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Battling the threat of domestic abuse

Army Community Service advocates awareness

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The troops are massing to battle a societal disease that affects millions of families all across the nation – and Madison County and Redstone Arsenal are among the entities on the front lines.

October is Domestic Abuse Prevention Month in the Army (nationally recognized as Domestic Abuse Awareness Month). In support of the recognition, Redstone Arsenal's Army Community Service is involved in a month of programs both on post and throughout the community to bring awareness to the growing problem of domestic violence. The programs are being coordinated by the Madison County Community Response Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force.

"We are involved with the Madison County task force against domestic violence and sexual abuse because our people – Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their families – live both on and off post," said Virginia Dempsey, family advocacy program manager for ACS.

"It is an issue when anyone is being harmed, whether it's the Soldier or a family member. We are here to provide services for the victim and services for the whole family."

The Army's theme for Domestic Abuse Prevention Month is "Make the Right Choice! Act to Prevent Domestic Abuse."

"Neighbors, friends, family members should all be aware and they should report domestic abuse," Dempsey said. "It is everyone's obligation to report abuse if they witness it."

The community kickoff for Domestic Abuse Prevention Month is set for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Big Spring International Park. The kickoff will be followed by a month of activities including an awareness walk-a-thon, seminar, concert and candlelight vigil. On post, the Arsenal's Family Advocacy Program will host information booths at various locations, scheduled presentations of a 90-minute program of skits raising awareness about social issues such as domestic abuse and date rape called "Sex Signals," a showing of the "Voices of Men" video and various other outreach programs.

Within the Army, domestic violence is a growing concern due to increased deploy-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

WORKING TOGETHER— Colleen Nicholson, left, and Virginia Dempsey, both of Army Community Service, review the design for posters that will be placed throughout Redstone Arsenal to promote October as Domestic Abuse Prevention Month in the Army.

ments that can lead to problems in marital and family relationships.

"There certainly is a concern in the Army about deployments, returns and redeployments, and what it does to the fabric of the family," Dempsey said. "We have a continuing effort to ensure the whole family is being cared for through the family covenant. We want to make sure families are receiving all the services that are needed to help families and to help couples stay married and remain free of violence."

But national statistics – every nine seconds a woman is beaten in the U.S. and between 3 and 4 million women are battered each year, among others — show domestic violence is a problem that affects all segments of society.

"Locally, Crisis Services, with their Helpline, Hope Place and other outreach services, is a wonderful resource for victims of abuse," Dempsey said. "Even when a military spouse calls them for help, Crisis Services understands the military situation and the unique situation we have for military families. Some victims don't want any connection to the military when they call for help. Others want to take advantage of the services the military can provide them."

Domestic violence is the nation's second most under-reported crime (sexual assault is

number one). It is the leading cause of injury to women and homicide is the leading cause of death to women in the workplace.

"We want to provide ways for abuse victims to come forward so the violence will be stopped," Dempsey said.

The Army allows victims of abuse to seek help without requiring the abuse to be reported to law enforcement authorities. Victims have the right to decide if they want to keep a report of abuse restricted, which allows them to get the services they need – victim advocacy, counseling and legal information – without filing a police report. But if a victim needs protection or if children are involved, then the abuse must be reported to law enforcement authorities, Dempsey said.

Often, victims don't want to report their abuse for fear the Soldier involved could be discharged from the Army, and thereby lose the family's income. But Dempsey said, if that were to happen, the victim and the family is eligible for up to 36 months of transitional compensation.

"The Army wants to help men and women in domestic violence situations," Dempsey said. "We want to provide them a way to get help when they don't want to report the abuse to authorities. Whether they

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An open lane random survey

What do you think of the Combined Federal Campaign?

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Anthony Bowen
AMCOM G-8 (Resource Management)
"I think it's a worthy cause. And it should be handled in such a way that we respect what they're trying to do because the federal campaign is a very positive part of the operation of AMCOM."

Michael McGilton
Program Executive Office for Aviation
"I think it's a great cause for Soldiers and their families. And anyone that supports Soldiers should support CFC."



Carolyn Martin
AMCOM Operations Center
"I think it's a wonderful program. I contribute every year to St. Jude (Children's Research Hospital)."



Regina Davenport
Northrop Grumman, motor pool
"It's pretty awesome, because you just write one check for the whole year and you're done. Me, I write checks every month to somebody."



Quote of the week

'C harity begins at home, but shouldn't end there.'
— Scottish Proverb

Letter to the Editor

Employee asks about access to facilities

I am a new government employee here at Redstone. I have only four years of active duty time. I was wondering if government employees are allowed use of facilities such as the Commissary, gas station, etc... I have been asking around, but everyone I've asked is either in the Reserves, Guard, or retired military, so they all definitely have access. Thank you.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter provided the following response: "First, I want to mention AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) does not determine the qualifications under which individuals are granted exchange privileges. Only those personnel approved by the House Armed Services Committee and authorized by Department of Defense directives may shop in exchange facilities. The duty of AAFES in this area is to ensure those using our facilities are authorized to do so. "Under Army Regulation 215-8/AFI 34-211(I),

exchange privileges are authorized for: active duty military, retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen and dependent family members of the categories previously mentioned; and other categories of individuals affiliated with the armed services (which includes 100 percent disabled veterans).

"Some government civilian employees have shopping privileges when they are assigned or TDY overseas or they are 'TDY and residing' in government quarters on posts/bases in the United States. Other exceptions are determined by local command."

The Commissary provided the following response about its policy: "The answer is no to a government employee shopping in the Commissary, but there are extenuating circumstances. If they were overseas and visiting here in the states then they might have orders which allows them to shop, but they would have to produce the orders. There are also some cases where it could be permissible, and when the ID (CAC) card is made, it would say that they would have Commissary privileges. But, in general, no, a government employee does not have Commissary privileges."

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Huntsville

What do you like about your job?

I love serving the people. I'm a people person and I love assisting people in any way that I can. And I learn something new every single day. And I also love that I'm working for the world's greatest boss, Mr. Randy J. Richardson. And we make a wonderful team.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Roller skating. I'm a member of a skate crew called the Diamond Wheel Rollers. And that affords me the opportunity to travel from state to state roller skating. And I'm also involved with various outreach ministries helping the needy in any way possible.



What are your goals?

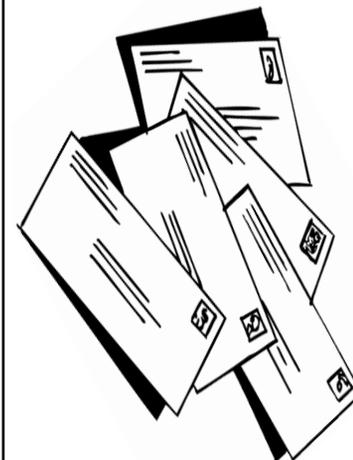
I am going to be a gospel comedian. And I someday dream of building a home for battered/neglected children and for the elderly.

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

Pay for my home and leave that for my daughter, Kym. And write a book.

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Sept. 17-23:

Sept. 19: When a subject was stopped for speeding on Vincent Drive, he was found to be driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance. He was issued three violation notices.

Sept. 20: When a subject attempted to enter Gate 9, it was found that a warrant existed for him issued by the Decatur Police Department. He was released to Decatur Police.



Sept. 21: A Soldier was arrested by Red Bay Police as a deserter. He was later released to Redstone Police and processed to Fort Knox, Ky.

Sept. 22: A victim reported that someone punctured a tire on her vehicle while it was parked at building 1500.

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

Violation notices issued: 8 speeding, 1 stop sign violation, 1 suspended license, 1 no proof of insurance, 2 inattentive driving, 2 parked in handicap space.

Interns tour Tobyhanna Army Depot

By JACQUELINE BOUCHER
Tobyhanna public affairs office

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command interns visited Tobyhanna Sept. 9 as part of the Greening Experience Program for Interns.

Thirty interns toured depot facilities, including the Depot Maintenance of the Future, and the Defense Distribution Depot-Tobyhanna's light receiving area, located in Warehouse 2, Bay 1.

Interns participating in the one-day event represented the following CECOM agencies: Communications Electronics Research

Development Engineering, Contracting, Logistics and Readiness, and Software Engineering centers, Human Resources, and Resource Management. The program gives recently hired interns a better understanding of the Army and Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance through training classes and trips to local installations.

"This tour was an excellent opportunity for CECOM interns to see examples of the equipment and systems that they, as part of Team C4ISR, will continue to help develop and sustain for the war fighter," said Bryant Anderson, CECOM field office at Tobyhanna.

Redstone cadets celebrate Air Force 62nd birthday

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association held a party Sept. 15 at the American Legion Post 237 in Huntsville honoring the 62nd birthday of the U.S. Air Force.

The event opened with the presentation and posting of colors by the Civil Air Patrol, Redstone Composite Squadron, Air Force retired Brig. Gen. Gary Connor, the featured speaker, addressed the history of the Air Force and its role in securing this nation's freedom today. Connor also participated in a birthday cake cutting ceremony with cadet representatives of the Civil Air Patrol and area Air Force JROTC units.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association recognized cadet 1st Lt. Jonathan Allen as the 2009 Outstanding Cadet in the Redstone Composite Squadron. The chapter presented Allen with a certificate and check for \$100. The party concluded with the recognition of attendees that were members of the original Army Air Corps and with the singing of the Air Force Song.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue



Courtesy photo

PRESENTATION— The Redstone Composite Squadron color guard presents the colors at a birthday party for the U.S. Air Force hosted by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association. Color Guard cadets from left are Chief Master Sgt. Sara Folse, 1st Lt. Andrew Hall, 2nd Lt. Michael Guthrie and Airman Joshua Adomatis.

missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs. (*Redstone Composite Squadron release*)

Military retirees have their day this weekend

The 36th annual Retiree Appreciation Day is Friday and Saturday at Redstone with this year's theme "Enjoy Your Benefits, You've Earned Them."

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

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

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

Here is the schedule:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5-8 p.m. — German buffet for \$14.95 in the club's main dining room; call 830-2582 for reservations.

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

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



Photo by Skip Vaughn

UPDATE— Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation marketing director Amelia Flanigan talks with 2008 Retiree Appreciation Day attendees, from left, retired 1st Lt. Bob Coats, a member of the Retiree Advisory Council; and retired schoolteacher Carol Barker and her husband, retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Barker of Anniston.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unmanned Aircraft Systems team opens site in Utah

Dugway Proving Ground welcomes testing center

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office on Sept. 23 officially opened its Rapid Integration and Acceptance Center at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, consolidating the testing of UAS payloads and technologies to allow for faster deployment to war fighters.

Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation, paralleled the new RIAC operation with the Pony Express operations that took place across the neighboring Utah desert in 1860 and 1861.

"In the same pioneering spirit those passionate and dedicated riders served their country, we serve our country and our war fighters today. The RIAC will allow us to serve our Soldiers faster," he said.

Col. Greg Gonzalez, project manager for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, also acknowledged service to the war fighter, noting that it is the Soldiers in combat who give his office its orders.

"If a Soldier says 'Col. Gonzalez, I need to fly more air vehicles at the same time with just



Courtesy photo

GROUND BREAKING— From left are Dugway commander Col. William E. King IV, Unmanned Aircraft Systems project manager Col. Gregory Gonzalez, program executive officer for aviation Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, Utah Lt. Gov. Greg Bell, commander for Army Test and Evaluation Command Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau and UAS deputy project manager Tim Owings. This is the ground-breaking ceremony for new facilities for the Rapid Integration and Acceptance Center at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

one ground system,' then it becomes my job to figure out how to make that happen," Gonzalez said. "I should tell you that it doesn't bother me a bit to have those young Soldiers tell me what to do. It is my pleasure to take those orders and deliver what they need."

Development of a common Ground Control Station to operate with multiple UAS is an effort the Army is leading for the Department of Defense and work related to GCS will move to the RIAC. "We can accelerate interoperability by having all the equipment and the experts in one

place, to test, to improve, to deploy," Gonzalez said.

Managed by the Army, the center is open to any military agency that needs unmanned aircraft systems technologies or payloads quickly tested and fielded. The Army UAS Project Office coordinates efforts with

the Marine Corps and Special Operations Command, and anticipates working with the Navy at RIAC in the near future.

Following a year-long search, the Army announced in May that Dugway Proving Ground had been chosen for its abundant restricted air space and available frequency spectrum, existing infrastructure, and room for expansion.

"Having the UAS program come to Dugway is strategically and economically smart," Dugway commander Col. William E. King IV said. "The local economy benefits with the influx of UAS employees who live and spend their paychecks in the region, and the hiring of additional local contractors to support the programs. This is a win-win for all."

In June, operations for the Shadow tactical unmanned aircraft system began relocating to the RIAC. Operations for the Hunter system will be transferred by year's end, the Ground Control Station test operations are in the process of being transferred, and transition for the Extended Range Multi-Purpose UAS will happen in the spring. *(Unmanned Aircraft Systems release)*

Workers urged to step up to the plate to help others



Photo by Skip Vaughn

POSITIVE INFLUENCE— Roberto Clemente Jr., son of a major league baseball legend, speaks Sept. 23 at Team Redstone's Hispanic American Heritage Month event.

Roberto Clemente Jr. connects with pep talk

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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He inherited fame from his father, but he makes his own legacy by helping others.

Roberto Clemente Jr., son of a major league baseball legend, gave a pep talk to an estimated 350 people during Team Redstone's Hispanic American Heritage Month event Sept. 23 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"My father left a fingerprint in baseball and the whole world," he said. "When I leave this world, I want to say I left a fingerprint in a positive way."

Clemente Jr.'s fingerprint has included founding the Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities or RBI program, aimed at helping at-risk youth through the sport in San Juan. He also established the Roberto Clemente Foundation benefiting children in the Pittsburgh community. In 2002, Clemente Jr. was named honorary chairman for the baseball

assistance team annual fund-raising dinner. He is also known for his work with the American Diabetes Association.

He is the oldest of three sons of Pittsburgh Pirates legend Roberto Clemente, the first Latin American player to record 3,000 hits and enter the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. On Dec. 31, 1972, Clemente was killed in a tragic plane crash while taking humanitarian aid to Nicaragua earthquake victims from his native island of Puerto Rico.

"He used baseball as a vehicle to help others," said Clemente Jr., who was 7 when his father died.

Clemente Jr. moved to Bradenton, Fla., from Puerto Rico after graduating high school to attend college. In 1984, he was discovered by a Philadelphia Phillies scout and signed by the organization. Clemente Jr. would play for teams in Phillies, San Diego Padres and Baltimore Orioles organizations before a series of injuries forced him to retire in 1989.

After his professional baseball career was over, Clemente Jr. returned to Puerto Rico to help his mother in her quest to open the Roberto Clemente Sports City and in 1992 he founded the RBI program.

"Make sure whatever you touch you touch in a positive way, so we can all be proud," he said.

In October at the World Series, where major league baseball will present its annual Roberto Clemente Award, his mother Vera will be recognized as baseball's first ambassador. The Roberto Clemente Award is given each year to a player who demonstrates the values Clemente displayed in his commitment to community and understanding the value of helping others.

"Fingerprint," Clemente Jr. said in closing. "Positive, don't stop. Thank you."

After the program, he had a surprise reunion with his cousin Jorge F. Clemente, who works in the Garrison's Directorate of Logistics as installation property book officer. Jorge F. was accompanied by his oldest son, Roberto J., and youngest son, Jorge L., who just started working at Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center in the Aviation Engineering Directorate.

Clemente Jr. signed autographs afterward for workers who formed a line in

Breast cancer strikes 1 in 8 women

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime and 41,116 women will die annually from the disease. The good news is that survival rates can be dramatically improved with early detection.

The exact cause of breast cancer is unknown; however, there are several risk factors which may increase a women's chance of developing the disease. The most common risk factors include: increasing age, family history, early menstruation or late menopause, and having first child after age 30 or having no children. Women can take an active role in reducing their risk of breast cancer by leading a healthy lifestyle, understanding one's personal risk factors, and obtaining regular screening tests and examinations.

The most effective tool in fighting breast cancer is early detection. The American Cancer Society provides recommended guideline for the early detection for breast cancer. These guidelines include: mammography screening, clinical breast examination and breast self-examination.

Mammography continues to be the best method available for detecting breast cancer at an early stage. This X-ray procedure allows cancer to be detected years before physical symptoms develop; therefore increasing the success rate for treatment. Women should begin annual screening mammograms at age 40. These X-rays allow

healthcare providers the ability to compare and detect subtle changes from one year to the next. Women with increased risk factors such as, personal history of breast cancer and/or family history should consult their healthcare provider to discuss a screening schedule.

A clinical breast exam should be part of a periodic health examination every three years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and over. The CBE is performed by a trained healthcare provider who can detect lumps and changes in breast texture and/or shape.

A breast self-exam is a screening tool that allows women the ability to become more familiar with the way their breasts look and feel. BSE should be performed monthly so women can detect lumps, thickening, nipple discharge, or skin changes.

Although every woman is at risk for developing breast cancer, the survival rate is greatly improved with early detection and treatment. Take an active part in your breast health by scheduling an appointment with your healthcare provider to discuss your periodic health examination and mammogram.

To assist beneficiaries in obtaining valuable information regarding breast cancer awareness, Fox Army Health Center will hold its second annual Breast Cancer Boot Camp on Oct 22. Call the Wellness Clinic at 955-8888, ext. 1430 or 1431, for more information or to register for the seminar. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

■ Son of baseball legend makes own positive fingerprint

Talk

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the auditorium lobby. Among them was Cynthia Aldridge, of Targets Management Office, who asked him to sign a baseball.

"It's for my son (17-year-old Spencer Phelps)," she said. "He loves baseball."

In support of this year's Hispanic American Heritage Month observance, Team Redstone sponsored an essay and static display contest. The essay winners are: first place, Linda Mendenhall of AMCOM Legal Office; second, K.C. Bertling of the Space and Missile Defense Command; and third, Alfredo Reza of the Garrison. The display winners include first place, 2nd Army Recruiting Brigade; second, Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; and third, Garrison.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIESTA— Salsa Inferno dancers Robin Miller and Jacques Eckles perform at the Hispanic American Heritage Month event. Not pictured is Anadelsa Rivera.

Engineer goes to bat for war fighters

Spencer played outfield for UAH softball team

By JENNY HESS
For the Rocket

A former All-American softball player at the University of Alabama-Huntsville is serving her country and supporting Soldiers on the battlefield.

Kristin Spencer played outfield at UAH and was the school's 2006 top engineering student. She graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering.

In October 2007 she began working in the Composite Structures Laboratory, Aerospace Materials Function, Weapons Development and Integration Directorate at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

One of her first projects was to look at ways of reducing the weight of Army aviation platforms. Spencer helped design and build a reduced-weight replacement for the M279 Hellfire missile launcher for

the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter.

Saving weight for the war fighter allows pilots to fly farther and at higher elevations and carry more cargo and ultimately gives aviators more planning options and flexibility to complete their missions and with a greatly increased margin of safety. By using carbon fiber structures, Spencer and her team were able to save the war fighter 32 pounds.

"Using non-traditional materials such as carbon fiber instead of metals can save weight and still meet the same requirements," she said.

The composite hardback, fabricated at AMRDEC, and the Hellfire Launch Rails, fabricated by Alliance Space Systems with design, analysis, and testing assistance from AMRDEC and the Materials Science Corporation, are on the battlefield now. For Spencer this is what she enjoys most about working at the AMRDEC — being able to directly support the war fighter.

"It's exciting knowing the work we do directly affects the Soldiers and I can help to make their jobs easier," Spencer said.

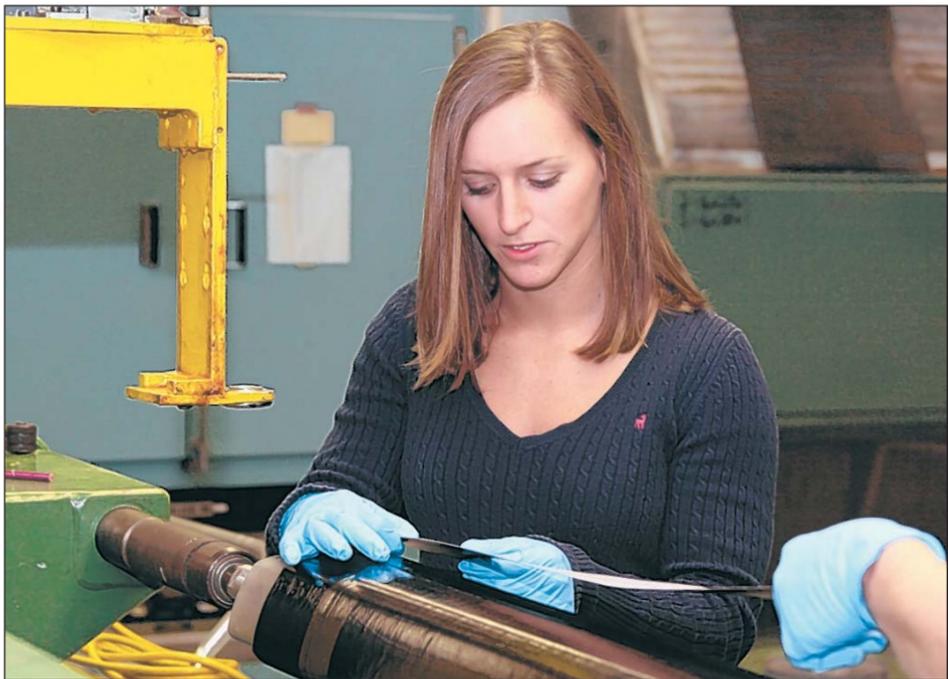


Photo by Merv Brokke

LAB WORK— Mechanical engineer Kristin Spencer demonstrates how she and her co-workers apply carbon fiber material to the composite hardback mandrel in order to fabricate the reduced-weight M279 Hellfire missile launcher. This work is accomplished in the Composite Structures Laboratory at AMRDEC.

59th units zero in on Organizational Day



Photo by Spc. Kourtni Briscoe

MUSCLE UP—The Marines finish second in last year's tug-of-war event. They later lost a tiebreaking tug-of-war to HHC 59th, which placed third overall in the 2008 Organizational Day.

Bravo defending champion in brigade-wide competition

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

It's that time of year again. Yes, the college and NFL football season has begun. And yes, baseball is closing in on the playoffs and World Series; but those stationed at Redstone aren't focusing on those activities — they're awaiting the beginning of the 59th Ordnance Brigade Organizational Day 2009, Oct. 2.

Last September, Bravo Company started off the day winning the softball tournament and raising the bar for all other competitors. But the victory in softball was just the beginning of Bravo's dominance of the day; taking first place in the platoon run, track, disc golf, ping-pong, and Halo. During the closing ceremonies, Bravo was awarded the first-place trophy.

Close behind were Charlie Company, taking second, and HHC 59th, who officially won the third place prize in the most dramatic of fashions — winning a tiebreaking tug-of-war against the Marines.

"We do plan on avenging last year's (third place tiebreaking tug-of-war) loss to HHC," said Capt. Darrell Walker, com-

mander of the Marine Detachment.

Though the Marine Detachment stands greatly outnumbered, Walker expressed little worry about the upcoming competition.

"We'll do the best job we can," he said confidently. "Marines always give everything they've got."

But it's important to remember the 59th Brigade Organizational Day isn't all about beating up on the other guy — it's about camaraderie.

"My intent is to conduct a safe and fulfilled Organizational Day," said Col. Howard "Lee" Merritt, 59th brigade commander. "We will conduct and participate in team and individual events that enhance morale and build esprit de corps within our units. The end state of this event is increased pride in our organization and the safe conclusion of all the events."

This year's events include the aforementioned from last year plus volleyball, basketball, spades, dominoes, billiards, horseshoes and bowling.

The first events will be softball, which begins at 8:30 a.m. at Linton Field, and volleyball, which also begins at 8:30 at Pagano Gym. Basketball starts at 10 at the Redstone Fitness Center with tug-of-war closing out the competition at 3:30 p.m. at Linton Field.

Residents can extinguish fires before they start

Fire Prevention Week observed Oct. 4-10

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How fireproof is your home, really? Do you have the right size and kind of fire extinguishers? Are your smoke detectors working properly? Many don't consider these questions until there is a fire at home or down the street.

While having your home burn is a frightening idea, preventing the blaze is simple and relatively easy. A quick call to the Redstone Arsenal Fire Prevention office can allay those fears with a free inspection.

"We do it for anybody in Redstone's residential areas," fire inspector Joseph

Nay said. "We do it in the work areas once or twice a year, depending on the hazard level."

During fire prevention week, Oct. 4-10, the office is going to greater lengths to get the word out about being safe and single-free at home.

"We always have a big push for fire safety at work," Nay said. "But we want people to be safe at home, too – while they're eating, sleeping or spending time with their families. We're being more aggressive with it and offering our services."

While smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are at the heart of fire prevention and safety, simply owning them is not enough. They have to be tested and inspected regularly. Detectors need fresh batteries on a timely schedule, even if they haven't been used.

"Smoke detectors have a shelf life.

They need to be changed every 10 years. The batteries need to be changed every six months," Nay explained. "They need to be tested monthly to make sure they are working."

Extinguishers must be checked for proper working order and that they are the right extinguisher for the job. Different types of fires require different chemicals to do the job safely. Attempting to put out a fire improperly has its own dangers.

However, an inspection from the fire prevention office goes further than just a quick look. Inspectors go all over the home, looking for items that could spark a fire or feed one. The garage is always a good place to start.

"We look at chemical storage, mainly that it is organized and neat," Nay said. "We look for proper ventilation and that there isn't clutter that would prevent escape. A lot of people have their garages so full they can't even get their car in there."

Once the clutter and chemical storage in a garage has been assessed, the inspectors move inward. They check for frayed or damaged extension cords, overloaded outlets and even heating and cooling units.

"People like to store things in the unit closets," Nay said. "We make sure the wire connections are good, especially if the unit is gas."

They check each room for blocked exits and hazards that could hinder a safe escape, should a fire occur. Besides testing smoke detectors, they also check for proper placement. While having a smoke detector near a kitchen stove may seem like a hassle, having the right kind of detector can prevent annoying false alarms.

"There is a feature, called a hush feature, that when you push the hush button it reduces the sensitivity of the detector for a short time," Nay said. "So when you burn some popcorn, you push the hush button and it keeps the alarm from going off for a few minutes while you clear the air in the room."

Unattended cooking is the biggest fire hazard in most homes.

"People will put something on the



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

HOME CHECKUP— Garrison's Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper tests the smoke detectors in his home during a visit by fire inspectors Joseph Nay and Sandy Boyd.

stove and walk away," Nay said. "They get distracted by kids and phones."

After the indoor inspection, fire prevention officers head outdoors. They walk the perimeter of the house, looking for vegetation or debris that could feed sparks.

"If a fire was to happen nearby, sparks could travel," Nay explained. "We look for things that could be a source of fuel or ignition if sparks were to land on it. We also check outside electrical outlets for brush and damage."

Although Fire Prevention Week is only once a year, the Redstone Arsenal Fire Prevention office hopes that everyone in the community will use its lessons year-round. For more information, pamphlets or to schedule a home inspection, call 876-7005.

Oil analysis program gets lift in worldwide mission

Newest lab deploys in Afghanistan

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There's an essential ingredient to the Army Oil Analysis Program.

"Teamwork is one of the most important elements in meeting the challenges of conducting the worldwide AOAP mission," AOAP project manager Malinda Schmidt said.

She knows the amount of work involved with the AOAP mission in Southwest Asia and recognizes the effort on the part of the various activities involved in supporting this mission.

The Logistics Support Activity's AOAP project office has command and control of five oil analysis laboratories in Southwest Asia. Their locations include Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Balad, Iraq; Tikrit, Iraq; Bagram, Afghanistan, and the lab that opened in July at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan.

During the early phase of the Southwest Asia contingency operations, oil analysis support was provided by two mobile laboratories deployed to the theater. This took the total to four mobile units strategically located to support operations in SWA. The mobile labs, with their quick reaction capability, served well for more than 20 years. These labs have seen action in every major U.S. contingency during their life span. Over the past year, two of the older mobile units were replaced by more efficient fixed base facilities; and a third mobile unit is in the final stages of being replaced. The program's "fixed" facilities provide the additional space configuration for the newer high-tech diagnostics equipment. This improvement should also provide for more efficient work flow.

One of LOGSA's highest priorities for the past several months has been to establish a laboratory at Kandahar in order to meet new operational requirements

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Domestic Abuse Awareness Month activities set

Here's the schedule for Domestic Abuse Awareness Month in October.

Community-wide:

- **Thursday** – Community kickoff, Big Spring International Park, gazebo, 6:30-7 p.m., includes proclamation signing and moment of reflection.
- **Oct. 17** – Domestic Violence Weekend, Oakwood University, special Sabbath program.
- **Oct. 19** – Walk-a-thon, "Break the Silence," Alabama A&M University, noon at the track.
- **Oct. 24** – Domestic Violence Awareness Seminar, Richard Showers Center, 4600 Blue Spring Road, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by Crisis Services of North Alabama and First Seventh-Day Adventist Church. For more information, call 852-8360.
- **Oct. 28** – Kiss-A-Cop Project, appreciating law enforcement in Madison, Morgan, Jackson and Limestone counties and on Redstone Arsenal.
- **Oct. 29** – Musicians Against Domestic Violence Concert at University of Alabama-Huntsville, University Exhibit Hall. Four bands will perform; counselors will be on hand to provide counseling to victims of abuse, noon to 4 p.m. ... Candelight Vigil at Oakwood University, Wade Residence Hall, 6 to 7 p.m.
- **All Month** – Local hair salons will display domestic violence awareness materials. Safe Card Project will involve local restaurants and stores distributing information cards with local emergency phone numbers and Silent Witness statues will be placed at various public places, including Huntsville Hospital and Crestwood Hospital, Madison Square and Parkway Place malls and the Botanical Garden.

Redstone Arsenal:

- **Oct. 2** – Information booth at the Post Exchange, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Oct. 6** – Information booth at the Sparkman Center cafeteria, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Oct. 7** – Information booth at Redstone Bowling Lanes, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 14** – Program of skits and information titled "Sex Signals," Heiser Hall, for Soldiers only.
- **Oct. 15** – Program of skits and information titled "Sex Signals," Heiser Hall, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Soldiers and civilians.
- **Oct. 16** – Program of skits and information titled "Sex Signals," Heiser Hall, 9:30-11 a.m., Soldiers and civilians.
- **Oct. 27** – Showing of video "Voices of Men," a one-man show on sexual assault and domestic abuse prevention, at Army Community Service, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

■ ACS, community promote domestic abuse prevention

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report it to authorities or not, they still need services to help them cope with the abuse, to decide what their next step is and to keep them from feeling isolated with their problem."

Domestic abuse isn't limited to married couples and families, Dempsey said. There are a growing number of teenagers and adults in dating situations who are also subject to abuse.

"It often creeps up on you," Dempsey said. "It may start prior to marriage or it might start after. But it starts with small things. When you're in love you overlook those little flaws that might be a sign of something more or you think you will be able to change those flaws."

Abuse often starts with isolation and then control, escalating into physical violence.

"First, the abuser might want to control friendships and family contact. Then, they may tell you that you shouldn't wear certain clothes or you shouldn't go to certain places. Little by little, they sort of take over and there is a lack of balance in the relationship. Instead of having a mutually supportive, cooperative team relationship, you have one person who is boss and the other is secondary to the relationship."

Abuse can include name calling, threats and other verbal attacks, intimidation and harassment, and physical and sexual assault.

"When the abuse happens, the dominant partner will tell the victim that it is their fault and that they are the cause of the things that happen, and that if they stop the problem will no

longer exist," Dempsey said. "But the reality is there is no problem the victim can fix."

However, if an abuser wants to get help to stop the abuse and the victim wants to work to salvage the relationship, then there is a possibility for positive change.

"They can make it better as long as the partners want that to happen," Dempsey said. "It takes some work on the part of the dominant partner because he or she has to learn to share power, and to give love and respect. And the victim has to learn to value themselves, and to understand what their needs are and what their partner's needs are."

In counseling, the couples discuss what is best for them as a team, how they can share and balance power, how they can compromise and work together, and how life changes – such as illness, or the loss or gain of a job — can affect their relationship. Sometimes, it becomes obvious in counseling that one or both of the partners don't want to change, or don't want to make the effort to change.

"In the Army, we feel most people who do get counseling services do stay together," Dempsey said. "But if there is a divorce, we hope that counseling will make it more amiable, and something safe for both partners."

"Some couples come into marriage counseling thinking they are not sure they want to stay married. Some are sure they do want to stay married. Some will change their mind during counseling. The process of counseling is to find the best answer and find out what each partner wants. Can they build trust in each other? Can they work together? Can they decide together what is fair and what works best for them?"

The only way to overcome violence once it becomes a pattern in a marriage or relationship is when both partners recognize the problem and decide to work together to overcome it.

"The bottom line is you have to have a commitment to the relationship and you have to want a positive, happy, stable relationship where both partners are valued, loved, cherished and appreciated," Dempsey said. "You both have to be committed to change."

The key to combating any type of domestic abuse before it occurs is awareness, Dempsey said, and that's why it's crucial to promote domestic abuse prevention during October and throughout the year. ACS provides recurring classes during the year to help couples understand each other and how to work together so they "don't slide down into an abusive situation," she said.

On Redstone Arsenal, victims in an abusive situation or witnesses to an abusive situation can get immediate emergency assistance by calling the military police at 876-2222 or ACS at 876-5397 during duty hours or 508-6613 after hours. On post resources for domestic abuse prevention include Fox Army Health Center's Behavioral Medicine, 876-9085; Army Substance Abuse Program, 876-7256; post chaplain, 876-2409; installation chaplain, 842-2174; ACS Family Advocacy Program, 876-5397; and Employee Assistance Program, 842-9896. Off post resources include Crisis Services Helpline, 716-1000; Alabama Department of Human Resources, 535-4500; and HELPNET kiosks at the Huntsville Public Library and 22 other local sites. Nationally, victims can call the National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1-800-656-HOPE; and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE.

Hobbyist arranges blooms for all seasons everywhere



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FLOWER POWER— Diana Blackmon decorates her office on the third floor of building 5300 with silk flower arrangements that she made. Blackmon, who has always enjoyed sewing, ceramic painting and other crafts, has been designing silk flower arrangements for about a year.

Accounting supervisor brings festive flowers into workplace

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No matter what time of year it is, flowers are always blooming in Diana Blackmon's office.

Shades of purple, pink, orange, yellow, red, peach and green cascade from vases placed at the edges of her desk, and on a book case and table. The office is decorated with lilies, mums, carnations, daisies, heather and ivy, making it a happy, glorious working space.

Yet, Blackmon will be the first to tell visitors she does not have a "green thumb."

What she does have is an eye for silk floral design.

"About a year ago, I wanted some nice flowers in my house. But they were too expensive to buy," Blackmon said. "I'd always wanted to do floral arrangements. There are no classes offered locally. So I bought all the floral arrangement books I could find. I found an idea for an arrangement in those books, bought some flowers and started flower arranging."

Soon flowers were gracing every table vase and wall vase in Blackmon's house. If they aren't in a vase, then they are packed in bins and various containers in her guest bedroom and garage.

"I have a lot of flowers. I've been buying and buying flowers, and I haven't realized how much I bought," Blackmon said. "I try to catch flowers on sale, and then I buy a lot of the ones I like and keep them until I find a floral arrangement I want to use them in. When I get an urge to make a flower arrangement, I've got to have the flowers available."

Even when she is buying flowers for a specific floral arrangement, Blackmon tends to overbuy because "I don't want to come up short on a flower in the middle of making an arrangement."

Her husband, Curtis, and her teenage daughter, Kirsti, are OK with sharing their home with silk flowers, although Blackmon's husband has commented on the flowers that are taking over part of the garage and that often make it difficult to eat dinner at the dining room table.

"They are all over the house. My husband says there are too many," Blackmon said. "I give some away at Christmas to family members, and sometimes I will

■ Supervisor fills her office with floral arrangements

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make a wedding arrangement for a family member or a friend.”

It was a given that Blackmon’s love for floral design would eventually cascade into her office on the third floor of building 5300, where she is supervisor of the managerial accounting branch of Resource Management.

“A lot of people stop and look at the flowers. They ask me if they are from a funeral or a wedding or something,” Blackmon said. “But they aren’t. They are here because I like them.”

Blackmon works on her flowers on the weekends. She often shops at local craft stores for flowers and discount department stores for vases.

“I try to look for quality flowers. I want a high-grade quality flower that is going to look really nice,” she said. “I also use high-quality vases that are heavy. Silk flowers can make lighter vases tip over.”

Blackmon often refers to her flower arrangement books for new ideas.

“When I find something I want to make, I start looking through my flowers for the right ones to make a similar arrangement. If I don’t have them, then I go shopping,” she said.

“Once I have all the flowers, I put them together in a group and just look at them for a week. I put foam and grass covering in the vase, and then I start working. Once I start, it comes together in a few hours.”

Blackmon has always been crafty. She has sewn since she was a little girl, and has made all the custom curtains in her home. She has also painted ceramics, a hobby that she has recently taken up again, and she has made dolls and doll clothes.

“I make a lot of the things I want to have because they are too expensive,” she said. “One flower arrangement I made would have cost me \$359 if I had bought it. I made it for \$75.”

Flower arranging seems to have caught most of her free time these days.

“I love to see the end product when I have the flowers all in place,” she said. “You can just get addicted to it because the flowers are so beautiful and very rewarding to work with. It’s rewarding to make something this pretty.”

Her husband and daughter also help with flower arranging by giving Blackmon critiques on her arrangements.

“They’ll tell me if I need to move the flowers around, or if they are cut too short or need to be made taller,” she said. “But most of the time they just give me a thumbs up.”



Courtesy photo

Top logisticians

The IMMC Intern Training Team of the Business Management Office has won the third quarter fiscal 2009 IMMC Team Award at the Aviation and Missile Command’s Integrated Materiel Management Center. Members include from left, in front row, Pat Carter, Betty Lee, Clarence Matthews, Cindy Janes, Shara Ford and Lindsey Cowley. In the back row are Erica Miller, Mark Moe, Michael Pauly, Tom Murphy, Eric Edwards, Rod Johnson, Jim Wasson and Jeff Fox.

■ Army oil analysis program relies on teamwork

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in southern Afghanistan. With only a short time frame in order to stand up the lab, there were several challenges to overcome. The 401st and 402nd Army Field Support Battalions provided critical support with site preparation at Kandahar and coordination of in-country logistics required to move one mobile lab from Iraq to the new site in Kandahar.

Redstone Arsenal also provided assis-

tance in starting the Kandahar lab. The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment transportation team stepped up when the AOAP project office was searching for a faster way to get the support equipment to Southwest Asia along with an initial supply of consumable items for the new lab. The RAID team offered to include the oil analysis program items with its scheduled Southwest Asia shipments via Air Force C-5.

“The level of team work involved to establish a new oil analysis capability at the Kandahar location was very impressive,” Schmidt said.

Spotlight on aviation technology for ground support

Four-day conference draws field response

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The Army's aviation maintenance equipment is only as good as the Soldiers who use it to repair and maintain helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

So, it's not surprising that a four-day conference – the Aviation Ground Support Equipment User Conference – included plenty of opportunities for Soldiers to provide feedback on the aviation ground equipment they use in the field, and to learn about new and improved equipment designed to make their job more efficient and responsive in support of aviation missions in both peaceful and wartime environments.

The conference, hosted by the product management office of

Aviation Ground Support Equipment, brought about 300 Soldiers and Army civilians together with 50 vendors to the Von Braun Center Sept. 20-24 to discuss everything from maintenance software systems to battle damage assessment repair kits. The conference included presentations by PM AGSE and various other product management and project management offices related to AGSE.

"PM AGSE is listening to what the Soldiers need," said Lt. Col. Russ Wygal, the AGSE product manager. "We're trying to be responsive to what the Soldiers need in the field. We want them to know that the input and feedback we've gotten from them in the past is actually benefiting them now in the products we are providing.

"We listen. We take that information and we implement it to support the Soldier. We are all about making sure we support the Soldiers who are supporting

aviation maintenance, and we are doing that with the right tools at the right time at the right place."

This was the first full-scale AGSE conference that included its entire scope of products. Last year, in Huntsville, PM AGSE hosted a tool conference.

"We expanded the conference this year to increase the scope for users," Wygal said. "This PM was established only a few years back. We want to grow and improve on this every year."

PM AGSE is based in Huntsville, with offices off post, and reports to the Project Manager for Aviation Systems, Program Executive Office for Aviation. PM AGSE products include

the Army's Modified Aviation Ground Power Unit, Tool Store "Balad," Aircraft Cleaning and De-Icing System, Unit Maintenance Aerial Recovery Kit, Digital Aircraft Weight Scale and Battle Damage Assessment Repair Kit. It provides a Non-destructive Testing Center of Excellence.

Soldiers attending the conference represented field units and combat aviation brigades from throughout the U.S. as well as Germany and Hawaii. The "varied cross section of aviation maintainers and crew chiefs supporting the entire Army aviation fleet" is a source of information for program management, said Wygal, an Army aviator who has

experience flying multiple platforms and whose career has included working with aviation maintenance operations.

"Some of our sessions were specifically designed to solicit feedback from Soldiers on specific programs," he said. "They have provided us with valuable feedback. We are also showing them new products for the field, such as the Towing System Electric Shop Set. This conference allows them to see it and talk about it and provide feedback on how they like the current equipment. It's about bringing their knowledge from different areas together so that we can provide better products to support Soldiers."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SHARING ENGINEERING— Tim White of PM AGSE shows Lt. Col. Russ Wygal, product manager for Aviation Ground Support Equipment, the engineering workings of the Reset Generic Aircraft Nitrogen Generator. In background are Staff Sgt. Dargan Hill and 1st Sgt. Terrence Powell.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ENGINE DYNAMICS— Bruce Steingart of NMC-Holland explains some of the features of the Engine System Pack for the Standard Aircraft Towing System (shown in background) to 1st Sgt. Terrence Powell of the 1-151 Aviation Battalion, South Carolina, during the Aviation Ground Support Equipment User Conference at the Von Braun Center south hall Sept. 20-24.

Win
or lose

Bravo Bulldogs hunt for flag football crown



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BULLDOGS UNCAGED— The Bravo Company flag football players prepare to take the field Oct. 20, 2008 against Charlie Company. The Bulldogs won that game 14-0.

Top military team from 2008 hopes to add tournament title

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The Bravo Company flag football team is looking for a happier ending this year.

The Bulldogs were the top military team in 2008 but they lost 38-8 to the Civilian Welfare Fund in the postseason tournament final. The 2009 flag football season will kick off Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the field off Patton Road.

“We definitely want to repeat winning the military (title) but we don’t want to stop short this year,” Bravo running back John Sweeden said. “We want to beat the civilians, too, so we can be out-and-out champions. But that’s the goal. We’re going to take it one game at a time.”

Sweeden, last year’s quarterback, is proba-

bly the lone returnee from the team which finished 8-5. Ellington Releford coaches the Bulldogs.

The Civilian Welfare Fund went 10-1 and also has a loftier goal this year.

“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.”

The other teams include Charlie Company, Headquarters & Alpha, HHC 59th, NCO Academy, Marines and 326th Chemical Company.

Games will be played 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.

Auburn favored to climb Rocky Top

Tigers get nod over Tennessee

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Here are this week’s college football predictions (134-33 after four weeks):

- Auburn at Tennessee — **Auburn**
- LSU at Georgia — **Georgia**
- Alabama at Kentucky — **Bama**
- Alabama A&M at Tuskegee — **Tuskegee**
- Mississippi at Vanderbilt — **Ole Miss**
- Hawaii at Louisiana Tech — **La. Tech**
- Colorado at West Virginia — **WVU**
- Southern Mississippi at UAB — **SM**
- Pittsburgh at Louisville — **Pitt**
- Utah State at Brigham Young — **BYU**
- Clemson at Maryland — **Clemson**
- East Carolina at Marshall — **EC**
- Michigan at Michigan State — **Michigan**
- Northwestern at Purdue — **Purdue**
- South Florida at Syracuse — **SF**
- Tulane at Army — **Tulane**
- Toledo at Ball State — **Toledo**
- Virginia at North Carolina — **UNC**
- Virginia Tech at Duke — **VT**
- Wisconsin at Minnesota — **UW**
- Appalachian State at The Citadel — **ASU**
- Cincinnati at Miami (Ohio) — **UC**
- Tennessee-Martin at Jacksonville State — **Jax**
- Elon at Furman — **Furman**
- Kansas State at Iowa State — **KSU**
- Air Force at Navy — **Navy**
- North Carolina State at Wake Forest — **NC State**
- New Mexico at Texas Tech — **Tech**
- Penn State at Illinois — **PSU**
- UCLA at Stanford — **UCLA**
- Washington at Notre Dame — **ND**
- Ohio State at Indiana — **OSU**
- Oregon State at Arizona State — **OS**
- South Carolina State at South Carolina — **SC**
- Arkansas at Texas A&M — **Arkansas**
- Georgia Tech at Mississippi State — **GT**
- Tulsa at Rice — **Tulsa**
- UC Davis at Boise State — **Boise**
- Southern Methodist at TCU — **TCU**
- Southern California at California — **USC**
- Houston at Texas-El Paso — **Houston**
- Washington State at Oregon — **Oregon**
- Colorado State at Idaho — **CSU**
- Florida State at Boston College — **FSU**
- Oklahoma at Miami (Fla.) — **Oklahoma**

FRESHLY SQUEEZED ‘BIG ORANGE’ JUICE



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Small fry

Glen Meza, left, and Sean Hall were among the winners Sept. 19 at the Cub Scout Fishing Rodeo at Madison County Lake. Glen won for the smallest fish – less than 2 ounces – and Sean won for the ugliest fish. Both boys are with Den 2 Pack 451, which has ties to Redstone Arsenal and J.E. Williams Elementary. Both are second-graders at J.E. Williams; and Glen lives on post.

Army, NASA join forces for motorcycle safety

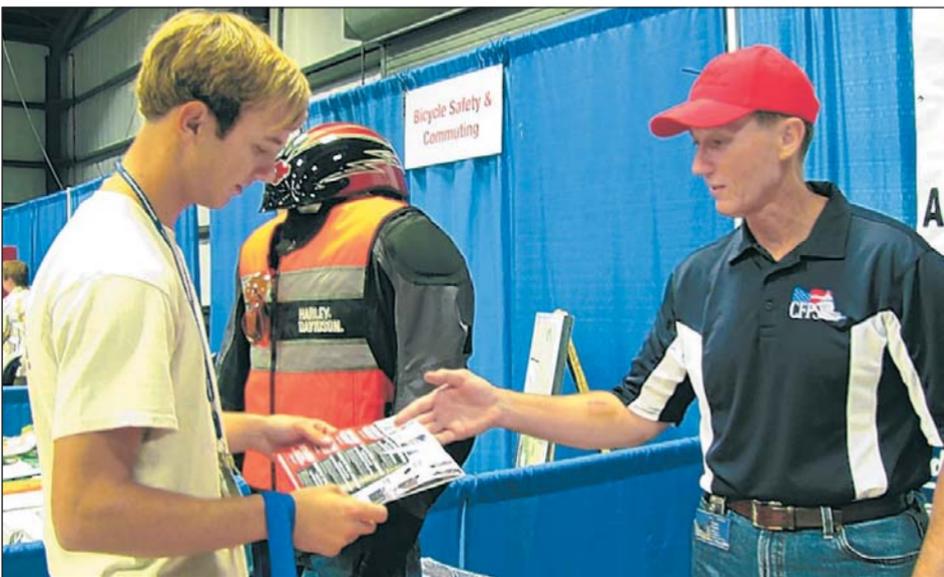


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LEARNING TO RIDE— Josh Rice, left, learns about motorcycle safety gear from rider coach Ralph Harris at the motorcycle safety booth held by the Army at NASA Safety and Health Day.

Event spreads message about training program

By KARA WALL
For the Rocket

The Garrison Safety Office teamed up with NASA on Sept. 23 at the annual NASA Safety and Health Day to promote motorcycle safety to the Redstone community.

Mike Moore, Garrison safety manager, and Ralph Harris, Cape Fox Professional Services contractor and rider coach, attended the event to spread their message about motorcycle safety.

“This was a synergistic safety effort,” Moore said.

Safety brings commonality to the entire Redstone community, according to Moore. “When it comes to safety, there is no difference between the intern, the contractor, or the Soldier. We are all one family, and we all need to take care of each other,” he said.

The Department of Defense requires that anyone registering a motorcycle on an Army installation must complete a train-

ing program by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Garrison Safety Office offers two programs that meet these requirements: the Basic Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course.

The two-day basic course teaches basic skills and evasive maneuvers to new riders. The one-day experienced course teaches current riders survival skills and techniques. The safety office offers these training programs four to six times a month. About 300 people completed either of the two training programs last fiscal year.

Anyone with access to the Arsenal can attend the training programs free of charge, including government employees, contractors, active duty and retired military or family members.

“The Garrison command policy is ‘One fight. One force,’” Harris said. “Everyone, regardless of their organization, will be given access to programs sponsored by the safety office.”

To enroll in a motorcycle training program or for more information, e-mail Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net or call Keith Coates of the Garrison Safety Office at 876-3383.

Share the road with motorcycles

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than two-thirds of car-motorcycle crashes are caused by drivers, not motorcyclists.

Here are some tips for car and truck drivers to help reduce crashes and promote motorcycle safety:

- Respect — Treat motorcycles like any other vehicle. Give them the same respect you would another vehicle.
- Awareness — Increase your awareness

of motorcycles around you. Look for motorcyclists making turns and changing lanes.

- Anticipation — Take note of obstructions that could be insignificant for a car but deadly for a motorcyclist. Prepare for their evasive movements.

- Distance — Make sure to leave plenty of space between you and the motorcyclist. Because motorcycles are small, judging their true speed and distance can be challenging.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Scholarship tournament

A golf tournament to benefit area scholarships is set by the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers for Thursday 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 Friday. 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 Saturday 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?bevaid=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 Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Pin Palace Lanes.

Boating safety

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will present a Boating Safety and Seamanship Course starting Oct. 8 to Nov. 19. The course will be held in six separate sessions every Thursday evening from 6:30-9 in building 3687, the Garrison Safety Office. The completion of the course will further a boater's knowledge in the proper and safe handling of water vessels and satisfies the state requirement for documentation on the state driver's license. For boat owners the course provides for reduced cost of boat insurance by some providers. For more information, call Thomas Kunhart

830-6621 (home), 527-4475 (cell) or e-mail tkunhart@knology.net.

Bass tournament

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America will hold the Fall 2009 Bob Vlasic's' Classic Bass Tournament on Oct. 17. Launch site is Jackson County Park in Scottsboro at first safe light. Preregistration is required. For more information, e-mail thomas.geofroy@us.army.mil.



Conferences & Meetings

Sergeants major dinner

The Sergeants Major Association will hold a dinner Friday 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.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. southeast. "Forts Henry and Donelson, The First Decisive Battles" is the topic of Mark Hubbs' and David Lady's talk. They are local historians who have devoted themselves to a lengthy study of this February 1862 campaign. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

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.

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.

Simulation conference

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

Toastmaster clubs

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

AFAP conference

The Team Redstone 21st Army Family Action Plan Conference is Oct. 27-28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. "This is an opportunity to make suggestions or express concerns about programs, services or benefits affecting the total Army family, to include active duty Soldiers, retirees, National Guard, reservists, family members and civilians," a prepared release said. To register as a conference delegate or submit an issue or concern visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Army Community Service 876-5397.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist

Church. This month's speaker is Patricia Martin, acting director of Systems Engineering and Support Directorate, AMRDEC. She will be talking about "Work and Life Balance." For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Space society

HAL5 (the local chapter of the National Space Society) presents "You Are There, 1969 Revisited" on Thursday 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.

Women in defense

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



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assur-

ance, 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.epol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. Go to www.gsaauctions.gov, search by State of Alabama; and there you will find items located at MSFC and other federal agencies in Alabama to bid on. For more information, call 544-4667.

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal, the DoD requires all motorcyclists to complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation training course. There are two courses offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space-available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. To enroll in motorcycle training, e-mail MSF rider coach Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net. The Garrison Safety contact is Keith Coates at 876-3383 or keith.coates@us.army.mil.

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Photo by Darrell McMurray

Title winner

Harry Hobbs, professor of military science at Columbia High and adjunct professor at Redstone for the Florida Institute of Technology, is accompanied by his wife, Erica, during the 2009 Mr. Man Premiere event Sept. 19 at the Marriott Hotel. Hobbs, a retired chief warrant officer 5, won the title of "Mr. Man" at the annual male pageant. He was selected based on personality, finesse, style, substance of character, community work and family involvement. His presentation included a four-minute performance featuring three JROTC cadets from Columbia High: Adam McMurray, Kayla Vervaet and Bianca Martin. A panel of six judges considered the merits of 12 finalists at the event conducted by Sam Brown and SB Productions.



Courtesy photo

Mystery mural

Located behind drapes at the south main entrance to the David G. Harris building 5250, this artwork has been dubbed the "Jetsons," and bears the marking "Richard Miller, 1960." Anyone who might have insight into the legacy and history of this piece is encouraged to call the AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office at 876-4162.

Rocket Announcements

Reserve unit

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

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon completion of Officer Candidate School. If you are a college graduate with a four-year degree or higher from an accredited institution of postsecondary education (college seniors may apply), this is an opportunity for you to become an Army officer. Graduates of OCS are commissioned as second lieutenants. Commissions are available in the active Army and the Reserve. For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Capt. Stacy Hopwood and 1st Sgt. Brian May 539-6511 or 539-6512.

Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

Join the Army Reserves and enroll in your college ROTC program simultaneously through the Simultaneous Membership Program. Earn anywhere from \$470 to \$1,400 a month as a SMP cadet. As a member of the Army Reserve SMP Cadet Program, you are non-deployable, you have an opportunity to pursue the degree

of your choice and you can assure yourself of a future as a commissioned officer in the active Army or the Reserves. For more information, call your local Army Reserve recruiter 518-3972.

Army training

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

Butler High reunion

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

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.

New civilian employees

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees is Nov. 24 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, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, and Safety. For more information, call LaToya Davis Ragan 313-0286 or Jessie McCray 876-4803. To obtain a space in this course, you must register in TIP by Nov. 24 at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

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.

Library renovation

The Post Library will undergo renovation Thursday 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) 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 or contact Ray Woolery 217-0804 and ray.woolery@uav.com or Tonya Galindo 464-9191 and 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 Friday and Saturday at Redstone with this year's theme “Enjoy Your Benefits, You've Earned Them.” On Friday, the event will start at 7 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club and include other locations across Redstone Arsenal. On Saturday, 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.

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

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
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											
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			X
SCBK09782935	Supv Logistics management Spec	29-Sep-09	GARRISON	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X							X				X
SCBK09748165	Supv IT Spec	29-Sep-09	GARRISON	YC-2210	2	2	67,129 - 131,518					X		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	X	X
SCBK08041018OC	Supv Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	AMCOM, Acq Ctr	YA-1102	3	3	87,998 - 148,740		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK08041011OCR	Contract Spec	30-Sep-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	12	12	65,921 - 85,701				X	X		X	X				X
SCBK09755481	Supv Business Management Officer	30-Sep-09	AMRDEC	DE-0301	4	4	81,532 - 125,254	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											
SCBK09730538	General Engr	5-Oct-09	SMDC	YD-0801	3	3	90,473 - 154,886				X		X	X	X	X			X
SCBK09578755R	Supv Program MGR (Deputy Product MGR)	6-Oct-09	PEO Aviation	YA-0340	3	3	90,473 - 154,699	X						X					X
SCBK09786850	Budget Analyst	7-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0560	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X											
SCBK09787805	Criminal Investigator	7-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-1811	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X	X		X		X						
SCBK09683752	Secretary (OA)	7-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0318	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X					X	X				X
SCBK09751083	Management Asst (OA)	7-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0344	7	8	38,653 - 55,651	X											
SCBK09786843	Budget Analyst	7-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09801254	Allergy & Immunology Tech	7-Oct-09	MEDCOM	GS-0640	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X											
SCBK09715938COER	Training Instructor (Elec)	8-Oct-09	USAOMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X	X				X	X				X
SCBK09638342	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X							X				X
SCBK09760807	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09775789	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09785383	Computer Scientist	8-Oct-09	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X	X	X		X	X					X
SCBK09785383D	Computer Scientist	8-Oct-09	AMRDEC	DB-1550	3	3	68,564 - 105,993												X
SCBK09775717	Logistics Mgmt Spec	8-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X							X				X
SCBK09787438	Contract Spec	8-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128					X		X	X				X
SCBK09783552	Supv Logistics management Spec	9-Oct-09	IMMC/PEO	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X											
SCBK09768800	Supv Human Resources Specialist	9-Oct-09	AMCOM G-1	YC-0201	3	3	94,331 - 137,780	X											
SCBK09796730	General Engr	9-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK09791704	CBRNE Oper Spec	9-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128					X		X	X				X
SCBK09798144	Human Resource Tech	9-Oct-09	Redstone CPAC	YB-0203	1	2	19,829 - 67,685			X									
SCBK09YA110202OC	Contract Spec	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 105,993			X	X			X	X				X
SCBK09809128	Program Analyst	9-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0343	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X										
SCBK09741402	Electrical Engineer	21-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	46,291 - 105,993						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
SCBK09783545OC	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	14	14	96,346 - 125,254		X	X	X		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
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567				X			X					X
SCBK09416328OC	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 Integ sys Mech	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 - 26.87	X						X					X
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U - All U.S. citizens

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

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

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

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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. 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

The Thrift Shop is open this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Follow the signs for great savings," a prepared release said. "Large selection of clothing and household items, some at 50-75 percent off. New furniture coming in daily." Shop hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-4, Thursday from 9-5 and (normally) the first Saturday of each month. Visit the shop at building 3209 on Hercules Road.

Donations are taken daily at the drop box in back.

Breast cancer awareness

Fox Army Health Center will hold its second annual Breast Cancer Boot Camp on Oct. 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. "During this exciting, information-filled program, you will receive state of the art medical information about breast cancer," a prepared release said. "There will be guest speakers from the medical community sharing their expertise on topics such as: overview of breast cancer, detection methods, statistics, self-exams, surgical interventions, chemotherapy/radiation options, and genetics/genomics. Call the Wellness Clinic at 955-8888 ext. 1430 or 1431 for more information or to register for the seminar. Registration is required so call today to reserve your seat.

Commissary observance

The Commissary will celebrate Retirees Appreciation Day on Friday from 1-4 p.m. with games, door prizes and refreshments.

PACT contract holders

The Alabama PACT (Prepaid Affordable College Tuition) program has had major fiscal setbacks due to market investment losses, and its future is in question. The 48,000 PACT contract holders and their family members are invited to join Save Alabama PACT. This group of contract holders is researching ways to support and encourage the state legislature to save the program. You can reach the group's co-founder, Patti Lambert, at pattilambert@charter.net. To join the Madison County chapter of Save Alabama PACT, call 852-7817 or contact dhpeacher@gmail.com.

Signal unit reunion

The 279th Signal Battalion, Alabama



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Red Cross helps

The local American Red Cross Chapter offered two Disaster Preparedness sessions Aug. 27 at Heiser Hall for active duty military and their family members. Along with Ready Army Community Awareness Campaign material, free basic preparedness kits were given to those attending. The rest of the kits were distributed by HHC Garrison to military personnel throughout the Arsenal. From left are Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Moore, Red Cross volunteer and retired Lt. Col. Rick Montgomery, and 1st Sgt. Albert Rocker.

Army National Guard, will hold a dinner reunion 6 p.m. Oct. 29 at the "Son's Barbecue" in Arab. Any former member along with family guest is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 603-3201 or e-mail gijosie279@yahoo.com.

