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# Setting example of supporting troops

Army civilian of year honoree  
directs calibration activity

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When Rick Turner retires in November from his position as executive director of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, he will be taking with him a reputation of excellence and commitment built during 33 years of civilian service.

It is a reputation that will be recognized nationwide at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting and exposition in October when Turner is presented with the annual Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award for outstanding service to the Army, its Soldiers, civilians and families.

"I view this award as recognition of the Army value of selfless service. This award is recognition for the USATA team and the other folks at Redstone who support us," Turner said.

"We have 61 different locations in 11 countries, in 26 states and on three different continents. We have great Americans working for us. They are truly supporting our customers, and I have the honor of representing them. This is a team of professionals – 90 percent of which are former Soldiers – who don't care who gets the credit as long as Soldiers get the support they need. That's what makes it easy to come to work every day."

Similar to others who have received prestigious Army awards, Turner said he is "humbled" and "honored" to be chosen for the AUSA award from among thousands of dedicated DA civilians, and considers it a "great honor" to be recognized for the work that's being done by USATA employees in support of Soldiers "who raise their right hand to defend our nation and, possibly, give their life for it."

He also sees the award as an opportunity to promote the work of USATA's 600 employees.

"There are great things going on in this organization that the general public may not understand," Turner said. "We support every weapon system in the Army. We support every unit in the Army. Our job is to calibrate and repair test equipment. Without properly calibrated test equipment, the maintenance of the Army would not be based on sound data and then you would have issues with safety, readiness and down time.

"Maintenance is the lifeblood of readiness. If you don't have good readiness, then



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**TECHNOLOGY FOR THE SOLDIER—** USATA executive director Rick Turner, center, reviews the operations of a Josephon Array Voltage Calibration System with, from left, engineering technician Paul Holmes and Larry Tarr, director of the Army Primary Standards Lab for USATA. The state-of-the-art system is the heart of the Army's voltage calibration program. Turner has two milestones coming up in his career – acceptance of the Association of the U.S. Army's Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award and retirement.

you don't have ready forces. It is so critical to have high TMDE (test measurement and diagnostic equipment) availability so that we can keep readiness at 96 percent, and at 97 and 98 percent in southwest Asia in places like Kuwait, Bagram (Afghanistan), Balad (Iraq), Qatar and Kandahar (Afghanistan)."

For three years, Turner has led USATA in its work for 15,000 customers worldwide, including the Army's deployed operational forces, and research and development test sites as well as NASA, the Tennessee Valley Authority and Homeland Security. It's been said "the sun never sets on USATA employees," with 200 located at Redstone Arsenal and another 400 worldwide who work to evaluate 500,000 TMDE items used to perform maintenance on Army helicopters, missiles and weapon systems.

"It is an unbelievable mission," he said. "Some people think you have to go to the Pentagon and make policy to have a positive influence on the Army. But this is one organization that affects every weapon system and every unit in the Army, and provides assis-

tance to Soldiers serving throughout the world."

Turner announced his retirement to USATA employees prior to his selection in March as the DA Civilian of the Year by AUSA's Redstone-Huntsville chapter. He then was chosen for the regional DA award, which paved the way for his selection for the national DA award.

"I know the situation here will be in very good hands after I leave," he said. "I have faith and confidence in the youth of America, and I base that on my own kids and the new employees we have coming in here as interns, co-ops and AMC Fellows."

As USATA's chief administrator, Turner made a personal commitment to the organization's mission and its employees "to take it to the next level" in recruiting, training, mentoring and leading USATA's future work force. When he took over at USATA, the average age of employees was 52 and the organization was facing an expanding mission due to war.

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# An open lane random survey

How much do you trust the news media?

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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**Leonard Luqman**  
AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center  
"They're good, and then they twist stuff. They twist it and then they just don't tell it like it really is. They do it for ratings. They do it to increase their ratings, not to try to help the country. They'll be so busy increasing their ratings instead of just telling the truth. The media can

be good and they can be bad. It's good to have media, they inform everybody. If we didn't have the media, we'd still be in trouble."

**Eric Sharp**  
Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation

"I guess I would have to say I trust them but I understand they're still human beings, and human beings exaggerate and get things wrong part of the time."



**Barbara Williams**  
Child Youth and School Services  
"Generally I trust the news media I would say 95 percent of the time. Based on my experiences and what I've read and the information I know about what I've read, I would say that it's accurate."

**Lana Porter**  
Child Youth and School Services

"About 50/50. And it depends on the news media. I think some, well like Fox, is a little more sensationalism. I think Fox is more than hard news. I liked Walter Cronkite, I did. I liked him. He was forthright and honest."



## Quote of the week

"I believe in equality for everyone, except reporters and photographers."  
— Mahatma Gandhi

## Letters to the Editor

### Soldiers should have their headgear in the game

The Army is a uniformed service where discipline is judged, in part, by the manner in which a Soldier wears a prescribed uniform, as well as by the individual's personal appearance. Therefore, a neat and well-groomed appearance by all Soldiers is fundamental to the Army and contributes to building the pride and esprit essential to an effective military force. A vital ingredient of the Army's strength and military effectiveness is the pride and self-discipline that American Soldiers bring to their service through a conservative military image. ... Soldiers must take pride in their appearance at all times, in or out of uniform, on and off duty.

Those are the opening words to Army Regulation 670-1, paragraph 1-7a. May I draw some attention to that last line again: "Soldiers must take pride in their appearance at all times, in or out of uniform, on and off duty." I would add "on or off post."

On Friday, I went out to lunch with my wife on Airport Road. As we were getting ready to leave, I noticed two uniformed Soldiers walking from the strip mall to their vehicle on the other side of the parking lot. Neither individual was wearing his headgear while in uniform. It wasn't a short walk, either. These individuals walked across the entire parking lot without even reaching for their headgear. I didn't see their rank, but their demeanor and the fact that they got into a vehicle with a blue "Redstone Arsenal" sticker suggested they were commissioned or warrant officers.

Paragraph 1-10a of Army Regulation 670-1 specifically states that Soldiers will wear headgear with the Army uniform. It lists four exceptions, none of which is "when walking to your vehicle from a restaurant while off post for lunch."

This is not the first time I've noticed this breach of professionalism. I've corrected numerous NCOs and commissioned officers off post before on this issue. I can't tell you how many people think no one is watching in the Walmart parking lot. Do we feel that we can get away with it here because this isn't one of the FORSCOM posts where Soldiers are everywhere?

This sets a dangerous precedence that is being noticed by the junior Soldiers still learning how to become warriors at Redstone Arsenal. Seeing NCOs and officers carelessly defy Army regulations is distressing, especially since some of these individuals are probably charged with the responsibility of leading and training eager young troops here.

I urge leaders at all levels to reiterate to their troops (and themselves) the standards we should all be following. Remember, true leadership is doing the right thing when you don't think anyone is watching.

**1st Sgt. C. J. Grisham**  
Bravo Company, 308th MI Battalion

### Additional people means more traffic

With the additional building of offices and increase of personnel on the west end of Martin Road, merging from Patton Road (south) onto Martin (east) has become quite precarious in the afternoon. The merge lane isn't nearly long enough and the speed of those coming from the west is far too great.

Are there any plans to improve the situation? And if so, how and when?

**Debbie Leonard**

*Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thanks for bringing the matter to our attention. Presently, the Garrison has no plans to alter the traffic flow in this area. Traffic studies performed during the design of the new headquarters facilities along Martin Road did not indicate a need for any alterations in this area. We will certainly give the area added attention in future studies."*

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# Getting to know you

By SKIP VAUGHN

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**Name:** Brenda Anderson

**Job:** Recreational facilitator, Challenger Bingo

**Where do you call home?**  
Walker County, Ala.

**What do you like about your job?**

Friendly people. It doesn't seem to be hit by the economy. Despite the feeling of the economy being depressed it doesn't seem like there's any lack here.



**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I enjoy my children (sons Johnathan, Timothy and Payton and daughters Mackenzie, Adrianna and Courtney). I enjoy reading. I enjoy horses. I used to like golf, but I haven't played that in years.

**What are your goals?**

Right now I'm looking at buying a house.

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

I'd like to travel abroad. I just think everybody needs to see different cultures.

## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Sept. 10-16:

**Sept. 11:** A Soldier surrendered to Huntsville Police as a deserter. The Soldier was released to Redstone Arsenal Police and processed to Fort Knox, Ky.

**Sept. 11:** A worker reported that someone scratched the trunk lid of his car while it was parked at building 5400.

**Sept. 12:** A Soldier surrendered to Tuscaloosa County sheriff deputies as a deserter. The Soldier was later released to Redstone Arsenal Police and processed to Fort Knox.

**Sept. 12:** PX Security observed a subject concealing cosmetic items, valued at \$42.85, and leaving the Post Exchange without paying. The subject was



processed by police and issued a violation notice.

**Sept. 14:** A Soldier was arrested by Lawrence County sheriff deputies as a deserter. The Soldier was later released to Redstone Police and processed to Fort Knox.

**Sept. 15:** Someone entered a worker's desk and stole 25 Big Spring Jam tickets valued at \$1,125.

**Sept. 15:** Someone removed construction items valued at \$4,713 from the Von Braun 3 construction site.

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

**Violation notices issued:** 11 speeding, 2 improper backing, 1 larceny of government property, 3 failure to stop at stop sign, 1 handicap parking, 1 inattentive driving.

## Employee unions announce agreement

As a result of base realignment and closure, Redstone Arsenal will have two active federal employee unions representing bargaining unit employees – the American Federation of Government Employees and the National Federation of Federal Employees.

NFFE will be representing Program Executive Office for Aviation, Army Materiel Command, and Army Security Assistance Command employees.

AFGE will represent employees from the Aviation and Missile Command, Space and Missile Defense Command, HELSTF, Garrison, STRICOM, Redstone Test Center, Commissary, Post Exchange, Non-Appropriated Fund, Logistics Support

Activity, Corps of Engineers (Bevill Center), DISA, PEO for Missiles and Space, PM TMDE, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Medical Department Activity, and ACC AMC.

Since both unions are members of the AFL-CIO and there is a provision in the AFL-CIO constitution which prohibits brother unions from raiding one another, union officials and employees must not solicit membership from employees who are duly represented in the aforementioned bargaining units outside their already established exclusive representation. (*Joint notice from AFGE Local 1858 and NFFE Local 1332*)

# Madison County honors veteran heroes

## 2009 Hall of Heroes inductees cited for valor in Vietnam War

Four distinguished veterans will join the Madison County Hall of Heroes this year.

The 2009 induction ceremony, by invitation only, is Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Von Braun Center north hall. The inductees include retired Lt. Gen. Frank Lubitti, retired Maj. Robert Karwoski, veteran Leonard Robinson and retired Master Sgt. Arvil Burchfield.

“The criteria for induction is a person must have received an award for valor or heroism,” Steve Ray, first vice president of the Madison County Military Heritage Commission, said.

The valor awards cited can involve combat or other heroic actions.

Ray provided the following information on this year’s honorees.

### Frank Lubitti

The retired lieutenant general

is a native of Huntington, Long Island, N.Y. Following graduation from the Citadel, he entered the Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program in August 1966 and received his commission as second lieutenant in October of that year. After serving for 35 years on active duty, Libutti retired from the Marine Corps. He and his wife, a retired Navy captain, reside in Huntsville. Libutti serves on the board of directors of several local companies and is active in community veteran’s events and programs.



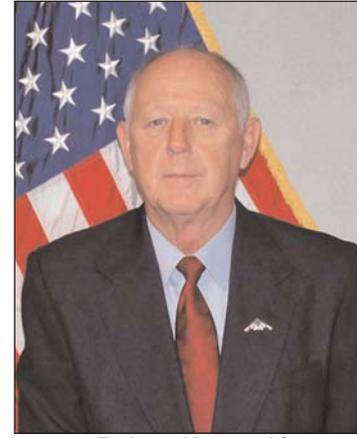
Frank Lubitti

Libutti’s exploits during Operation Buffalo, which took place near Con Thien, Republic of Vietnam from July 1-14, 1967, are chronicled in a book titled “Operation Buf-

falo,” written by Keith W. Nolan. One incident worthy of mention that occurred during the engagement in which he received the Silver Star Medal is that on two separate occasions enemy hand grenades were thrown at him, bouncing off him, failing to explode.

On July 2, 1967, Libutti, then a second lieutenant, distinguished himself while serving as a platoon commander with the Marine Corps in the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, he was given the mission of reinforcing a beleaguered Marine company, which had sustained heavy casualties and was in danger of being overrun by a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force.

Upon arrival, Libutti’s platoon assumed the point position, and while



Robert Karwoski

While his unit maneuvered to the landing zone, Libutti was wounded a third time. Disregarding his own safety, he continued to lead his platoon and only after he was assured that all casualties had received medical treatment and were evacuated did he submit to medical evacuation. For his courage, superb leadership and selfless devotion to duty at great personal risk, Libutti received the Silver Star Medal

maneuvering forward, came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. As his unit approached the besieged unit, the enemy commenced a vicious artillery and mortar attack. Although he was wounded during the barrage, Libutti ignored his painful injuries and assisted in placing casualties aboard tanks for evacuation. As the intensity of the attack increased, he sustained a second wound; however, he steadfastly continued to assist the wounded.

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for conspicuous gallantry and three awards of the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

### Robert Karwoski

The retired Air Force major was born in Jersey City, N.J. Karwoski began his military career after receiving his commission through the Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He served on active duty for 22 and a half years and following retirement, worked in the aerospace industry. He and his wife live in Madison.

On Feb. 7, 1970, Karwoski distinguished himself while serving as a navigator on an AC-130 Gunship while flying a night reconnaissance mission against the Ho Chi Minh trail. On that date, his aircraft was engaged by extremely intense and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire by which he was wounded. In spite of the heavy enemy fire, his aircraft destroyed 11 enemy supply vehicles containing a large amount of supplies and muni-



Leonard Robinson

tions. For his actions, Karwoski received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

On Dec. 30, 1972, Karowski again distinguished himself, this time while serving as a radar navigator aboard a B-52 bomber aircraft flying a mission over North Vietnam. His quick reaction and accurate response to hostile enemy surface-to-air missile launches against his aircraft enabled his crew to deliver their ordnance directly on the enemy target. For his superb airmanship on that date, Karwoski received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

### Leonard Robinson

This Guthrie, Okla., native is an Army veteran who entered military service in the summer of 1967. He and his wife were married in March 2009 and live in Huntsville. Leonard is employed as an architect with the firm Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood and as a hobby, he enjoys photography.

On Sept. 12, 1968, Robinson distinguished himself in ground combat while serving in the

Republic of Vietnam. During a helicopter borne assault, his platoon sergeant was felled when his company encountered heavy enemy resistance. Sgt. Robinson braved the enemy fire and despite being severely wounded, retrieved the body of his fallen comrade. For his heroic actions on that date, Robinson received the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

On April 28, 1969, Robinson again distinguished himself by heroic action while serving as a squad leader in the A Shau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. Robinson moved his squad through intense enemy fire in order to flank and assault North Vietnamese Army positions. Although wounded, he refused medical evacuation and moved about his men, encouraging them and directing

their fire. During the course of the battle, Robinson's squad overran the fortified enemy position and the enemy force was completely routed. For his actions on that date, Robinson received the Bronze

Star Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

### Arvil Burchfield

Burchfield is a retired master sergeant and a native of Benton, Tenn. He entered military service in 1957 and served 28 years on active duty, which included serving as an ROTC instructor at Tennessee-Chattanooga. After retiring from the Army, Burchfield taught Junior ROTC at high schools in Florida and Georgia.

On Feb. 24, 1971, Burchfield distinguished himself by heroic action while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, he assaulted a North Vietnamese Army stronghold to save four wounded Soldiers who lay exposed to enemy fire. In spite of torrid enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, Burchfield and his force assaulted the enemy position and although wounded during his assault, Burchfield succeeded in destroying the



Arvil Burchfield

enemy positions and retrieved the four wounded men. For his heroic actions, Burchfield received the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

## View from the top

The top of the midway ferris wheel at Redstone's Oktoberfest offered a great view. Rainy weather dampened visitors to the annual German festival last weekend, but not their spirits. The event still saw crowds over its three days, Sept. 18-20.

# Army's access control points undergoing overhaul

Fort Carson among first to receive gate upgrade

By DEBRA VALINE  
Huntsville Engineering Center public affairs

Visitors entering Fort Carson, Colo., may notice the access control points have been upgraded with new barriers, guard booths and support structures.

What they won't notice is the upgrade to the infrastructure that will support an Automated Installation Entry system that will provide enhanced electronic security for the installation.

This is one of the biggest projects so far for the Army Engineering and Support Center's Access Control Point Program. Projects to upgrade ACPs at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, in Southport, N.C., are also complete. The upgrades are necessary to install security components that will improve the process of vetting credentials for all who enter military installations.

Huntsville Center project managers are working with 49 continental U.S. and 34 European garrisons to provide designs to upgrade the physical security at 52 ACPs affecting 425 lanes. Forty-eight stateside garrisons will have designs that will allow installation of the AIE system and at least 30 will have equipment installation.

The upgraded infrastructure and enhanced electronic security measures are in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Army's Product Manager for Force Protection Systems selected the



Photo by Gary Daniel

**HERE'S FORT CARSON—** The \$7.4 million project at Fort Carson, Colo., upgraded barriers and installed new guard booths and equipment buildings at six access control points, upgraded the electrical systems to accommodate the future Automated Installation Entry system and installed active vehicle barriers at three of the six gates.

Huntsville Center to plan and manage this gate upgrade initiative to include survey, design, purchase and installation of ACP equipment at all Army installations. The efforts are executed in conjunction with the priorities established by the Office of the Provost Marshal General and as directed by PM-FPS.

The \$7.4 million project at Fort Carson upgraded barriers and installed new guard booths and equipment buildings at six ACPs, upgraded the electrical systems to accommodate the future AIE system and installed active vehicle barriers at three of the six gates.

"This is one of the biggest projects we have done to date, and it's the most complex because of the gates and the number of lanes," said Michael Norton, ACP program manager at Huntsville Center. "The challenge was to get the work done while trying to maintain traffic throughput.

"This project enhances security at a big post. Fort Carson is a Power Projection Platform. With BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and GTA (Grow the Army), Fort Carson will grow by nearly 10,000 Soldiers. The six ACPs will help with security. The gates look great, but it is more than looking great. It is doing

important things to provide security for the installation."

The ACP program's charter only allows for upgrades to be made to the existing lane structure and some supporting infrastructure at an installation.

"Many installations are finding they do not have enough lanes at the gates to support the increased traffic flow," Norton said. "Garrisons are growing. Our program is only allowed to touch what is there now. We can add some supporting infrastructure, but we cannot add additional lanes to an existing ACP. So, we can only provide a partial solution."

The contract for the Fort Carson project was awarded Sept. 6, 2007, to LVW Electronics out of Colorado Springs, Colo.

"The equipment we installed was to the Army ACP standard. The standard suite includes 15 items," said Gary Daniel, with Shearer and Associates. Daniel provides technical engineering support for the project. The Fort Carson project was completed July 30, three weeks ahead of schedule.

Officials at Fort Carson agree that the project went well. Installing the infrastructure makes the gates ready for the second part of this effort, installation of the AIE system.

"Right now there is no change in how individuals are allowed access to Fort Carson," said Jake Jacob, deputy director for Emergency Services at Fort Carson. "They came in and did all the pre-work – that is all

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## European missile plan offers better defense, Gates says

By FRED W. BAKER III  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Changing threats and emerging technologies drove the decision to restructure the European missile defense plan, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said Sept. 17.

"I believe this new approach provides a better missile defense capability for our forces in Europe, for our European allies and eventually for our homeland than the program I recommended almost three years ago," Gates said in a briefing at the Pentagon. "It is more adapted to the threat we see developing and takes advantage of new technical capabilities available to us today."

In December 2006, Gates recommended to then-President George W. Bush that the United States should put advanced radars in the Czech Republic and 10 ground-based interceptors in Poland.

That was when intelligence officials gauged the development of Iran's inter-

continental ballistic missile as the foremost threat to the United States and its allies.

Now, intelligence reports paint a different picture – that the country is moving faster to develop its shorter-range missiles.

Gates responded by recommending to President Barack Obama that the United States now begin phasing in a missile defense system that puts radars and missiles in place sooner that are more suited to protect against the current threat. Plans are then to continue building on the system to increase its range of defense capabilities.

The president Sept. 17 announced his support of the plan.

"This new approach will provide capabilities sooner, build on proven systems, and offer greater defenses against the threat of missile attack than the 2007 European missile defense program," Obama said.

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"We have a group of professionals in 35 different job series and nine different career fields representing engineering, science, physics, logistics and acquisition," he said. "It's fun to help these professionals with their careers, to motivate them to get out of their comfort zone, and to set the environment where they can flourish and achieve career goals. Once you do that, you can sit back and watch your employees, and see great things happen."

That philosophy toward mentoring has been encouraged by Team Redstone leaders, including former leaders Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury and Richard Amos, and current leaders Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Ronnie Chronister.

"I've been involved in over 15 different job development assignments and special projects," Turner said. "That's good for the Army because you can take different experiences to the next challenge. It makes you more versatile."

Turner's career has included a five-year tour in Germany with the 200th Theater Army Materiel Management Center, and numerous positions at the former Missile Command and now Aviation and Missile Command in the areas of logistics and program management. He has served as the deputy executive director for the Integrated Materiel Management Center and as the aircraft team chief on the Army vice chief of staff's Aviation Readiness and Sustainment Task Force. He received the Commander's Award in 1994, the 1994 Ernest A. Young Logistician of the Year Award, and the Superior Civilian Performance Award in 2003; was selected as one of AMC's Ten Outstanding Personnel of the Year in 2002; was nominated for the National Defense Industrial Association's Defense Management Award in 2000; and was nominated for the first time as the local AUSA DA civilian of the year in 2003.

Turner is a frequent speaker at employee development activities, including LIFT (Leader Investment For Tomorrow) and TACL (Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders) programs.

**I**n his presentations to new employees, Turner emphasizes several crucial truths that will help them develop into successful DA civilian or contractor employees. They include: treat people with dignity and respect; always have a sense of urgency and a sense of humor; do more than is expected; always be willing to help people with their dreams and career aspirations; use the chain of command for help when needed; if you don't know a Soldier, adopt one; know yourself; listen to others; be willing to talk about your blind spots; tell the truth; when no one is in charge, take charge; and keep the right perspective and attitude.

"If you have a bad situation, think positively. Find a way to turn it around," Turner said. "Like Tiger Woods on a golf

course, never be content, always try to do better, always go for the next level."

**E**arly in his career, Turner was walking with his commander — Col. Jarod Lemoine — when the colonel stopped to pick up a piece of trash. Turner asked the officer why he did that and the answer has impacted his whole career.

"He gave me two answers. The first is that we all live here and have to be responsible for our environment. That second thing was people are always watching us and we have to set the example," he recalled. "Picking up a piece of paper is a small thing, but it translates into bigger and bigger things. It translates into things to consider like 'Do we allow unethical things to occur around us?' And 'Do we worry more about ourselves than in helping the taxpayer and the Soldier?'"

Turner has often spoken to the AMC Fellows program at the Logistics Leadership Center at Red River in Texarkana, Texas. He himself was hired as a supply management intern and went through the program in 1976, coming to Redstone Arsenal in 1977.

"When I go there to participate in their leadership panels, I often visit the room where I and 40 other interns had class all those years ago. I always sat in the front row," he recalled. "Recently when I was there, I was running down to the front of the room for a presentation and a young intern was running up past me. He was so eager and energetic. I thought it was symbolic because my career is going down as he is running up into his career."

Turner said he will be spending his new-found free time in retirement with his family — including wife Janice; son Bradley, who is an engineer in support of the Software Engineering Directorate, and his wife Summer; and daughter Angela, who is a University of Alabama-Huntsville senior and who co-ops with the Closed Combat Weapon Systems office. He will also be golfing, working around his home and his vacation home in Fort Morgan, possibly considering a second career, and volunteering with such organizations as Still Serving Veterans, Tennessee Valley Honor Flight and, of course, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA.

"I was the civilian representative on the AUSA board a couple years ago. They are an amazing group of people who have a passion for supporting Soldiers and their families, and they have fun doing it," he said.

"That's what my whole career has been about. It's not about me. It's about keeping the mission going. It's about Soldiers and Soldiers will always be here."

*Editor's note: Turner will accept his DA Civilian of the Year Award in a ceremony at the AUSA annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 5 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. His retirement ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon in Bob Jones Auditorium.*

# Touching lives of veterans with caring services

*Still Serving Veterans helps in re-entering civilian life*

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Helping veterans is a community-wide effort in Huntsville.

And, among the organizations that assist veterans, Still Serving Veterans has made a niche for itself by providing “the caring and understanding counseling” sought by veterans of all ages who need help in reintegrating into their communities.

“Support from the community is what really makes us successful,” SSV executive director Werner Baker said. “Huntsville is such a great military community and Redstone is really a great post. Funding is critical to our programs. But we’ve been fortunate that Huntsville is a giving community. We have wonderful support.”

That support is much appreciated by SSV as it works to make each veteran, and especially each wounded warrior, successful at what often becomes the most difficult task in their return to civilian society



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**ADVOCATES FOR VETERANS—** From left, Will Webb, Werner Baker and Bill Koch review details for an Oct. 2 golf tournament at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course that will raise funds to assist veterans through the services of Still Serving Veterans. The goal is \$100,000.

– finding a way to support their families.  
“We take care of all veterans,” Baker said. “But our main emphasis is on young

wounded warriors. We do not turn any veteran away who walks in our door. We provide all of them with job development

and job training, and we work closely with their families. It doesn’t do just to help the veteran and let the family walk out the door without that same support. We are all about helping to keep these families together.”

Baker said the Huntsville community – including commercial establishments, government contractors and individuals – has come forward to provide financial support for SSV services and programs during its three years of operations. Fund-raising events, such as the upcoming golf tournament sponsored in support of SSV by Analytical Services on Oct. 2 at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course, make a difference in the type of support SSV can provide.

“Eighty-seven percent of our funds is invested directly into veteran services,” Baker said. “We manage the money that the public entrusts us with and it goes to the service of the veterans. It’s a community effort. It’s the whole community that comes together to assist the veteran.”

Although there are many local organizations assisting veterans, SSV provides veterans one-on-one counseling, unconditional acceptance, and a vast knowledge of veteran services and benefits. SSV has assisted more than 1,050 veterans and

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families in the past three years. Of those, 110 have been employed as a result of SSV services, 519 veterans and widows have been assisted with VA benefits, 584 have received counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, and 126 have been involved in job training and seminars. About \$8 million in increased benefits and salaries have been gained by veterans with the help of SSV.

SSV has recently been named a center of excellence by the Veterans Coalition Innovation Center.

"They were looking for good organizations and good ideas, and they noticed us," said SSV president Will Webb. "We are an example of best practice."

"Our focus is on reintegration. There are three phases of wounded warrior support – recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration. Recovery and rehabilitation have improved greatly with funding through the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration. But reintegration – mostly job training and placement – is a local effort that needs grassroots support."

SSV provides veterans with long-term, career development; job transitioning

assistance; coaching, guiding and counseling; a clearinghouse for existing federal and state services; and assistance obtaining VA and other benefits. The organization sponsors job fairs, makes presentations to veterans and community groups, and works with local hospitals and agencies to provide information on VA benefits and issues.

"One of our innovations is to help veterans and wounded warriors integrate into new careers and new communities. We also can help spouses with reintegration," Webb said.

Job counseling is one of the most sought after offerings of SSV.

"We assist veterans to give them the tools so they can function in an interview, develop a resume and learn how to communicate their credentials," Baker said. "With veterans, the critical need is jobs. We are a clearinghouse. We connect the dots between agencies – both state and federal – that can help. We facilitate. Part of our success is that we are able to connect veterans with the right functions to get them the services they need."

Caring, patient and understanding counselors are crucial to the process, he said.

"Severely wounded Soldiers have lived through trauma that can make them not as able psychologically or emotionally to wade through bureaucracy or paperwork. They need an experienced counselor who knows where the benefits are, what they are eligible for and where to go for more

help," Baker said.

Although most of the organization's veterans are residents of North Alabama or South Tennessee, SSV also assists veterans from out-of-state via phone and e-mail communication.

"Out-of-state veterans will see our website and call us for help," Webb said. "We can't really give them the local help they need. But we can help leverage many services for them and help them wade through the burden of paperwork and finding services to help them. We can help them deal with their frustrations and work with them through the process."

SSV was formed in response to the large number of wounded warriors who needed assistance with re-entry into the civilian work force. Its office on Johnson Road is welcoming, a place where veterans can relax and unwind. Its staff consists of Baker, Webb, Bill Koch, Grant Rosensteel and Stephanie Carabarch. Several volunteers also assist, but volunteers are still needed for grant writing and web development.

"Helping a vet is everybody's business in this office," Baker said. "We don't ever turn them away."

"We want to spend quality time with them and give them the quality and excellence in services they so deserve. We want to be a one-stop shop for them. Our staff will listen to them and assess their situation and figure out what agencies can help them. When they leave here, we want them to know there is

hope, that there is something out there for them, that they can reach their goals and dreams."

SSV has developed partnerships with a host of companies and agencies, including the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, Hudson-Alpha, Semper Fi Task Force, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Analytical Services and Redstone's Community Based Health Care Organization.

"It takes the community and all those resources to bring to fruition a veteran's dreams," Baker said. "We are here for veterans as long as they need us, and they can come back to us whenever they do need us. We foster a lifelong relationship with the veterans we serve."

SSV has found its success in the success of the veterans it assists.

"The great news is if we can help even one person, we've done our job," Webb said. "The bad news is there are so many wounded warriors and families out there who need our help and who live in communities that don't have an organization like Still Serving Veterans to help them with job counseling, resume development and internships. Many of these young men and women have absolutely no idea how to convert military skills into a resume and a job."

*Editor's note: Still Serving Veterans can be reached at 883-7035 or its website at [stillservingveterans.org](http://stillservingveterans.org). For information on the SSV golf tournament, call Shannon Nelson at 562-2135.*

# Fox's retiring spokesman enjoys 'blessed time'

*Long commute, computer technology didn't deter Army wife from career*

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Fifty-mile drives and new computer technology were the challenges that Melba Moody faced when she first reported for work Sept. 20, 1989 at what is now Fox Army Health Center.

That was 20 years ago and Fox was a full-blown hospital, with an emergency room, surgical facilities and hospital rooms. Moody's plan was to work for the hospital for a year or two and then return to her family farm in Lawrence County.

Those plans changed.

"I've spent so much time here that this is like family," she said.

But another part of her family – her husband, a daughter and son and their spouses, 10 grandchildren and a host of other relatives – are pulling more strongly than her Fox family these days, and Moody has decided it's time to retire. A retirement reception in her honor is scheduled for Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Fox.

"I'm excited. I'm anxious. I'm going to miss the people here terribly," she said.

"When I first started, I had been driving for about a month and I thought to myself 'I don't know if I can do this for a year.' Now I don't think anything about the drive. I have loved working at Fox. I love the people, the patients, and I have loved my work. I didn't know it was going to be so rewarding."

Her first job at Fox was as a front-desk receptionist in



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**PROUD TO SERVE— Melba Moody, the adjutant/public affairs officer and chief of administration at Fox Army Health Center, enjoys a few more days of working in the Fox command suite. Moody is retiring after 20 years of service.**

family practice. It was a good place to start for a wife and mom who had raised two children while her husband had stints as a chaplain in both the active Army and the Reserves throughout their marriage.

"I'd already had 20 years exposure to the Army when I came to Fox," she said. "I loved being a pastor's wife and I loved it when he was a chaplain in the Army. It was very rewarding, especially when we were dealing with Soldiers and their families. He'd lead worship and I

would lead the choir. I was just one of those wives that whatever my husband was doing, I was doing, too."

Fox gave her an opportunity to continue working with Soldier families and retirees. But the job came with some challenges.

"It was the first time I had ever sat down in front of a computer in my life," Moody recalled with a laugh.

After two years as a receptionist, Moody became secretary to the adjutant, the commanding officer's administrative assistant. Then, during an 18-month period, the adjutant position was vacant and Moody was called on to fill in the vacancy. In 1998, she was promoted to adjutant and she has served as the adjutant/public affairs officer and chief of administrative services since then.

"The job covers a lot of different areas. I am in charge of correspondence, the command's public affairs, protocol, media relations, writing and photography, and planning ceremonies and events. It's a lot of stuff rolled into one position," she said.

Moody has served at Fox with 10 commanders.

"I have enjoyed every single commander," she said. "Some you get closer to. But I have never had a bad day at Fox. Some days have been extremely stressful. There have been days when I had to laugh or I would have cried. It's been high stress and high tempo, but it's been fun.

"From my first day in 1989, this job has been a gift to me from God. Every promotion, every upward movement has been a gift from God's hand to mine. It's been a very great 20 years."

Moody has seen a lot of changes at Fox since 1989, changes that brought more efficiency to the facility while also changing its patient services.

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“When I came here this was an inpatient facility with an emergency room and 22 beds upstairs. We had a surgery and an ICU. It was a hospital,” she recalled.

“Over the years, the ER was closed and surgery was closed. There was an audit and keeping the ER open was costing \$3 million a year for only a few patients it would see in a seven-day period. It just was not cost effective at all.”

Once the ER and surgery clinic were closed, Fox was designated a health center.

But, in time, that designation created new opportunities for Fox. Physical therapy was added to its services, optometry services were expanded, family practice became primary care and a wellness center opened in 2007. Today, Fox has 10 clinics – allergy/immunization, behavioral medicine, dental, internal medicine, optometry, pathology, physical therapy, primary care, radiology and warrior medicine.

All the changes have been good for Fox and its patients. But one change – a congressional mandate in the late 1990s that brought an end to primary care services for retirees over the age of 65 at military medical treatment facilities – caused a lot of heartache for both the staff and the patients at Fox.

“We had been seeing a lot of retirees for years and suddenly they were not able to come here anymore. It was traumatic for the Soldiers and their wives. It was heartbreaking for all of us,” Moody said.

The other trying time at Fox involved the deployment of several of its doctors to the Iraqi war, a time “when we were incredibly short on staff,” she said. And the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have created challenges as Fox has further developed services to address the issues of post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Moody also was involved in the massive, multimillion dollar renovation at Fox that is nearing completion.

Through all the changes, Fox’s mission has remained the same – to take care of Soldiers and their families.

“That’s always been important to me, especially when Soldiers are deployed and the family is separated,” Moody said. “We want to care for those families so Soldiers don’t have to worry.”

Moody, herself, knows what that separation is like. Her husband deployed to Iraq in 2003. Her son, a staff sergeant, has also deployed overseas and is serving in the Alabama National Guard in Decatur.

Moody’s husband, Thomas, who is now a retired lieutenant colonel, is a classic car buff. At one time, Moody was his body paint specialist.

“I painted his cars until I came to work at Fox,” she said. “I must have painted 100 cars. But I got tired of overspray in my hair and paint under my nails. I told him ‘I’m going to get a real job.’”

Although her husband still enjoys his car hobby, Moody doesn’t plan on rejoining the paint crew. She wants to spend time with her family of some 50 relatives, volunteer in her church (New Life Assembly of God of Moulton) with its fine arts program and a new youth choir, build a new home on the 40-acre family farm and travel the U.S.

“I’m drawing the floor plans for our new home,” she said. “Twenty-five years ago, we purchased four front columns from a home built in 1832 in Eutaw, Ala. It was being torn down. We are going to use the four columns in the front of our new home. When we’re not working on that, we want to take day trips and travel to see our country.”

Moody will always remember her work at Fox as a “blessed time” in her life and, as her official retirement date of Sept. 30 looms, she looks forward to turning over her work to a younger generation.

“If you are presented with an opportunity, take it. Or a challenge, go with it, work with it. You’ll learn and you’ll advance,” Moody said. “Take advantage of the opportunities you’ve been given. Work hard and thank God for your blessings every day. Enjoy life. Enjoy the people around you.”

## Small business finishes mentorship

Hawk Enterprises has been recognized for completing its Department of Defense Mentor-Protege Program with Bell Helicopter, a Textron company.

A ceremony Sept. 10 at Hawk’s company headquarters in Huntsville marked the conclusion of an 18-month partnership of the two companies that began in March 2008 when Hawk Enterprises was selected to become a protege to Bell Helicopter under the DoD Mentor Protege Program which is designed to develop qualified small business suppliers. The effort is managed by the Pentagon’s Office of Small Business Programs and helps transform promising small businesses into established firms that can become valued DoD business partners. *(Bell Helicopter release)*

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done. The only major improvement is the anti-vehicle barriers and those are a great addition to our force protection measures.”

Other ongoing ACP projects include Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., which is almost finished; Redstone Arsenal; Fort Lewis, Wash., which is nearing completion; Fort Rucker; Bluegrass Army Depot, Ky.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; and Fort Belvoir, Va., to name just a few of the 49 stateside installations.

“This is great work the Corps of Engineers is doing,” Norton said. “In the end, we will have much more secure garrisons for our Soldiers, their families and civilians who work and live there.”

# Congressman praises Prototype Integration Facility culture



Photo by Merv Brokke

**UPPER PATH—** Project Lead Brad Welch, left, outlines the path forward for the OH-58D Cockpit Upgrade Program to Rep. Parker Griffith during his recent tour of the Prototype Integration Facility.

By **CALAN HELMS** and **MERV BROKKE**  
*For the Rocket*

Rep. Parker Griffith recently made his first visit to the Prototype Integration Facility and was hosted by Patti Martin, director for systems engineering and support, and facility program manager Danny Featherston.

Martin and Featherston highlighted the facility's capabilities, ongoing projects and introduced the congressman to the employees who have been recognized for their excellence by the Department of the Army by earning seven of the "Top 10 Greatest Army Inventions" over the past three years.

Griffith observed the attention to detail, dedication, professionalism and commitment to excellence of the PIF work force.

"Quality is the dominant culture," he said.

At each work station, whether a project

involving missile and launcher integrations, a Black Hawk command and control upgrade, or the unmanned aircraft system Shadow 200 Communications Relay System which earned an award as the "Army's Top 10 Greatest Inventions," the customer is the focus and the PIF work force always aim at exceeding expectations.

"This is our culture," Featherston said. "We are focused on the war fighter — our customer. We will not sacrifice integrity of our products."

In the case of most all of the facility's projects the customer is the war fighter, the end user, who will employ the technology on the battlefield. One of these projects is the OH-58D Cockpit Upgrade Program.

Before leaving, Griffith gave his compliments to the tour's host.

"He said he's proud of the work being done here and that he's looking forward to coming back," Featherston said.

## LOGSA joins Central Command on cargo project

By **JACK DODGE**  
*Logistics Support Activity*

U.S. Central Command J4 manager recently visited LOGSA's Army Air Clearance Authority to develop a proof of principle to establish an air clearance authority for the CENTCOM area of operations.

During the visit, Master Sgt Jordan Grice, the CCJ4-M action officer, received a mission brief and a tour of Logistics Support Activity's AACA operations.

Central Command believes establishing an ACA within the AOR can provide significant benefits to the war fighter.

"This partnership between the LOGSA's AACA and CENTCOM will have a direct positive impact on the war fighter," Grice said. "With accurate data, proper modal determination, and improved cargo forecasting the air transportation pipeline in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan will be improved dramatically."

LOGSA's Cynthia Fugate and Jack Dodge, both of the AACA, collaborated with Grice to help establish the framework for the Central Command ACA.

An ACA paired with a Port Assistant Liaison, strategically positioned at major aerial ports, can improve cargo modal determination and thus reduce the amount of non-mission essential cargo that is airlifted. Also, with the shift of forces between Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, an ACA can improve in-transit visibility and ensure maximum utilization of transportation assets.

Another significant benefit of establishing an ACA for the Central Command AOR is the oversight it can provide for retrograde shipments transiting from overseas to the United States. By utilizing the Financial and Air Clearance Transportation System, the accuracy of transportation data advanced into the transportation system increases considerably. This will allow leadership to pull data and construct reports on specific items transported within the Defense Transportation System.

"With the impending drawdown of U.S. forces in Iraq," AACA deputy chief John Hall said, "this capability will significantly improve the visibility of cargo in the air transportation pipeline."

## West Point senior ready to graduate into service

*Four years of training prepares officers for Army challenges*

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Matthew Wilson didn't know his dad during his Army years.

By the time the younger Wilson was born, John Wilson was getting ready to retire from a 22-year stint as an Army officer.

But growing up in a post-Army family hasn't kept Wilson from finding his own way into the military's officer ranks.

"I still feel like I've grown up in an Army family," he said. "I knew my father had served and so had my grandfather. It was something I knew I was always going to do."

Wilson has begun his senior year at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. His graduation with a bachelor's in electrical engineering in May 2010 will be the culmination of a goal he set after attending West Point's Summer Leaders Seminar following his junior year at Grissom High.



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**REACHING GOAL— Matthew Wilson, a West Point senior, is looking forward to the culmination of his military academy education and the beginning of his service to the nation. His years at West Point have been successful, in part, because of the support of his family, including his mom and dad, John and Caroline Wilson of Huntsville.**

"I attended the leadership courses at West Point and the Naval Academy," Wilson said. "The programs are meant to expose students to the rigors, to the reality of the military academy.

"I really liked the atmosphere at West Point. I made good friends during that week who I am still in touch with. I had a great squad leader. I liked everything about it."

It didn't take long for Wilson to realize that West Point was the place for him. And, as he decided his path, Wilson's parents dedicated themselves to providing support to their son and other Alabama West Point cadets. They have both served as the president of the West Point Parents Club of Alabama, and continue to assist with club activities.

"For many of the parents of these cadets, they don't really know what the military is all about," John Wilson said. "We are here to support the cadets and to help other parents understand what their son or daughter is going through as a cadet and how they can support them."

There are about 60 cadets from Alabama who currently attend West Point. Of those, 28 are plebes (first-year freshmen). There are 1,100 cadets in Wilson's senior class, down from the 1,364 who started with him as plebes. There are 16 West Point cadet seniors from Alabama.

With the new collegiate year under

way, West Point admissions liaisons are now working with high school juniors and seniors who are interested in the benefits of a West Point education. Every year, 14,000 applicants nationwide apply to West Point. Of those last year, 125 were from Alabama and 41 were from the fifth congressional district, said Reserves Maj. Josh Kennedy, a West Point admissions liaison who works for the Aviation and Missile Command's Operations Analysis Branch.

"This district is in the top five most competitive in terms of the number of applicants based on our population and the quality of applicants," Kennedy said.

High school students interested in a service academy experience should consider attending a summer leadership course between their junior and senior year. Although not a prerequisite for attending a service academy, the experience can help a student decide if a military education is meant for them.

Applicants to West Point are admitted through a congressional nomination from their district representative, such as

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District 5's Rep. Parker Griffith. Griffith hosted the annual Academy Day with representatives from all the service academies on Sept. 13 at Madison Academy to provide interested high school students information about the application process.

"If they attend Academy Day, then there is already an interest in attending a military academy," Kennedy said. "It's a great way to get the application process out in the open and to talk to kids about what they have to do to get a nomination."

Representatives and senators can nominate up to 10 candidates annually who then compete for admission. West Point candidates can also receive a presidential or vice presidential nomination.

Once they are nominated, admission applicants are considered based on their academics (carries about two-thirds weight), athletics (about 10 percent) and leadership (about 20 percent).

"At West Point, we are looking for a well-rounded applicant that has a broad mix demonstrating academic talents, physical abilities and leadership aptitude," Kennedy said.

Leadership can be shown in a variety of ways by high school students, including serving as a JROTC cadet officer or the quarterback on the football team.

"We are looking for demonstrated leadership in a physically demanding environment," Kennedy said.

There are no quotas for minorities at West Point, but there are targets that admissions liaisons try to reach for females, African-Americans and Hispanics.

"We actively work the admissions and recruiting process harder with minorities. But if they don't qualify they aren't going," Kennedy said.

West Point and other service academies offer cadets a free college education in exchange for military service upon graduation. For many, a service academy education can open the doors to opportunities in both the military and civilian arenas.

"The majority of leaders in the Army come out of West Point because of the screening process," said John Wilson. "If, early on, you know you want to be a leader in the Army then you should try for West Point. We encouraged Matthew that if he wanted to be a leader in the Army then he should see if he can go to West Point."

"But we didn't push him," said Matthew's mother, Caroline Wilson. "It has to be the child's decision. Sure, it's an honor. But there are so many hard things that a cadet has to do that no one else can do but that person themselves. They've got to want to do it to be successful."

**C**aroline Wilson knew that her son's acceptance to West Point would mean sacrifices for the family. Because West Point is so far away, the Wilsons don't often see their son.

"As a mom, I was kind of selfish. We had Plan B and Plan C if West Point didn't happen," she said. "I was kind of thinking that maybe he could take ROTC in college and stay closer to home. I asked a lot 'Are you sure?' But you have to let them decide and choose their path."

The West Point experience for plebes includes Beast Barracks, a seven-week basic training during which communication with family and friends is only allowed through the postal mail. During

the first year, plebes are charged with much of the manual labor of West Point life, they must memorize things like the daily menu and how long until a school holiday, and they must call out the time for various events.

"You quickly learn little tricks to memorize things," Wilson said. "The most important thing is you have to be hard working. You also have to be able to put up with a lot of stuff and you have to be optimistic."

Those first few weeks of Beast Barracks were especially tough.

"I remember asking myself 'What am I doing here? Why am I sitting here lining my hats up on a shelf?' At some point, if you don't question why you are there, then there is something wrong with you," Wilson said.

At West Point, every cadet is considered an athlete. That philosophy was a natural fit for Wilson, who played football at Grissom. Cadets are required to participate as an athlete at the collegiate level, or on a club or intramural squad.

"You don't have to be in JROTC to go to West Point. You don't have to be the captain of the football team. But you do have to be athletic," Wilson said.

Wilson said West Point cadets are made aware when a graduate has been killed in combat. Since 2001, about 75 West Point graduates have lost their lives in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"Knowing that serves to focus us. That's why we are training out in a field on Saturday morning," Wilson said.

West Point cadets stay busy even during their summer breaks. After his freshman year, Wilson participated in field training exercises. This past summer, he was a squad leader for field training exercises and attended airborne school.

Wilson is not the only member of his

family also pursuing a military career. His older brother, Andrew, is serving as a second lieutenant with the 1st of the 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**R**ecently, both sons were home for the Labor Day weekend, attending the Grissom-Huntsville football game together. It was a special time for a family that is often separated by service. Besides their sons' commitment to the Army, John Wilson is now preparing to run for a state senate seat.

For Wilson, May 2010 will bring new challenges. After graduation, he will be assigned to military intelligence with a detail toward armor. He will leave West Point with a quality education, a commitment to the Army ethics, a determination to make a difference in his service to his country, and four years of memories and friendships.

"Because of West Point, I have so many friends from places like Alaska, Maryland, Texas, Nebraska and California. It's a great group of guys. We've spent four years doing homework together, hanging out, doing formations and handling all that West Point has to offer," he said.

"Whether West Point is for you depends on what you are looking for. If you want the college experience of Friday night parties and things like that, then don't go to West Point. But, if you want to learn about leadership, discipline and service, then West Point and its opportunities might be just right for you."

*Editor's note: For more information about the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, check out its website at <http://www.usma.edu/> or contact Kennedy at [josh-kennedy@us.army.mil](mailto:josh-kennedy@us.army.mil) or call 876-6416 or 975-5733.*

## 'God is touching the hearts of so many'

*Christian worship leader travels worldwide to minister to troops*

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While the Army defends freedoms around the world, God is working in the hearts of people from all walks of life who hunger for justice, compassion and a promise for a better future.

That's what Betsy Brown is witnessing as she travels throughout western and eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

"Pray for our enemies," she urged members of the Protestant Women of the Chapel during a presentation Sept. 10. "God is touching the hearts of so many who hate us. In Africa, Morocco, Libya, Algeria and all over the world, Jesus is making himself known ... Pray that they have dreams and visions, because they are."

Brown, an international Christian worship leader, speaker and teacher, formed HeartSong Ministries in 1979. Since then, she has traveled throughout the U.S. and the world to share the message of Christ and to minister to U.S. servicemembers. In her mission work, she ministered behind the Iron Curtain in Germany when communism was falling, among Russian military in Siberia, and on the battlefields of Iraq to both U.S. military and Iraqi citizens. She has co-led prayer walks on the islands of Indonesia, assisted with tsunami relief work in Indonesia in 2005, spent Christmas 2004 and Thanksgiving 2007 in Iraq ministering to U.S. military, traveled to Syria several times to assist with aid to more than 2 million Iraqi refugees, and taught and worshipped with military wives involved in PWOC around the world.

She has seen for herself how the power



Photo by Kari Hawkins

**ENGAGING LEADER—** Missionary Betsy Brown takes her message of God's love to Soldiers and refugees in the war-torn places in the world. She shared her ministry with the Protestant Women of the Church on Sept. 10.

of Jesus and the Christian message of love and forgiveness have changed the lives of radical extremists.

As she spoke to PWOC members in Bicentennial Chapel, Brown said she has repeatedly heard testimonials similar to what a refugee living in a Palestinian Refugee Camp in Lebanon once told her about his transformation.

"He said 'I grew up to hate Christians. I killed them. But a friend brought me to a meeting where I learned about Jesus. I heard some things I've never heard before. I heard about loving your enemies. I keep sneaking back to hear more. One month ago, I met some Jews that followed Jesus, too. Now, I love Christians. I love Jesus,'" Brown recalled.

Brown said that in the midst of war, famine, poverty, natural disasters and destruction, there is a transformation

going on in the hearts of people. And she urged PWOC members to use the brokenness of the world to bring people to God.

"The most difficult situations are an opportunity for Jesus," she said. "The challenge is: Will you engage? It's easy to sit back and say 'It's good that God has called you to that.' He has called all of us to engage, to engage in his kingdom that is happening now."

Brown showed pictures during her presentation of Christian families in the Middle East who have suffered the tragedies of murders, kidnappings, robberies, rapes, molestations and beatings. She shared their stories of being threatened with death if they did not convert. She talked about a "God school" that she helped start in Iraq for Christian children.

At the school, about 150 children ages 3 to 19 receive a hot meal, go to lessons

and to chapel, and learn about reconciliation and forgiveness.

"It makes me weep because I know some of the stories of these children and now they are learning about Jesus' love and forgiveness," Brown said. "They are in the loving arms of this church and learning about forgiveness. We are teaching them that 'God will deal with those evil men and as you forgive God will heal your heart.'"

Christians should be ready in all situations and at every opportunity to share the word of God, she said.

"I am absolutely convinced that the gift of Jesus is the answer for every situation ... Christians should be prepared to be the light in the middle of the darkness," Brown said. "It is an incredible moment to speak God's truth in the middle of chaos."

Brown began her military missionary work in 1981, when a cousin serving in the Army as a band director invited her to minister to Soldiers in Germany.

It wasn't long before "military families became my family. It was a good fit for me. They are so appreciative of someone coming over where they are serving and encouraging them. Wherever I go, I get really close to the military and the women who support their husbands who are deployed," she said.

Brown is drawn to Soldiers and their families because of the sacrifices they make for freedom. She is compelled to provide them with support and to share God's love with them. In her work, she also provides support to military chaplains.

"The body of Christ is present in the military. I carry a powerful tool to them — the love of Christ and the opportunity to worship," she said.

"And, whether I am ministering to Soldiers or involved in a relief mission, I know that no matter how big the crisis, each crisis always provides an opportunity for God to show up."

# Security Assistance Command tackles suicide prevention

## USASAC workers receive briefings

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The Army has made suicide prevention among Soldiers a top priority. However, predominantly civilian organizations are using the training and information available to educate their work forces as well. The Army Security Assistance Command is moving into phase three of its training plan.

"We want it to be understood that we take it just as seriously as the green-suiters," Gale Fenwick, training manager, said. "We are an Army organization and suicide does happen to civilians, too."

The first phase of training included briefings and presentations featuring the stories of people who have lived through suicide attempts or the pain of a friend, loved one or colleague's death. Some of the faces are instantly recognizable.

"The actor and comedian Drew Carey has a segment where he talks about his own suicide attempt," Fenwick said.

The training program is mandatory for USASAC's active duty and government civilian work force. It is also recommended for the contractors within their walls. Conducting widespread training at four locations, while in the middle of a BRAC move, sounds daunting, Fenwick said. However, teamwork and support from Redstone has made it go much smoother than could be anticipated.

"We've been working with the Garrison here at Redstone and the AMC Chaplains office," Fenwick said. "The chap-

lains have really taken the lead. They're going TDY from here to our off-site locations to talk to our people. The Garrison has helped us get the information and materials we need for this."

Phase 2 called for chain training for supervisors and workers. The current phase of training calls for information displays set up within each USASAC location. Once those displays come down, their information will be dispersed throughout the buildings to keep their message at the front of the organization's collective consciousness.

"Our commander Brig. Gen. (Christopher) Tucker has asked that we keep these permanently posted," Fenwick said. "

Fenwick said that it all boils down to reaching those who need help and teaching the rest how to recognize when someone they know is struggling before it becomes too late.

"The whole concept is to make you able to notice the signs and symptoms, that you know what the risk factors are and have the courage to step in," he said.

It is also about removing the last of the stigma associated with mental health issues for Army personnel, both Soldier and civilian.

"Asking for help was seen as a weakness," Fenwick said. "We want people to know that's not true. Knowing there is a problem and reaching out for help takes true strength."

An online version of the training program is being built, so that it is accessible at anytime from anywhere.

"It is a leadership program and we're here to service it," Fenwick said. "It's being led by our general, and we're going to do everything we can to get the message out and make it a success."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**INFORMATION SOURCE**— From left, Barrett Parris, Jose De Jesus, USASAC commander Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker, Carol Morales and Gale Fenwick take a moment to look over the command's suicide prevention information table.

# Prostate cancer represents silent killer of men

## Early detection key for treatment

By RICK STOCK  
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September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

The Men's Health Network has generated some statistics that men and their loved ones should take note of regarding prostate cancer:

- A new prostate cancer case occurs every 2.7 minutes and a man dies from prostate cancer every 19 minutes.

- Prostate cancer strikes 1 in 6 men, is the most common cancer in men, and the second leading cancer killer of men behind lung cancer.

- Seventy-five men a day will lose their life to prostate cancer.

- It is estimated that there are more than 2 million American men currently living with prostate cancer.

- African-American men have the highest rate of prostate cancer.

- The American Urological Association recommends that men age 40 and over speak to their physician about a baseline prostate cancer exam.

- After age 40, men should consult with the doctor about the need for a yearly prostate cancer test which includes a Prostate Specific Antigen test and a digital rectal exam.

- Know your number. Keep a record. When you receive your PSA test results, write them down and compare them with the results you receive in the future.

- Prostate cancer can almost always be successfully treated if detected early.

- Prostate cancer does not affect men in isolation: it also impacts the emotional, mental, physical and financial well-being of the entire family, especially spouses.

Prostate cancer is the abnormal growth of cells in a man's prostate gland. The prostate sits just below the bladder. It makes part of the fluid for semen. In young men the prostate is about the size of a walnut. As a man ages, it usually grows larger.

Prostate cancer is common in men older than 65. It usually grows slowly and can take years to grow large enough to cause any problems. Most cases are treatable because they are found with screening tests before the

cancer has spread to other parts of the body.

Experts don't know what causes prostate cancer, but they believe that your family history (genetics), age and race may affect your chances of getting it. What you eat, such as foods high in saturated fats, may also play a part.

Nutritionally optimal eating choices are one of the most important components of a person's health. If you give yourself the right ingredients, you will essentially take care of yourself, producing the materials that you need to survive and thrive. However, when you are deprived of proper nutrients, or if you take in detrimental substances, your body weakens, thus opening the door to all sorts of disease — prostate cancer included.

The humble tomato contains a

substance known as lycopene. Almost all of the recent studies in cancer prevention show that lycopene is a veritable godsend. Lycopene apparently does not only help prevent prostate cancer, it helps prevent all types of cancer. Certain foods are considered by researchers as being cancer protective. Lycopene is a bright red carotenoid, a class of highly unsaturated yellow or red pigments that is naturally occurring in tomatoes, papaya, guava and watermelons. It can also be found in tomato products such as ketchup or spaghetti sauce. Lycopene is the most important carotenoid in the human body. Studies have shown that processed tomatoes contain up to four times more lycopene than natural ones — one of the rare instances when cooking actually increases nutrition content.

Lycopene is also a powerful antioxidant, a chemical compound that prevents oxidation. During the course of normal cellular processes, the body produces extra oxygen atoms called free radicals. However, if the free radicals are not used up, they will roam the body and eventually cause cellular DNA to break down, precipitating a mutation of healthy cells into cancerous ones. Antioxidants like lycopene prevent this mutation by cleaning up excess free radicals, thus protecting the body from cancer cell growth and helping to prevent prostate cancer.

Men, be sure to follow the recommendations of the Men's Health Network and consult with your doctor, health care practitioner and dietitian on a frequent basis.

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# Step outside to help fight diabetes

## Fund-raiser walk slated Saturday

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

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

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

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

There is no registration fee for the walk; however it is hoped that you will develop teams for the walk and raise as much money as possible. Each walker who sponsors \$100 in fund-raising will receive a 2009 Step Out Walk to Fight Diabetes T-shirt. There is a \$20 fund-raising requirement to walk.

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

Here are directions from south

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

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

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

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

# Last Dragons destroyed in Anniston

*End of obsolete missile marks close of chapter*

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ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT — History was made at Anniston Defense Munitions Center on Sept. 8 with the destruction of the last batch of M47 Dragon missiles in the Army's inventory. Army leaders and other special guests were here to witness this event.

The M47 Dragon missile was first fielded in January 1975 and then issued to U.S. Soldiers stationed in Europe. Preparations for the Dragon manufacturing started in September 1959 when the Army Ordnance and Missile Command saw the need for a medium range heavy assault weapon. This idea evolved over the next several years with the Army Ballistic Missile Agency recommending the development of a heavy anti-tank weapon.

After almost a decade of planning and testing by the Army and

McDonnell-Douglas, the Dragon name was born in 1967. The Dragon missiles saw their final combat action during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In August 2006, the Dragon was officially classified as "obsolete" by the Army.

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space, traveled from Redstone Arsenal to witness the destruction of the Dragons in what he called "an informative and history making event."

"It is not too often that you get to close the chapter on a weapons system such as the Dragon," said Dellarocco, who was stationed at Anniston Army Depot from 1987-90 in a different capacity. "It is a bittersweet feeling to see the end of a weapons system that was so vital to our war fighters, but the Dragon is being replaced by a more accurate and more lethal weapon system."

The Dragon has been replaced on the battlefield by the FGM-148 Javelin missile, which is stored and maintained at Annis-



Photo by Jeremy Guthrie

**LOADED PIT—** Twenty-four Dragon missiles and 36 M15 mines are placed in the pit Sept. 8 at Anniston Defense Munitions Center in preparation for destruction of the last of the Army's Dragons.

ton Defense Munitions Center.

ADMC was directed in 2006 to destroy the Army's stockpile of Dragon missiles, according to the Aviation and Missile Command, Operational Integration Directorate, Missile Demilita-

rization Program Office. The demilitarization and disposal plan called for a total of 3,500 missiles per year being destroyed from 2006 through 2008. The destruction of the missiles was ramped up during 2009 to 5,433.

All of the hard work and preparations paid off when the final 24 missiles were destroyed Sept. 8 through an Open Burn/Open Detonation method at the ADCM demilitarization grounds, or 'demil pit,' as it's called.

"Anytime we finish a job, we're glad to have completed it safely," said Chris Rogers, engineering equipment operator at the demil pit. "I'm glad we're not going to see any more Dragons because they pack a lot of power and create a bigger hole."

As always, safety was the primary concern of leaders at ADCM and Armywide.

"Safety was extremely important during this task and it was performed exceptionally well by the true professionals here at Anniston Defense Munitions Center," Jyuji Hewitt, deputy to the commander of Joint Munitions Command, said. "It is fitting that ADCM was given this historic mission, given their history of safety, professionalism

See **Dragons** on page 23

## Advanced artillery weapon pushes new technology

*Non-Line of Sight Launch System evaluated by Fort Bliss Soldiers*

The NLOS-LS Project Office and the TRADOC Systems Manager for Rockets and Missiles are working together to develop and test one of the most advanced weapon systems on the modern battlefield, the Non-Line of Sight Launch System.

This system consists of 15 Precision Attack Missiles vertically launched from a Container/Launch Unit and is a highly advanced, networked, responsive, platform independent and rapidly deployable precision strike capability for use against moving and stationary targets on land and at sea for the Army's modular and future force as well as the Navy's Littoral Combat Ship.

This self containerized, multi-mission weapon system provides a more responsive and lethal package that requires significantly fewer personnel, decreases logistical support and lowers life-cycle costs, while increasing survivability when compared to current direct fire gun and missile artillery.

At the heart of the NLOS-LS system is a modified Standard Integrated Command Post, Command Post Platform developed by Northrop Grumman Corporation called the NLOS-LS Control Cell. The Control Cell houses the dedicated NLOS-LS fire direction and communication capability in a standard tactical shelter



Courtesy photo

**COMMAND CELL—** The Control Cell houses the dedicated NLOS-LS fire direction and communication capability in a standard tactical shelter that is fully transportable and deployable by existing military and commercial modes of transport.

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This state-of-the-art Control Cell enables the NLOS-LS system to apply attack guidance and calculate flight paths and firing solutions utilizing the Army Field Artillery Tactical Data System. Engagement of moving targets, a new capability not previously resident within the AFATDS system, required modification and addition of digital messages as well as new functionality provided by an Effects Opti-

mization Tool, developed by the Software Engineering Directorate.

This NLOS-LS mission planner add-in performs numerous functions that reduce operator workload and improve mission processing time such as generation of missile flight paths and waypoints, deconfliction of airspace, moving target prediction, generation of protective safety measures and network management for secure communication. PAMs, equipped with a discriminating seeker and an IR camera, can not only receive in-flight target updates for tracking moving targets but can transmit an image of the target to the Control Cell prior to impact. The Control Cell also relays messages between the forward observer and the missile for laser guided missions and abort commands.

Situational awareness in the Control Cell is provided by Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below or Blue Force Tracker and AFATDS workstations in the shelter with remote capability for FBCB2/BFT to the Humvee cab; remote AFATDS to the cab is a planned future capability that will enable Soldiers to rapidly execute fire missions when called upon to do so even while en route to a new location.

To date, 12 system integration exercises involving the NLOS-LS Control Cell equipment and PAM and CLU simulators have been conducted in Baltimore, Md., and at Fort Sill, Okla. These SIEs have been invaluable in validating new hardware or software versions as they are

introduced to the system as well as stressing the entire fire mission thread to ensure that interoperability and functionality are not lost.

The NLOS-LS program is currently being evaluated by Soldiers from the Army Evaluation Task Force at Fort Bliss, Texas and is moving toward Cold Regions testing in the first quarter of 2010 and a Milestone C decision in the third quarter of fiscal 2010. As part of Brigade Combat Team modernization, the Army plans to have its First Unit Equipped starting in fiscal 2011. The Navy plans to begin fielding to the LCS fleet in fiscal 2012. Until the Joint Unified Battle Command system is realized and provides true networked fires capability, the NLOS-LS Control Cell will serve a critical role in meeting the war fighters' needs for tactical and technical fire direction as well as communication with CLUs and PAM missiles in flight.

The NLOS-LS Project Office is part of the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space. NetFires limited liability company, a joint venture between Raytheon and Lockheed-Martin, is the prime contractor for this program. Raytheon Missile Systems, located in Tucson, Ariz., is developing the PAM missile and Lockheed-Martin, located in Dallas, Texas, is developing the CLU for the NLOS-LS project office. The Control Cell is being developed by Northrop Grumman in Huntsville. (NLOS-LS Project Office release)

## HHC 59th raises Commander's Cup

Unit edges Bravo Company  
in annual sports competition

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HHC 59th has risen to the top of Redstone Arsenal sports.

The "Raise up bunch" has won this year's Commander's Cup by compiling the most points in the unit-level sports for fiscal 2009. The seasonal sports include flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and a 5K run.

"Wow. It is a long time coming," HHC 59th commander Capt. Allen Hughes said. "That's truly a tribute to the Soldiers who put in the hard work. It'll be an honor for me to accept the trophy on their behalf. I'm proud of each and every one of them. They all did an outstanding job."

HHC 59th finished first with 342.2 points followed by Bravo Company with 334.5 and Charlie Company with 320.9. Bravo finished second for the third straight year, including 2008 as runner-up to Headquarters & Alpha. Ten units participated.

"I think it's pretty good for a lot of us 'old fogies' as the privates call us," Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs, the 59th's team representative for many of the sports particularly softball and volleyball, said. "The young ones almost took it on the run, but we held our own pretty much on the 5K run."

The Commander's Cup presentation is scheduled Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at Pagano Gym.

"It's a proud accomplishment," said Sgt. 1st Class Rob Coppage, who played softball and volleyball for the 59th. "That's one more thing I can be proud of since I've been

here on the Arsenal (having been associated with championship teams in other units during a previous tour). It's always a good thing. It'll give you unit pride so it makes it all worthwhile."

Here are the final standings for the fiscal 2009 Commander's Cup: 1. HHC 59th (342.2), 2. Bravo (334.5), 3. Charlie (320.9), 4. Marines (311.5), 5. NCO Academy (305), 6. Headquarters & Alpha (238.1), 7. National Guard (173.3), 8. 375th Engineer (95.4), 9. 326th Chemical Company (76.5) and 10. 203rd MP (43.8).

**Wolfpack wins 5K:** Charlie Company won the 5K run Sept. 12 which was the final event for the fiscal 2009 Commander's Cup.

Bravo Company finished second and the NCO Academy third. They were followed by Headquarters & Alpha in fourth, HHC 59th in fifth and the Marines sixth.

The individual winner was Erik Spencer of Charlie Company in 17:34. Tina Eakin of HHC 59th was second in 17:41 and Charlie's Michael Mercy took third in 17:43. Forty-eight runners competed.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**WINNING TEAM—** Members of the HHC 59th basketball team celebrate their post championship March 18 at Pagano Gym.

## Flag football ready to open in October

The flag football season will kick off Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the field off Patton Road.

Eight teams are expected to participate in the league with games Tuesday and Thursday nights. The postseason tournament should be over by Thanksgiving.

"The postseason is going to start somewhere around the 10th of November, so we can finish before the holidays," sports director Gaylene Wilson said.

The teams include the Civilian Welfare Fund, Bravo Company, Charlie Company,

Headquarters & Alpha, HHC 59th, NCO Academy, Marines and 326th Chemical Company.

CWF beat Bravo 38-8 in the 2008 post-season tournament final. The civilians finished the year 10-1 while Bravo went 8-5.

"We've got some new players on the team so we're going to get them acclimated into our offensive and defensive system in order to pull out another championship," CWF player/coach Brad Harris said. "Our goal this year is to go undefeated."

## Alabama should roll over Arkansas at home

Crimson Tide favored  
against Razorbacks

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My college football predictions were 97-24 after three weeks. Here are Skip's Picks this week:

Arkansas at Alabama — **Bama**  
Mississippi at South Carolina — **Ole Miss**  
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Arizona State at Georgia — **Georgia**  
Ball State at Auburn — **Auburn**  
LSU at Mississippi State — **LSU**  
Ohio at Tennessee — **Tennessee**  
Vanderbilt at Rice — **Vandy**  
Missouri at Nevada — **Missouri**  
Buffalo at Temple — **Buffalo**  
Fresno State at Cincinnati — **Cincinnati**  
Indiana at Michigan — **UM**  
Michigan State at Wisconsin — **UW**  
Minnesota at Northwestern — **NU**  
North Carolina at Georgia Tech — **GT**  
South Florida at Florida State — **FSU**  
Southern Mississippi at Kansas — **UK**  
Marshall at Memphis — **Marshall**  
San Diego State at Air Force — **AFA**  
Wake Forest at Boston College — **WF**  
California at Oregon — **Cal**  
Illinois at Ohio State — **OSU**  
Miami (Fla.) at Virginia Tech — **VT**  
Pittsburgh at North Carolina State — **Pitt**  
Rutgers at Maryland — **Rutgers**  
TCU at Clemson — **TCU**  
Texas-El Paso at Texas — **UT**  
UCF at East Carolina — **East Carolina**  
Western Kentucky at Navy — **Navy**  
Jacksonville State at Nicholls State — **Jax**  
Troy at Arkansas State — **Troy**  
Colorado State at Brigham Young — **BYU**  
Florida at Kentucky — **UF**  
Furman at Western Carolina — **Furman**  
Wofford at Chattanooga — **UTC**  
Army at Iowa State — **Iowa State**  
Boise State at Bowling Green — **Boise**  
Middle Tennessee at North Texas — **MTSU**  
UAB at Texas A&M — **Texas A&M**  
Arizona at Oregon State — **OS**  
Louisville at Utah — **Utah**  
Iowa at Penn State — **PSU**  
Notre Dame at Purdue — **ND**  
Washington at Stanford — **Stanford**  
Texas Tech at Houston — **Houston**  
Washington State at Southern California — **USC**



# Community entertains families from Fort Campbell

## Family support program fosters strong bonds

By **SOPIA BLEDSOE**  
For the Rocket

"OMG!" said Denise Lewis upon seeing the crowd gathered in the lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

More than 250 family members, Team Redstone leaders, community leaders and representatives from various support organizations were assembled. They met in a reception room for a "Welcome to Huntsville" event Sept. 12.

With their spouses deployed in Afghanistan for a year, the family members of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Campbell, Ky., were ready for a relaxing time — a retreat from the stress of running a family, working jobs, being involved in the community, and the day-to-day household operation without the presence of their spouses.

The group is part of Strong Bonds, formerly known as the Building Strong and Ready Family program in 1997, an Army family readiness/support group led by the 159th Chaplain unit. The program recognizes the importance of family support.

"We are so happy to be here," said Lewis, family readiness group brigade adviser.

Lewis is the driver of the program; and ever since she and her husband visited Huntsville for an "R&R," she knew she had to make this city a part of the

group's approved sites for the planned retreats. With more than 3,000 Soldiers' families to look after, along with the National Guard units in Sacramento, Calif., all experiencing multiple combat deployments, Lewis knew that now more than ever she needed to plan some activities before year's end.

"We came here for an IPR (in-process review) to assess potentially what is available to us," she said. There are so many things to consider — from accommodations to separate adult and children's activities, to ensuring that the drive time home is manageable in the event of an emergency.

"There are so many Army communities that do not have social activities," Lewis said. "Here we have one conglomerate."

Other pre-approved sites have included Gatlinburg, Chattanooga and Nashville. Huntsville was added to the list in September.

"It's always great seeing old friends," Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said at the welcome event. "We follow and support your spouses. Our Soldiers couldn't do what they're doing without your support. To be able to go back in deployment knowing that their families are being supported and cared for in their time of need allows Soldiers to focus on the mission at hand and have some peace of mind."

Myles pointed out that many



Photo by Lt. Col. Jason Galindo

**UNITED SUPPORT — Families of deployed Soldiers from the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Campbell, Ky., gather with local community members during their retreat Sept. 11-13 in Huntsville as part of the Strong Bonds program.**

members in the Huntsville community are prior military. "They understand multiple combat deployments, time away from families, and the need to have a strong family and community network," he said.

Lewis told the audience that the 159th Soldiers are "doing an amazing job." She thanked the Huntsville community for the overwhelming support her family readiness group has received. "Everybody here has been really incredible," she said.

Many organizations provided support, primarily from the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of

America. Others included defense partners such as Colsa, EG&G, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Madison Mayor Paul Finley, Team Redstone, the Association of the U.S. Army, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Early Works, the Westin, and Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

Activities planned for the Strong Bonds retreat included an ice cream social, a visit to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (and its IMAX movies), SCI Quest Center, a "Welcome Home" sign making event, lunch and shopping at Bridge Street

Town Center, door prizes and giveaways, and more.

"We want you to have a wonderful time," Alice Myles, wife of the Redstone commander, said. "This is just a small slice of what we have in Huntsville. We are all committed to supporting you."

"It really makes a difference of what you do while they're deployed," said Huntsville Police Chief Henry Reyes, who represented mayor Battle while he was out of the country. "You're here to support them; we're here to support you. Anything we can do for you, just let us know."

"On behalf of over 2,000 TVC members, I'm delighted that you are here," said Bill Weaver, president of AAAA. "When you say jump, we say how high?"

Strong Bonds is fully-funded and chaplain-led with the support of the commanding officer. Soldiers and their families attend with others in the unit who share the same deployment cycle. During the retreat, Soldiers and families participate in small group activities that reveal common bonds and nurture friendships. This shores up spousal support at home, which can be vital while the Soldier is away. In addition, Soldiers and families gain awareness of community resources that can assist with concerns about health and wellness, even crisis intervention. An increasing percentage of recruits come from Army families. Strong Bonds is an investment in Army families and in the future force.

## Annual charity drive opens Sept. 30

### Voluntary contributions serve local community

The 2009 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is scheduled Sept. 30 through Dec. 11.

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.

Some 16,701 federal, military and postal employees in 47 agencies in a seven-county area will be asked to voluntarily contribute 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.

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.

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.

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," CFC coordinator Donna 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, building 3708 at the corner of Aerobee and Patton roads, can be reached at 876-9143.

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# Worker finds creative niche with hobby

*Woodcarving proves relaxing, satisfying*

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David Wilson had been looking for a creative outlet for many years. He had tried different hobbies, but nothing stuck. Four years ago, however, he found his art form inside a chunk of wood. He's been carving ever since.

"I had a friend that was a carver. He gave me a tool catalogue and told me to order a few things. He said he would teach me a few things in a week or so. But then he took a job as a tour bus driver," Wilson, a property administrator in the Garrison's Directorate of Logistics maintenance division, said. "It was three years before I saw him again. So, I got a few books and kept practicing. Other carvers have helped me and showed me things along the way."

After four years, Wilson said he is still a beginner. His carving is still a learning process of trial and error.

"I make toys, animals and people," he said, laughing. "I also make some firewood, too."

It is a process he has come to love. He has set up a small shop at his home, where he spends hours in the relaxing pursuit of taking tool to wood. He has found that he most enjoys crafting caricatures and faces.

"I can't even draw a stick figure, but I can take a piece of wood and make something," he said. "It's relaxing and satisfying at the same time."

He also likes creating castles



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

**CRAFTSMAN—** David Wilson, a property administrator in the Garrison's Directorate of Logistics' Maintenance Division, took up woodcarving four years ago.

out of driftwood, Cyprus knees, cottonwood and basswood. The softer nature of his preferred woods allows for greater detail, but can also create great frustration.

"Cottonwood can flake. You find bad spots or hard spots in

the driftwood," he said. "If you take too much off, it's gone. But if I mess up, I can just turn it into something different."

Safety is an issue for a hobby that involves using razor-sharp tools to slice into wood. Wilson said it is a lesson he only had to learn once.

"I have cut myself, but it's been a long time," he said. "I wear a Kevlar glove and a thumb guard on my knife hand in case it slips. The idea is to carve to the wood and not the carver."

Wilson recently has taken his projects out of the shop and into the community. He has been

working with the Artists Responding to Students group in Guntersville to teach kids about woodcarving. His next visit with them is planned for spring.

"I give them bars of ivory soap and a popsicle stick tool so that they can carve something," he said. "The soap is great because it forces them to go slow and be careful. If they go too fast or too hard it crumbles."

He has been attending carving shows in the area for quite some time, but has only ventured to enter his own work in a show this summer. Wilson entered a competition at Redstone's Arts & Crafts Center and took home three ribbons in the wood category – two honorable mentions and a second-place finish.

"I lost to a 7-foot-tall burl walnut grandfather clock," he said. "You can't compete with that."

He looks forward to the 27th annual Mid South Woodcarving Show and Competition scheduled Nov. 8-9 at the Huntsville Roundhouse Depot. Wilson plans to have a display of his own there and be a part of the competition.

"It's a huge show," he said. "There is a large carving community out there."

Wilson has been working at the Garrison for close to 22 years. When he does a little traveling, he has put together a portable woodcarving bench so he can take his hobby with him — unless, of course, he has to fly. A bag of strange knives wouldn't make it through security.

"I only take my tools when I'm driving," Wilson said, laughing. "I don't even try at the airport."

## ■ Army slays last batch of Dragon missiles

### Dragons

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and always working effectively and efficiently."

"It is a dual-edged sword; on one hand we are losing the Dragon, but on the other we are stepping into the future with more reliable and lethal weapons systems," ADMC commander Lt. Col. Duncan Macmullen said. "Hats off to the demil crew for a safe and effective mission completion."

Macmullen presented Dellarocco, Hewitt and other distinguished guests with plaques containing data plates from some of the destroyed missiles to commemorate this momentous occasion.

After destruction of the last Dragons, the guests toured a few other locations inside the ADMC area of operations, to include the TOW Missile Recycling Center and a planned storage site for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile, which is scheduled to be stored at ADMC in 2010.

The group then visited the Hellfire Missile Depot, a government-owned/contractor-operated missile maintenance facility operating closely with ADMC's missile distribution capability.

# Rocket Announcements



## Sports & Recreation

### Redstone 10K

FMWR Sports and Fitness, Fleet Feet and AUSA present the Redstone 10K Run on Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Sparkman Center building 5302 parking lot. Registration is now \$15 for 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. 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.

### 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.

### Golf classic

The second annual AFCEA Golf Classic is Oct. 16, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start, at the Links at Redstone. The tournament helps fund the local chapter's college scholarship program. The tournament is

open to AFCEA members and non-members at \$55 per player. There is space for 36 teams or the first 144 players. "We welcome corporate hole sponsorship at \$100 and/or sponsorship for skill prizes and door prizes," a prepared release said. For information call tournament director Jeff Edwards 890-2739. You can register at [www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=190393](http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=190393).

### Bowling league

The First Baptist Mixed Bowling League invites you to join its fall season. For more information call Claudia Rhen 772-8828, Willie Fitzpatrick 883-4387 or Greg Miley 859-5453. The season will begin Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Pin Palace Lanes.

### 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).



## Conferences & Meetings

### Admin professionals

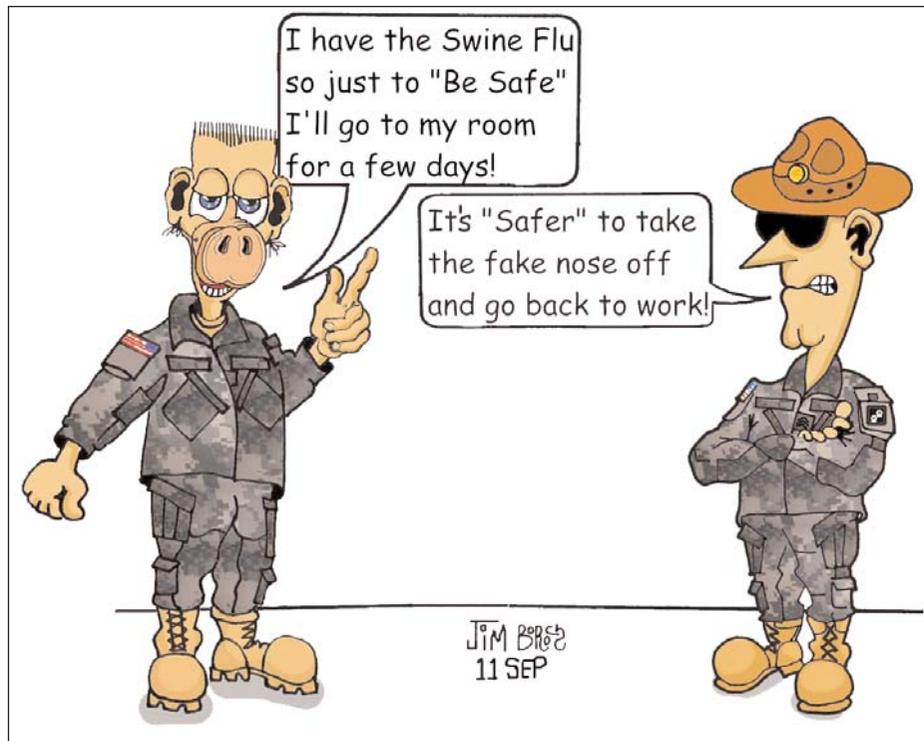
The International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all civilians and contractors in any type of admin field to attend its meeting held every third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Alphadella McRae 313-1957.

### 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.

### Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet Oct. 10 at 9 a.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. There will be a short business meeting followed by the program, Introduction to Photo Editing presented by Gene Zajicek, a member of HPCUG who retired from the Logistics Support Activity. The meeting will adjourn at 11:30, followed by an awards luncheon at 11:45. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 881-6845.

### Air defenders

The Huntsville/Redstone Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will have its annual dinner dance Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Featured guest speaker is Brig.

Gen. Roger Mathews, commandant of the Air Defense Artillery School. For more information and reservations, call Janett Beasley 428-3522 or e-mail [janett.beasley@cobham.com](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.

## Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Kevin Wendt, editor of *The Huntsville Times*. The chapter's monthly breakfast will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Family Steak House, Memorial Parkway southwest. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

## 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 Thursday 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.

## 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 general, Army Materiel Command; Vickie Plunkett, professional staff member of the House Armed Services Committee-Military Readiness; and Brig. Gen. Heidi Brown, deputy commander of the Sustainment Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Panel discussions will include technology challenges, acquisition and contracting challenges, and foreign military sales in national security. For more information, call Christina Hinkle 562-0600. Register online at [www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc/NatlSecWkshp.htm](http://www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc/NatlSecWkshp.htm).

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## Cost cutters

Emily Vollers, left, and Rebecca Snyder, both of Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems, have worked during their recent summer-hire experience to reduce the large volume of hard copy files, using optical character readers capable of Laserfishing (digitizing) files. Over the past two summers, about 425,000 pages — 350 linear feet of files — were converted, eliminating about 30 file cabinets. This file elimination recycled \$1,500 in supplies for future use. The removal of unnecessary file cabinets has also improved the project office's ergonomics and space use.

# ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
<b>AS OF 17 SEPT 09</b>																			
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL</b>																			
SCBK09743146	Materials Handler	17-Sep-09	USACE Learning Center	WG-6907	5	5	14.92 - 17.45		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	
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	
SCBK09681194	Secretary (OA)	21-Sep-09	AMCOM G3	GS-0318	9	9	45,458 - 59,100		X							X	X		
SCBK09CRP31802	Secretary (OA)	21-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YB-0318	1	1	19,829 - 45,215						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	
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	
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	
SCBK09716245	Accountant	23-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0510	11	12	57,204 - 89,128				X								
SCBK09681186	Staff Action Control Specialist	23-Sep-09	AMCOM G3	GS-0301	9	9	47,280 - 61,464		X							X	X		
SCBK09759521	General Engr	23-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993						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	
SCBK09713249	Logistics Mgmt Spec	24-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09720257R	Contract Specialist	25-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993						X		X	X			
SCBK09751953	Resource Management Officer	25-Sep-09	GARRISON	YC-0501	2	2	79,164 - 125,254						X		X			X	
SCBK09687645	Management Analyst	25-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0343	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X										
SCBK09750674	IT Specialist (PLCYPLN/CUTSPT)	25-Sep-09	GARRISON	GS-2210	11	12	58,462 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09769531	Financial Management Analyst	25-Sep-09	SMDC	GS-0501	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09720133R	Contract Spec	25-Sep-09	SMDC	YA-1102	3	3	90,473 - 154,699						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09782935	Supv Logistics management Spec	29-Sep-09	GARRISON	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 131,518		X							X		X	
SCBK09733613	Human Capital Mgmt Spec	29-Sep-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	2	2	57,204 - 86,843						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09748165	Supv IT Spec	29-Sep-09	GARRISON	YC-2210	2	2	67,129 - 131,518						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09753817	Program Analyst	30-Sep-09	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09745314	Computer Engineer	30-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993						X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK09756297	Supv Log management Specialist	30-Sep-09	AMC	YA-0346	3	3	77,018 - 130,211						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09755481	Supv Business Management Officer	30-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DE-0301	4	4	81,532 - 125,254		X										
SCBK09680675	Supv Logistics management Spec	1-Oct-09	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	66,199 - 129,695						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09766902	Strategic Planning Analyst	2-Oct-09	TMDE	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X	X									
SCBK09728398	Program Analyst	2-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0343	2	2	46,291 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09730531	Electronics Engr	2-Oct-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X										
SCBK09757478	Engineering Technician	5-Oct-09	TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X	X									
SCBK09730538	General Engr	5-Oct-09	SMDC	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,886						X		X	X	X	X	
SCBK09681268	Supv Electrical Engineer	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YF-0850	2	2	96,346 - 125,254						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09696281	Electrical Engr	15-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	64,828 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09782836	Lead General Engr	16-Oct-09	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	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										
SCBK09722068	Equipment Specialist (General)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09722064	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
<b>THE FOLLOWING OPW/DEU/EHA ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL AND AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV</b>																			
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
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	
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	
SCBK08041001OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	GS-1102	13	13	65,921 - 85,701		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK09YA110202OC	Contract Spec	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 105,993			X	X				X	X		X	
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X	X		X	
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK08151777OC1	Elec Intgr sys Mech	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23,06 - 26,87		X						X			X	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										

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

**A -** Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.

**B -** All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

**C -** Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).

**D -** All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)

**E -** Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)

**F -** All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)

**H -** Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)

**I -** Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)

**R -** Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)

**T -** Transfer veterans (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)

**V -** Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

**U -** All U.S. citizens

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

**NOTE:** The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be found on the NAF website.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit [www.amccareers.com](http://www.amccareers.com) or [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil), search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers:

**Reserve unit openings**

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

**Civilian deployment**

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Nicole Massey 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](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 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 oppor-

portunity to drill to retirement points on Tuesday evenings. You still earn pay and retirement points for IMA or IRR annual training and other tours, as well as your 15 automatic retirement points for being in the active Reserve. The unit meets at 5:30 p.m. most Tuesdays on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. King [jwk108@yahoo.com](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 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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**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.

**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/>.

**Environmental festival**

"Green U – A Festival of the Environment" will be held Saturday 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.greenu-alabama.com](http://www.greenu-alabama.com).

**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/ymarines](http://www.orgsites.com/al/ymarines).

**Flu discussion**

Dr. Ali Hassoun, from the Alabama Infectious Disease Center, will provide a presentation on "Preparing for Pandemic Influenza" on Thursday 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 Sunday 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.

**Armed services blood drive**

An Armed Services Blood Program drive will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Redstone Fitness Center. No appointment necessary. For more information, call Dan Morgan 876-4990.

# Rocket Announcements

## Rose show

The Huntsville-Twickenham Rose Society will hold a Fall Rose Show on Saturday 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 [greenmtntroses@comcast.net](mailto:greenmtntroses@comcast.net).

## Library renovation

The Post Library will undergo renovation Oct. 1 through the end of December. Please be aware of the following: The library will be open most of this period but may occasionally be closed. It will be closed Oct. 5-12. The library plans to have the drop box open as much as possible. When this is not possible, it will adjust due dates for all materials. The library will always make arrangements for military personnel who need to clear. Please check the library's front doors for instructions. The staff will update information on the library's website ([www.redstonemwr/recreation/library.html](http://www.redstonemwr/recreation/library.html)) and phone message (876-4741). The result will be remodeled restrooms and more effective staff work areas, according to a library release. "We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding."

## Discussion shelved

The book discussion of "The Lost Symbol" which was scheduled for Oct. 22 at the Post Library has been postponed until after the new year. Watch for further announcements.

## Aviation ball

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America will have its third annual St. Michael's Aviation Ball on Oct. 30 at the Von Braun Center south hall. Friends, family and guests of Army aviation are invited to a night of dinner, music and dancing. Information can be found and tickets purchased at [www.cribbinsaps.com](http://www.cribbinsaps.com) or contact Ray Woolery 217-0804 and [ray.woolery@uav.com](mailto:ray.woolery@uav.com) or Tonya Galindo 464-9191 and [Tonya.galindo@vt-group.com](mailto:Tonya.galindo@vt-group.com). Dress is black tie. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m.

## Military retirees

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 876-2022 or e-mail Cynthia Anderson at [cynthia.anderson1@us.army.mil](mailto:cynthia.anderson1@us.army.mil).

## Autism support

Making Connections Autism Spectrum Disorder Networking Group offers monthly meetings with educational speakers and an opportunity for parents and professionals to network to help each other. It also provides family outings, a lending library, and an Upcoming Events and Local Resource Listing. Meetings are free of charge and open to the public. To receive e-mails of their events and meetings, e-mail Debbie at [makingconnectionshsv@autism-alabama.org](mailto:makingconnectionshsv@autism-alabama.org). The Autism Resource and Knowledge Center is opening their doors to help counsel and mentor parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. They are located in Huntsville at the United Way building on Andrew Jackson Way and can be reached at 534-5164.

## Thrift shop

"Booo! No crying, just Halloween at the Thrift Shop," the shop says in a prepared release. "Costumes, decorations and much more just in time for Halloween. We're also introducing fall clothing for everyone. Come see the selection. Don't forget our Kitchen/Household area. It's burst-

ing! Of course, we feature many items at 50-75 percent off every day." Visit the shop at building 3209 on Hercules Road. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 9-5 and the first Saturday from 10-2.

## Fox Army Health Center

Fox Army Health Center will perform scheduled maintenance on its phone system from 5 p.m. Friday until noon Saturday. This maintenance will affect all calls coming to the health center including the pharmacy refill system. If you need to reach an advice nurse during the maintenance window, call 1-877-836-0640. If you need to have a prescription refilled, call after the maintenance window has closed.

## Gate 10 reminder

Gate 10, Patton Road, is under construction. The current operating hours for Gate 10 are 4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and holidays. To help ease early morning traffic, Gate 10 is one-way-in from 4:30-8:30 a.m. Gate 10 is expected to be complete within the next 3-4 weeks. Upon completion, the gate will resume normal operating hours of 4:30 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

## Hispanic heritage event

The Hispanic American Heritage Month event is today at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Guest speaker is Roberto Clemente Jr., a retired major league baseball player. Food samples will be provided by Bandito Burrito.