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Milestone run at Army Ten-Miler

Redstone team captures two first-place trophies

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

DOUBLE WINNER— Redstone Ten-Miler team members include from left, seated, Nathan Graham, Brad Schroeder, coach Harry Hobbs, David Riddle, Tim Vinson; and standing, Liz Biondi, Brett Wilks, Jason Gilliam and Randy McFarland. Not pictured are Col. Bob Pastorelli, Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper, Jason Reneau, Capt. Laura Matejik, Maj. Brian Hackenberg, Greg Reynolds and assistant coach Skip Vaughn.

WASHINGTON – After all the congratulations for finishing first for the third straight year, the news got even better for members of Redstone's Army Ten-Miler team.

The runners learned they had won two first-place awards for the first time in Redstone Arsenal's history of competing in the 25th annual event.

Redstone finished first in the government agency division for the third year in a row at the 10-mile race held Oct. 4 near the Pentagon. Redstone also had an entry in the all-comers division. Preliminary results announced at the awards ceremony had Redstone Two finishing second among the all-comers. However, the official results on the Army Ten-Miler website subsequently had Redstone Two finishing first in that division as well.

So, Redstone Arsenal swept both the government agency and all-comers divisions for the first time. The Army Ten-Miler office was notified of its earlier discrepancy and promised to settle the matter by Oct. 15.

"I think that was just human error (on the preliminary results)," Redstone coach Harry Hobbs said.

Redstone One finished first in the government agency division with a total time of three hours, 51 minutes and 51 seconds for its top four runners. Aberdeen Test Center was second with 3:54:36 and HRC (Human Resources Command) Patriots Red placed third with 4:16:31.

Redstone Two won the all-comers division with 4:15:11 followed by McGuire / Dix / Lakehurst /Myer with 4:21:06 and Third Army Road Racers with 4:22:56.

"It was good chemistry and good training," Hobbs said. "They treated us like champions and we ran like champions. We had great support from the Garrison, MWR, AMCOM and AUSA. We dedicated the run to one of our runners (Greg Reynolds) whose child was stricken with an illness."

The Redstone/Huntsville and Fort Rucker chapters of the Association of the U.S. Army combined to provide a "Hooah" support tent for their respective runners, complete with food and a warmup area.

"We had a five-year vision that we would get our own Hooah tent and we would be a number one team," Hobbs said. "We had four tents, food, a warmup area for the runners and we had Astroturf on the floors of the tent. How could we not perform?"

Redstone One was again paced by David Riddle, an aerospace engineer with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The former Auburn University runner finished in 51:31, good for 16th place out of 21,289 finishers.

"I'm proud of everybody on the team," Riddle said. "Their runs this year bring home two first-place trophies, something Redstone's never done before.

"My time wasn't quite as fast as last year (50:51) and my place wasn't as good but the race attracted some very good runners this year. The depth of the competition was much higher. I'm still happy with my race, all things considered. I'm pleased with how I ran. I'm glad we brought home two first places. I think everyone worked very hard this year to get us where we are. I'm proud to be on the team. And thanks to AUSA and everybody who supported us."

Tim Vinson, 45, an assistant product manager at the Program Executive Office for Aviation, finished in 58:54, a personal best by almost three minutes.

"It was a great team effort," Vinson said. "Everyone ran well. And I attribute our performance to hard work, good team chemistry and very nice weather."

Other members of Redstone One included Brad Schroeder (57:04), Jason Reneau (1:04:23), Capt. Laura Matejik (1:14:53), Hobbs (1:24:09) and Col. Bob Pastorelli (1:27:41). Reynolds was unable to make the trip.

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An open lane random survey

Name a rule that you live by

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Lisa Townsend
Product Director TMDE
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If everybody did what was right and what they knew to be right then we wouldn't have a lot of the problems that we have in the world."

Mark Grooms
Analytical Services Inc.
"Have integrity. Don't take short cuts; do the right thing. I try to teach my kids that. Have integrity."

Suzanne Elsberry
2nd Recruiting Brigade
"Treat people the way that I would like to be treated. It's just a respect thing that you get back what you give."

Capt. Caleb Brown
2nd Recruiting Brigade
"The seven Army values: loyalty, duty respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage. They're the values that guide my behavior in life as a Soldier."

Quote of the week

'Do something every day that you don't want to do; this is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.'
— *Mark Twain*

Letters to the Editor

Poem from military experience worth sharing

I am the facilitator of the Creative Writing Team at the Huntsville Senior Center. The class has assignments each week and I choose to let them relate to events of their lives. They may write these life stories in poetry or prose. In this way, they can leave family history for generations to come.

I was born and raised in Decatur, Ala., and I married into the military in 1959, being the wife of a U.S. Air Force member. In class I write along with the others, and when I read about some of my military experiences, their reactions are "Is that real?" (Philippines gecko on the housing ceilings, road bandits and dangerous elections, etc.)

One teammate, Mary Lou Parkham, approached me and said, "Betty, I have something I wrote once and I would like you to have it!" Mr. Vaughn, I feel it is worth sharing with others, who perhaps have "been there and done that."

Betty Wright

Editor's note: "Loving a Serviceman" is the title of the following poem by Mary Lou Parkham.

Loving a serviceman creates an anxious day
For you know your heart is the price you will pay.
It is mostly to have and not to hold,
Of loving while young but feeling old.

It's sending a letter with the stamp upside down
To a place unknown... some city or faraway town.
You wish it were possible for him to use a phone
To tell you that soon he'll be coming home.

When he does come, it is like a bit of heaven!
We treasure each furlough by the military given;
It's laughter unconscious of people, time, or weather;
We waste not a moment when we are together.

It is hearing the soft whisper of his love for you
And whispering back that you love him too.
Then comes the kiss, that promise of love;
Knowing you're loved by him and by God above.

It is saying goodbye to him as he then boards a plane,
Not knowing when or if you will see him again.
You let him go reluctantly and painfully,
Knowing he's in a uniform, so this must be.

You wait for the word that he is safe and well.
The days drag on... which one? You can't tell.
But when his letter comes, you tremble with joy;
You're much like a child with a shiny new toy!

Having a serviceman means unfound tears;
Crying so much for those many long years.
It's going to church to kneel and pray
"God, I love him so... Keep him safe this day.

"Being proud of his job he's doing so true,
"He's ready to die for his country, me, and for You."
Loving and waiting for that serviceman is really no fun,
But it's worth the wait and prayers when his service is done.

Thanks for completing customer survey

Thank you to all the Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and retirees who participated in the Customer Service Assessment. By taking the time to accomplish this survey, your voice will have an impact on the quality of life for everyone who lives and works on Redstone Arsenal. Thank you again for your time and effort to help make Redstone the premier garrison for customer support.

At Redstone we had 1,157 surveys taken which breaks down to 155 Soldiers, 72 family members, 244 retirees, three veterans, 577 DA civilians and 106 contractors.

The results for the nearly 37,000 participants taken across Installation Management Command are now being downloaded and analyzed for every installation that participated in the survey and reports will be ready for the Garrison Commanders Conference in November. You should expect to see these results soon after through various media such as the *Redstone Rocket*, the Customer Management Services or Garrison website, and during Installation Action Council/AFAP Steering Committee meetings.

To all who participated in the survey, you voice will be heard as we all work to improve the quality of service to a level deserving of your dedicated service to our nation!

Steve McFadden
Garrison

Honor Flight deserves community support

I cannot begin to explain the feeling that came over me the morning of Aug. 29, when arriving at the Huntsville International Airport to participate in the

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Getting to know you

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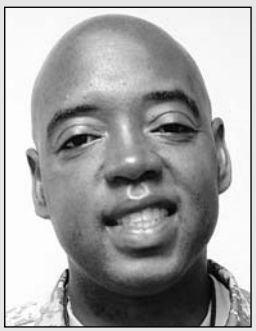


Name: Master Sgt. Roy Handy

Job: Brigade trainer, 2nd Recruiting Brigade

Where do you call home?
New Orleans, La.

What do you like about your job?
Interaction with Soldiers – building camaraderie, teamwork. We travel throughout the brigade and assist recruiters.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I build custom motorcycles. And I volunteer within the communities. Lately we've — my family and I've — been helping a lot of the flood victims down in Atlanta. (He and his wife, Greer, have a daughter, Brittany, 20, and son, Roy III, 15.)

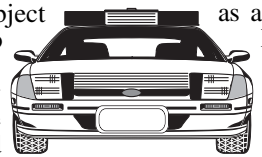
What are your goals?
I'd like to open up a group home for troubled youth.

What's at the top of your "bucket list" of things you want to do before you kick the bucket?
I'd like to ride cross country on a motorcycle. There's a variety of reasons. One is that motorcycle enthusiasts are just a family. And wherever you go across the country there are different cultures. Every culture has different beliefs. So outside of being a family, it's a learning experience also.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Oct. 1-7:

Oct. 1: A worker was sought in a warrant issued by the Huntsville Police Department. The subject was located and released to Huntsville Police.



Oct. 1: When stopped for speeding on Patton Road, the driver had a suspended license. He was issued two violation notices.

Oct. 2: Security guards found a small quantity of marijuana in the vehicle of a subject who requested a pass at Gate 8. The marijuana was confiscated and the subject received a violation notice.

Oct. 2: A subject who requested a pass at Gate 9 had a suspended license. The subject received a violation notice.

Oct. 2: At Gate 3, a subject had a suspended license and was issued a violation notice.

Oct. 6: A Soldier was arrested by the Roanoke, Ala., Police Department as a deserter. He was released to Redstone Police and processed to Fort Knox, Ky.

Oct. 6: Seven subjects who attempted to enter the Arsenal were found to be illegal immigrants. After coordination with Immigration and Custom enforcement agents, they were cited for trespass and denied entrance.

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

Violation notices issued: 15 speeding, 1 failure to yield, 3 suspended driver's license, 1 possession of marijuana, 1 no driver's license.

Project office launches airspace concepts team

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office announced Oct. 3 it has created a new directorate to lead one of the Department of Defense efforts to solve issues related to flying unmanned aircraft in the national airspace system alongside other aircraft.

The Unmanned Systems Airspace Integration Concepts product directorate will develop, test and field a ground-based system that will give UAS operators a sense and avoid capability during flight to provide a mitigation to the inability to comply with Federal Aviation Administration "see and avoid" safety regulations.

The Federal Aviation Regulation for "see and avoid" states, in part, "When weather conditions permit, regardless of whether an operation is conducted under instrument flight rules or visual flight rules, vigilance shall be maintained by each person operating an aircraft so as to see and avoid other aircraft. When a rule of this section gives another aircraft the right-of-way, the pilot shall give way to that aircraft and may not pass over, under, or ahead of it unless well clear."

"With the growing demand by battlefield commanders for more UAS platforms to use in combat situations, the military services will require access to more airspace for training, testing and operations," UAS project manager Col. Greg Gonzalez said. "The challenge for DoD now is to find a balance with the FAA to allow that access while maintaining the FAA's charter to keep the national airspace safe. We are leading the effort to find the solution." *(Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office release)*

■ Community salutes World War II veterans

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sendoff of attendees for the World War II Honor Flight. There were several ASMC (American Society of Military Comptrollers) members there to participate in the morning sendoff and the welcome home that evening. Roxanne Hopple, Regeana Williams, Kay Goodloe-Cuts, Bunnie Scales and I participated in the 4:30 morning sendoff event.

The member participants for the evening welcome home were Debbie O'Neal, Regeana Williams, Carleen Stidham (who was accompanied by her husband and several of her neighbors), Harvey Player, and repeat performers, Roxanne Hopple and Bunnie Scales.

The Soldiers were lined up from the parking garage entrance to the breezeway entering the airport, to salute and pay honor to those who had selflessly served this country so many years before. It was such a humbling experience to see their faces light up when they saw the crowd there to honor them and their service to the United States. The veterans were expressing their thanks to us for taking time to be there. Our response to them was, "Nothing to thank us for. Thank you for your sacrifice and service!"

More than once, I heard one of the veterans say, "We never received a welcome like this before." Tears flowed down many cheeks, including mine. I was proud to be an American and especially proud to be part of a community that is so generous and caring. The Tennessee Valley is a great place to live and we should be thankful for that every day. The service and sacrifice given by many veterans of the armed forces is the reason we are able to live in such a wonderful city, state and country.

I would like to personally thank the ASMC organization and members for attending and giving your support to the Honor Flight and these courageous veterans.

Again, I can't stress enough what a humbling, and emotional experience this was. If you have never participated, please try to make it a priority to do so. The next flight is scheduled for Oct. 24 and we will again participate in the sendoff and the welcome home events. This is such a small thing to do for those who have done so much! I hope to see you there!

Dana Wilbanks

Jazz Night returns by popular demand

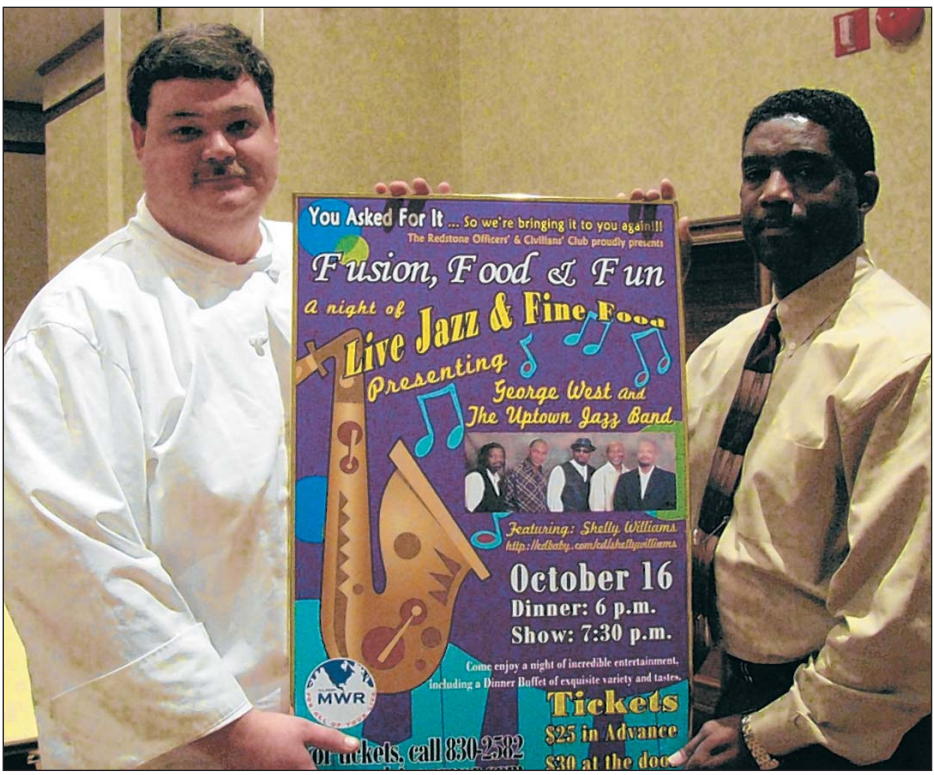

Photo by Kara Wall

SUPPER CLUB— Executive chef Ben Howard, left, and Kenneth McDonald of FMWR show what's in store for Jazz Night, featuring George West and the Uptown Jazz Band.

Crowd expected Friday for event at O' Club

By KARA WALL
For the Rocket

Candlelight. Live jazz music. Ballroom dancing. Exquisite food. This is what you can expect Friday night at the Officers and Civilians Club.

This year's Jazz Night will have a 1940s supper club theme. The atmosphere will resemble a black-and-white ball with formal decor, black-and-white linens, with women in cocktail dresses and men in suits.

Kenneth McDonald, chief of the resource management division of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, is heading this year's event.

"Last year, half of the attendees said music was their favorite and the other half, food," he said. "It will be an unforgettable evening full of live jazz and fine food."

George West and the Uptown Jazz Band will perform. The band features lead saxophonist Shelley Williams, a Redstone worker. They play everything from 1940s jazz to modern selections.

"The band is phenomenal," McDonald said. "They can play anything. The band was such a hit last year that we're bringing them back due to popular demand.

"There were people on their feet dancing as soon as the music started. The dance floor was full all night."

Food will be prepared by executive chef Ben Howard and his staff. It will be served buffet style with a beef carving station.

The flambé dessert station features Bananas Foster made to order. Attendees can watch the fire rise off the skillet as sue chef Andy Kolankiewicz prepares their dessert.

A full cash bar will be available, as well as a martini bar with chocolate, raspberry and apple martinis.

The event is open to the entire Redstone community and guests. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with dinner starting at 6 and entertainment around 7:30.

Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. The limit is 300 attendees, so order your tickets today by calling 830-2582. If you are bringing guests without Arsenal access, make sure to ask to have their names added to the gate list. For more information, visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation events

The Garrison's Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation provided the following list of upcoming events:

Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation sponsors Hunter Safety Orientation classes. You must attend one of these classes to be eligible to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. Classes are Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at Heiser Hall. For more information, call 876-4868.

Jazz night

George West and the Uptown Jazz Band, featuring Shelly Williams, will perform Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club. Enjoy a night of entertainment and a dinner buffet. Dinner is at 6 p.m., and the show follows at 7:30. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. For more information or tickets, call 830-2582.

Cookoff/scramble

The fourth annual Chili Cookoff and Golf Scramble is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Links. Four-man teams compete in a scramble format then enjoy homemade contest chili. There is a $20 fee per person, plus green fees. Each group must enter a pot of chili for the contest. Flight will depend on number of players. There are prizes for hole contests, flight prizes; and first, second and third place in the Chili Cookoff. For more information, call 883-7977.

Youth basketball

Registration continues through Nov. 2 for a youth basketball league. Cost is $55, which includes a uniform. A $10 late fee applies Nov. 2. Practices begin in mid-November and games are played in January and February. Sports physical must be current at time of registration. For more information, call 313-3699.

Readiness group reaches out to Team Redstone

Non-traditional support for non-traditional post

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Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

TEAM EFFORT— Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles speaks to Soldiers and civilians at the Redstone Arsenal Community Family Readiness Group meeting last month.

Unlike predominately-military installations, Redstone deploys both Soldiers and civilians. It's looking to support them through a non-traditional readiness group.

"The concept is new in that our demographic is unique here," said Kathleen Riester, Army Community Service program manager and FRG representative.

At other installations, troops deploy as a unit. A traditional family readiness group is in place at their post to meet the needs and answer the questions of their families for the duration of their deployment. At Redstone, however, civilians and Soldiers deploy throughout the year – sometimes individually or in small groups for varying time periods. A traditional readiness group just wouldn't work for them.

"That's why our name is the 'Community Family Readiness Group,'" Riester said. "Because we're trying to cover all of our people under this one umbrella. Even if you're an office of only five and you have no one deployed right now, you may have someone deployed in the future. You're welcome to the table."

Last year the Community FRG formed to try and meet the needs of Team Redstone, both Soldier and civilian, as they deploy. Along the way, they have identified issues unique to civilian deployments.

"There is not really one deployment checklist for spouses of civilians who deploy," Riester said. "We're taking the initiative to create one."

In order to give the best support possible to Team Redstone, they are reaching out to every tenant on post who currently deploys personnel, is planning future deployments or simply wants to be involved with the group.

"The idea is to invite every organization on post to the table," Riester said. "We want them to be a part of what we're doing, which is to support everyone who deploys from this post."

While multiple past deployments have brought some organizations to

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NCO Academy aces organizational day

Seasoned Soldiers prevail over younger competition

By Spc. RYAN STROUD
59th Ordnance Brigade public affairs

It all came down to this last test of strength and will. Two Soldiers, a male and female, from Headquarters & Headquarters Company and the NCO Academy squared off to determine who would walk away with the 59th Ordnance Brigade Organizational Day 2009 trophy. When the dust cleared from the rapid succession of pushups, the Academy stood alone.

Oct. 2 had provided individual and team heroics as Bravo, Charlie, Headquarters & Alpha, the Marines, HHC 59th and NCO Academy gathered for a fun-filled day of activities to build morale within the companies. HHC 59th and the Academy ended the final event of the day, the tug-o-war, tied for first place and then squared off in the tiebreaking event, the pushup.

But the true feat was two companies with the oldest Soldiers in the unit beat out more than 400 privates, with the average age of 20. HHC 59th and the Academy both proved age doesn't matter.

"You know, it's kind of hard for the NCOA to compete because we have older Soldiers," 1st Sgt. John Butler, senior leaders course branch chief, said. "Some have injuries, some don't run like they used too. But we came out and competed really well against companies like Bravo and Charlie, who have fresh, young Soldiers. For us to come out on top, this was great. It says a lot for our Soldiers in the NCOA."

And this victory for the Academy was indeed important. Though the Academy has dominated when it comes to static display contests, they are not known for their athletic achievements.

"This victory is special to us," Butler said. "For the last few years, the NCOA was getting beat pretty bad in these (competitions). It's nice to come out on top."

HHC 59th commander Capt. Allen Hughes was pleased to see his Soldiers do so well, but disappointed they finished second to the Academy.

"It was a great competition. Everyone loves to win but there can only be one winner," Hughes said. "As a unit, we did really well; the Soldiers did their best and that's all I can ask for. Finishing as sound as we did reflects well upon the (younger Soldiers in 832nd). It shows the importance of leadership and leading by example, regardless of what you go through, you need to always give your best. I believe that we, HHC, showed that through heart and perseverance, we were able to compete so well. This also shows the trainees that no matter what, you have to strive for your goal, no matter what your age is."

The competition was fierce through the entire day. Bravo's basketball team was dubbed "brutal" as they won the basketball competition. And HHC 59th shocked those in attendance by taking Charlie down to its last at-bat in softball before a double in the bottom of the fifth inning gave Charlie the softball title.

But the overall goal of 59th's organizational day was achieved – build esprit de corps.

"This was a great competition. It's important to remember that even if you lose, at least you played," Butler said. "You represented your company and your unit proudly."

"As a brigade, we came together to build some esprit de corps and have some fun as our entire brigade partook in friendly competition between each other," Hughes said. "Having a successful organizational day really reflects well on everyone's character."

Photo by Spc. Ryan Stroud

TIE BREAKER— Pushups determined the organizational day championship Oct. 2; and the NCO Academy was the winner.

Fort Rucker aviation trip enlightens interns

Courtesy photo

INTERN TRAINING— Visiting the helicopter simulator at Fort Rucker are, from left, Elizabeth Scavarda, Vanessa Lugo, Martha Tallman and Chris Humphry.

Interns from the AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate traveled Oct. 2 to Fort Rucker for UH-60 Full Motion Simulator Training and a visit to the Army Aviation Museum.

The training began with cockpit familiarization, avionics overview, and flight systems descriptions.

Following the introduction, personnel transitioned to the Full Motion Simulator for progressions through various procedures such as aircraft takeoff, hover, executing flight patterns and landings. Personnel were presented with obstacles such as inclement weather, flying instrument flight rules, engine failures, and ocean vessel landings, all of which were successfully executed.

Skills needed to fly a simulator are comparable to the skills needed to successfully fulfill requirements of a products life cycle utilizing the total package approach of foreign military sales. The cockpit of an aircraft provides an abundance of both valuable and constantly changing information, which must be simultaneously collected, interpreted, executed and adjusted to successfully complete a stated mission.

This experience forced the application of everyday business management skills in an unfamiliar, simulated environment.

Wrapping up the trip, the group visited the Army Aviation Museum on Oct. 3. This provided further education on the history of aviation and its evolution to today's Army aviation organizations.

Having also participated in a recent UH-60M orientation flight, the interns are continuing to build on and expand a knowledge base that will provide support throughout their careers both personally and professionally.

The individuals who participated in the simulator training included Vanessa Lugo, Alberto Bartolomei, Elizabeth Scavarda, Martha Tallman and Ron Jaramillo. The organizer was Chris Humphry of SAMD. *(Security Assistance Management Directorate release)*

■ Group supports deployed Soldiers, civilians

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their attention, Riester said there are others out yet to be identified. She hopes those organizations will come forward so they can be a part of the next FRG meeting Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.

"We've already reached out and touched some of these organizations," she said. "But we haven't been able to get everyone yet."

Riester is happy to brief organization heads on what the group is and how it operates. Participating in a briefing often helps the command decide who from their organization should attend planning meetings and how to make the most of what the Community FRG has to offer.

"I'm happy to talk to them about what we do as a non-traditional FRG," Riester said. "I like to brief the command on who we are and what we are doing. They have the opportunity to ask questions. Then they can determine who they want to send. They just have to contact me."

The group meets quarterly, with subcommittee meetings held in between to work issues. Members include organizational heads, commanders and representatives from both the installation and the surrounding community.

"It's not a mandatory thing," Riester said. "But we recommend it to everyone."

For more information or to schedule a briefing, call Riester at 876-5397 or e-mail kathleen.riester@us.army.mil.

Helping *hands*

Green thumbs earn top marks nationally

Redstone Garden Club wins national award

By ASHLEY KALIFEH
For the Rocket

Sometimes you have to get dirty if you want to get positive results from your efforts. The Redstone Garden Club did just that, and they won a national award for their horticultural talent at Gate 8.

"This award is a hard one to get," said Diane Breffeilh, treasurer of the Redstone Garden Club. "You never know exactly what the judges are looking for."

The Gate 8/Goss roadside project won third place and a $100 prize from the National Garden Clubs Inc. The project also received three state-level first place honors and five local first place honors. The award money bought more perennials for multiple Arsenal projects.

The recently spruced up area was in dire need of attention before the club worked on it.

"A few years ago, sewer construction on Patton Road tore up the area and left us with only red clay. We had to slowly build up the soil and add plants to the area," said Atty Allred, award chairman of the Redstone Garden Club. "We reformed the bed, added brick border stones, mulch and soil, and planted more flowers and perennials."

Photo by Ashley Kalifeh

GO-GETTERS— Garden club members, from left, Pat Hamilton, Sharron Eubanks, Atty Allred and Diane Breffeilh work on the award-winning landscape outside Gate 8.

The Redstone Garden Club also provides landscaping for the Army Community Service building, the Post Library, Constitution Village and the Burritt Museum.

"Since receiving the award, we will shift our focus toward the ACS building now," said Pat Hamilton, ACS and Post Library coordinator for the Redstone Garden Club.

Club president Sharron Eubanks believes the award will make the club work much harder on future projects. "It's such a prestigious award. We were amazed when we got it," she said.

Since its start in 1980, the self-proclaimed social club has beautified many locations on post, such as the fire stations. The club consists of retired military and civilian wives and currently has its largest membership at 46.

"We're a social club," Eubanks said. "Yes, we all have a love of gardening and all of our club programs relate to horticulture, but we also talk about our kids and get together to eat lunch all the time."

The members will receive the award as a group during the Federated Garden Clubs of Huntsville and Madison, District 1 meeting Oct. 22 in Decatur.

The club is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army. The club is a 501C7 non-profit organization.

Visiting students learn about potential careers

Army organizations share in engineering adventure

By GISELLE BODIN
SMDC/ARSTRAT public affairs

More than 200 high school students visited the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command on Sept. 30 as part of the ninth annual Adventures in Engineering Day.

Aimed at high school juniors, Adventures in Engineering is a day for Redstone organizations to promote science and engineering disciplines as a career choice to local students. It offers the students an opportunity to observe what engineers do on a daily basis, provides them with hands-on knowledge and encourages their pursuit of a science profession in Huntsville, keeping the best and brightest students within the state.

At SMDC/ARSTRAT, students visited two different locations, one representing the Future Warfare Center and another representing the Technical Center. The FWC's Simulation Center showcased "Virtual Sandbox," an interactive system combining Google Earth/Virtual Alabama and a Microsoft Surface device, used for planning by emergency response personnel. Students had the opportunity to try their hand at games and puzzles on the touch-screen tabletop, and most were understandably impressed.

"I'm into this kind of stuff," said Trey McMeans, a junior at Clements High interested in computer engineering and web design. "I have seen some neat stuff before, but nothing this advanced."

"I'm a person that loves computers, and being able to actually touch the screen to use the computer is really neat," said Gretchel Fernandez, a JROTC student and sophomore at Columbia High who stated that she may be interested in video game design. "I like working with my hands and this computer uses your fingers and hands to create three-dimensional things, which is really awesome."

At the Technical Center laboratory, students were shown a variety of projects that SMDC/ARSTRAT personnel work on, from the SMDC-ONE nanosatellite to sensors shaped like rocks that are meant to detect potential enemy movement on the battlefield.

One highlight there was a "live-fire" demonstration of a small-scale Air Defense System, where students were able to try to engage a target using a joystick to aim and fire the foam rocket interceptor.

"I've had the chance to see how far our world has progressed in technology with some of the things we saw today."

— *Stephan Cathcart*
Columbia High sophomore

The model was built primarily from common household parts and by college students, which made the significance of creating it even more impactful for the students.

"I like the idea of using common things to develop technology like what we saw in the lab where a missile was built to track and shoot down an aircraft," said Stephan Cathcart, a Columbia High sophomore interested in computer science.

Overall, the students seemed to understand that the essential component of SMDC/ARSTRAT's work is using technology to benefit the war fighter.

"I like that the technology for that (rock) sensor is being used for important and good things like protecting our Soldiers," Fernandez said.

"This is really cool," said Cathcart. "I've had the chance to see how far our world has progressed in technology with some of the things we saw today."

Exemplifying the intent of the day, Dakota Wood, a junior at West Limestone High who now may want to study engineering, said, "the things that I saw here today are really creative and advanced. I didn't know there was technology like this out there."

While on Redstone Arsenal, students also visited the Missile Defense Agency, Marshall Space Flight Center, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, and the Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

Students started and ended the day at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Chan Auditorium in the Business Administrative Building. The Junior Achievement of Northern Alabama coordinates students' participation, while the Air Space and Missile Defense Association, the National Defense Industrial Association and UAH host the event.

Frankenstein lives in local theater production

By MAMIE DANLEY MORGAN
For the Rocket

What do your peers do when they are not supporting the Soldier? Well about six of them have been cast in "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein- the Modern Prometheus" — a new theatrical production by local playwright Wayne Miller. "Frankenstein" will have 10 performances in October at the Lincoln Center's Renaissance Theatre.

Miller, who is also directing the play, is a huge fan of classic horror/monster movies. During rehearsals it is not unusual to come away with more monster movie trivia than you can remember. Miller has spent the last year writing, re-writing and putting the last touches on his play with the mentorship of Renaissance Theatre's creative director Robert Baker. Last year he directed RT's production of "Bug." In the course of this latter play's rehearsals, he realized that special effects can be done well, and on a budget. This inspired him to write "Frankenstein," a play he had wanted to write but was unsure of how to stage.

Miller's "Frankenstein" is a fresh, thoughtful, action-packed production with something for everyone — comedy, drama, romance and great fight scenes. If you are looking for some great Halloween entertainment that does not include sweets – this is the play to see. Note that this production is not suitable for children. The play opens this Friday and runs through Oct. 31 with several matinees. All seats are $14. For ticket information call Renaissance Theatre at 536-3117, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, or visit www.renaissancetheatre.net.

Editor's note: Mamie Danley Morgan works for contractor QinetiQ at Cargo Helicopter Project Office.

Aviation program exec office earns acquisition award

WASHINGTON – Teams and individuals from the Program Executive Office for Aviation were recognized in three out of 16 categories at the 2009 U.S. Army Acquisition annual awards ceremony Oct. 4 at the Crystal City Gateway Marriot.

The ceremony paid tribute to the uniformed and civilian professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide combatant commanders and their Soldiers the weapons and equipment they need to execute decisive, full-spectrum operations in support of the overseas contingency operations.

Some 139 nominations were received from the field. Only 18 were recognized.

"Our people – military and civilians are our most important asset," said Dean Popps, acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. "Tonight, we honor our finest – you."

PEO Aviation was recognized in three categories for the Army Acquisition Excellence awards. The AAE recognizes an Army acquisition work force member or team whose performance and contributions set them apart from their peers. The nominees work at all levels of the acquisition community, from senior leadership to newly hired interns. Any Army acquisition work force member, team or joint program, active duty military, including reserve component Soldiers, and civilian employees, are eligible for award nomination. The awards directly reflect the outstanding achievements in support of the Soldiers and the Army's transformation efforts.

Courtesy photo

TOP HONOR— John Caraway, middle, the program manager for Aviation Systems, accepts the award for Individual Sustained Achievement, from Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III, left, and Dean Popps, right, at the 2009 Army Acquisition Corps annual awards ceremony Oct. 4.

John Caraway was awarded the Individual Sustained Achievement Award as the program manager for Aviation Systems within PEO Aviation.

The Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight/Pilot Night Vision Sensor Team was recognized for excellence in the Equipping and Sustaining Our Soldiers Systems category.

The Common Systems Integration Product Management Office Team from the Project Office of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems was recognized for excellence in Information Enabled Army.

The Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space was recognized in the Technology Continuous Process Improvement category for the Hellfire Captive Carry Monitoring in the Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office.

Other nominees from PEO Aviation included: Ronald Smith, Lt. Col. Thomas Todd, Col. Keith Robinson, and the office for Contracting Process Improvement within the Project Office for UAS.

"Oct. 7 will mark the 8th anniversary of our operations in Afghanistan," Popps said. "We will have been in Iraq for almost six years. These young Americans were raised in time of peace but they are raised their right hand to defend us during war. Believe me, we could not be in better hands.

"We're here to showcase our Army Acquisition Corps for continuing to support those Soldiers. Let me assure our communities and our families that we are continuing to rapidly and successfully equip our force. You, our acquisition community, are the ones who equip and sustain the most powerful Army in the world."

This year's ceremony highlighted two themes that are of special interest to the acquisition community: the 2009 as the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer and the 20th Anniversary of the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps. *(PEO Aviation release)*

MREs no longer contain 'mystery meat' of past

By ERIKA WONN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — DoD's Combat Feeding Directorate set up an elaborate display with interactive activities on the floor of the AUSA Annual Meeting and Symposium, including a place for Soldiers to taste-test new ration items.

Some of the items available were the shelf stable on-the-go sandwich, new Meals Ready to Eat entrees and high-pressure spiced apples.

"We put a lot of science in that bag, probably more science than the average consumer realizes," said Kathy-Lynn Evangelos, team leader and executive assistant for the DoD Combat Feeding Directorate.

Food technologists and behavioral scientists survey anywhere from 200 to 400 Soldiers every year. Using the current year's MREs as the control, scientists field-test 32 to 33 new items per taste trial.

"We use a pedantic scale with nine points," Evangelos said. "If it doesn't rate a six or higher with Soldiers, it doesn't get packaged."

"We run our continuous product-improvement program to take care of today's war fighters," said Gerald Darsch, director for DoD's Combat Feeding Directorate. "We're also investing in high-risk, high-payoff science and technology to provide more capabilities for food development."

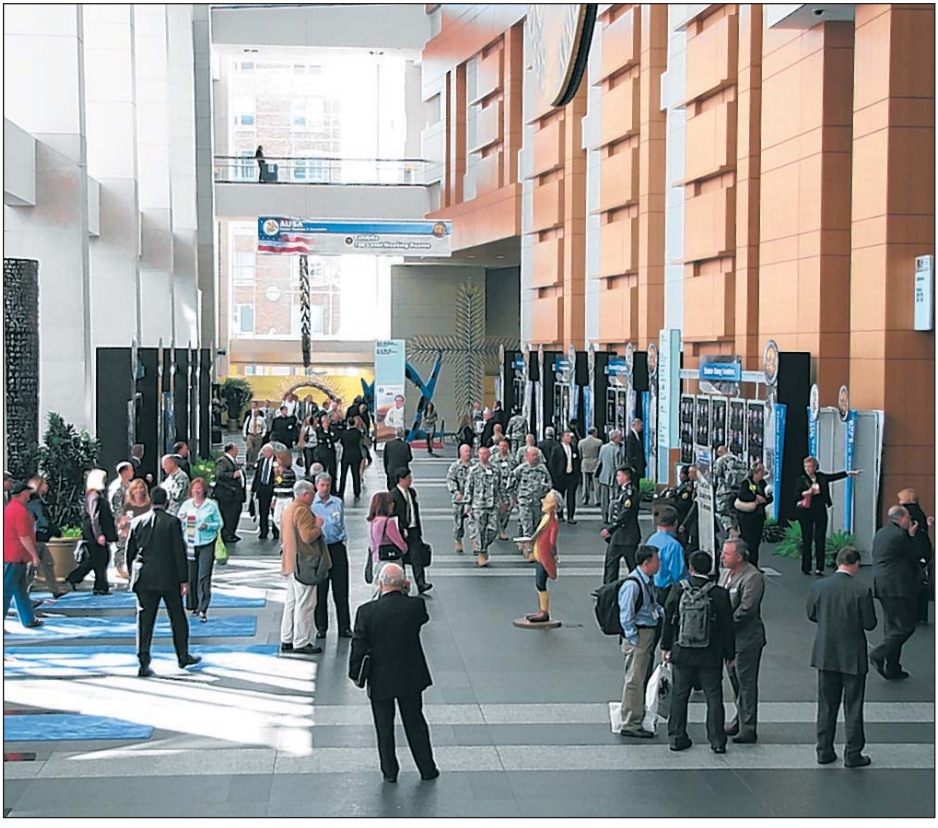

Photo by Skip Vaughn

AUSA MEETING — The weeklong Association of the U.S. Army's annual meeting at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center is kicked off each year by the Army Ten-Miler.

■ Redstone wins two divisions at Army Ten-Miler

Runners

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Redstone Two included Maj. Brian Hackenberg (59:23), Jason Gilliam (1:04:32), Nathan Graham (1:05:38), Randy McFarland (1:05:39), Brett Wilks (1:07:07), Liz Biondi (1:19:56), Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper (1:28:30), and assistant coach Skip Vaughn (2:02:26) in his comeback from major knee surgery.

Alene Reta, 27, of New York, N.Y., and top female finisher Samia Akbar, 27, of Herndon, Va., both set course records of 46:59 and 55:25, respectively.

Annual family symposium seeks delegates

Grassroots conference scheduled Oct. 27-28

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Nicki Swindle is looking for a few good volunteers.

And you can be one of those volunteers if you have an association with the military and Redstone Arsenal; the desire to listen, question and follow through with quality of life issues as they are presented; the ability to work in a team to identify, develop and prioritize issues; and, above all, the commitment to making a difference in the lives of servicemembers, retirees, Army civilians and their family members.

Oh, and one last requirement – you have to be able to participate in a two-day Team Redstone Army Family Action Plan conference set for Oct. 27-28 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"We need delegate volunteers," said Swindle, the quality of life program manager for Army Community Service. "We already have our facilitators, recorders, transcribers and issue support volunteers. But we need delegates with a variety of backgrounds and experiences. We need delegates that represent active duty, DA civilians, retirees, and active duty, retiree or DA civilian spouses."

Photo by Skip Vaughn

PANELISTS— Some members of the Medical/Dental work group at last year's AFAP conference include, from left, Chester Rogers, Staff Sgt. David Miron and Sgt. 1st Class Greg Murrin, all of the NCO Academy, and Staff Sgt. Daniel Meeker of Charlie Company.

Thirty volunteer delegates are required by the conference. They are divided among three issue groups – medical/dental; benefits and entitlements, including traffic, transportation, personnel, finance and housing; and consumer services, including Commissary, PX and Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation activities.

"The delegates do not have to be experts in these areas. We have subject matter experts that will provide them with the information they need to make decisions," Swindle said.

Delegates work in their groups to review issues and brainstorm new issues, ask questions and conduct research involving subject matter experts, choose the group's top three issues, write issue statements and then present them at the end of the conference.

"Everybody has a role in this process," Swindle said. "We want the delegates to feel comfortable enough to share their opinions. There are no uniforms, no ranks, no last names. Everyone is equal in this process. This conference gives people a voice, a way to get involved in change. But this isn't about personal agendas. We need delegates who want to see positive change come out of the process."

During the first day of the conference, delegates introduce, review and discuss issues. They then vote within their group on the three issues they want to address during the conference.

"By the end of the first day, they should have their three issues they want to work on," Swindle said. "Some work may have already been done on the issues. On day two, the groups discuss and research the issues; finalize their issues and prepare for the out-briefing. It can be very intense because some people feel really passionate about things. You really have to work hard. But it's also a good environment. The groups really know each other by the time the conference is over."

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Photo by Wesley Patterson

STAND BY— From left, Wes Perry, Prototype Integration Facility government product lead for the Condition Based Maintenance project; Coast Guard Cmdr. Joe Uzmann, Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Ramirez, AMTC Steven Wynkoop and DRS contractor Jim Cowgill from the Coast Guard's Vibration Program Management Office stand outside the Prototype Integration Facility in front of the helicopter that will be modified with a Condition Based Maintenance system.

Coast Guard finds partner with PIF

Prototype Integration Facility helps with helicopter upkeep

By CALAN HELMS
For the Rocket

In 2008, the Coast Guard was looking for assistance with developing and installing Condition Based Maintenance systems on their aircraft. They looked no further than the Prototype Integration Facility, and a partnership was born.

Condition Based Maintenance is a relatively new way of doing business for Army aviation. Until recently, most helicopter parts have been replaced based on a specific number of flight hours. CBM was conceived when the impression that all parts wear down at the same rate was found inconsistent.

"Rather than having various, expensive, parts replaced according to hours of flight use, CBM requires a plane's parts be inspected and replaced based on their condition," said Wes Perry, PIF government product lead for the CBM project.

A CBM system consists of vibration-determining sensors that are placed throughout a plane to gather baseline data on its parts.

"When a component shows signs of degradation, the system alerts those responsible for inspecting and replacing that particular piece," Perry said.

Using CBM not only saves money but protects pilots from degraded parts that might have gone unchecked until they reached the specified number of flight hours for those particular parts.

The PIF team recently traveled to the Coast Guard's hub of operation in Elizabeth City, N.C., to continue the development process and received the approval to exit the Preliminary Design Review stage and move on to the Detailed Design Phase.

"The government has had the opportunity to review the initial design approach during the PDR and provide feedback," Perry said. "After exiting the Critical Design Review, kit fabrication will begin for the prototype integration."

Seeing what the PIF is capable of, the Coast Guard has opened other programs with the PIF.

"Discussions are occurring about integrating Aircraft Diagnostic and Vibration Management Systems on other Coast Guard platforms as well," Perry said. "For logistical reasons, the Coast Guard would like to keep similar systems on their fleet of aircraft."

Guard retires UH-1 Huey after 50 years of service

By Sgt. 1st Class JON SOUCY
Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — The UH-1 Iroquois helicopter was officially retired in a ceremony held here Oct. 2 by the Army National Guard, ending a service life of more than 50 years to the Army and close to 40 years in the Army Guard.

The helicopter, known to most simply as the Huey, was first manufactured in 1956 and fielded to the Army by 1959. Its distinctive nickname came from the pronunciation of its first Army designation of HU-1 — for helicopter, utility — and later models featured the word Huey emblazoned on the pilot's foot pedals.

More than 15,000 of the aircraft were produced with about half that number having been flown during the Vietnam conflict.

Because of that, for many, the conflict and the aircraft will forever be linked.

"The UH-1, more than any other helicopter or any item of equipment, became the symbol of Vietnam," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter, the acting director of the Army National Guard.

It was in Vietnam where the aircraft earned the reputation for being rugged, durable, versatile and able to fly even after receiving damage from tremendous enemy fire.

And just as the Jeep became the Soldiers' best friend in World War II, for many aviators and crews there will always be something special about the Huey.

"I can also attest to you that it was not just a machine, it became part of us," said Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez, the assistant adjutant general for the Maryland Army National Guard and the Army Guard's senior aviator. "It was our lives. It was our friend. It was the aircraft that took us in and out of Vietnam, and it was also the aircraft that saved many countless lives as we rushed the wounded and the sick out of the battlefield."

The Army Guard first began receiving the aircraft in the early 1970s and at one time the number of UH-1s in the ARNG hovered around 1,500.

"Those were the modern aircraft that replaced the CH-37 (Mojave) and the UH-34 (Choctaw)," Jimenez said.

The Huey was replaced by the UH-60 Black Hawk beginning in the late 1970s.

Though lacking the lift capabilities and speed of the Black Hawk, as well as the advanced electronic cockpit, many aviators were steadfast in their devotion to the Huey.

"The old adage of the UH-1 pilots was that when the last UH-60 (Black Hawk) was flown to the bone yard, the crew would fly back in a UH-1," Carpenter said. "It may still happen, but not likely."

There is a bright spot with the retirement of the Huey from the Guard. "The good news in all of this, in terms of modernizing our Army, is the incredible accomplishments we've made in fielding new aircraft and equipment," Carpenter said. "We have more modern aircraft in our formations in the Army National Guard now than we ever have in our history."

For all the technological advancements the Black Hawk offers, it does not have the distinctive, low-pitched whoop, whoop, whoop that the Huey's rotor blades made.

"The whoop, whoop of the (aircraft) will remain in our hearts," Jimenez said.

And that's not all.

"For us, (flying) it was just nothing but a piece of cake," Jimenez said. "(It was) an awesome machine that would just allow us to do anything we wanted to do, without killing us. It was a very forgiving aircraft and most importantly reliable and trusted. Thank you for a job well done."

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CEREMONY — Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez, assistant adjutant general for the Maryland Army National Guard and the Army Guard's senior aviator, speaks to those in the audience during the retirement ceremony for the UH-1 Iroquois helicopter held at Fort Myer, Va., Oct. 02. First fielded in 1959 the UH-1, better known as the Huey, is being phased out and replaced with the UH-60 Black hawk and the UH-72A Lakota after more than 50 years of service life.

■ Quality of life concerns addressed at upcoming conference

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Besides delegates, the conference relies on several volunteers – facilitators, recorders/transcribers, issue support staff and observers — who work in support of the conference.

Volunteer facilitators oversee the group activities and ensure that conference rules are followed.

"Facilitators make sure the process runs like it's supposed to and that everyone fills their roles," Swindle said. "They keep everyone on topic. When discussing issues, sometimes things can get a little heated. When that happens, the facilitator pulls the delegates back in and makes sure they stay focused on the issue. They make sure the group's timetable and roles are adhered to."

Recorders/transcribers are the secretaries of each group, taking notes on discussions, making sure all delegates have the opportunity to provide their input, and ensuring the group's concerns on an issue are voiced in its issue statement. The issue support staff ensures that issues being discussed are new to the AFAP process, ensures that the wording of issue statements is correct and makes sure there are no problems with an issue statement. Observers often view the proceedings, but are not allowed to participate. The conference also includes subject matter experts who provide information and answer questions on the various issues.

Team Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and other members of the command group are involved in the AFAP Steering Committee. Myles is scheduled to be present during the out-briefing of issues.

Once issues are identified and stated at the local level, Team Redstone's command group reviews the issues and works issues that are local to Redstone Arsenal. Issues that pertain to the Army as a whole are submitted for consideration at the Army Materiel Command AFAP conference, set for December or January, and, possibly, at the Department of the Army AFAP conference, set for March or April. Redstone Arsenal sends two delegates to each of those conferences.

"Anything that is not dealt with here, goes up to another level," Swindle said. "The issues don't just stop here. Nothing dies in the water. Every issue is addressed and resolved. As a delegate, you can really potentially affect a lot of servicemembers' lives."

Still serving

'I'm not stopping serving no matter what'

Former sergeant major of the Army uses life changes to make difference

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This year's Military Retiree Appreciation Day was all about life changes — life changes that make a positive impact, that lead to reassessments and new commitments, that make a difference in the lives of others.

Health care exhibitors including Fox Army Health Center, Huntsville Hospital and Crestwood Medical Center provided information about managing health issues, such as high blood pressure and diabetes. Volunteer agencies like Still Serving Veterans and Army Community Service offered both services and volunteer opportunities. And program speakers urged attendees to make the most of their retirement years.

The two-day event gave retirees a glimpse of the life changes they can make in their own lives and in the lives of others.

Leading those life changes was one of the Army's most active military retirees – Jack Tilley, who prefers to be introduced as the former – not the retired – 12th sergeant major of the Army. Tilley brought his message of life changes to the second day of the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day event, held Oct. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club and Oct. 3 at the Sparkman Center's Bob Jones Auditorium and cafeteria.

His message – interspersed with personal antidotes – told of his deep faith in God, his belief that the U.S. still stands for hope, peace and equality throughout the world, and his willingness to continue in his service to the nation despite carrying the label "retired."

"My name is Jack Tilley. I'm a retiree. I'm a Soldier. And I will never stop serving," he told retirees in closing his presentation on Oct. 3.

But before the closing came so much more.

"I loved serving in the military. I had almost 36 years of service," he said. "I'm here to tell you about the things that changed my life."

Tilley, who served as the sergeant major of the Army from June 2000 until his retirement in January 2004, had a military career that included a tour in Vietnam, and stints as a tank commander, section leader, drill sergeant, platoon sergeant, senior instructor, operations sergeant and first sergeant. He has served as the command sergeant major of the Central Command; 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry at Fort Knox, Ky.; 194th Armor Brigade, 1st Armored Division in Germany; and Space and Missile Defense Command in Arlington, Va.

As the Army's sergeant major, Tilley served as the Army chief of staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly those affecting Soldier training and quality of life.

Tilley, a Bronze Star recipient, said his career and his achievements are "about God. It is about believing. It is about life. It is about believing in all of us, in the Army, in this nation."

In retirement, his service continues.

"You're still serving," he said, "only in a different capacity … Spouses serve, too. Any success I've had in my life is because of my wife."

Tilley's retirement includes visits to the Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he has met some of the Soldiers who have made sacrifices in the nation's battles in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has met multiple amputees and even one triple amputee Soldier.

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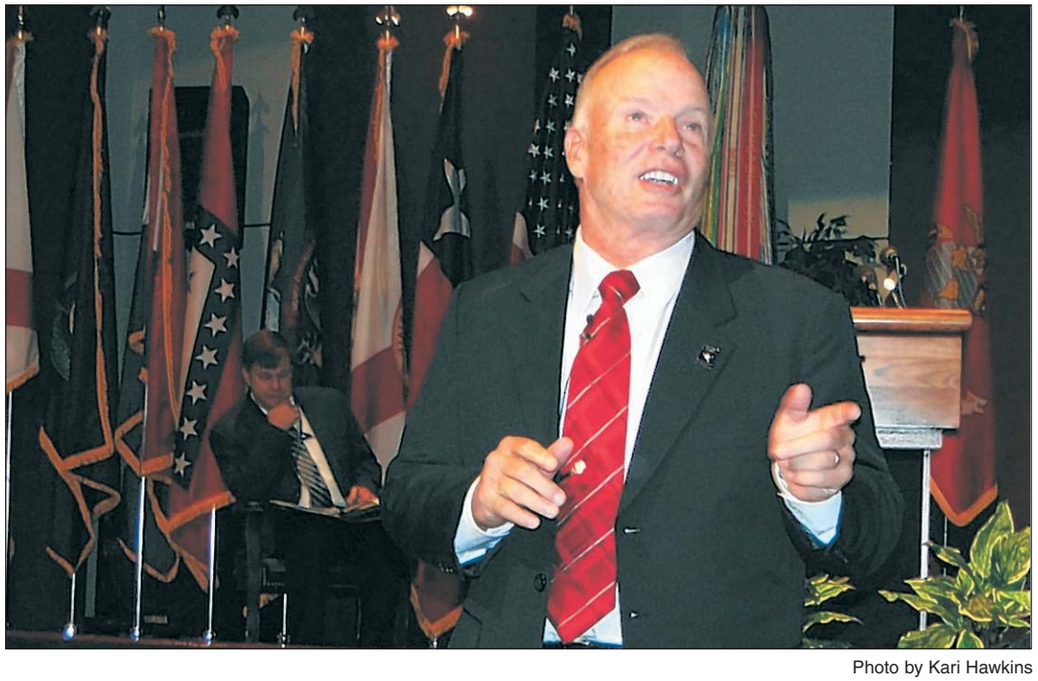

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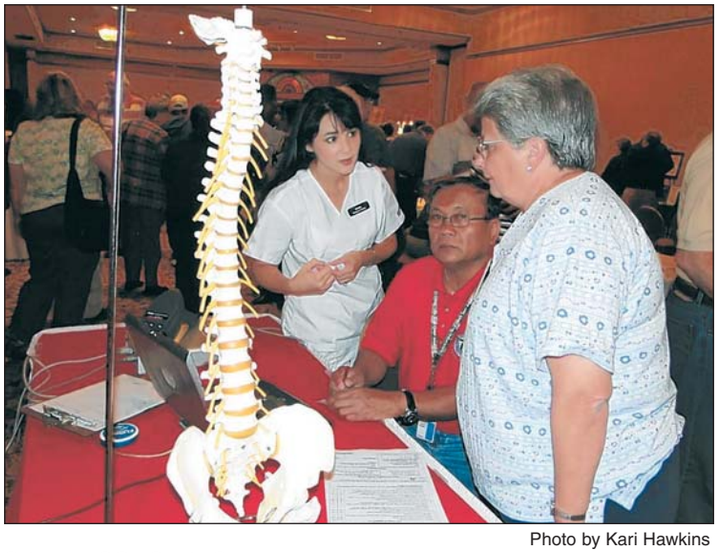
SPEAKING ON LIFE CHANGES— Jack Tilley, the former 12th sergeant major of the Army, speaks to retirees at the 36th annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day about the life changes that have motivated him to continue to serve his nation and its military.

Retirees welcomed as part of the Arsenal family



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SPINAL CONCERNS— Health First chiropractic assistant Becky Fruendt talks to retired Master Sgt. Romero O'Campo and Rita Thaler about spine issues. Fruendt was able to take computer images of the spine so that she could review them with retirees at the Oct. 2 event. Both O'Campo and Thaler work for the AMCOM Cargo Directorate.

Garrison commander profiles Redstone growth activities

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Besides information on health, benefits and local volunteer services, attendees of the two-day Military Retiree Appreciation Day also received an up-close look at the Arsenal and all it has to offer its Soldiers, civilian work force, retirees and their families.

And much of that up-close look was provided by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli during an Oct. 3 presentation in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"You are a part of our family," Pastorelli told the retirees. "This is an important event for us. I've been in the Army for 24 years, and as long as I've been in the service, no one does it better than Redstone Arsenal.

"We're here to support you and we're going to do our best each and every time. We never forget about you even when you do retire. Our commitment is to provide you with whatever services we are capable of providing."

Pastorelli thanked the event's coordinators – the Retiree Council of Redstone Arsenal – and all the organizations, including the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, Officers and Civilians Club, and Fox Army Health Center, that made the event possible.

"Nothing gets done unless people lean forward, volunteer and make it so," he said. "(Co-chairmen) Henry Oldham and Doug Patrick and all their volunteers do phenomenal work every time."

Photo by Kari Hawkins

FLU SHOT DUTY— Fox Army Health Center's Sgt. 1st Class Delois Williams gives retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel Osborne a flu shot during the Military Retiree Appreciation Day event Oct. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Fox gave more than 800 flu vaccines to retirees during the event. Osborne now works as a contractor for Aviation Reset at Redstone Arsenal.

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■ Former sergeant major of Army discusses career

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"I'm motivated. I like to laugh and have fun," Tilley said. "But the first Soldier I visited was a 25-year-old double amputee female. What do I say to her to motivate her, to help her?

"War changed my life. It makes me look at things so differently now. It makes me appreciate things so much more. Less than 1 percent of our population serves in the military. It's about standing up and doing the right thing each and every day."

– *Jack Tilley, the former 12th sergeant major of the Army*

"It turned out I didn't have to say anything. She said to me 'How do I get out of here? How do I get back in the fight?' That young Soldier changed my life. It made me think of things so differently."

Visiting young Soldiers who have sacrificed so much, but who want to continue serving their nation is a life changing experience, he said.

But Tilley's life changes began before retirement. They actually started when he was very young.

"I know my mom and dad loved me and really put me on a great foundation for life," he said. "The way they trained me – I can't give that back."

Another life change occurred when he joined the Army.

"The Army changed my life. You don't know how proud I am to say I'm still serving in the Army. I believe in my Army, your Army, our Army and I will never forget the things they allowed me to do," he said.

That Army experience included the traumatic conditions of Vietnam.

"When I got to Vietnam, I was scared to death," Tilley recalled. "I didn't know what to do except listen to my sergeant. My unit was overrun by the enemy when I was there. Half the unit was killed. I remember picking up pieces of my friends. Here it is, 40 years later, and I can't forget about that."

Today's Soldiers have had similar experiences that forever change their life, he said.

"Anyone who has gone to war doesn't want to go back to war. But they go back to war because their country calls them to war," Tilley said.

"War changed my life. It makes me look at things so differently now. It makes me appreciate things so much more. Less than 1 percent of our population serves in the military. It's about standing up and doing the right thing each and every day."

His family – including two sons, one living with the symptoms of meningitis, and two granddaughters – has also changed his life. He was especially changed by his oldest son's illness.

"He was temporarily blind and deaf, and had 20 to 30 convulsions a day," Tilley recalled of his son's condition at the age of 8 or 9. "They put a lumbar shunt in his spine and that took the pressure off his brain. I didn't tell anyone. I didn't know how people would react. In the military, you sort of keep things to yourself.

"But we're altogether in this. We all help each other out. We were at Fort Lewis, Wash., and I remember thinking 'He's going to die. It's not fair. I believe in life. I believe in God. I'm a Soldier. I do the things I think are right each and every day.'"

He recalled the day he went to the chaplain and prayed to God.

"All the people we have lost, all the pain they've gone through, and all the families and what they go through, and now it's at my doorstep," he said. "I prayed 'God, let him live or let him die.'"

The next day, his son's seizures stopped.

"What happened?" Tilley asked his audience. "My son … He changed my life. Today he is 36 with the mentality of a 14-year-old. But he is my son."

Tilley was serving at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. He recalled office mates telling him to turn on the television to see the aftermath of the first plane attack on the World Trade Center.

"I saw the second plane hit," he said. "I told everyone that they shouldn't think that couldn't happen to us. The Pentagon is a target."

Tilley then went to a meeting outside the Pentagon. Thirty minutes later, as he was returning, an airplane struck the Pentagon.

"One hundred, seventy-four people died. Three I don't count because they were terrorists," he said of the Pentagon strike. "I tried to go in and save part of our family. I lost some good friends that day. I can't forget."

It is because of those life changes that Tilley continues to serve the military and the nation. He is still continuing his mission in wartime — making trips to Iraq and Afghanistan, just as he did as the Army's sergeant major. He's going there to support Soldiers, to show them their country still cares about them, to help them deal with the terms of their deployments.

"I'm not stopping serving no matter what," he said.

"Everything I did (in my career) was about life. It was about protecting and defending the Constitution. It was about giving. It was about doing what is right for our Army. I can't stop now."

Win or lose

Civilian team unleashes air attack in opener

CWF beats HHC 59th 33-0 in flag football

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The Civilian Welfare Fund flag football team has started right where it left off last year.

CWF, the defending postseason tournament champion, blanked HHC 59th 33-0 in its season opener Oct. 6 at the field off Patton Road.

"The field was real wet and muddy, that slowed us down a bit," player/coach Brad Harris said. "But we were able to play together as a team to get ourselves a victory."

CWF did most of its scoring through the air. John Gayden played quarterback in the first half and threw three touchdown passes. William Kelly took the reins in the second half and threw one TD pass and ran for another.

"So we had a little air attack going a little bit," said Harris, who plays wide receiver and defensive back.

David Benjamin caught two touchdown passes, including a 50-yarder from Gayden that made the score 12-0. Derrick Cook and Stacey Steele caught one apiece.

"They had a smoking offense," HHC 59th defensive lineman Lamar Hizer said. "I think once we get together and practice more we'll be ready for our next game."

Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOING FOR IT— Civilian Welfare Fund wide receiver David Benjamin fights for yardage in a 46-34 win over NCO Academy on Nov. 12, 2008.

In other openers Oct. 6, 326th Chemical Company beat Headquarters & Alpha 20-6 and the Marines nipped NCO Academy 7-6.

On Thursday night, Charlie beat Bravo 22-14, NCO Academy edged 326th Chemical Company 7-6 and Civilian Welfare Fund defeated Headquarters & Alpha 45-6.

The regular season continues through Nov. 5; and the postseason tournament is tentatively scheduled Nov. 9-17.

Here are the standings after last week's games: Civilian Welfare Fund (2-0), Marines (1-0), Charlie (1-0), NCO Academy (1-1), 326th Chemical Company (1-1), Bravo (0-1), HHC 59th (0-1) and Headquarters & Alpha (0-2).

Army kicks past Vanderbilt in overtime

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Alex Carlton kicked a 42-yard field goal in overtime, after Andrew Rodriguez forced a fumble on Vanderbilt's first possession, as Army beat the Commodores, 16-13, Saturday in front of a season-best crowd of 34,357 fans at Michie Stadium.

Army won the toss in overtime and elected to play defense. The Commodores were driving when Rodriguez knocked the ball out Warren Norman's hands at the one-yard line and out of the end zone, forcing a touchback.

The Black Knights ran the ball three times before calling on Carlton. The sophomore's kick hit off the left upright but went through as Army improved to 3-3.

Last week against Tulane, Carlton missed a potential game-winning kick. Saturday, he had no such problems, making the game-winning field goal and bringing the Corps of Cadets out of the Michie Stadium stands and onto the field for a celebration.

Army, playing an SEC team for the first time since 1996, improved to 6-1 all-time in overtime.

The game was tied, 3-3, following three quarters of play before each team posted 10 fourth-quarter points and forced overtime.

The Commodores gained 13 yards on first down, no gain on second and appeared to be driving for a touchdown when Rodriguez swooped in and forced the fumble.

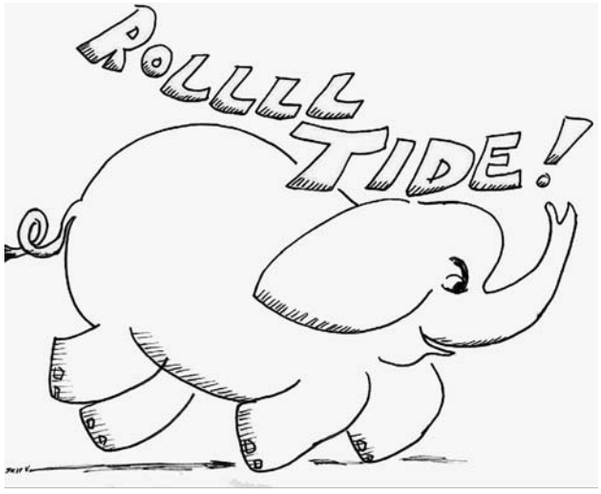
Malcolm Brown rushed for no gain and freshman quarterback Trent Steelman carried twice, setting up Carlton's heroics.

Rodriguez made a game-high 13 tackles and helped lead a defensive effort that kept Vanderbilt's offense out of the end zone.

Steelman completed a career-best seven passes for 47 yards and was the leading rusher with 97 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries. Patrick Mealy ran for 48 yards on 10 carries and Brown gained 39 on 11 rushes.

Army will look to go above .500 as the team heads to Philadelphia, Pa., to take on Temple on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Lincoln Financial Field. *(Army Athletic Communications release)*

Bama, Auburn, Alabama A&M favored this week



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Here are this week's college football predictions (191-57 after six weeks):

South Carolina at Alabama — **Bama**
Alabama A&M at Alcorn State — **A&M**
Kentucky at Auburn — **Auburn**
Boise State at Tulsa — **Boise**
Cincinnati at South Florida — **UC**
Pittsburgh at Rutgers — **Pitt**
Arkansas at Florida — **Florida**
Ohio State at Purdue — **OSU**
Oklahoma at Texas — **Texas**
Iowa at Wisconsin — **Iowa**
Northwestern at Michigan State — **MSU**
Louisville at Connecticut — **Connecticut**
Wake Forest at Clemson — **Clemson**
Georgia at Vanderbilt — **Georgia**
Mississippi St. at Middle Tenn. St. — **Miss. State**
Army at Temple — **Temple**
Wyoming at Air Force — **AFA**
Samford at Furman — **Furman**
N. Carolina St. at Boston College — **BC**
Rice at East Carolina — **EC**
Southern Cal. at Notre Dame — **USC**
Texas Tech at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
Minnesota at Penn St. — **PSU**
California at UCLA — **Cal**
Houston at Tulane — **Houston**
Virginia at Maryland — **Maryland**
Colorado St. at TCU — **TCU**
The Citadel at Western Carolina — **Citadel**
Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech — **VT**
BYU at San Diego St. — **BYU**
Texas A&M at Kansas St. — **KSU**
Baylor at Iowa St. — **Baylor**
Illinois at Indiana — **Indiana**
UAB at Mississippi — **Ole Miss**
Memphis at Southern Miss — **SM**
Troy at FIU — **Troy**
Kansas at Colorado — **Kansas**
Stanford at Arizona — **Arizona**
Miami (Fla.) at UCF — **Miami**
Navy at SMU — **Navy**
Missouri at Oklahoma St. — **OSU**
Utah at UNLV — **Utah**
San Jose St. at Fresno St. — **Fresno**
Washington at Arizona St. — **UW**

Furry friend makes reading time fun

Children share favorite stories with dog Taka at Post Library

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At first glance, Taka is a big dog.

The German shepherd stands taller than many young children.

But, after meeting him, it doesn't take long for Taka's gentle demeanor, high tolerance level and friendly nature to bring his stature down to a child's level, where he is petted, hugged and kissed, and read to.

Read to?

Taka is a registered therapy dog and a Reading Education Assistance Dog. He spends the first Saturday morning of each month practicing his listening skills with children who read to him at the Post Library as part of the Tales with Taka program. At his side is his owner and trainer, Jamie Ward, who spends her working days as the acting chief of the acquisition management division, Lower Tier Project Office.

"This is all fun for the children. It gets them comfortable around dogs and encourages them with their reading," Ward said. "It's a way for me to support the troops and their families."

On a recent Saturday morning, Taka read books with two members of Taka's Pack Readers — 9-year-old Sofia Rundini and 7-year-old Isabella Fratangelo. Both picked out books that they knew Taka would like.

"I read 'Mary Had A Little Jam' to him because there is a dog part in the story about Wee Willie Winkie and his dog, Fred," Sofia said of the book of rhymes. "The last time I read to him, I read 'Buffy's Revenge' because that story is about two dogs.

"I like lying down beside Taka. I like it when he licks me."

Sofia has two dogs at home – Spike and Patty. But neither sits still long enough to let her read to them.

"We have a standing date with Taka. She loves to pick out books from home to bring to Taka," said Sofia's mom, Stacey English, who works for the Corps of Engineers. Sofia's dad, retired Coast Guard servicemember Mauro Rundini, works for MedFlight as a helicopter pilot.

After her reading time, Sofia gave Taka a treat and a hug, and promised to return next month.

When it was her turn, Isabella had a special treat for Taka – a reading of "Harry and the Lady Next Door," a popular dog book for children. Taka nestled down next to Isabella and put his head in her lap.

"When he leans over in your lap, he wants to hear better," Ward told Isabella.

Isabella first met Taka at the library open house in August.

"I like to read to Taka because he listens," Isabella said. "I got this book at school, and I've been practicing reading it so that I could read it to Taka."

Isabella's mom, Ranee Fratangelo, also brought her youngest brother, 16-month-old Gus, to the library to pet Taka following the reading time. Isabella's other brother, 4-year-old Cole, was spending the day with the children's dad, Robert Fratangelo, who works at Redstone's Test Area 5.

"Cole wants to read to Taka," Isabella said. "Next month he will be old enough. He will turn 5 years old."

Photo by Kari Hawkins

BOOK OF RHYMES— Taka sits with 9-year-old Sofia Rundini and his owner and trainer, Jamie Ward, during Sofia's reading of "Mary Had a Little Jam." Sofia chose the book because one of the rhymes includes a dog.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

DOSING OFF— Sometimes the voice of Taka's Pack Readers will lull him into a nap. But they are brief because he doesn't like missing any part of a story.

Isabella also has two dogs at home – Dinner and Sena – who aren't interested in reading.

"My dogs are too interested in treats," she said.

After giving Taka a big hug, she begged her mom to let her come back.

"Mom, please sign me up for next month!" she said.

Children who read to Taka must make a reservation through the library.

"We want each child to get their reading time with Taka," said library director Gayle Alden. "If a child comes in and Taka isn't being read to, then we will let them read to Taka. But we like it best if they make a reservation so we know who will be reading to Taka."

The Reading Education Assistance Dog program was started in 1999 as a comprehensive literacy program built around children's love of dogs. The READ program uses only registered therapy dogs who have been trained and tested for health, safety, appropriate skills and temperament.

"Taka's calm nature makes him able to touch children, even children who have been previously hurt by dogs," Ward said. "He not only helps them to enjoy reading, but he also teaches kids how to be safe around dogs."

Before he became a READ, Ward practiced reading with Taka in a variety of different environments.

"We went to a lot of parks and places where there are lots of distractions to see if he could pay attention," she said. "Before the program starts on Saturday mornings, I will play with him with a ball to get his energy level down. Then, he will sit with the children and listen as they read.

"He loves to put his head in the children's laps. Sometimes he goes to sleep. I tell the children that he is closing his eyes to imagine the story and that he loved hearing their voice so much that he went 'night, night' just like they might do when their mom or dad are reading to them before they go to sleep at night."

There are safety rules that the children must follow to be one of Taka's Pack Readers. The rules – including "Be gentle," "Don't sneak up on us" and "Respect our space" — are the same rules all children should follow when around dogs.

When time permits, Taka also spends time with the Soldiers who come to the library on the first Saturday of the month. During a recent visit, Pvt. Andrew Lane and Pvt. Tim Parker, both of Bravo Company, got their picture taken with Taka.

But it's the children that Taka has the most impact on.

"This program is wonderful for encouraging children to visit the library, to love books and to love reading," Alden said.

To schedule a reading time with Taka, call the library at 876-4741.

Girl Scouts find fun and community on post

Redstone troop 465 proud to belong

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While the numbers in its ranks have fluctuated over the years, Girl Scout Troop 465 has always been proud to call Redstone home.

"We have seven girls currently. They are Juniors and Cadettes, which is fourth through sixth grades," troop leader Laurie Taylor said. "They are an amazing group of girls, and very fun and smart! All except one are military children and five live on post."

The troop has met in building 3466, on the corner of Snooper and Hercules roads, for close to 10 years. In fact the troop is responsible for the mural that wraps around its courtyard walls, transforming the concrete box into a vibrant garden of trees, flowers and rainbows.

"We've been pleased with how it's held up," Taylor said.

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Photo by Laurie Taylor

IN THE SWING— Members of Girl Scout Troop 465 enjoy an outing at Tate Farms.

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"We sealed it when it was done and it still looks like we just did it."

Their building, however, has been undergoing some renovations, forcing the troop to meet elsewhere. Fortunately, they have been able to use the new School Age Services facility in the interim.

"They are renovating the building. The first stage (carpeting and flooring) was to be completed in a few weeks, but it's taking longer than anticipated," Taylor said. "It's a building that we share with the Red Cross, SKIES dance classes and several offices."

While Base Realignment and Closure is changing the Soldier count and dynamic of the post, Taylor said the troop is used to the changes by now. She hopes they will weather these changes as well.

"There are girls that move in and out of the Arsenal every year, so there are changes in numbers," she said. "I'm not sure how BRAC has affected the troop, but I'm sure it will in the coming months/years."

The troop plans its activities for the year based on what the girls want to accomplish. It plans trips, service projects and of course, earning badges.

"Each girl and parent is responsible for at least one badge; this will fit in with the Girl Scouts' new 'girl-led' meetings. We will be starting those soon. At the beginning of our troop year, we had a meeting with the girls to ask them what they wanted to do. We will do what we can to accommodate that," Taylor said. "The previous chaplain taught a several-week course called 'God and Family.' We had some wonderful ladies from the stables teach the girls how to take care of horses. One of the fitness instructors came and taught them how to do yoga."

The projects and trips the girls have planned are both fun and educational. They have a camping trip, canoeing excursion and a baking project on their schedule. Another of their planned activities focuses on learning more about a famous Alabamian, Helen Keller.

"We want to do a sleepover and watch the Miracle Worker, then get up the next morning and go to Helen Keller's house in Florence," Taylor said. "We wanted to do it last year but the timing didn't work out."

They are also planning a community gardening project where the girls will see a vegetable garden through from concept to dinner plate.

Cookies and fund-raising play a big role in the troop, but as a way to enable their activities and give back to their community.

"Last year, we raised money from cookie sales and donated to a local charity, and also sent cookies to troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan," Taylor said. "With our cookie sale money, we took a trip to Chattanooga to Rock City, Ruby Falls and the incline."

The members are glad to be an enduring part of the Redstone community and to have its support.

"We have been blessed with many people from the command, especially Alice and (Maj. Gen.) Jim Myles, and MWR that support our Girl Scouts," Taylor said. "We're truly thankful."

At this time of year, their biggest fundraisers are getting under way. Through the end of the week, the troop is selling nuts, candy and magazines. Cookie sales will begin mid-December.

"So when you see us selling at the Commissary and PX, and door-to-door on post, please support us," Taylor said. "We are very thankful to have received donations from Booz-Allen-Hamilton, the Thrift Shop and OCWC (Officer and Civilian Women's Club). Without those donations, we wouldn't have been able to pay for a lot of the activities."

The troop is open to all girls in the Redstone community. It meets weekly for about an hour, sometimes an hour and a half. Field trips are scheduled several times a month, depending on availability of the activity and the girls. For more information, call Taylor at 722-8167.

"Anyone interested can join Girl Scouts and I highly recommend it to everyone," she said. "My troop consists of girls in fourth through sixth grades, but if a girl in another grade is interested, I am happy to pass her name along to my service unit manager to get her into another troop."

Pentagon announces Iraq troop rotations, extensions

WASHINGTON – An Army armored cavalry unit and three brigade combat teams will deploy to Iraq next summer as part of annual troop rotations there, according to a Defense Department news release issued Oct. 8.

Also, an Army headquarters unit and elements of a Marine expeditionary force now in Iraq have been issued deployment extensions, the release said.

The number of troops involved in the movement will total about 15,000 servicemembers. The units will replace redeploying units, with no increase in overall force levels.

Units identified for deployment are: 3rd Infantry Division's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, Ga.; 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Wahiawa, Hawaii; 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas; and 1st Cavalry Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team, Fort Hood, Texas.

The deploying units will serve 12-month tours.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates also approved a request by Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, to extend the deployment of the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters for up to an additional 23 days, and elements of the II Marine Expeditionary Force for up to an additional 79 days.

The extensions will ensure that key capabilities are maintained following Iraqi national elections in January and provide support for redeployment of remaining Marines and their equipment.

Odierno said Oct. 1 that current thinking is to maintain U.S. force levels in Iraq between 110,000 and 120,000 troops for the two months after the January election, but ahead of a massive U.S. force reduction expected before next fall.

"What we'll do is we'll hold that in place through the elections and about 60 days after the elections," Odierno told Pentagon reporters. "And depending on how that goes, … then we will make a determination of coming down to the 50,000 transition force by the first of September." *(American Forces Press Service)*

■ Garrison commander provides view of post expansion

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The colonel reviewed with retirees the size and economic impact of Redstone Arsenal – 38,125 acres; 12 million square feet of building space; $2.7 billion annual economic impact from salaries; 33,000-plus employees on Redstone Arsenal; 78,843 military retirees in the immediate area; 118,265 family members; and 55,303 civilian retirees.

In reviewing changes that will be coming to Redstone Arsenal as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations, Pastorelli mentioned the bad news first – the Arsenal will lose about 1,000 Soldiers when the 59th Ordnance Brigade/Ordnance and Munitions Electronic Maintenance School moves to Fort Lee, Va.

But then came the good news. Jobs coming to Redstone in the move of Army organizations include: 1,354 with the Army Materiel Command, 180 with the Space and Missile Defense Command, 2,248 with the Missile Defense Agency, 340 with the Security Assistance Command, 323 with the merger of the Aviation Technical Test Center and the Redstone Technical Test Center into the Redstone Test Center, 75 with the 2nd Recruiting Brigade, 14 with the 2nd Medical Recruiting Brigade and 50 with the Rotary Wing Center.

The total economic impact of BRAC is more than 19,500 new jobs, with 4,651 being direct jobs, 5,500 being indirect jobs and 9,500 being induced jobs in the forms of new community service, such as doctors, fire and police officers, teachers and small businesses.

Of the 4,651 direct jobs, 1,874 have been currently filled. It is estimated that 56 percent of the total jobs will be filled by transfers from other locations while 44 percent will be local hires.

Pastorelli also mentioned the new FBI/ATF facility being built on Patton Road and the growth of other local industry.

"We're not the only thing in town. There are a lot of other industries coming here. Things are going to get better," he said.

He also reviewed construction plans, mentioning that Von Braun 3, which at 840,000 square feet will be the largest office building in North Alabama, will be completed by fall 2010.

Other new facilities either under construction or in the planning stages include the Garrison Support Services facility on Vincent Road, ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research on Patton Road, Child Development Center on Mills Road, MSIC Explosive Ordnance Exploitation Facility, AMRDEC Software Engineering Directorate facility and the FBI Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center.

He also mentioned plans for the Gate 7/Martin Road expansion, and construction projects involving Burger King, the bowling center expansion, Redstone Activity Field upgrades, Recreation/Community Activity Center renovation, Outdoor Recreation Center expansion, golf course expansion, new Overlook Conference Center and the Enhanced Use Lease project.

Outside the Arsenal gates, command priorities are roads, schools, work force and medical services, Pastorelli said in discussing the Arsenal's relationship with the local community.

He encouraged retirees to take advantage of the services the Arsenal has to offer.

"You all are part of our family," he said. "Our motto is 'Support First … People Always!' But you are more than a customer. You're part of the family.

"This is your day. We are very thankful you came out. If there is anything we can do for you, we will."

Retired Navy commander Harry Puryear, who traveled from Birmingham for the two-day event, said he appreciated the comments made by Pastorelli and was impressed with all the activities that were planned. During the event, Puryear applied for and received a decal for his car so that he can attend Redstone events more often.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

STANDING ROOM ONLY— About 1,100 retirees attended Military Retiree Appreciation Day on Oct. 2 at the Officers and Civilians Club. They received information about health, community health services, and volunteer and hobby opportunities during the event. More than 2,200 retirees attended the event during its two days of activities.

"If I can convince my wife, I would like to move here. There's a lot of stuff going on here. This is a beautiful place," Puryear said. "But the main reason I am interested is because of this base. It is really nice and the people here are really nice. I am really grateful for all this."

While at Redstone, Puryear checked out the Post Exchange and Commissary, and drove around post, even seeing for the first time the old bunkers on the south side of the Arsenal.

"I like being around a military base. I was in the Navy. But I like these Army guys," he said. "I'm impressed with the colonel (Pastorelli). I feel the U.S. is in good hands with men like him in leadership."

Event co-chairman Oldham said the Military Retiree Appreciation Day event is mandated by the Department of Defense to occur annually at Redstone Arsenal and all military installations. But the Arsenal's Retiree Council works hard at making it more than a routine event.

"This is important for our existing retirees because information changes. It is important also because we have a tremendous number of new people entering the retirement system every month," he said. "We work to make this event as attractive and interesting and beneficial as we can for our retirees."

The two-day event, promoted under the theme "Enjoy Your Benefits! You've Earned Them!," included a health and community information fair, presentations and panel discussions on retirement benefits, Arts and Crafts Center demonstrations, bus tours of the Arsenal and social events.

Oldham said the 70-member Retiree Council makes the event bigger and better every year with the help of the Garrison and its directorates, Fox Army Health Center and the local community. Oldham and co-chairman Patrick have especially relied on the help of the Garrison's retirement services officer, Cindy Anderson; as well as Barbara Moody, Ronnie McDaniel, Joe Winston and many other volunteers.

He said Military Retiree Appreciation Day will likely remain a two-day event next year.

Rocket Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Golf classic
The second annual AFCEA Golf Classic is Friday, 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.

Women's football
The Tennessee Valley Tigers, Huntsville's professional women's football team, will hold tryouts Saturday at noon at the D1 Sports Training Facility located on Bailey Cove Road. All women interested in playing professional, full-contact football are encouraged to attend. Participants will be evaluated on speed, agility, strength and willingness to participate. All participants must be 18 or older and have proof of insurance. A one-time tryout fee of $20 is expected at time of tryouts. The Tigers are looking for fresh talent with a desire to play — no experience necessary. For more information on the Independent Women's Football League, visit www.iwflsports.com. For more information on the Tennessee Valley Tigers, visit www.tigersiwfl.com or e-mail team owner Carlos Mathews at carlos.mathews@tigersiwfl.com.

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

Conferences & Meetings

Weekly worship
The Contemporary Christian Worship Service is held each Sunday night at Bicentennial Chapel. Fellowship begins at 5 p.m. followed by Bible study at 5:30. The actual service starts at 6:15. Bicentennial Chapel is located on Goss Road, building 376. For more information, call the Garrison Unit Ministry Team 842-2176.

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 Colsen. 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.

Genealogy society
Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Jane Grote Auditorium. For more information, call 882-0723.

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

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

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 on the second and fourth Wednesday 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 Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month's speaker is Patricia Martin, acting director or 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 group
HAL5 (National Space Society chapter) will meet Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library, 915 Monroe St. The scheduled speaker is Al Reisz, president of Reisz Engineering. The public is invited.

Government employees lunch
The combined local chapters of Blacks In Government and the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will provide a special program Oct. 22 at 11:15 a.m. in the Loft Room, Officers and Civilians Club. Presentations will be made by staff of Whitten & Associates who will discuss the Thrift Savings Plan and the Federal Government's Life Insurance program and Options available. Members and non-members are invited to attend. Lunch is provided free of charge; however, if attending, please call and reserve a seat. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Security professionals
The Mid-South Chapter of NCMS, the Society for Industrial Security Professionals, wil hold the annual Joint ASIS/NCMS Mid-South luncheon meeting Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Joe DiNoto will speak on "Research and Technology Protection and Foreign Disclosure." For more information, call Paul Malone 428-1306.

Transportation foundation
North Alabama Transportation Foundation meets today at noon for lunch at the Heritage Club in downtown Huntsville. The speaker is State Sen. Tom Butler, who represents Madison and Limestone counties. NALTF is a non-profit, non-partisan

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Balloon surveillance

It's easy to catch sight of the Aerostat Balloon flying overhead if you are traveling south on Patton Road. The balloon is a surveillance platform for the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment system of sensors. It is currently being used in Iraq for surveillance. Soldiers are trained on the system by the RAID Product Office on Redstone Arsenal. Teams of Soldiers learn how to calculate the amount of helium needed to operate the balloon in various weather conditions, how to maneuver the balloon and other aspects of the operation. Training with the Aerostat Balloon is conducted quite often at Test Area 1. "It's an art to fly that thing," said training manager Walter Prosser.

group interested in transportation issues in North Alabama. Cost of the meal is $15 for non-members. For reservations or more information, call Derrick at 890-8544 ext. 14 or e-mail naltf@naltf.com.

Youth leadership conference

The Military Order of the World Wars will hold its seventh annual Youth Leadership Conference from Nov. 4-7 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center for approximately 90 high-school youth. Returning students from previous years form the cadre to lead first time students through a program focusing on leadership, patriotism/citizenship and free enterprise. Attendance is through an application process through guidance counselors, JROTC instructors, or the MOWW website www.huntsville-moww.org/modules.php?name=YLC2009.

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 assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Nicole Massey 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

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

Officer candidates

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

Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

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

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 Friday 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/.

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

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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.

Signal unit reunion

The 279th Signal Battalion, Alabama 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.

Breast cancer boot camp

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." If you have access to Redstone Arsenal you may 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.

Acquisition fellowship

Applications are being accepted through Oct. 26 for the Competitive Development Group/Army Acquisition Fellowship Program which will begin in February. This three-year program offers developmental assignments in Program Executive Offices, and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Offices, AMC headquarters and functional organizations. "In addition, the program provides expanded training, leadership, experiential and other career development opportunities," a prepared release said. Applicants must be a current Department of the Army Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology work force member; be a GS-13 or an equivalent converted Personnel Demonstration Project broadband/pay-band level (pay equals that of a GS-13, step 1), or an equivalent National Security Personnel System pay-band; and be certified at Level III in any Acquisition Career Field or are currently Level II certified in their career field and currently on a reservation or wait status for the remaining Level III DAU classes. Applications must be submitted electronically through the CAMP website: https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/. Once logged into CAMP, select CAPPMIS and then select AAPDS (Army Acquisition Professional Development System). Contact your acquisition career manager for more information. ACM contact information can be found athttp://asc.army.mil/organization/western/default.cfm.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is now registering for the winter 2009 term, Oct. 19 to Dec. 20. Courses include Human Factors in Aviation/Aerospace; Management of Quality; Supply Chain Management; Leading Projects Across Corporate, Cultural, and International Boundaries; English Composition; Basic Algebra; and Project Management in Aviation Operations. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Management fields; specializing in areas such as Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Aviation Safety, and Project Management. Instruction is available both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is Oct. 16. For more information call 876-9763, visit ERAU Huntsville in the Army Education Center, building 3222, or e-mail huntsville.center@erau.edu.

Planning a party

"Wonderful Weddings — Perfect Parties" will be held Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church St. The Women's Guild Huntsville Museum of Art holds this annual party-planning event which features "the latest in caterers, florists, photographers, cakes, fine apparel, decorating, rentals and more," according to a prepared release. It's free to the public, and includes door prizes and a free reference guide.

Benefit sale

The Family Readiness Group for the 203rd Military Police Battalion of Athens will sponsor the second annual Indoor Craft and Yard Sale on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Athens Armory, 1402 Armory St. in Athens. Vendor spaces are 10-by-20; and there are 30 available. Reserve your space for $25. The FRG will provide two tables per space and do all the advertising. Call Amanda Bailey 604-4366, Ruth Towers 651-2819, Dixie Foster 431-2043 or Wendy Irvin 502-9621.

Veterans scholarships

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering eligible veterans scholarships under the Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program. Interested veterans can choose from undergraduate and graduate programs in aviation/aerospace, logistics, and project management. Embry-Riddle is participating in the Yellow Ribbon program at the maximum rate; which allows eligible veterans to attend with virtually no financial burden. Embry-Riddle has committed to provide Yellow Ribbon scholarships to up to 20,350 eligible veterans accepted to the university for the 2009-10 academic year. For more information, veterans who served for any time after Sept. 11, 2001 are encouraged to visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website at gibill.va.gov/GI_BILL_Info/benefits.htm#CH33.

AMRDEC day

The annual AMRDEC Organization Day is Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5400. "This year's theme is 'Tailgate,' so, bring your lawn chair, and show your spirit by wearing your favorite team colors and logo," a prepared release said. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children, which includes lunch. You can purchase tickets from your directorate's representative. Activities will include bingo, cake walk, chili cookoff, children's games, volleyball, and horse shoes.

Indoor flying

Madison United Methodist Church welcomes pilots and spectators of all ages to its Christian Life Center Aerodrome for indoor small radio-controlled and free-flight airplane and helicopter flying from 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday. If you want to fly but you don't already have an indoor radio-controlled plane or helicopter, you can fly one of a fleet of loaner Vapor airplanes and MCX helicopters with no cost or obligation. For more information, call Jim Marconnet 772-3946.

German luncheon

Grace Lutheran School will serve its annual German luncheon Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school's gymnasium at 3321 South Memorial Parkway. This is the 19th year the members and parents of Grace Lutheran School have prepared this

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ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 8 Oct 09	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
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	
SCBK09780124	Secretary (OA)	9-Oct-09	PEO Aviation	GS-0318	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X		X	X					X	
SCBK09768265	Procurement Analyst	9-Oct-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128								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										
SCBK09YA110202OC	Contract Spec	9-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-1102	2	2	57,204 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09796730	General Engr	9-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993					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										
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											
SCBK03382568	Structural Engineer	10-Oct-03	CofE Huntsville	GS-0801	12	12	56,690 - 73,697	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK09802483	Procurement Analyst	12-Oct-09	AMCOM/Contract	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09677297R	Contract Spec	13-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X										
SCBK09809345	Safety & Occupational Health Manager	13-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0018	3	3	82,276 - 113,907						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09779468	Computer Engineer	14-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0854	3	3	68,564 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09711953	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09812717	Operations Research Analyst	15-Oct-09	AMCOM G3	GS-1515	14	14	96,346 - 125,254				X								
SCBK09787397	Human Resource Asst	15-Oct-09	SCCPOC	GS-0203	5	7	31,204 - 50,249				X								
SCBK09795138D	Military Analyst (Concept Development)	15-Oct-09	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993												X
SCBK09695728	Equipment Specialist	15-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X										
SCBK09795138	Military Analyst (Concept Development)	15-Oct-09	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09759479	Logistics Mgmt Spec	15-Oct-09	Material CMD Log Support Activity	GS-0346	7	11	38,653 - 74,360		X						X			X	
SCBK09787487	Procurement Analyst	15-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09775346	Protocol Specialist	16-Oct-09	Secretary of the General Staff	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09638284	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09705724	Management Asst	16-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0344	7	7	38,653 - 50,249			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09828580	Safety & Occupational Health Manager	19-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0018	2	2	46,291 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09816624	Electronic Measurement Equip Mechanic Leader	19-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	WL-2602	12	12	25.39 - 29.69 Hourly						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09809315	Human Resources Asst (Military/OA)	19-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	7	7	38,653 - 50,249			X			X		X	X		X	
SCBK09769359	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	19-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-2210	13	13	81,532 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09769394	Information Operation Specialist	20-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09810567	IT Specialist (PlcyPln/CustSPt)	20-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-2210	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09791632	Graphics Management Specialist	21-Oct-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-0301	11	11	57,204 - 74,360			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09723878	Budget Analyst	21-Oct-09	USADTC	GS-0560	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09743111	Acquisition Business Specialist	21-Oct-09	RDECOM	DE-0301	2	3	31,204 - 89,128					X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09741402	Electrical Engineer	21-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0850	2	2	46,291 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09701843	Program Management Specialist	22-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254		X						X			X	
SCBK09818265	Acquisition Specialist	22-Oct-09	PEO/STRI	NH-1101	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X						X	X		X	
SCBK09775487	Aerospace Engineer	22-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993		X		X		X		X	X		X	
SCBK09772297	Assistant Product Manager	23-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993			X	X				X			X	
SCBK09721588R	Human Resources Specialist	23-Oct-09	Redstone CPAC	YA-0201	2	2	47,280 - 89,128				X								
SCBK09780391	Special Assistant to the Commanding General	23-Oct-09	SMDC	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254					X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09789589	Supervisory Physicist	29-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	YD-1310	3	3	90,473 - 154,699						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09743119	General Engr	30-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09750124	General Engr	5-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0800	2	2	44,104 - 98,876						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09684920	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993		X										
SCBK09701071	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	
SCBK097835410C	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK097835340C	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK097835450C	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	14	14	96,346 - 125,254			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK081517770C1	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 - 26.87 Hourly		X						X			X	
SCBK094578560C	IT Specialist (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK094190800C	Police Officer	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK094084610C	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK09408461	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK094163260C	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		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	
SCBK094175900C	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X			X	
SCBK094084610C	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X			X	
SCBK094163260C	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X		X			X			X	
SCBK094175900C	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X	X		X	
SCBK094190800C	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X		X			X			X	
SCBK081517770C1	Elec Integ sys Mech	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 -26.87	X							X			X	
SCBK094578560C	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK097835480C	Supv, Contract Spec	18-Feb-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	

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

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

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

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

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 & NEAE04756647**, for more

traditional German meal. Each meal costs $11 and is available for dine-in, carry-out or delivery with advance notice by contacting the school office to arrange delivery. For more information and ticket sales, call Grace Lutheran School office 881-0553.

Latin party

Saborlatino invites everyone to the Latin Halloween Party on Oct. 31 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. You must be at least 21 to drink and 18 to party. "Dj Ed will be mixing to the hottest Latin music in Huntsville," a prepared release said. Cover charge $10 per person. There will be cash prizes for the best costumes. To reserve your table, call hostess Yvonne 783-5756.

Theater play

"Harem, When One is Not Enough: The Legend of the Dane," a play written and directed by Redstone's Horace Wilson, will be performed Oct. 22-24 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 24-25 at 2 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Playhouse. Tickets are $20 in advance, $24 at the door. For ticket information, call 603-8132 or visit ActOutNotUpProductions@yahoo.com.

Thrift shop

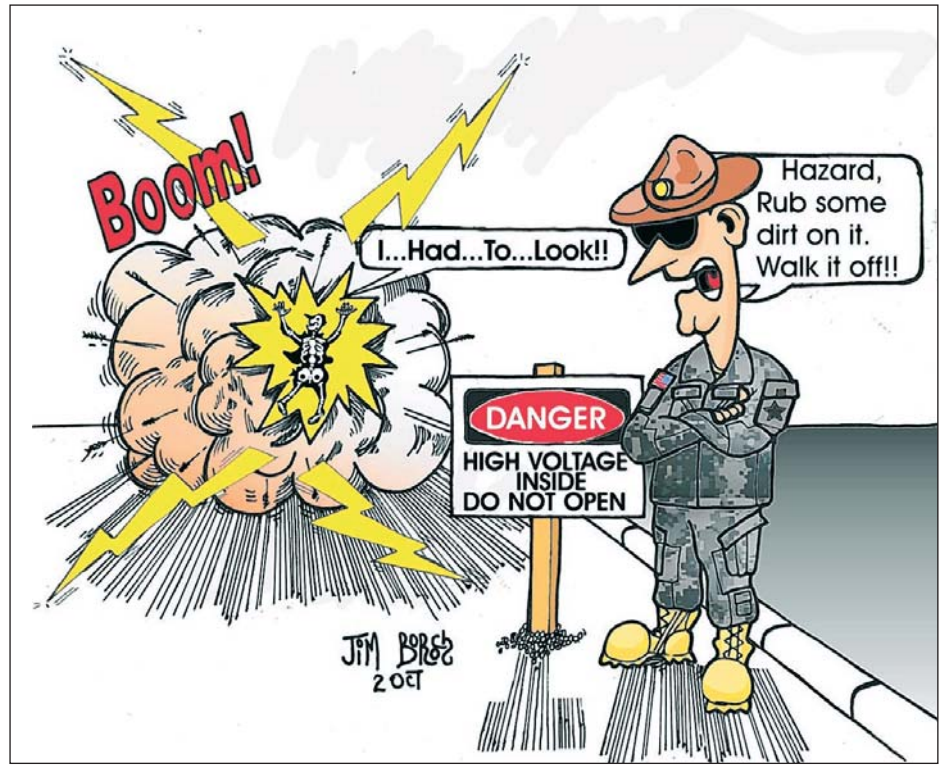
Where does your dollar go? Whether donation items or consignment items, all profits from Thrift Shop sales go back to the Redstone community. Last year the shop gave away thousands of dollars to 10 organizations; so, shopping with it is a way to give back to this community. Donations can be dropped off at building 3200 on Hercules Road in the donation box or during regular hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays 9-5 and the first Saturday of each month 10-2.

Awareness walk

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Decatur Mall. Everyone is invited to participate, with men in high heels leading the way. The Morgan County Domestic Violence Task Force and Crisis Services of North Alabama are inviting some good-natured and well-balanced men to try to "walk a mile in her shoes." Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the show. "The fun has a serious side, too," a prepared release said. "The walk is a united gender movement to encourage men to take a visual stand in high heels and become a part of the solution to end gender violence. It won't be pretty but it will certainly be fun and by making this gesture men can make a valuable contribution to efforts to increase community awareness of domestic violence and help bring it an end." For early registration e-mail Kathy Coleman at katcoleman@msn.com or Connie Kane at connie@csna.org. Registration starts at 5 p.m.

Wounded warrior weekend

The Semper Fi Community Task Force is recruiting volunteers and donations to support its third annual Hero's Weekend, which coincides with Huntsville's Veterans Day activities. This year, the SFCTF will host 60 wounded Marines and Soldiers from Nov. 6-11. SFCTF will hold several activities for the wounded warriors during their visit, including a Hero's 5K Run on Nov. 7. To volunteer or donate funds, visit the organization's website www.sfctf.org. Donations can also be sent to Semper Fi Community Task Force, P O Box 2291, Madison, AL 35758.



Florida Tech signup

Florida Institute of Technology will hold registration beginning Nov. 10 for its spring 2010 semester. For more information, call 881-7878. Florida Tech Redstone offers master level certificate programs in acquisition and contract management and logistics management.

Logistics achievement awards

The 2009 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Awards luncheon/ceremony is Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The two awards include the Management/Executive Award to GS-13s and above (civilian or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award to GS-13s and below (civilian or military equivalents). Tickets are $17. For tickets call the following: Tony Caldwell, building 5302, IMMC, 876-2877; Betty Carter, building 5301, Readiness, 313-1482; Michele Farris, building 5250, PEO Missile and Space, 842-2668; Barbara Harris, building 5302, IMMC, 876-3805; Darlene Readus, building 5302, IMMC, 876-2392; Marveline Readus, building 5302, IMMC, 313-1588; Katherine Rowell, building 5681, IMMC, 842-1431; and Sharon Smith, building 4488, Garrison, 876-2887. For more information, call event coordinator Barbara Harris, Integrated Materiel Management Center, 876-3805.