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# Charity drive grows to meet needs

Voluntary contributions  
serve local community

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The stack of boxes is about to grow at the office of the Tennessee Valley's Combined Federal Campaign.

They contain individual donor recognition items for the upcoming campaign. Soon they will be joined by 22,000 copies of the CFC brochures listing the charities.

"And then you'll see another stack up to the ceiling over here," said Melinda Seigler, CFC coordinator for United Way of Madison County which is the campaign's principal combined fund organization.

CFC coordinator Donna Johnson doesn't mind making room in building 3708 at the corner of Aerobee and Patton roads. She's fired up about the 2009 campaign scheduled Sept. 30 through Dec. 11.

"Now more than ever there are a lot of people in our community and our nation and our world that need our support," Johnson said.

The theme for this year's campaign, which has a \$2 million goal, is "iCan now more than ever."

The kickoff celebration is Sept. 30 from 10-11 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium, building 5304. The agency fair will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sparkman Center parade field between buildings 5303 and 5304.

Dr. Delbert Baker, president of Oakwood University, is the kickoff's keynote speaker. Entertainment will be provided by the Bob Jones High School Drum Line. Music at the agency fair will be provided by WZYP radio personality Mojo.

"It's important for us to support the community that we live, work and play in," Seigler said.

Some 16,701 federal, mili-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PREPARATIONS—** Melinda Seigler, left, and Donna Johnson stand next to boxes of individual donor recognition items at the Combined Federal Campaign office in building 3708. The Tennessee Valley CFC is Sept. 30 through Dec. 11.



iCan

Now More Than Ever.



tary and postal employees in 47 agencies in a seven-county area will be asked to voluntarily con-

"Everybody in Huntsville doesn't have a job," Johnson said. "We have a lot of needs right here in the community. Through CFC we have an opportunity to lend a helping hand. Everybody's been affected by this downturn, recession. We want to give 100 percent of employees an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to CFC."

Last year's campaign collected \$2,280,000, the most ever, against a \$2 million goal. The campaign began in 1961 after President Kennedy's executive order.

"This is my 11th year with the campaign," Seigler said. "And I've seen an increase with the funds we've raised every year since I've been with the campaign. I attribute that to better educating the federal donor about CFC and how it makes a difference with the communities we live in."

"This is my sixth campaign," Johnson said. "And my goal is to continue to educate the federal work force about the needs that are out there and challenge folks to continue to give so we can continue to make a difference."

Every dollar does make a difference. Some of the smaller charities depend on CFC dollars every year.

"Our campaign has been successful due to the outstanding support we receive from Team Redstone leadership," Johnson said. This includes honorary chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

Five federal agencies have joined the campaign since arriving through base realignment and closure including headquarters Army Materiel Command-Forward, the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, the Army Contracting Command, the 2nd Recruiting Brigade and the 2nd Medical Recruiting Brigade.

The CFC office can be reached at 876-9143.

tribute to the campaign. The counties include Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan in north Alabama and Lincoln in southern Tennessee.

CFC includes 177 local charities and 2,400 national and international charities.

"And it's a donor designated campaign," Seigler said. "The federal employee tells us where to put their money."

"And we're asking the employee to please designate to make sure your money goes where you want it to go," Johnson added.

Contributions are strictly voluntary. CFC volunteers got a glimpse of the community's needs when they toured some of the local charities, including the Downtown Rescue Mission, during the week of Aug. 24.

# An open lane random survey

What's your favorite action movie?

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Lt. Col. Marvin Luckie  
Garrison chaplain  
"I guess 'Bad Boys' because of the combination of the comedy and the action."

Art Riley  
Chief of police

"Actually I like a lot of the new movies – 'Transformers,' 'Terminator' – with a lot of the new technology they're putting in movies. That's what I really enjoy."



Cindy Salvador  
Officers and Civilians Club  
"I guess 'The Terminator.' It was good in its time."

Durwood Arrington  
Officers and Civilians Club

"I guess 'Dirty Dozen.' It's just full of action, just old school action – not this 'G.I. Joe' stuff."



## Quote of the week

'Live for nothing or die for something.'  
— Rambo

## Letters to the Editor

### Unwelcome to greeting from gate guards

I have noted that the guards at the Arsenal gates are now obliged to greet everyone with, "Welcome to Redstone Arsenal." I am reminded of a very old "Frank and Ernest" cartoon which depicts the boys arrayed in Roman armor, and surrounded by a hoard of similarly outfitted troops, siege towers, catapults and chariots. Frank says to Ernest, "Now all we need is a snappy slogan!"

The gate guards keep us safe every day regardless of temperature, precipitation, darkness, and force protection condition. In my 30 years at Redstone Arsenal, I have come to admire and respect them. All of them are dedicated and many are truly exceptional individuals. I am dead level certain that every one of them is fully capable of formulating his own greeting to those who enter the post.

Please do not hamstring them with a canned greeting that becomes increasingly meaningless with each repetition. If they can be trusted with a sidearm or a combat shotgun, then they can certainly be trusted to speak for themselves.

**Russ Asson**  
CMD5 Project Office

*Editor's note: Garrison commander Bob Pastorelli provided the following response. "Thank you for your concern. We are certainly proud of the work our security guards provide on a daily basis. Our greeting, 'Welcome to Redstone,' is to show visitors and our Team Redstone work force that the Garrison is cognizant of our service to the public and we take pride in showing it each and every day. I have heard many people comment how well they like it and only a few having another opinion. Ultimately, our goal is to continue our support to Soldiers while maintaining the safety and security of those who work and live on the Arsenal."*

### Letter policy

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### Consider story behind casualties in war

We have seen a fair amount of reporting of civilian casualties in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Vietnam and even World War II. I hate to hear of it happening. Instinctively, I usually think Americans did everything they could do to avoid harming innocents. In Korea and in Vietnam, the enemy often hid among civilians and induced further civilian casualties. We all had a taste of what small numbers of fanatics can do in 9/11 and one kid killed something like 232 Marines in Beirut in the 1980s by blowing himself up in a truck bomb.

My father was a Marine pilot in WW II in the Pacific. He was overseas for about two years flying dive bombers (Grumman SBDs), torpedo bombers (TBF Avengers), and Curtis SB2C (called the SOB's second class). He had combat missions and was even involved in some ground combat on Iwo Jima. Most of his time he spent on torpedo patrols in the Pacific.

In July 1945, radar and navigation was not what it is today. Pilots frequently got lost on sub patrol and were never heard from again. This could be from bad navigation, weather, mechanical failure, or enemy action. Chance of rescue in the Pacific was remote.

The TBF aircraft was a weapon of choice for sub patrol. It could fly a long time and carry required equipment. It was usually manned with a three-man crew and equipped with some primitive radar, depth bombs, depth charges or homing torpedoes that were called Fidos. Fidos were expensive torpedoes and the pilots had been told not to fire one unless there was a good chance of a kill. To fire a Fido, a crew had to arm the device and get into a certain area around the target.

The arming of the Fido required some preparation by the crew. The radars on planes did not differentiate targets and because of high failure were not operated all the time at full power so a good part of the search was visual. Wreckage could look like a ship on the radar scope. I suspect that most of value of these patrols was to drive the enemy away from our ships but they did occasionally sink a sub.

My father was flying in bad weather just at dusk. His plane was bouncing around from the wind. The sea was heavy with 30-foot swells. What was worse was that the pilot before Dad's search, Chambers, and his crew was lost. At base on Tinian Dad and the other pilots had talked to Chambers as he reported mechanical failure. Dad listened as Chambers prepared to crash into the heavy seas, and Dad and his fellow pilots on Tinian all wished him and his crew luck. Dad said that Chambers probably knew that he was about to die as a third of his squadron did in WW II.

I won't tell you my last name, but Chambers was next to my Dad alphabetically. They had gone to flight training with each other so they had been together over three years. They were friends and had a close relationship so my father was really hopeful. If I recall, Chambers was married and had a child.

Anyway, Dad was several hours into his search. It was almost black but he saw something on the surface. He flew in low, hoping it was Chambers. No! It looked like a Japanese submarine on the surface. He was not completely sure. Then the radar was adjusted and it got a hit. It was a sub.

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# Getting to know you

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**Where do you call home?**  
Fayetteville, Tenn.

**What do you like about your job?**  
The people – working with people.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Play with my grandchild (2-year-old



Ansleigh) and my two little dogs and just family. I have a daughter (Clarissa) and son (Jeff); and I like to spend time with all of them.

**What are your goals?**  
I love to travel. So I just plan to continue working for a while and do some traveling.

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

I want to go back to Ireland. I've been once and that's where my family is from. And it just felt so much like home that I want to go back and spend more time there.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Sept. 3-9:

**Sept. 4:** Someone forcefully entered a gym locker and removed a wallet. The victim reported a loss of \$80.

**Sept. 5:** A victim reported that his wedding ring, valued at \$4,000, was removed from an exercise area shower.

**Sept. 5:** A subject in the Post Exchange was observed by store security concealing two items of body jewelry and exiting the store. He was processed by police and released to his unit.

**Sept. 6:** A Soldier was arrested by St. Clair sheriff deputies for desertion. The Soldier was released to Redstone Arsenal Police and processed to Fort Knox, Ky.

**Sept. 6:** A subject was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several makeup items and exiting the store without paying. She was processed by police and

released to her sponsor.

**Sept. 6:** Another subject in the Post Exchange was observed concealing two makeup items and exiting the store. She was processed by police and issued a violation notice.

**Sept. 8:** A Soldier was arrested for desertion by the Albertville Police Department. The Soldier was detained in the Albertville Jail pending release to Redstone Arsenal Police who would process the Soldier to Fort Knox.

**Sept. 9:** A Soldier surrendered to Huntsville Police as a deserter. He was released to Redstone Police and was pending processing to Fort Knox.

**Traffic accidents reported:** four without injury, none with injury.

**Violation notices issued:** 20 speeding, 1 no driver's license, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 inattentive driving, 1 failure to maintain control.



# Oktoberfest weekend arrives with ‘Oompah!’

*Annual family festival brings taste of Germany*

By **KARI HAWKINS**

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The Chicken Dance is once again coming to Redstone Arsenal!

By far one of the favorite traditions of the Arsenal’s annual Oktoberfest, the Chicken Dance will be performed often this weekend by Terry Cavanaugh and the Alpine Express as revelers of all ages take to the dance floor in the event’s FestHall Tent.

If you like authentic “Oompah!” music, and German food and beer, then Oktoberfest should be at the top of your list of things to do this weekend.

But partaking of German fare and customs isn’t the only thing going on at the festival. Oktoberfest is also a must-do for anyone who enjoys midway rides and games, carnival food, and circus entertainment.

“It’s Oktoberfest with an Alabama flair,” said Mark Germonprez, of the Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, who is a co-event coordinator of the festival with FMWR’s Kenneth McDonald.

“Oktoberfest always offers a tremendous value and great family fun. We offer a much more secure environment, unlimited rides, great entertainment, and this festival costs half the price of the county fair we had here a few weeks ago. We also offer more than any other fair with our Oompah band, great German food and authentic German beers.”

Festival hours are 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, noon to 1 a.m. Saturday, and 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are \$10 on Thursday and Sunday, and \$13 on Friday and Saturday. In addition, Thursday night is Active Duty Night when active duty military and up to five family members will be admitted to the



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**GOOD TIMES—** Jordan Collins and his sister, Kanani, wait for the Spider to take off during the 2008 Oktoberfest. The annual event offers four days of “Oompah!” music, German food and beer, midway rides and games, circus entertainment and lots of other things to see and do.

festival for only \$8 per person.

“The cost of the festival gets you free carnival rides, free parking and free entertainment,” Germonprez said.

“We will have more than 10,000 people here over the four days of the festival. Friday night always gets busy after the high school football games are over. Saturday night is the most popular time for the festival and Sunday afternoon is a huge family day. Thursday night is a great time to come if you want shorter lines and shorter wait times.”

Oktoberfest is open to the general public, who must enter at Gate 10 on Patton Road. Drivers must show a driver’s

# 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](mailto:cynthia.anderson1@us.army.mil).

Here is the schedule:

**Friday, Oct. 2, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club, unless otherwise indicated:**

7 a.m. to noon – Information fair, including booths by Fox Army Health Center, Huntsville Hospital, Crestwood Hospital, Tricare, and Tricare Dental. Seasonal flu shots and other testing will be available.

8-11 a.m. and again 1-3 p.m. – Combat related special compensation with speaker Col. John Sackett, Army Reserve. ... Defense Finance and Accounting Service with speaker retired Sgt. Maj. John Benedict. ... Human Resources Command, St. Louis, with speaker Sheila Dorsey.

7-9:45 a.m. – Pay-as-you-go breakfast buffet, \$6.

10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon – MWR activities bus tours start at the Officers and Civilians Club.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Barbecue and catfish buffet for \$8.

4 p.m. until – At Firehouse Pub, cook your own burger or hot dog for \$1.

5-8 p.m. – German buffet for \$14.95 in

the club's main dining room; call 830-2582 for reservations.

**Saturday, Oct. 3 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium, building 5304:**

6:30-7:45 a.m. — Social and registration. ... Continental breakfast provided by Morale Welfare and Recreation, Costco, USAA, and the Commissary and its vendors.

8 a.m. — Opening ceremonies, welcome and proclamation.

8:35-9:15 a.m. – Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley, co-chairman, Army Chief of Staff Retiree Council.

9:15-9:25 a.m. — Interactive Customer Evaluation with speaker Steve McFadden.

9:25 a.m. – Fox Army Health Center with speaker Col. Mark Smith.

10-10:20 a.m. — Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Cleveland Center, with speaker retired Sgt. Maj. John Benedict.

10:20-10:40 a.m. — Redstone Arsenal Legal Assistance Office with speaker Col. Craig A. Meredith.

10:40-11:05 a.m. — Combat related special compensation with speaker Col. John Sackett, Army Reserve.

11:05-11:30 a.m. — State of the Redstone Arsenal, BRAC Update with speaker Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. — Redstone Arsenal Services Panel with moderator retired Col. Bob Devlin.

12:15-1:15 p.m. – Lunch at the Sparkman Cafeteria, building 5302; and time to enjoy exhibits.

1:15-2 p.m. — Department of Veteran Affairs briefing and question-and-answer panel from Birmingham (health services) Department of Veteran Affairs and Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs.

2-2:30 p.m. – Giveaways from MWR, PX, Commissary, AUSA, etc., will include a flat screen television and other electronics, commissary gift bags, gift certificates, a \$100 gift certificate from Drake Avenue Walmart Store, along with a special prize from ITR. *(Garrison release)*

# 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:

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

## Recreation Center moves

The Recreation Center, ITR and Leisure Travel are moving from building 3711 to building 3400, located on the corner of Gray and Ajax roads. All contact numbers and hours of operation will remain the same. All services in building 3711 are closed the week of Sept. 14-21, and normal business operations will resume at building 3400 on Tuesday, Sept 22.

## 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

# Traditional German festival features Alabama flair

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license, and proof of registration and insurance. Military and Department of Defense and NASA civilians and contractors can enter the Arsenal from other gates to avoid gate congestion on Patton Road.

The festival's German traditions will kick off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Festhall Tent with the keg tapping. Terry Cavanaugh and the Alpine Express will follow up the keg tapping with a night of music ending at 11 p.m. They will perform again on Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday from 2-6 p.m.

"Terry Cavanaugh and the Alpine Express is something that the crowd absolutely loves," Germonprez said.

Also in the Festhall Tent, the Officers and Civilians Club will serve up a wide variety of German beers not normally found in this area. There will also be lots of great German food, including sauerkraut, Wiener schnitzel and bratwurst. For those who want to veer off from German food, Papa John's, the festival's title sponsor, will be selling pizza in the Festhall Tent.

The other headliner for Oktoberfest is the carnival rides. This year, the festival will offer more adult rides.

"This is our third year working with Modern Midways (who brings in the carnival rides). They are getting better at finding the right mix of rides for our crowds," Germonprez said. "We are always working to try to get the best rides to match the demographics of our customers."

There will also be a circus featuring a trapeze act that will perform several times each night.

And there will be lots of midway games.

Additions to the festival in recent years will make repeat performances, including The Home Depot tent where children make bird houses and stepping stools out of wood, the arts and crafts vendor area, and the Sports Tent.

"If there is a game on we will have lots of TVs there so everyone can watch their favorite team play," Germonprez said. "We will have five HD TVs set up on all the college and NFL football games. We will also be selling barbecue



in the Sports Tent this year."

Also returning will be the opportunity to purchase an Oktoberfest festival mug imprinted with personal pictures actually taken at the festival by FMWR's Arts and Crafts Center, and the deep fried Twinkies and Snickers sold by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. Available this year for the first time will be Oktoberfest T-shirts, sold for \$10 each.

There will also be an RV display by Madison RV Center, a bicycling display by Cycle Nation and a General Motors display featuring the new 2010 Camaro. The Camaro will be on display for Redstone Arsenal fans only today at the Rec Center basketball court. It will move inside the festival on Thursday.

Oktoberfest is brought to Redstone Arsenal every year as a major fund-raiser for FMWR.

"This is a weekend filled with lots of fun for families and friends," Germonprez said. "It is also a main way for us to raise funds that go back into programs here at Redstone Arsenal to support our Soldiers and the civilians and contractors who support our Soldiers.

"Every nickel we raise stays at Redstone Arsenal. We spend that money on

capital improvements. The money pays for things like new gym equipment, upgrades to facilities, and a new lawn mower for our golf course."

Festival sponsors include Papa John's, Cycle Nation, Fox 54, WZYP, Knology, Miller Lite, The Huntsville Times, Redstone Federal Credit Union, Verizon, Coca Cola and The Home Depot. Sponsors will have booths at the festival.

Assisting with Oktoberfest are the Sergeants Major Association, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion and the 59th Ordnance Brigade, the Marine Detachment and the Butler High School JROTC. Arsenal police and fire personnel as well as HEMSI will be on hand as will officials from the Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Logistics and Chugach.

"A lot of agencies help us put this event together every year. They are integral to making Oktoberfest a success," Germonprez said.

Oktoberfest will go on, rain or shine.

"Last year, it rained on Sunday and our crowds were pretty low. But we stayed open and the people who were here had a great time," Germonprez said. "If there is lightning or bad storms in the area, we do have places where people can go for safety. But if it's just raining, we will still be open and whoever is here will have a great time."

# Casualties

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He immediately dropped dye bombs and armed the Fido. He came back around and got intermittent hits with the radar but not enough to fire the Fido with a good chance of a kill. He radioed in the position and lingered for a time until a destroyer picked up the hunt, then flew on. There was no sign of Chumbers.

Four days later the report came in on Tinian that the Indianapolis was missing in what was my Dad's search area. Four-

teen-hundred men were missing. Three hundred went down with the ship and 800 more drowned or were eaten by sharks. Three hundred were finally saved.

My father is 88 and in poor health. It is only within the last 10 years that he has discussed this with me. He has always wondered had he been quicker on the draw and not looking for Chumbers could he have sunk or damaged the sub and prevented the huge American casualties. Keep this in mind when you read of collateral casualties in war.

**Name withheld by request**

# Flying history grounded at McKinley firing range



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**REDISCOVERED MEMORIES**— Retired Master Sgt. David Brown, left, and retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mike Kather stand in front of an OV-Mohawk observation and electronic reconnaissance airplane that is part of an OMEMS training area at McKinley Range. Brown was a Mohawk technical observer who did four tours in Korea, and Kather is a Mohawk pilot who flew the aircraft during the 1980s and '90s.

## *Mohawk aircraft resurfaces as group celebrates reunion*

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There's a lot of flying history on McKinley Range.

Amid the helicopters and an A-10 Thunderbolt airplane set up on the range for force training is an OV-1 Mohawk, a photo observation and electronic reconnaissance airplane used by the Army in Europe, Korea, the Vietnam War, Central and South America, Alaska, and Operation Desert Storm.

It is a military aircraft that is at the center of the 20th reunion of the OV-Mohawk Association Sept. 23-27 in Nashville.

Yet, the actual physical presence of a Mohawk on Redstone Arsenal was an interesting discovery for a former Mohawk pilot and technical observer who recently visited McKinley Range to see the military aircraft for themselves.

"Ten years ago, a friend (now deceased Mohawk pilot Mike Langer) told me a Mohawk had come to Redstone Arsenal at some time," said David Brown, a retired master sergeant and Mohawk technical observer.

"The Veterans Memorial Museum showed me pictures of the airplane out at Redstone Arsenal. So, I knew it was on the Arsenal. I just didn't know where it was."

With the reunion coming up, Brown got more curious. He searched Yahoo maps and found a satellite view of the Mohawk.

Coincidentally, he had recently met a former Mohawk pilot – Mike Kather – at a local Tennessee Valley Honor Flight event. Kather, who works for the Fixed Wing Product Office, was able to tell Brown where the Mohawk was located.

Brown also discovered that the Mohawk is the property of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. Brown received special permission from OMEMS to visit the Arsenal's Mohawk site, and, on Sept. 1, he, Kather and a group of Kather's co-workers met at McKinley Range to be escorted to the Mohawk.

Kather first discovered the Mohawk on an aerial map of Redstone Arsenal at Google Earth.

"You can't miss it. It has three tails and a funny looking bulbous nose," he said.

What they saw on the ground brought back memories, and showed the reality of decay and damage that is often the fate of aging and obsolete military hardware. The Mohawk's paint was faded, it was missing much of its instrumentation and its ejection seats, there was damage to the tail and it was in a general state of disrepair.

"There are so many guys that flew these," Kather said, reminiscing with his co-workers. "There are tons of guys and I'm one of the last ones. Some of those guys go back to the '60s."

The Mohawk's condition didn't mar Brown's memories of his four tours in Korea as a Mohawk technical observer. He recalled when he first fell in love with the idea of flying in a Mohawk.

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# Gates encourages civilian leaders to gain appreciation for troops

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WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates welcomed a group of 50 civilian community leaders, scholars and professionals to the Pentagon on Sept. 11 as they began a seven-day tour of America's armed forces in Central and South America.

The Joint Civilian Orientation Conference participants are scheduled to tour military sites in the U.S. Southern Command's sector of the world. The

group will spend time in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Columbia, Panama and Miami, Fla., where they'll meet with U.S. servicemembers and learn firsthand about military capabilities, equipment and training.

"Our goal is to give all of you, who are influential members of your communities, an up-close look and personal experience with our military, our mission, our methods and our people," Gates said.

Gates encouraged the group to focus their attention on the individual servicemembers to learn their person-

al accounts of dedication, heroism and selfless service. He declared today's all-volunteer military the best the country has to offer. Every man and woman in the military today enlisted and re-enlisted voluntarily, knowing that it was very likely they'd deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan, he said.

"I hope you have the opportunity to talk to as many of these kids as you possibly can and discover just how extraordinary they are," he said. "I believe they are the best the country has to offer, and their mission is vital to our national security."

## ■ Mohawk aircraft association celebrates 20th reunion

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"I was stationed in Europe. I saw one flying around and decided I wanted to be up there rather than down here," he said.

In 1980, Brown transferred from the cavalry military occupational specialty to aerial intelligence specialist, and joined the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion in Korea, where he was a Mohawk observer.

"I spent a lot of time surveying the border between North and South Korea. It was a great job because it was just you and a pilot flying and looking for targets," Brown said.

"We were looking for a lot of movement that showed something was going on or that North Koreans were up to something."

The Mohawk used the Side-long Airborne Radar in its search for targets. The SLAR could look through foliage and map terrain, presenting the observer with a film image in just minutes after an area was scanned. The image was then split in two parts, one showing fixed terrain features and the other spotting targets. The information was then sent back to two ground stations through a datalink.

"This was real-time intelligence," Kather said. "The Army didn't want to wait until the plane gets back to process the film."

Other units flying the Mohawk were located at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and the 15th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; the 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, Savannah, Ga.; the 1st Military Intelligence Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany; and the 2nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Stuttgart, Germany.

"When the Mohawk was retired in 1996 the last two units were in Korea and Savannah," Brown said.

Kather, a retired chief warrant officer 5, has 12,000 total flying hours in the Army's jets, helicop-

ters, RD12s, Mohawks and utility aircraft. He appreciated the opportunity to see the only Mohawk on Redstone Arsenal.

"In my job, we manage all the Army's current fleet. So this is a chance to see a part of history," he said, adding "when everything you've flown is in a museum, you know you're getting old."

Kather flew the Mohawk with the 2nd MI Battalion in the 1980s, the 3rd MI Battalion in the 1990s and the 224th MI Battalion from 1994-97. He explained to his co-workers the difficulties pilots had with the first Mohawk variant.

"The A model was called the widow maker," he said. "Engine failures were prevalent. When you took off at minimum speed, it had a tendency to flip right side over. They extended the wing 1½ feet on later models to increase the take off roll spring. The Mohawk had a huge engine and huge torque. As soon as it started to lose power, it required more and more airflow to lift it."

Even with the reputation of the earlier variant, Kather enjoyed the thrill of flying the Mohawk. It was designed to operate from short, unimproved runways, and to provide lots of maneuverability once in flight.

"It was a lot of fun because it would stall, fall and do loops. It was fully aerobatic. We had some nice tricks. It would do everything but aerial combat," he said. "For a short time, the Army did have rockets on them (along with heavy machine guns). The Mohawk is the only Army airplane to shoot down a MiG (North Vietnamese fighter jet). But weapons were taken off because the Army is prohibited from equipping fixed wing aircraft with weapons."

Brown and Kather remembered the challenge of working missions in the Mohawk.

"We would get graded on the film that came out of these things. The quality of the film depended on how steady the plane was and how accurate the SLAR was," Kather said. "It was important to the crew to get 100/100



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**CLAIMING THE MOHAWK—** David Brown attaches a OV-Mohawk Association sticker to the dash of the badly damaged Mohawk at McKinley Range. The association will hold its 20th anniversary in Nashville later this month.

– a 100 for the flight and a 100 for the coverage."

Taking film at 15,000 feet often left the technical observer in the dark as to what was actually going on down on the ground.

"We knew there was movement, but we couldn't tell what it was," Kather said. "But the ground stations could tell what it was from the film. At night, we used a flare and a strobe light to take film. But we didn't like doing that very much because it woke everybody up and made you a target."

As Brown examined the

Mohawk's cockpit, Kather talked about how pilots improvised with a coke bottle when ash trays were removed from Mohawks in the 1980s. Sure enough, as he was talking, Brown found a crumpled up Marlboro box and a Coke can in the Mohawk's cockpit. The discovery drew a laugh from the group. Brown then stuck a Mohawk sticker on the cockpit's dash.

Today, Mohawks can still fly, but they are no longer used by the Army. They can be found in military museums and with private owners.

Brown said there are 714 active members and 514 inactive members of the Mohawk Association. About 250 are expected at the late September reunion.

While Brown is very much part of the reunion activities, Kather indicated that he was not planning on participating in the reunion. But, as he left the McKinley Firing Range, he had a change of heart and started thinking how he could fit the reunion in on a weekend when he already had other travel plans.

"Maybe I could stop in on Friday," he said.

To your  
health

# 'We've found ways to channel our grief'

General officer speaks out  
on loss of son to suicide

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He asked for understanding and patience.

He apologized for his tissue and prepared speech, both tools he uses to help hold back his own tears.

And he touched the hearts of the 650-plus employees who heard his message of sorrow, loss, bewilderment, faith, hope and love.

Maj. Gen. Mark Graham, deputy chief of staff of the G-3/5/7 at Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga., told his heartbreaking story of the death of his two sons – one from suicide, the other from an improvised explosive device in Iraq – to a packed Bob Jones Auditorium and to other Redstone Arsenal employees via closed circuit television Thursday. The event was hosted by the Garrison's Employee Assistance Program in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Week and National Suicide Prevention Month.

"I can hardly get through this and I've done this many times," he said of his speech.

"Two of my sons are dead and it is hard for me ... My sons died fighting different battles. The loss of both sons was beyond comprehension."

After a moment of silence for the nation's fallen heroes – including those Soldiers who have died in combat or been wounded, and those who have died of suicide or are dealing with depression, post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury – Graham focused his comments on the suffering he and his wife Caroline have endured as they work together to come to grasp with the loss of a son to suicide.

"Fear and ignorance create a stigma," he said. "Suicide. Just the word 'suicide' makes many of you in this room uneasy and cringe. Many of you don't want to hear about it or talk about it. Just the word 'suicide' makes you pause, and brings up a multitude of emotions and judgments ... My son had an illness. Suicide is an illness that if left untreated potentially is as deadly as cancer or heart disease."

Graham's son Kevin was a top ROTC cadet at the University of Kentucky in 2003 who had been taking the drug Prozac to control his depression. He stopped taking Prozac



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**SHARING HIS SORROW—** Maj. Gen. Mark Graham, deputy chief of staff of the G-3/5/7 at Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga., speaks about the loss of a son, a top ROTC cadet, to suicide during his presentation at a packed Bob Jones Auditorium on Sept. 10. The event was part of Redstone Arsenal's observance of National Suicide Prevention Week/Month. Graham's story was even more heartbreaking because the general lost a second son to the war in Iraq.

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in part because he didn't want Army officials to know he was taking medication when he signed in for ROTC advance camp in the summer of 2003. On June 21, 2003, he committed suicide.

Kevin's death was a jolt to his parents, and his sister and brother, Jeff. That jolt became even more electrifying on Feb. 19, 2004, when Jeff, a second lieutenant working to protect his platoon, was killed in a roadside bomb explosion in Kalidiyah, Iraq.

"Our journey tested our faith, rattled our moral courage and left us feeling truly empty at times ... With one phone call our world as we knew it was gone. We would never be the same," Graham said. "After six years, I still wake up sometimes thinking maybe this is a bad dream, maybe it is happening to somebody else. Our children were our whole world."

Graham said he and his wife had talked to their children about "alcohol, drugs, sex, even strangers" and told them "prayer, the proper diet, exercise and a good night's sleep" would help them through anything. But they had not talked to them about suicide and suicide prevention.

After both deaths, the Graham family was blessed with an outpouring of support from family and friends.

"That gave us courage to keep on living. Our hearts were so completely broken and our story so unbelievable ... We've found ways to channel our grief. We live

one day at a time," he said.

In sharing their grief, Graham and his family have learned that others have similar sorrows.

"I was astounded at the horrible things people are carrying on their hearts ... No one is isolated from hardship. No one. Everyone is going through something."

After his second son's death, Graham was not sure he could continue to serve his country. He attended family reunion events for deployed Soldiers, wishing his son would walk through the door with the other Soldiers. He questioned why it seemed the prayers of others were seemingly answered and his weren't.

But a daily devotional from "Streams in the Desert" read aloud by his wife one morning soon after their second son's death "seemed like a sign that there was still a mission for us and that mission was to support Soldiers."

Other Soldiers were dying – in Afghanistan and Iraq, in car accidents, by suicide – and Graham and his wife dedicated their lives to helping others through their loss and, especially, helping to prevent the death of more Soldiers to suicide. They began to work in support of suicide prevention campaigns both within the Army and on college campuses, and both have committed their free time to speaking to groups about their experience.

"We personally knew the pain these families were feeling," he said. "We could comfort the broken hearts, and by doing that others seemed to help us more than we helped them. Finally, we were able to smile a little and laugh a little. We realized our sons had more joy in their lives than

others experience in a lifetime.

"And we realized our sons were not really gone. They are so much a part of us. We carried them wherever we went."

Graham was attending a conference at Fort Benning, Ga., on Sept. 22, 2004, Jeffrey's birthday, when he visited the barracks where Kevin stayed when he attended airborne school. During the visit, he was surprised by his two-star boss from Fort Sill, Okla., who arrived to congratulate him on making the list for brigadier general. Graham felt the closeness of his two Soldier sons in that moment.

"I knew I was where I was supposed to be and there was still a mission for me in the Army," said Graham, who now, as a major general, wears the name of Jeffrey under one of his general's stars and the name of Kevin under the other. He also wears a bracelet bearing the names of his two sons.

Graham and his wife see signs of hope – "butterflies, lady bugs and rainbows appear at incredible times" and "beautiful coincidences come from the hand of God" – and find ways to connect to others because "we value each relationship and take nothing for granted." Their daughter has graduated from nursing school and has found new happiness in her life.

"Life can continue to move forward and with great triumphs and give us hope," Graham said.

Though there will always be a "hole in my heart," Graham said "my boys will never be a weakness in my life. They will be my strength. Everything we do is in the memory of our sons."

Graham and his wife use Kevin's suicide to raise awareness of the dangers of not treating depression, post traumatic

stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and other mental illnesses.

"We speak for Soldiers who don't have a voice. We've got to encourage people to seek the assistance they need without fear of embarrassment or stigma ... We must care for our Soldiers and rid our Army of this stigma. We must encourage those in need ... One death from suicide is too many," he said.

Besides the stigma of getting treatment, suicide is also difficult to prevent because signs of a possible suicide can be hard to detect.

Graham still often asks himself "how could I have missed this?" and recalls signs that, at the time, were not obvious, but that are now glaring.

"I'm living with this every day. Don't let this happen to you," he said.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young adults and college students, ages 18 to 25.

Those needing information about suicide prevention or who are seeking counseling, can turn to several sources of support. The Army's ACE (Ask, Care, Escort) program/Military OneSource can be reached at 1-800-342-9647 and the VA Readjustment Counseling Service at 1-800-271-1000. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is 1-800-273-8255.

In the community, Crises Services of North Alabama can be reached at 716-1000 and the Huntsville/Madison County Mental Health Services at 533-1970. On post, assistance for suicide prevention can be obtained through the Employee Assistance Program (842-0895 or 842-9897), Fox Army Health Center Behavioral Medicine (955-8888, ext. 1930) and Chaplain Services (842-2174).

# Today's Soldiers honor yesterday's heroes



Courtesy photo

**RECEPTION LINE—** Soldiers and civilians line the halls to welcome World War II veterans to the Huntsville International Airport for the Honor Flight on Aug. 29.

## *World War II veterans travel on Honor Flight*

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When you drive the streets of Huntsville at 4 a.m., you're not going to see much. You'll pass closed buildings, dark streets, and you won't find many citizens wondering around. But as you pull into the Huntsville International Airport, you'll find Soldiers standing with members of the Patriot Guard, holding giant American flags, waiting for some special guest to arrive.

Who's the special guest, you might ask? Is it a general? How about a music singer coming to play a concert for the Soldiers?

None of the above.

These Soldiers and civilians of Huntsville, Madison and Redstone Arsenal are waiting for members of the greatest generation – World War II veterans coming to the airport to participate in an Honor Flight, a trip to see the WW II memorial in Washington, D.C.

This edition of the Honor Flight took place Aug. 29.

"The Honor Flight is an organization where (they) solicit donations from various corporations and private and public donations, all to fly these World War II veterans and volunteers to Washington,

D.C., so these vets can see their memorial and remember those who died serving our country," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Fuchs, senior small group leader for the Basic NCO Course, 59th Ordnance Brigade.

"This memorial is long overdue and some of the veterans are getting up there in age," he said. "For these vets, it can be really hard for them to travel so the Honor Flight is (extremely) helpful to them. It's also good for these war heroes to see what was made in their and their fallen (brethrens') honor."

When Fuchs and his Soldiers arrived at the Huntsville International Airport, they got into position and awaited their guests.

"The members of the (ANCOC and BNCOC) classes were in the garage of the airport, lining the second floor of the garage to greet the World War II veterans and their families as they approached the entrance," Fuchs said. "We wanted to let the veterans and their families know we're here for them, that we're proud of them and that we, as Soldiers, still care about them."

Sgt. Anthony Jones, a member of the 24th Military Intelligence Battalion in Germany, and Sgt. Jajuan Broadnax, of Fort Bragg, N.C., were two of the many Soldiers and civilians in attendance.

"This was a great chance for us, as a group, to honor these (veterans)," Jones said. "These were the guys who came

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before us; without them, we wouldn't be here today. Some of these (vets) have Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars, so it was good for me to see real combat veterans who went before me."

"For me, this was a very humbling experience because they are military celebrities," Broadnax said. "They've been there, they've done that. They've got the decorations (awards) to prove it."

Broadnax also said the experience hit close to her heart.

"While the veterans were talking to us, I got a little emotional," she said. "These are the ones who laid the groundwork for us. They defended our country so we could live freely."

"This was an emotional experience. You really can't put it into proper words."

Both Fuchs and Jones said they hope the others in attendance get a better appreciation for service and freedom.

"After seeing these vets, I hope our Soldiers get a better appreciation for what they do and a better appreciation for those who fought before them," Fuchs said. "I hope they feel selfless service. I hope this event made them proud and they'll go back to their units and share this experience with their Soldiers."

"I'm going to talk to my Soldiers about the aspect of remembering those heroes who came before us," Jones said. "The Army's been around for 230-plus years, and there's some remarkable stories out there. We are what we are today because of these heroes and I'm going to instill into my Soldiers a sense of pride in our veterans. I'm going to remind them that we fight in the same Army as these heroes did."

"It's important to remember heritage," Broadnax said. "You can't grow as a Soldier, as a unit or as an Army without remembering heritage. We need to remember why we stand up and protect what we believe in, and one way we can do this is by honoring our veterans."



**GREETING**— Sgt. Jajuan Broadnax meets a World War II veteran at the Huntsville International Airport for the Honor Flight on Aug. 29.

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# Logistics directorate making internal changes

*Part of Armywide shift of functions*

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The Garrison's Directorate of Logistics is undergoing a few changes. Although a few will see familiar faces in new surroundings, most of the changes will be unnoticeable to most of Redstone.

"It should be seamless to the customer," Mark Dille, director of logistics, said.

On Oct. 1, the DOL will begin a two-year Initial Operating Capability that will ultimately divide the branch into two separate entities. One will be the Directorate of Support Services, under Installation Management Command. The other will be the Directorate of Materiel under Army Sustainment Command, a part of Army Materiel Command.

"It's a realignment of support functions across the Army installations," Dille said. "The Army is going to an enterprise system. Materiel is the domain of AMC. Services and infrastructure belong to IMCOM."

Each directorate will have its own head. While Dille currently serves as director for the whole, within the two-year time frame he will make the shift to one,



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**ON THE MOVE— Portions of the Directorate of Logistics are moving into building 3215.**

while someone else will be named head of the other. The shift will not be completed until the end of the two years.

"In fiscal year 2012, it will be fully operational," Dille said. "IMCOM will still be in control for that time, with ASC

giving input and observing."

Currently, the people working in DOL serve in several capacities within their respective offices. Dille said the plan is for them to shift to either one side of the fence or the other. Who will be under which

directorate will be determined during this phase.

"We have two years to sort it all out," Dille said. "We'll work out how we're dividing people between the two, based on the need we see. There may also be some additional positions we identify along the way."

Before the shift was announced at the beginning of this year, plans were already in the works to relocate some of the directorate's personnel. The supply, maintenance, transportation, personal property and passport offices were slated to move to building 3215. The move was planned to make those services more convenient for their customers.

"It's all centered around the ID card section and its location," Dille said. "It just makes sense to have ID, passports and all that sort of thing together."

Those plans are still on track. In fact, the move is already under way and those offices are already seeing customers at their new location.

"We're publishing the moves in the *Rocket*," Dille said. "But we're still getting a few customers who haven't heard, so we're sending them down there."

In fact, Dille said most of the changes are strictly internal and should not affect Team Redstone.

"It will be the same service, provided by the same people," he said. "It will just be controlled by two different supervisors."

# Post Office officially arrives in new home

Renovation effort team included AMC, MDA

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The new location for the Post Office has gotten its official sendoff.

Newly-renovated building 3710 is now the home of the U.S. Post Office and the Official Mail and Distribution Center. The renovation effort was a jointly funded project between the Garrison, the Army Materiel Command and the Missile Defense Agency.

“We’re very proud a team approach, a vision, could put this all together,” Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli said at the Sept. 9 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Workers from headquarters Army Materiel Command and the Missile Defense Agency are arriving at Redstone from the Washington, D.C. area through base realignment and closure.

“We continue to roll up our sleeves and work as a community partner,” said Harvey Player, MDA’s assistant deputy for agency operations, South.

“We cannot wait to get the rest of our folks down here,” said Lane Collie, principal deputy G 3/5 for Army Materiel Command-Forward.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**DEDICATION—** Cutting the ribbon for the Post Office at newly-renovated building 3710 are, from left, Redstone’s NCO of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Patterson, Missile Defense Agency’s Harvey Player, CCI project manager Cindy Hill, Army Materiel Command’s Lane Collie and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

The facility will support operations for scanning mail for hazardous materials. This joint effort saved thousands of dollars, because separate mail scanning operations did not have to be built as part of the ongoing BRAC construction projects

for Army Materiel Command and Missile Defense Agency.

This renovation included a total area of about 12,400 square feet. The U.S. Post Office will include 4,750 square feet while the Garrison Central Mail and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CENTRAL LOCATION—** Building 3710, off Patton and Aerobee roads behind the Redstone Fitness Center, serves as the new Redstone Arsenal branch for the U.S. Post Office and the Central Mail Reception facility.

Scanning Operation will operate in about 7,650 square feet. The loading dock and mail delivery corridor will be a common use area for both staffs.

# Reserve officer finds his field of dreams

*Dewberry grateful for Army career*

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There's a yellow post-it note above Capt. Rob Dewberry's door that reads "What if? ..."

It's been there since he first took over as the commander of the Garrison's Headquarters & Headquarters Company in 2004, becoming the first Reserve officer in the Army to command an active duty unit on an active duty post.

Now, as Dewberry retires his position, the post-it note will come down and the new commander – Capt. Ryan Godbee – will set his own agenda and objectives for his command.

But for Dewberry, that "What if? ..." post-it was a constant reminder to question all aspects of a situation, to look "outside the box" for solutions, and to find new and more effective

ways to support Soldiers.

"That's my own personal motto," Dewberry said. "It's about doing better, trying something new, and finding ways to help people. Being able to help people is an incredible feeling."

For nearly six years, Dewberry has led a team of six who have been the "helpers" for 679 Soldiers on Redstone Arsenal. In their role, the team – now consisting of 1st Sgt. Albert Rucker, Sgt. 1st Class James Nicholson, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker, Spc. Stacy Baker, retired Sgt. 1st Class James Tyler and former Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Gibson – has managed the administrative duties for those Soldiers as well as providing a community liaison and assisting with Garrison initiatives. HHC serves as the "face of Redstone to the community."

Dewberry, who grew up in Cherokee, Ala., had just completed his second tour in the Middle East and had returned to Huntsville when he was recruited for the HHC command.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

**FIRST IN LINE**— Capt. Rob Dewberry leaves his post as commander of the Garrison's Headquarters & Headquarters Company after six years of service. He was the first Reserve officer in the Army to command an active duty unit on an active duty post. Since 1985, Dewberry's military career has been filled with plenty of accomplishments. He will continue as a reservist and seek a full-time civilian job with the Garrison.

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“I had some aspirations of owning my own business, being a published author and being an entrepreneur,” he said. “I was looking at what was more important to me – going forward with my own ideas or this opportunity at headquarters. I realized I really like Soldiers and helping Soldiers. It’s a blessing to me to help people in general.

“I knew this would be a good place for me to be because helping Soldiers gives me a good feeling of doing something positive.”

Though he has enjoyed his years as a regular Army Soldier and a reservist, Dewberry actually started his military career in 1985 with the Navy.

“I wanted to be a Navy SEAL, but I couldn’t swim well enough,” he recalled. “Up until then, I’d overcome so many challenges in my life. But being a Navy SEAL wasn’t what I was meant to do. I realized I really liked the military stuff. It was a great field of dreams for me.

“So, in 1988 I came to the Army. Coming to the Army was like so many things started working for me. The Army offered me a lot of growth, a lot of achievement and a lot of personal satisfaction. I fell in love with it.”

Dewberry attended the University of North Alabama as a ROTC cadet and spent three years in the active Army, serving as the squadron chemical officer for the 5th Squadron, 9th Cavalry (Buffalo Soldiers) in Hawaii.

He then served as a reservist individual mobilization augmentee, assigned to Redstone Arsenal with the Smart Weapons Management Office. He then served with the Corps of Engineers in disaster relief and transportation, working as a transportation liaison officer between the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, D.C., and working in Europe

and Saudi Arabia with the Military Traffic Management Command. From 1998-2000, he worked humanitarian missions for the Corps of Engineers in the Latin America basin.

“We worked on things like roads, schools and churches in places like Puerto Rico, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama and Costa Rica,” Dewberry said. “I helped with transporting equipment to fill humanitarian and disaster relief efforts.”

The work was not for the faint of heart.

“At times, it was terrifying. I’ve never seen a mud slide. But I have seen the effects of one when 10, 12, 20 feet of top soil moves and destroys everything in its path – trees, houses – and even moves a river. It’s very eye opening,” Dewberry said.

“There were some terrifying moments. But it was very rewarding to be able to bring aid to people who were so impoverished. It’s an incredible feeling.”

In 2000, Dewberry returned to Redstone Arsenal, working with Logistics Support Activity, and then moving to Rock Island, Ill., where he was the first reservist to be an aide to an active duty general. He then returned to Redstone to serve with the Field Support Command South.

“Then, 9/11 happened and I was working logistics and planning,” he said. “I went to Camp Doha, Kuwait, and helped establish camps for Soldiers and civilians. I helped open Arifjan in Kuwait as a member of the Combat Equipment Battalion, and then I worked with the transportation office. It was all about moving Soldiers and equipment to open camps in Kuwait and Iraq. I worked with the Army Materiel Command, which was responsible for all the logistics for the war.”

The work was non-stop seven days a week. It was challenging, exciting and dangerous. Dewberry earned a combat action badge during an attack that occurred while

he was leading a mixed supply convoy from Arifjan to Doha.

“Setting up those camps was an incredible undertaking and AMC does really well at it. It’s the best in the business at what it does,” Dewberry said.

Dewberry brought his skills in logistics to his position at HHC commander. His job was made easier by the HHC team.

“These are really good people. Nobody works for me. They work with me,” he said. “I’ve worked under three great installation commanders. I’ve been able to help Soldiers and civilian employees. Who ever thought a simple country boy from Cherokee would get to do this?”

Although he is leaving the Arsenal’s command, Dewberry will remain in the Reserves. He also hopes to assume a civilian job with the Garrison.

“This change comes at a good time for me. I have a daughter in the ninth-grade, and I want to be here and watch her grow up,” he said.

He has fully enjoyed his time as a full-time reservist working for the Army.

“Service to community, state and country is a privilege. It’s an honor,” he said. “When you can dedicate yourself to something bigger than you, it’s a growth experience. I tell young people to give it a shot. They may find that it’s the best thing that can happen to them. It affords you so much growth. You can see the world. Even if you only spend two years in the Army, you can talk about it for the rest of your life because you’ve had an impact. The Army is a great place to start.”

It’s also a great place to end a career.

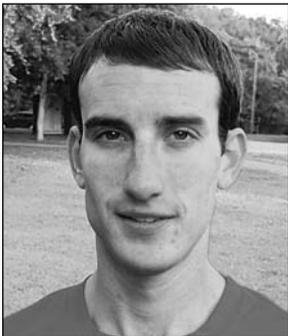
“I came to a job, gained a home and I leave with a family,” Dewberry said at the HHC change of command ceremony. “I never knew why folks would cry when they would leave a job, now I know why. I am so thankful to have been part of this great organization, for whatever good you think I did, just know you did more good than will ever truly be known. And it’s because of you that I leave a better man.”

# Meet the Redstone Arsenal Ten-Miler team runners

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Here are individual profiles of the runners who will represent Redstone Arsenal at the 25th annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 4 in Washington, D.C.

**Name:** David Riddle  
**Job:** Aerospace engineer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center  
**Highlights:** Riddle is in his third year with the Ten-Miler Team. ... Last year he finished in 50 minutes and 51 seconds, better than his 52:31 in 2007. ... He was the top local finisher in Huntsville's annual Cotton Row Run 10K on Memorial Day in 32:03. ... In his first marathon, Riddle ran 2:27 and placed fifth in the Rocket City Marathon in December. ... He did a 14:38 5K in the 2005 Penn Relays and a 31:27 10K in the 2007 Azalea Trail Run. ... He ran collegiately for Auburn University and in high school for Bob Jones High.



Riddle



Vinson

**Name:** Tim Vinson  
**Job:** Assistant product manager at the Program Executive Office for Aviation  
**Highlights:** Vinson is in his fourth year with the Ten-Miler Team. ... 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 New York City Marathon (2:55:05) in November and the Rocket City Marathon (2:54:38) in December.

**Name:** Nathan Graham  
**Job:** Electronics engineer, JLENS Product Office, CMDS Project Office  
**Highlights:** Graham started running local races at age 9. ... He ran cross country and track at Lawrence County High. ... He ran cross country at Northwest Community College and at the University of Alabama-Huntsville from 1992-95. ... Graham's first Army Ten-Miler for Redstone was in 1999. ... His best time was 1:02:16 in 2003.



Graham



**Name:** Maj. Brian Hackenberg  
**Job:** Assistant program manager within the European Component Project Office at the Missile Defense Agency  
**Highlights:** Hackenberg has completed two marathons, finishing in 3:08 and 3:05. ... He has done several half-marathons with a personal best of 1:18:30. ... He ran the Army-Ten Miler for the Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., team in 1999 and as an individual in 2007. ... His best time at the Ten-Miler is 1:01:10.



Hackenberg

**Name:** Harry Hobbs  
**Job:** Professor of military science at Columbia High  
**Highlights:** Hobbs, a retired chief warrant officer 5, coaches Redstone's team. ... He was 1999 coach/runner for Fort Rucker's active duty open mixed champions at the Army Ten-Miler, 2003 coach/runner for the Fort Sill (Okla.) civilian open mixed champions, and coach/runner in 2007 and 2008 for Redstone's government agency champions. ... His best time was 1:02:37 in 2000. ... He finished a 5K at Fort Rucker in 17:39 in 1999.



Hobbs



McFarland

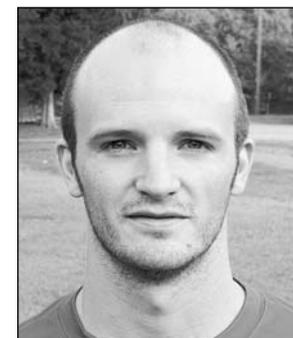
**Name:** Randy McFarland  
**Job:** Materials engineer, AMRDEC  
**Highlights:** McFarland has run for Team Redstone every year since 2002. ... His fastest Army Ten-Miler time was 1:01:16 in 2002. ... His personal best 10K time is 34:54 from 1995 in Decatur. ... McFarland did a 2:47 marathon in 1997 in Huntsville. ... He began running in junior high school and has run every

year since – with the exception of a four-year break.

**Name:** Greg Reynolds  
**Job:** Electronics engineer, AMRDEC  
**Highlights:** Reynolds is in his first year with Redstone team. ... He has only been seriously running for a year. ... He did this year's River City 10K in a respectable 35:59.



Reynolds



Wilks

**Name:** Brett Wilks  
**Job:** Aerospace engineer, AMRDEC  
**Highlights:** Wilks is in his first year with the team. ... He started training consistently in May 2008. ... Wilks finished this year's Rocket 10-miler in 1:09:49. ... He did the Cookie Dash 5K in 19:56. ... He hopes to finish the Army Ten-Miler in 1:05.

**Name:** Liz Biondi  
**Job:** Logistics management specialist, AMCOM  
**Highlights:** Biondi qualified this year for the Boston Marathon with a 3:38 at the Shamrock Marathon in March in Virginia Beach, Va. ... She plans to run the Boston Marathon in 2010. ... Biondi also competes in triathlons. ... She has been running since college. ... She won her age group in the Hair of the Dog 5K (23:47) on New Year's Day in Virginia Beach. ... Biondi placed second in her age group in the Race for Literacy half-marathon (1:48:32) last Nov. 29 in Suffolk, Va.



Biondi



Gilliam

**Name:** Jason Gilliam  
**Job:** Mechanical engineer, AMRDEC  
**Highlights:** This is Gilliam's third year on the team. ... His best finish at the Army Ten-Miler was 1:07:56 in 2007. ... His 10-mile best is 1:03:15 from the Rocket Run in Mooresville in March. ... Gilliam's 5K best is 18:33 and his best marathon is 3:18:27. ... He has been running seriously for four years.

# Auburn gets shaky nod over West Virginia

Mountaineers visit  
Tigers on the Plains

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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My college football predictions were 61-15 for 80 percent after week 2. Here are Skip's Picks this week:

West Virginia at Auburn — **Auburn**  
North Texas at Alabama — **Bama**  
Jacksonville State at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Georgia Tech at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**  
Boise State at Fresno State — **Boise**  
Ball State at Army — **Ball State**  
Boston College at Clemson — **Clemson**  
California at Minnesota — **Cal**  
Duke at Kansas — **Kansas**  
East Carolina at North Carolina — **UNC**  
Louisville at Kentucky — **UK**  
Ohio State at Toledo — **OSU**  
Temple at Penn State — **PSU**  
Furman at Missouri — **Missouri**  
Michigan State at Notre Dame — **ND**  
Middle Tennessee at Maryland — **UM**  
Nebraska at Virginia Tech — **VT**  
Tulsa at Oklahoma — **OU**  
Tennessee at Florida — **UF**  
UAB at Troy — **Troy**  
Southern California at Washington — **USC**



Utah at Oregon — **Utah**  
Virginia at Southern Mississippi — **SM**  
Wyoming at Colorado — **UC**  
Arizona at Iowa — **Iowa**  
Connecticut at Baylor — **Baylor**  
Florida International at Rutgers — **Rutgers**  
Nevada at Colorado State — **CSU**  
Southern Methodist at Washington State — **SMU**  
Navy at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**  
Cincinnati at Oregon State — **UC**  
Florida Atlantic at South Carolina — **SC**  
Florida State at Brigham Young — **FSU**

La.-Lafayette at LSU — **LSU**  
Mississippi State at Vanderbilt — **Vandy**  
Northwestern at Syracuse — **Northwestern**  
Rice at Oklahoma State — **OS**  
Utah State at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**  
Air Force at New Mexico — **AFA**  
Southeastern Louisiana at Mississippi — **Ole Miss**  
Georgia at Arkansas — **Georgia**  
Texas Tech at Texas — **UT**  
San Jose State at Stanford — **Stanford**  
Kansas State at UCLA — **UCLA**  
Hawaii at UNLV — **UNLV**

## Redstone's Ten-Miler team runners featured

### Runners

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**Name:** Capt. Laura Matejik  
**Job:** Chief of military justice, AMCOM  
**Highlights:** Matejik is in her second year with the team. ... She ran 1:18:07 last year. ... Matejik did the Marine Corps Marathon in 2005, the National Marathon in 2006 (3:42) and 2007, the National Half-Marathon in 2008 (1:37:22) and the Nipmuck Trail Marathon in 2001.



Matejik

**Name:** Brad Schroeder  
**Job:** Mechanical engineer, JAMS Project Office  
**Highlights:** This is Schroeder's second year with the team. ... He finished in 55 minutes last year, second best on the team behind David Riddle (50:51). ... The Shelby, Ohio native ran cross country and track for Ohio Northern University from 2002-06. ... In college he ran a 14:46 5K and 4:18 mile.



Schroeder

**Name:** Jason Reneau  
**Job:** Electronics engineer at AMRDEC  
**Highlights:** This is Reneau's second year with the team. ... He finished in 56:59 last year, third best on the team. ... The Murphysboro, Ill., native has run a 2:38 marathon.



Reneau

*Editor's note: Other members of Redstone's Ten-Miler team include Col. Bob Pastorelli, Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper and assistant coach Skip Vaughn.*

# Facilities reduction program hits home run



Courtesy photo

**ON SITE—** Milton Dozier, site superintendent with Bhate Associates, explains to Mindy Shelton, project manager with the Huntsville Center, the progress being made on a project to remove 47 family housing units at Moffett Field, Calif., Aug. 13.

## Army engineering center removes excess housing at Moffett Field

By DEBRA VALINE  
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Taking down 47 excess Army family housing units at Moffett Field, Calif., paves the way for the Army Reserve and National Guard to build a new joint center and a park.

The nearly \$2.6 million, Huntsville Facilities Reduction Program project took only 70 days from start-to-finish, with standard demolition work being performed by Bhate Associates and Ferma Corporation.

The Facilities Reduction Program is part of the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville's, Installation Support Center of Expertise. The program performs facilities removal work for all the military services as well as the National Aeronautic and Space Administration and other federal government agencies.

Moffett Field belongs to Ames Research Center, NASA.

The standard demolition included nearly 450,000 square feet of excess family housing units and other structures such as baseball dugouts, picnic areas, etc., at a cost of \$6.50 per square foot, which is well below the average of \$8-12 per square foot, said Mindy Shelton, an FRP project manager.

"Moffett is a huge success story for FRP," Shelton said. "Not only is it a home run with the low price per square foot and the high diversion rate, the removal eliminates the expense involved in maintaining empty housing units, and demolishing them makes room for a beautiful park. This project has benefitted the Army, the installation and now with the new park, it will also benefit local families.

"Unfortunately, BRAC is a reality that affects so many installations, so if FRP can inexpensively clear out the old to make way for the future, then I am honored to be a part of the effort."

# Logistics Support Activity helps solve data issue

By JAMES COLSON and ROBERT SALINAS  
Logistics Support Activity

With the cancellation of many military standards back in the mid-1990s, the Army found itself in a dilemma as to how to contract for Logistics Product Data necessary to sustain and maintain the equipment it was purchasing. In 1996, the Logistics Support Analysis Record data was canceled and replaced by a performance specification, Logistics Management Information. The LMI performance specification, however, did not specify the relationships and formats of the data deliveries. Contractors were uncertain as to how to deliver the data to the government.

A survey conducted by Logistics Support Activity in 2002 identified that 86 percent of programs with LMI data delivery requirements were delivering the data in the canceled LSAR format. Contractors continued delivering data in the LSAR formats because they had large investments in LSAR software and training and knew that the LSAR formats would load into the Army's logistics systems.

Since then, LOGSA has worked with Army, DoD, industry and international standards groups on developing a joint government/industry solution to this problem. After years of working through the Government Elec-

tronics and Information Technology Association on a data interchange standard, an approved standard for Logistics Product Data and an associated handbook were published in August 2007. Since its publication, the GEIA-STD-0007 has gained acceptance throughout DoD and industry as an implementable standard for the delivery of logistics product data.

New Data Item Descriptions have been developed and adopted by DoD for use in acquisition program contracts. LOGSA has enabled its powerLOG logistics data management software to import and export the new GEIA-STD-0007 formats, along with the legacy data formats, to ensure compatibility with all service provisioning and commercial LSAR systems. In addition, powerLOG logistics data can now be exported into the Cost Analysis Strategy Assessment, and Computer Optimization Model for Predicting and Analyzing Support Systems software systems for further Life Cycle Cost Analysis and Level of Repair Analysis.

LOGSA has also been working with industry and international partners on process standards for LSA. One example is their work with the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe and Aerospace Industries Association of America in the publication of ASD/AIA-S3000L, Specification for Logistics Support

Analysis. This work helped launch the S3000L in June. The new standard details the analyses required to obtain logistics product data, and is considered a replacement for the canceled MIL-STD-1388-1A, LSA. Participants in the development of this standard included Aerospace industries such as Boeing, Airbus, SAAB Aerotech, Agusta-Westland, Dassault Aviation, EADS Military, and EADS Commercial, as well as LOGSA and UK Defence. These groups represented industry and the governments of the US, United Kingdom, Sweden, Germany, France and Spain.

Another effort related to the GEIA-0007 and the ASD S3000L is the International Standards Organization 10303 Application Protocol 239 Product Life Cycle Support. The focus of the PLCS standard is closely related to the GEIA-STD-0007; and through LOGSA's efforts, PLCS Data Exchange Specifications have been created in the areas of maintenance tasks, provisioning, and facilities based on the GEIA-0007 data formats. This effort will aid in future collaborations with international partners on multinational programs and the exchange of logistics product data related with foreign military sales.

*Editor's note: For more information on these standards, e-mail the LOGSA Logistics and Engineering Center at james.colson@us.army.mil.*

# AMCOM embraces social media venues

Command goes online at Facebook, Twitter

By JEANNA REITMEIER  
For the Rocket

The Aviation and Missile Command can now be found on two popular social media sites, Facebook and Twitter.

"Social media is the most effective and least expensive tool to reach the largest audience possible," Ginger Stephens, AMCOM chief of Public and Congressional Affairs, said. "It allows us to quickly and efficiently update our troops, work force, and the general public on what's going on at the Aviation and Missile Command. It also serves as a great recruiting tool, showing the younger generation that the Army is up on the current trends and actually ahead of the curve."

AMCOM's mission is quite simple: to get the Soldier what they need, before they need it, in order to do their job. This includes the fielding and sustainment of new or upgraded weapons and aviation platforms.

"We recognize the importance of engaging on social media platforms, such as those where AMCOM is engaged," Lt. Col. Kevin Arata, chief of the newly established Army Public Affairs Online and Social Media Division, said. "This is how and where our audience gets much of their news."

The AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office began work on the various sites in May. AMCOM's

facebook



Facebook and Twitter pages contain stories and photos of recent news and events, as well as a calendar of upcoming events.

"We are here on these platforms because in our absence other mostly well-intentioned people are speaking on behalf of the Army anyway. Our official presence on these sites fills that void with the Army's official voice," Arata said.

Several news outlets have recently reported various military organizations' concerns over potential operations security issues that arise from use of social media sites. The Army is reviewing its policies on social media, and has not changed guidance or regulations regarding social media access. Ultimately, commanders are responsible for enforcing the

standards of discipline within their command and must remain vigilant, ensuring that their personnel receive proper training and education that prevents the public release of unauthorized information, or unauthorized access to Army networks.

"It's important to understand, that while the Army and AMCOM has released access to social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Vimeo, there are still restrictions on what you can do on those sites," Kim Henry, deputy for Public and Congressional Affairs, said. "The short explanation is that you shouldn't do anything that allows peer-to-peer access to your work desktop or laptop. Activities such as playing games open up the network for increased OPSEC threats."

The 93rd Signal Brigade and the Redstone Directorate of Information Management provided the following reminders:

The use of commercial ISP or e-mail accounts for official purposes is prohibit-

ed. (All official Army business will be conducted using your .mil e-mail account only.)

The use of the Internet and/or e-mail resources for personal reasons will be used before or after your work hours, during lunch or other authorized breaks.

All personnel must prevent disclosure of critical and sensitive information in any public domain (to include the worldwide web).

Use of a government system is monitored at all times, and use must not reflect adversely on the Army.

The bottom line is you should not post critical or sensitive information (such as that marked FOUO) to public websites. And use your AKO/ Redstone e-mail account for all Army business.

If you have questions about what is approved or allowed, you should discuss those concerns with your supervisor.

As with all new technologies and trends, there are always changes and learning curves. But while we wait for the official Army guidance, we can continue, safely, to enjoy social media sites. Just practice vigilance and common sense.

AMCOM can be accessed on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Huntsville-AL/Aviation-and-Missile-Command-AMCOM/87842753429>, and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/usarmyamcom>.



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## Night for heroes

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli throws one of the first pitches before the Huntsville Stars' game Sept. 11 during "Neighborhood Heroes Night" at Joe Davis Stadium. Participants included representatives from Huntsville Emergency Medical Services Inc., Huntsville Fire Department, Madison County Sheriff Department, Honor Flight and the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of Army Warrant Officers Association.

# Security Assistance Command plants its flag

*Brig. Gen. Chris Tucker takes reins as command grows world relations*

By **KARI HAWKINS**  
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Quoting words of freedom spoken by President John Kennedy, the new commander of the Army Security Assistance Command said the nation's sacrifices during the past eight years have proven that Americans stand for freedom throughout the world.

And USASAC stands to ensure those freedoms are protected.

Brig. Gen. Chris Tucker, who took command of USASAC during a ceremony that included the uncasing of the organization's colors, shared the podium Friday with his commander, Gen. Ann Dunwoody, the commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, and Richard Alpaugh, who has served as executive director of USASAC in recent months and who will assume the responsibilities as USASAC deputy under Tucker. USASAC is a subordinate command to AMC.

"Today is a very special day in the history of USASAC," Tucker said. "We are officially establishing USASAC headquarters at Redstone Arsenal, and continuing a long history of service to our Army and our nation."

And, with that he quoted Kennedy's words – "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price – bear any burden – meet any hardship – support any friend – oppose any foe – to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

Tucker said USASAC's 400 employees "volunteer to support our nation's national interests ... and step forward to improve and increase the relationship with strategic partners."

USASAC – "The Army's Face to the World" — implements Army security assistance programs, including foreign military sales of defense articles and services to eligible foreign governments. USASAC is responsible for life cycle management of FMS cases, from pre-letter of request, development, execution and closure. Each sale to overseas customers comprise the same "total package" of quality material, spare parts, training, publications, technical documentation, maintenance support



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY— Brig. Gen. Chris Tucker speaks about the opportunities of maintaining freedom worldwide through the role the Army Security Assistance Command has with the nation's strategic partners. Tucker assumed command of USASAC at an assumption of command ceremony Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium.**

and other services that AMC provides to Army units. The command manages about 4,300 FMS cases valued at more than \$85 billion.

"USASAC employees are creating great relationships with over 140 countries around the world," Tucker said, as it provides support to U.S. allies worldwide.

While the day was one of ceremony for USASAC, it was also a day of remembrance of the attacks of 9/11. Dunwoody opened the event with a moment of silence to remember those who died in the terrorist attacks.

"It was an attack that took the lives of men, women, moms, dads, children and, for some of us, friends," the four-star general said. "Today will forever signify a solemn day in our nation's history ... But today will also

go down in history as a remarkable day in its own right as USASAC plants its flag and new home at Redstone Arsenal. This is a proud BRAC achievement for AMC and the Army."

The USASAC move to Redstone Arsenal is ahead of schedule. Although construction of its new facility is not yet completed, 150 USASAC employees are now co-located with AMC in older facilities near the Arsenal's Gate 3.

During the last couple months, as Alpaugh has overseen USASAC, the organization has continued its success in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, in adopting an enterprise approach to business and in continuing its mission despite the move to Redstone Arsenal.

"We have continued our work with our friends and allies to establish and maintain the peace and democratic ideas that we all treasure," Alpaugh said, giving credit to the team of USASAC employees at Redstone Arsenal, Fort Belvoir, Va., New Cumberland, Pa., St. Louis, Mo., and Saudi Arabia.

"It's the power of that team that makes all this possible. It's become crystal clear to me that the Army team is a team like no other."

At a press conference following the ceremony, Dunwoody said AMC is just as eager as USASAC to establish itself at Redstone Arsenal and to "be one of your neighbors." There are currently 300 AMC employees at the Arsenal, with that number planned to increase to 500 by next summer. Both AMC and USASAC are scheduled to complete their moves into new Arsenal facilities by September 2011.

"I've really been impressed with Redstone Arsenal. We are looking forward to joining the Tennessee Valley community," she said.

Dunwoody is the first female four-star general in the Army. Since her promotion in late 2008, she has come to realize the significance of her position as a role model for both the Army's female Soldiers and civilian employees. "I didn't realize then (at the time of the promotion) how humble I am to have this opportunity. I probably didn't appreciate the thousands and thousands of cards I would receive from third-graders all the way up to World War II veterans," Dunwoody said.

"I realize I represent hope and possibility for youngsters. For seniors, they've told me their hard work is not for naught."

## Guard joins Texas Rangers in border mission

By **Air Force Master Sgt. MIKE R. SMITH**  
Special to American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. – Texas Gov. Rick Perry has asked his state's National Guard to support a special group of Texas Rangers called "Ranger recon teams" at high-traffic and high-crime areas along the Mexican border, state Guard officials said Sept. 11.

"The role of the Texas Joint Counter Drug Task Force Team is to support those operations," said Army Col. William Meehan, a public affairs officer with the Texas National Guard. "But then, this is something that we have been doing well for nearly 20 years with our counterdrug operations."

The only difference in this mission from the task force's normal counterdrug operation is that it's supporting the Texas Rangers, who launched this reconnaissance initiative to reinforce law enforcement along the Texas-Mexico border, Meehan said.

The task force, made up of about 200 Guard Soldiers and airmen, can provide aviation, commu-

nications, security, medical, logistics, observation and planning support to the Rangers.

The Guard members, along with the Texas Rangers and Ranger recon teams, will be supported by Operation Border Star Unified Command, which includes Texas sheriffs, highway patrol strike teams and Department of Public Safety Aviation resources, according to a release from the governor's office. The effort was launched in early August to address the increase in burglaries of rural homes, ranches and hunting camps in remote areas along the border, state officials said.

Perry said the state's proven border security strategy is based on putting boots on the ground and equipping those personnel with the technology, training and funding to stem the flow of contraband across the border.

"Deploying Ranger recon teams to high-traffic, high-crime areas along the border will enhance our efforts," he said.

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# Patriot Day: Remembering Sept. 11, 2001



Photo by Alex McVeigh (Fort Myer)

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**— President Barack Obama and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates hold their hands over their hearts as the U.S. Army Brass Quintet plays the national anthem at the 9/11 Memorial ceremony at the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

## President recalls victims during Pentagon ceremony

By ALEX McVEIGH  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — As a steady rain fell down on the southwest side of the Pentagon, a spot where eight years ago, American Airlines Flight 77 smashed into the building, families of the 184 who were killed gathered to pay tribute to their loved ones.

President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen hosted a ceremony at the Pentagon Memorial on Sept. 11 to remember those who were lost.

The U.S. Army Band Brass Quintet braved the rain to play a brief pre-ceremony concert, blending patriotic tunes with a few classical numbers as families made their way to the memorial just before the ceremony.

The Obamas were coming from the South Lawn of the White House, where they held a moment of silence there to commemorate the 2,752 people who perished in the day's attacks.

Once the official party arrived, Obama, Gates and Mullen stood at the podium, a line of American flags at their backs. Mullen introduced Gates, who spoke briefly about the attack eight years ago, the first major foreign-based attack on the continental United States since the War of 1812.

"Today we honor the dead and to speak to the survivors and loved ones whose lives were irrevocably changed on that terrible day eight years ago. Words are inadequate to remove the pain of that loss," Gates said. "Those who fell are commemorated here, and they are represented by the men and women you see around you acting as docents for this memorial."

Obama started by saying how humbled he was to be with the families that lost loved ones eight Septembers ago.

"On this solemn day, at this sacred hour, once more we pause. Once more we pray — as a nation and as a people, in city streets where our two towers were turned to ashes and dust, in a quiet field where a plane fell from the sky and here, where a single stone of this building is still blackened by the fires," Obama said.

"For you and your families, no words can ease the ache of your heart. No deeds can fill the empty places in your homes. But on this

day and all that follow, you may find solace in the memory of those you loved, and know that you have the unending support of the American people."

Obama spoke of his admiration of the men and women who had joined the armed forces in the wake of the attack on their native soil, and pledged his and America's unwavering support to them in their mission.

"Let us renew our commitment to all those who serve in our defense — our courageous men and women in uniform and their families and all those who protect us here at home," the commander in chief said. "Mindful that the work of protecting America is never finished, we will do everything in our power to keep America safe."

After he spoke, the Obamas and Gates walked around the crowd, offering words of comfort and shaking hands of the more than 80 family members who had gathered at the memorial.

The Pentagon Memorial was dedicated and opened Sept. 11, 2008. Each year, a large American flag is hung nearby over the section that was hit by American Airlines Flight 77. One hundred eighty-four illuminated benches are now around the memorial, one for each person killed. Each bench has the name of a victim inscribed on it.

The benches are inscribed in such a way that to read the names of those killed in the Pentagon, one must face the section of the building that was hit. For the victims on flight 77, to read their names, one must face skyward along the path flight 77 traveled.

Families stayed around the memorial to visit their loved one's bench after the ceremony, and the memorial was opened to the public. As the president's motorcade left the Pentagon, scores of people could be seen making their way over to the memorial to pay tribute eight years after the attack.

In his closing words, President Obama challenged Americans to remember that they all fall under one flag, and that no matter what attacks are perpetrated, there are things that can never be taken away.

"On a day when others sought to sap our confidence, let us renew our common purpose," the president said. "Let us remember how we came together as one nation, as one people, as Americans united not only in our grief, but in our resolve to stand with one another, to stand up for the country we all love."

*Editor's note: Alex McVeigh writes for the Pentagram newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.*



## 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Fitness centers

The Wellness Center is closed until March for renovation/expansion. You can visit one of the other facilities: Pagano Gym, building 3474, phone 876-6701 or 876-2943; Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705, phone 313-1201 or 313-1202; and Sparkman Fitness Center, building 5302, phone 313-6091 or 313-6096. Their website is [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### 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.

### Bowlers wanted

The Wednesday night league at Parkway Lanes seeks bowlers. Bowling starts at 5:45 p.m. and is usually finished by 9. "This is a fun league team — male or female bowlers welcome — who bowl for the fun of it but still like to compete," a prepared release said. If interested call Paul Eickholt 876-2525.

### Punt, pass and kick

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association is hosting the third annual NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored by the Tennessee Titans, at 10 a.m. Saturday 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.

### Air defenders tourney

The Huntsville/Redstone Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will be having a membership appreciation organizational challenge golf tournament and social Oct. 2 at the Links on Redstone. Check-in is 11 a.m., shotgun start at noon and social at 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person, \$160 per team. Entries are due by Sept. 28. "Non-golfing ADAA members are encouraged to join us at the social," a prepared release said. For more information and reservations, e-mail Ralph Merrill at [ralph.merrill@irtc-hq.com](mailto:ralph.merrill@irtc-hq.com) or Rick DeFatta at [rick.defatta@tdytsi.com](mailto:rick.defatta@tdytsi.com).

### 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 Friday. For a registration form or more information, call Shannon Nelson 562-2135.



## Conferences & Meetings

### 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.

### Admin professionals

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

### Raiders

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](mailto:janett.beasley@cobham.com).

### 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](http://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.

### 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or call Army Community Service 876-5397.

### Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will meet Sept. 24 at 11:15 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club in the Loft Room. Special topic of discussion will be the Thrift Savings Plan. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

### 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



Courtesy photo

## Honor Flight gift

**The American Society of Military Comptrollers contributes \$500 Aug. 24 to the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight. Joe Fitzgerald, president of the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight board of directors, accepts the check from, left to right, ASMC Community Project Committee members Debbie O'Neal, Dana Wilbanks and Judy Smith.**

exhibits and static displays of AGSE equipment, products and kits. 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](http://www.redstonemwr.com/conferences/agse/welcome.html).

### 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 Thursday. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339.

### Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government will meet Thursday 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.

### 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](http://www.HAL5.org).

### 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 gen-

eral, 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](http://www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc/NatlSecWkshp.htm).



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B information systems operators. The unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the areas of database management, programming, networking and/or telecommunications. A minimum of a secret clearance is required, and you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SSBI background investigation for upgrade to top secret soon after unit entry. Specialties 74C and 74F have merged into the 25B career group and convert to 25B as well. To schedule an interview, call Sgt 1st Class Scott Ambrose 655-9435 or Chief Warrant Officer David Ricketts 955-4026.

### 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 today. 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, Melisa 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

# Rockets Announcements

Harris at [93hdstc@bellsouth.net](mailto:93hdstc@bellsouth.net). The Garrison Safety contact is Keith Coates at 876-3383 or [keith.coates@us.army.mil](mailto: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 IRP 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](mailto: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

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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 Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel near the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. “This presentation relates to a male pageant with all the trimmings of Hollywood, but with more depth and meaning in terms of the completeness of what a true gentleman should portray,” a

prepared release said. Six judges will determine the finalists in the areas of personality, finesse, style, and the substance of their character. Only one will win the title of “Mr. Man” and join a legacy that dates back to 1980. The 2009 contestants include Craig Thorstad (doctor), Joseph Davis (Army officer), James Baynard (Navy officer), Edward Norris (Air Force reserve recruiter), Andrew Rickabaugh (Marine/Madison fireman), Chris Townsend (Madison police officer), Shannon Anderson (engineer student), Keith Wood (engineer), Michael Brazier (sales manager), Harry Hobbs (professor), Tyron Stanley (logistic analyst) and Khaled Sabouh (engineer student). For more information, call Samuel Brown 683-3083 or visit [www.mrmanpremiere.com](http://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.

## 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.

## 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 Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Monte

Sano State Park. “Showing 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](http://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 955-5606 or 683-7574 or Gena Scofield 313-1162.

## 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 today. “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](http://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.

## New civilian employees

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees will be held Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. NEO participants will receive training to orient them to federal employment and the installation, which will include: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director remarks, Staffing/Classification Procedures, Employee Benefits, Human Resources Development, Management and Employee Relations and Labor, American Federation of Government Employees, Equal Employment Opportunity, Legal, Communication Security, Defense Acquisition University, Employee Assistance Program, and Morale Welfare and Recreation. For information on how to participate in NEO, call LaToya Davis Ragan 313-0286 or Jessie McCray 876-4803. To obtain a space in this course, register in TIP at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

## Yard sale

Christmas Charities Year Round is holding its second annual Yard Sale on Saturday 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,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Government service

The Garrison presented length of service awards to members of its work force Sept. 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Among the honorees are, from left, Regena ThunderEagle of the Child Development Center (25 years service), Cyrus Jones of Fire and Emergency Services (20 years service) and Sharee Miller of Public and Congressional Affairs (25 years service). The other honorees included Rita Lukens (40 years), Gail Glass (30 years); Boyce Allen, Barbara Langford, Maria Principe, Jacquelyn Williams (25 years each); Linda Guster, Danny Herron, Christal Howard, Janie Loadholt, Michael Nelson, Kilsun Norles, Karen Peterson, Paula Sanders and Carolyn Taylor (20 years each).

# 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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<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																			
SCBK09715938COE	Training Instructor (Electronics)	10-Sep-09	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	57,204 - 74,360			X	X					X	X	X	
SCBK09720257	Contract Spec	10-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09720133	Contract Spec	10-Sep-09	SMDC	YA-1102	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X											
SCBK09701623	Mechanical Engr Tech	10-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DE-0802	3	3	52,068 - 89,128		X							X			X
SCBK09577828	Admin Supt Spec	10-Sep-09	Lead AMC Integration Spt Ofc	GS-0301	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X										
SCBK09691550	Logistics Mgmt Spec	11-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09620763R	Asst Product Mngr	11-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X							X			X
SCBK09720004	Supv Police Ofcr	11-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	YN-0083	1	1	37,845 - 74,360	X	X							X	X	X	X
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	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
SCBK09611232	General Engr	14-Sep-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09709707	Computer Engr	14-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993							X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09720286	Contract Spec	14-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09639977	Logistics Mgmt Spec	14-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X								X			X
SCBK09721588	Human Resources Spec	14-Sep-09	SMDC	YA-0201	2	2	47,280 - 89,128												
SCBK09705770	Foreign Military Student Liaison Clerk (OA)	14-Sep-09	USAOMEMS	GS-0303	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X	X					X	X	X	X
SCBK09681194	Secretary (OA)	15-Sep-09	AMCOM G3	GS-0318	9	9	45,458 - 59,100	X								X	X		
SCBK09677803	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128			X						X	X	X	X
SCBK09675965	Mgmt Analyst	15-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0343	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X										
SCBK09720257	Contract Spec	15-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09720133	Contract Spec	15-Sep-09	SMDC	YA-1102	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X											
SCBK09720198	Contract Spec	15-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993					X				X	X	X	X
SCBK09694328	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Sep-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993				X					X	X	X	X
SCBK09649061	General Supply Spec	16-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	47,280 - 61,464	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	14,922 - 17,45		X	X				X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09734151	Human Resources Spec (Info Sys)	18-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	GS-0201	7	11	38,653 - 50,249				X								
SCBK09734157	Human Resources Spec	18-Sep-09	CHRA, CPAC	GS-0201	11	11	57,204 - 74,360				X								
SCBK09503538	Supply Tech (OA)	18-Sep-09	GARRISON	GS-2005	5	7	31,204 - 50,249							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09734183	Prgm Analyst	18-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	81,532 - 105,993							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09679945	Supply Systems Analyst	18-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09719877	Supply Tech (MVO)	21-Sep-09	GARRISON	GS-2005	5	5	31,204 - 40,567	X								X	X	X	X
SCBK09681234	Resource & Plan Anal	21-Sep-09	AMCOM G3	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09695647	General Engr	21-Sep-09	PEO Soldier, Product Mngr Air Warrior	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,699		X										
SCBK09720090	General Engr	21-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	96,346 - 125,254				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	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										
SCBK09676808	Product Dir	22-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	YA-0340	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X											
SCBK09703118	Lead General Engr	22-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X								X	X	X	X
SCBK09702532	Traffic Mgmt Spec	23-Sep-09	GARRISON	GS-2130	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09716669	IT Spec (Cust Spt)	23-Sep-09	GARRISON	GS-2210	9	9	47,280 - 61,464							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09716245	Accountant	23-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	57,204 - 89,128				X								
SCBK09759521	General Engr	23-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09731879	Resource Manager	23-Sep-09	SMDC	YC-0501	2	2	67,129 - 131,518							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09713266	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09705952	Exec Staff Asst (OA)	24-Sep-09	LOGSA	GS-0303	8	8	42,807 - 55,651				X					X	X	X	X
SCBK09713249	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09748165	Supv IT Spec	29-Sep-09	GARRISON	YC-2210	2	2	67,129 - 131,518							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09730531	Electronics Engr	2-Oct-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X											
SCBK09730538	General Engr	5-Oct-09	SMDC	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,886							X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09701071	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09684920	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X		X			X
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU/EHA ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL AND AT WWW.USAJOB.S.OPM.GOV</b>																			
SCBK09620763R	Asst Product Mngr	11-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X							X			X
SCBK09709707D	Computer Engr	14-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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
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
SCBK09731879D	Resource Manager	23-Sep-09	SMDC	YC-0501	2	2	67,129 - 131,518												X
SCBK09698066A	Lead Program Analyst	23-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	NH-0343	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X						X		X	X	X	X
SCBK09759521D	General Engr	23-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993												X
SCBK08041011OCR	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701						X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	78,390 - 101,913		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041011OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09YA110202OC	Contract Spec	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 105,993			X	X					X	X	X	X
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X		X			X
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	X	X
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X	X					X			X
SCBK08151777OC1																			

# Rocket Announcements

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 postponed

Due to a scheduling conflict with the upcoming AAAA Ball, which were both scheduled for Oct. 30, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club has postponed the Fall Fling fund-raiser. Instead the OCWC will hold a Mardi Gras Celebration and Fund-raiser "Evening on the Bayou" on Feb. 19 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event will include a silent auction, music, Cajun hors d'oeuvre and more. "Mark your calendar early for this great event that will benefit our military and their families," a prepared release said. For more information or questions on how to purchase tickets, visit [www.redstoneocwc.org/](http://www.redstoneocwc.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](http://www.ov-1mohawkassociation.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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## Latin dance

The SAVECA Organization is hosting a fund-raising Latin Dance on Saturday 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](mailto: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.savecahelpscommunities.org](http://www.savecahelpscommunities.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 Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at 1804 Sparkman Drive. For information call Susann Gardner 489-0125 or Toni Wright 508-0017.

## Logistics award nominees

Nominations for the 2009 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are now being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The

2009 "Ernie" format will include two awards - the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Eligible candidates for the award include all Team Redstone personnel (government or military) who contribute to the logistics mission at Aviation and Missile Command. The award winners are selected by a voting panel comprised of management and non-management members from the Integrated Materiel Management Center directorates and other AMCOM/Team Redstone organizations depending on the nominations received. Nomination packages must have a cover memorandum signed by the nominee's director or deputy director to ensure that the nominee's management officials are aware of the nomination. The cover memorandum will also serve as an endorsement. Nominations should be submitted by Friday to Barbara A. Harris of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, call 876-3805 or e-mail [barbara.a.harris@us.army.mil](mailto:barbara.a.harris@us.army.mil).

## Church visit

John McKee "Kee" Sloan, former rector of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in southeast Huntsville, will revisit the Tennessee Valley on Sunday. 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 Sunday. For more information call the rector

of Saint Timothy's, Father David Basinger, 232-3541 or e-mail [davebasinger@aol.com](mailto:davebasinger@aol.com).

## Recreation Center move

The Recreation Center and all offices inside have been moved temporarily to building 3400 at the corner of Gray and Ajax roads. The Recreation Center building is being renovated into the Redstone Arsenal Community Activity Center. The Recreation Center offices, Information Ticket and Registration office and Leisure Travel office will resume regular hours in building 3400 on Sept. 22.

## Air Force birthday

On Friday the Air Force is celebrating its 62nd birthday. The Tennessee Valley Air Force Association Chapter commemorated this occasion with a reception in conjunction with its quarterly general meeting Sept. 15.

## Armed services blood drives

Armed Services Blood Program drives include Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sparkman Center building 5300, room 5140; Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center in the Fox Den (basement); Sept. 23 from 4-8 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center (sponsored by the 832nd Ordnance Battalion); and Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center. No appointment necessary. For more information, call Dan Morgan 876-4990.

## Rose show

The Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society will hold a Fall Rose Show on Sept. 26 at the Parkway Place Mall. Competition is open to all rose growers and entries must be made during 7-10:30 a.m. on the first floor of the mall. All classes of roses and rose arrangements will also be displayed. The show is free and will be open to the public from noon-4 p.m. For more information, e-mail [greenmt-roses@comcast.net](mailto:greenmt-roses@comcast.net).

## Book discussion

"Be one of the first to discover the lost symbol," the Post Library says in an open invitation. Join the Post Library on Oct. 22 from noon until 1 p.m. for its discussion of Dan Brown's newest novel, "The Lost Symbol." Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea is provided. The library is located at building 3323 on Redeye Road. The book discussion is open to all who have access to Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 876-4741.