or exact amount cash. Contact the following CWFC members to purchase your advanced BSJ weekend passes: building 5302, Jan Pickard 842-6625; building 5304, Melissa McWhorter 313-6839; building 4545, Lida Christian 313-7212; building 4545, Loretta Brooks 313-7406; building 5222, Claudette King 450-1749; building 111, Sue Sammons 842-2072; building 3435, Ray Rowland 450-9533; building 7804, Tom Bramhall 876-3836; building 5435, Dave Landram 842-8534; building 5308, Jerrel McCollum 313-0138; building

5250, Starla Bond 759-1854; building 7471, Charles Urban 955-7662; building 5303, John Everett 842-7819; MDA (Bradford Drive), Don Clark 313-9442; MDA (Wynn Drive), Sharon Whitaker 955-2016; and DAU, Craig Kaufman 722-1053. For details on the jam weekend lineup, visit www.bigspringjam.org.

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

Redstone Soldiers are visiting Tut Fann State Veterans Home on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Remaining dates for this year include 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

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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.

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.

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.

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 today at 1:30 p.m. Hours at the new facility will remain 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone with questions about the move can call installation mail manager Donald Battise 842-8051 or Marcus Adams, contract supervisor of the mail and distribution center, 876-1382.

Older drivers

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

Monte Sano art show

The 11th annual Monte Sano Art Show is Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Monte Sano State Park. "Showcasing the works of highly talented artists, there will be something for everyone — food, beverages, live music and an area just for the kids," a prepared release said. For more information, visit www.montesanoartshow.org.

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 Friday at 5 p.m. at www.swe.org/nalwov. The contact is Shayla Bennett at swe-wow2009@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.

Health fair

The 100 Black Men of America's Greater Huntsville Chapter will sponsor the 10th annual Health Fair and Run/Walk on Saturday 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 infor-

mation 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.

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 or visit www.redstoneocwc.org.

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

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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SCBK092YB203STF	Human Resources Tech (Staffing/OA)	9-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	YB-0203	1	2	19,829 - 67,695	X											
SCBK09620558	Training Spec	9-Sep-09	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X					X	X				
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SCBK09728791	Security Spec (Personnel)	9-Sep-09	Army Accessions Cmd	YA-0080	1	2	46,291 - 77,225			X				X	X				
SCBK09715938COE	Training Instructor (Electronics)	10-Sep-09	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X	X				X	X				
SCBK09701623	Mechanical Engr Tech	10-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	52,068 - 89,128	X						X					
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SCBK09725252	Substance Abuse Prgm Spec (Educ. Coord)	11-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0101	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X	X					X	X				
SCBK09503538	Supply Tech (OA)	11-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2005	5	7	31,204 - 50,249	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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SCBK09720286	Contract Spec	14-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128				X			X	X				
SCBK09639977	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X						X					
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SCBK09694328	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993			X				X	X				
SCBK09649061	General Supply Spec	16-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	47,280 - 61,464	X						X					
SCBK09687909	Public Affairs Asst	16-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0303	7	8	38,653 - 55,651	X											
WTST09472744	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	16-Sep-09	AMC, Intelligence Supt Div	IA-0132	4	4	81,532 - 131,679	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09743146	Materials Handler	17-Sep-09	USACE Learning Center	WG-6907	5	5	14,921 - 17,445	X	X					X	X				
SCBK09734151	Human Resources Spec (Info Sys)	18-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	GS-0201	7	11	38,653 - 50,249			X									
SCBK09679945	Supply Systems Analyst	18-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	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				
SCBK09706352	Prgm Analyst	21-Sep-09	PEO IEW&S	YA-0343	2	2	46,291 - 105,993	X	X										
SCBK09677297	Contract Spec	21-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X										
SCBK09703118	Lead General Engr	22-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X						X	X				
SCBK09730531	Electronics Engr	2-Oct-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X											
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X				X					
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU/EHA ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL AND AT WWW.USAJOB.S.OPM.GOV																			
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		
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
SCBK09720286	Contract Spec	14-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128				X			X	X				
SCBK09720286D	Contract Spec	14-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09721588	Human Resources Spec	14-Sep-09	SMDC	YA-0201	2	2	47,280 - 89,128			X									
SCBK09694328	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993			X				X	X				
WTST09472744	Intelligence Spec (I&TS)	16-Sep-09	AMC, Intelligence Supt Div	IA-0132	4	4	81,532 - 131,679	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				
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		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				
SCBK09YA110202OC	Contract Spec	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 105,993			X	X			X	X				
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567				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					
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X					X	X				
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	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 &

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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.aidb.org>.

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.greenualabama.com.

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 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.

Flu discussion

Dr. Ali Hassoun, from the Alabama Infectious Disease Center, will provide a presentation on "Preparing for Pandemic Influenza" on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at the United Church of Huntsville, 7906 Whitesburg Drive. All are welcome and admission is free. For more information, call 881-3132. Find directions at www.uchurch.org.

Family indoor aviation

Madison United Methodist Church welcomes pilots and spectators of all ages to its Christian Life Center Aerodrome for indoor small radio-controlled and free-flight airplane and helicopter flying Sept. 27 from 1:30-4 p.m. If you want to fly but you don't already have an indoor R/C plane or helicopter, you can fly one of its fleet of loaner Vapor airplanes and MCX helicopters with no cost or obligation. Dress casual and park in the south lot of the church at 127 Church St., Madison. For information call Jim Marconnet 772-3946.

Casting call

Award-winning playwright Theo London is casting for a nationally touring play. Actors, actresses, singers, musicians and comedians are invited to try out. Casting will occur Sept. 13 from 3-5 p.m. at Sparkman Homes Boys and Girls Club, 101 Mason Court. For more information, call 693-2004.

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 Sept. 18 to Barbara A. Harris of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, call 876-3805 or e-mail barbara.a.harris@us.army.mil.

Latin dance

The SAVECA Organization is hosting a fund-raising Latin Dance Sept. 19 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the ballroom of the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. DJ Ed will be spinning the sounds and there will be a free salsa lesson from 8:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For tickets call the SAVECA message center 325-4793 or e-mail saveca@knology.net or you can pick them up at the Tienda Michoacana, 2007 University Drive. Funds raised will be used for scholarships and outreach programs. Check out the website www.savecahelpcommunities.org.

Thrift Shop volunteers

Do you have time? Do you have energy (any amount will do)? The Thrift Shop seeks a few good volunteers to help run the store. There are different jobs available

and you get to see the merchandise first. There are also many other benefits. Stop in at building 3209 on Hercules Road and find out why you should volunteer. The shop is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9-5 Thursdays and 10-2 the first Saturday of each month.

Family history seminar

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting an African-American Family History Seminar for anyone who actively does or is interested in doing African-American genealogy. This event is free to the public Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at 1804 Sparkman Drive. For information call Susann Gardner 489-0125 or Toni Wright 508-0017.

Academy day

Rep. Parker Griffith will host "Academy Day" on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the Madison Academy's cafeteria, 325 Slaughter Road. Academy Day gives students in grades 9-12 the opportunity to talk with representatives of the nation's service academies and to obtain information on the application process. Attendees include the U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. For more information, call Mary Lou Hughston (202) 225-4801 or e-mail Marylou.hughston@mail.house.gov.

Church visit

John McKee "Kee" Sloan, former rector of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in southeast Huntsville, will revisit the Tennessee Valley on Sept. 20. Sloan, now the suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, will make a pastoral visit to Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church in downtown Athens. He will officiate at the Sacrament of Confirmation and dedicate the church's new Sanctus Bells during the 10:15 a.m. service Sept. 20. For more information call the rector of Saint Timothy's, Father David Basinger, 232-3541 or e-mail davebasinger@aol.com.