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Growing post thanks community

Evening at the Arsenal
gives insight to leaders

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Community leaders from across the Tennessee Valley were given a “bird’s eye view” of what growth means for Redstone Arsenal during a briefing from top Redstone officers Oct. 13.

That view was an overarching look at the Arsenal’s footprint, its growing capabilities and new organizations, and the issues that could threaten future growth.

During the Evening at the Arsenal, Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of Redstone Arsenal and the Aviation and Missile Command, joined forces with Col. Steve Kihara, the new commander of the Redstone Test Center, and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli to share Redstone Arsenal’s story with more than 100 community leaders. The Arsenal story included a missile firing of the Javelin, a flyover of Chinook and Black Hawk helicopters, and dinner, exhibits and a presentation at the Redstone Test Center’s hangar at the Airfield.

“This is an Arsenal that supports the entire country ... The mission of success today is having you get a better feel for your Arsenal and having you get a better feel of what we’re all about, what our challenges are and where we’re at,” Myles told his audience. “Welcome to your Army.”

“We’re here for you,” added Pastorelli. “This is our opportunity to show you what’s going on, particularly in the test arena.”

Once all the recommendations of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission are in place, the Arsenal will be home to several new government agencies, including the 1,200-employee Redstone Test Center, responsible for testing the Army’s missiles, aviation systems and sensors. Four hundred of those employees will be moving from Fort Rucker to the Arsenal in the ongoing merger of the Arsenal’s Redstone Technical Test Center and Fort Rucker’s Aviation Technical Test Center. The merger will bring to the Arsenal an additional 40 aircraft as part of its aviation test program by the end of the summer 2010.

“This area is not used to hearing the level of aviation assets we’re bringing here,” Kihara told the community leaders in his first local speaking engagement since taking over command of RTC.

The Arsenal’s testing role is critical “to get weapon systems in the hands of war



Photo by Kari Hawkins

REQUESTING SUPPORT— Redstone and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles makes a point during his presentation to more than 100 community leaders during Evening at the Arsenal on Oct. 13. He thanked community leaders for their support and urged them to continue working for improvements in four areas of concern to the Arsenal — roads, schools, work force and medical services.

fighters as quickly as we can and that work the first time, every time. Is it noisy? Yes. Is it windy? Yes. Do we put helicopters down in fields? Sometimes, yes, because a ground problem is better than an air problem,” Kihara continued.

Reviewing the Arsenal’s flight test airspace, Kihara said citizens in the Tennessee Valley will see more and more helicopters in the air, flying over populated areas at 1,000 feet or higher. He assured community leaders that all safety precautions are exercised during these test flights.

“To avoid potential damage and loss to the ground, there may be precautionary type landings,” Kihara said. “Helicopters are complex and include a lot of systems. (If there is any kind of problem pilots will) put it on the ground, and let maintenance sort it out and take care of it.”

Each Army aircraft costs \$30 million to \$50 million to build. To fly that aircraft for just one hour involves 25 to 30 hours of ground work. It is “not acceptable” to hot rod and destroy a military aircraft as depicted in “right stuff” Hollywood movies, Kihara assured his audience.

“It’s safer to do an experimental test flight” than it is to fly commercial, he said. “The airspace is controlled. The vehicle is controlled. The ground telemetry is controlled. The risk is controlled ... There are hundreds of people monitoring the safety and health of our aircraft.”

Kihara urged community leaders to encourage public support of Army aircraft testing in the airspace above the Tennessee Valley.

“We need true support from the local community because what we do today directly influences the battle tomorrow,” he said. “On behalf of the America’s sons and daughters, we appreciate your support.”

Myles reiterated Kihara’s request, saying America has “great Soldiers out there protecting you” from those who don’t like the American way of life and who want to do harm to Americans on American soil.

Although aviation systems and the future growth of the Army aviation presence in the Tennessee Valley were the focus of Evening at the Arsenal, Myles also mentioned the

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An open lane random survey

What's your favorite late-night television show?

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Mike Davis
 AMCOM Safety Office
 "I don't have cable TV. We read and play music."

Donnie Puett
 IMMC Readiness Directorate
 "The Late Show with David Letterman. It's funny."



Phylissa Shannon
 MWR Sports and Fitness
 "I don't watch late-night television. I get up for work at 6 (a.m.) so I'm in bed by 10 (p.m.). And I usually read before I go to bed."

Donna Horton
 Jacobs Technology
 "Usually I don't stay up late at night and watch television, because I need my rest."



Quote of the week

'Television enables you to be entertained in your home by people you wouldn't have in your home.'

— David Frost

Letters to the Editor

Personnel system due for update

The "new" personnel system that took many of us out of the GS system, Acquisition Demo Project, started around 1998 was supposed to be implemented/ended by January 2008. It will soon be 2010. Is there a new implementation or end date for the Acq Demo Project? Does the potential cancellation of NSPS have any impact on the Acq Demo Project?

David Bennett
 Armed Scout Helicopter

Editor's note: The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following response. "The Acq Demo, officially known as the DoD Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project, is still an active personnel system with over 2,000 Army civilian employees. The Acq Demo is scheduled to end Sept. 30, 2012. The potential termination of NSPS has resulted in a preliminary review on a path forward for Acq Demo."

Kudos for change at gate

My compliments to the Garrison commander, Col. Bob Pastorelli, for the outstanding work in improving access to the post via Gate 9. The "double-teaming" is working extremely well, and is an excellent idea.

Well done!

Dennis A. Lovin
 Marshall Space Flight Center

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Oct. 8-14:

Oct. 8: One Soldier was arrested by the Hartselle police for desertion and another by the Ronaoka, Ala., police for desertion. Both Soldiers were released to the Redstone police then sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for processing.

Oct. 8: While in the Post Exchange, a subject concealed a bottle of cologne and left the store without paying. The subject was processed by Redstone police and issued a violation notice.

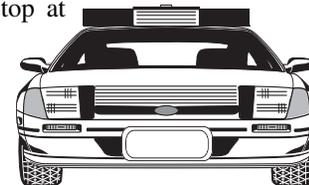
Oct. 8: When a Soldier was arrested by Oxford police for civil charges, it was revealed that he is a deserter. The Soldier was detained in the Calhoun County Jail.

Oct. 9: While in the Post Exchange, a subject concealed three video games and left the store without paying. The subject was processed by Redstone police and released to a sponsor.

Oct. 14: An Army civilian reported that his rear window was broken while his vehicle was parked.

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

Violation notices issued: 12 speeding, 1 inattentive driving, 1 failure to stop at stop sign.



Getting to know you

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Name: Kara Wall

Job: Public affairs specialist, AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office

Where do you call home?
 Haleyville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

It's really fast-paced. We do so many different types of things, so it's never boring. The circumstances are always changing. So it's always an exciting type of job.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 Basically just hang out with my husband, Dave.

What are your goals?
 I want to have a family. I also want to keep pursuing my career here with the Army. And just work hard.

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

I want to go to Europe, because there's so much history there. I've always heard about things I want to see with my own eyes. And I want to go there with my husband.

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Poor ventilation can blow energy conservation

Suggestions offered to promote efficiency

By VANESSA ENNIS
Resource efficiency manager

What is the largest energy user in your building? It is probably the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system.

Obviously, HVAC systems provide comfort control by heating and cooling the air, but this is not all that HVAC systems do. They filter the air and control the

humidity and building pressure while providing fresh air.

Each building is a unique set of systems — heating, cooling and ventilation. Well-designed and maintained energy efficient HVAC systems are essential for employee comfort and productivity. These systems also inhibit the growth of molds and fungi within the building.

The following suggestions are guidelines on ways to help reduce energy waste in HVAC systems while maintaining occupant comfort. Discuss with your

building energy monitor or the Garrison energy manager the best actions to take to ensure safe and efficient operation of your building's systems.

Doors and windows

Make sure all exterior doors and windows are closed when heating or air conditioning is in operation. Excessively warm or cool rooms may mean adjustment or repair of equipment is necessary. Be particularly perceptive when the seasons change and more or less heating/air conditioning is needed; thermostat adjustments may be in order.

If the building has any non-conditioned (heated or cooled) rooms or areas, keep doors closed to prevent infiltration to conditioned spaces.

If the building has a loading dock, make sure the door is open only when needed.

Infiltration

Periodically check exterior windows and doors to reduce outside air (infiltration) entering the building through cracks around doors, windows, and

through the outside shell of the building. Infiltration allows unwanted heat loss or heat gain. Dried or peeling caulk and deteriorated weather-stripping should be replaced. Infiltration not only causes discomfort to building occupants, but is also a major contributor to energy losses and unnecessary heating and cooling costs.

Inspect for air leakage around electrical outlets. Gaskets can help seal leaky outlets.

Space heaters/natural heat

Portable space heaters are an energy (and safety) nightmare in facilities. Portable heaters suck up energy, they are dangerous, and they put a large load on the already taxed building electrical system. If the building is uncomfortable, check to see if thermostat adjustments are necessary. Also, bring a light jacket to work if you tend to be cold natured.

Sunlight through building windows creates a lot of heat. This heat may be welcome on a cold day or undesirable on a summer day. Ensure that all window coverings, such as drapes,

shades, and blinds, are adjusted accordingly; closed in the summer and open in the winter.

Equipment

Make sure building air conditioning/heating vents are not covered or blocked entirely.

Remove window air conditioners or cover them during the heating season.

Steam heating systems

Radiators that are operating at full output are very common in older buildings. Installing thermostatic valves on each radiator to control the output enables occupants to maintain comfort without opening windows in the winter. In some situations, adding radiator controls can cut steam or hot water use by one-third.

If you notice any steam or hot water leaking from the heating system, report immediately. A failed steam trap loses significant amounts of energy.

Pipes for steam heating systems need insulation to prevent loss of heat through the system. If any insulation missing or damaged, submit a work order.



File photo

Two-star nominee

Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, the program executive officer for missiles and space, has been nominated by President Obama for appointment to major general.

Soldiers test Army's newest parachute

By T. ANTHONY BELL
Fort Lee public affairs office

FORT LEE, Va. — The airborne operation Oct. 14 at McLaney Drop Zone was just like any other.

Forty or so rigger students and cadre were gathered on the tarmac — some fully geared up and ready to board the aircraft — others undergoing inspections before being cleared to jump.

But this operation was different in that several of the participants were equipped with the Army's newest parachute.

The Advanced Tactical Parachute System T-11 made its debut at Fort Lee as six cadre members of the Quartermaster School's Aerial Delivery and Field Services Department logged a successful jump from a UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter.

Maj. Samuel Burns, ADFSD deputy director, said his department is participating in the T-11 operational testing and fielding phase which aims to work out any kinks in the system.

"The fielding is ongoing," he said, noting many operational units are already equipped with the new parachute. "We have them here because the T-11 will become part of the parachute rigger AIT program of instruction."

In fact, the T-11 will be phased in over the next three years and become the Army's main parachute system, replacing the T-10, which has been in service more than 50 years. ADFSD has already received roughly 250 T-11s and will begin teaching the new parachute system to students within "the next 60 days," Burns said.

Military families have voice at local schools

School liaison officer serves as advocate

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Barbara Williams spends much of her time attending meetings at school and talking with military parents. She doesn't mind her busy schedule; she just wishes more people knew she's available to help.

"I still see people every day that say they don't know about school liaison services," she said. "I would say that's an area that needs improvement."

Williams serves as youth education support services director/school liaison officer in Child Youth and School Services under the Garrison. She started in April after 32 years in the Huntsville city schools system.

"The position that I'm in is very similar to my position in the Huntsville city schools district where I worked with families and children. I'm still working with families and children," said Williams, who formerly served as the director of pupil services at the city school board. "This one's different in that it's issues that concern schools and military children's education. My primary responsibility is of course military children's education."

She has already seen the community's support for military children, whose mobile lifestyle entails frequent school changes. Under a new program this year called Military Operation School Supplies, 20 corporate sponsors provided 375 book bags filled with school supplies. The effort started in June and the book bags were distributed to military families in early August.

"It was just an overwhelming project," Williams said. "They poured out a lot of support for our families."

Now she just wants military parents and federal-connected parents – because they are mobile as well – to know that she's here to help. If they have concerns or school issues that need to be addressed, they're welcome to call her at 842-9642.

Military children residing on post attend Columbia High, Williams Middle and Williams Elementary. The school liaison officer also serves military children who reside off post and attend other Huntsville schools, Madison city schools and Madison County schools.

"I deal with a lot of issues concerning schools and military children. I facilitate solving problems and resolving issues with families," she said.

She has seen growth in the programs within Child Youth and School Services,



Barbara Williams

including the home school program, and more communication with the local school boards. She attends the board meetings with Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli.

She tries to do outreach with parents, not only concerning transitional issues but other problems they may be having in the schools as well.

"I serve as an advocate for families," Williams said. "I help give parents the tools they need to be advocates for their children."

She plans to continue training school personnel on issues regarding mobile families. This includes school counselors, teachers, administrators and special educators. The Armywide training normally occurs annually through the Military Child Education Coalition.

Williams said she also plans to increase the number of schools involved in the Student 2 Student program, under the Military Child Education Coalition. In that program, training is provided to enable peers to help with transition of their military classmates.

"Very adequate" is how Williams describes the schools in Huntsville, the city of Madison, and Madison County. "We have wonderful schools in all those districts."

Her education career began with 16 years as an English teacher at Johnson High followed by three years as an assistant principal at Chapman Middle. Around 1997, Williams became a district administrator and served as the director of pupil services. She and her husband, Hosea, have a son Brandon, 20, who attends Calhoun Community College and will go to Alabama State in January.

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

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.

Comedy night

Comedy Night, featuring three comedians, is Nov. 6 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Advance tickets are \$10 without dinner and \$18 with dinner. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30. Chris "Boom Boom" Johnson is the headliner. For more information or tickets, call 830-2582.

Organizations sought to sponsor disabled students

Garrison workers want to spread their effort

By **ASHLEY KALIFEH**

For the Rocket

Perhaps you have already begun to think about gifts for everyone on your holiday gift list. Mom, check. Your little brother Charlie, check. Crazy Aunt Bethany, not yet. But did you remember to add a child who is in need this holiday season?

The Garrison has sponsored students from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind of Talladega during the holidays for the past three years. The goal this year is to increase the number of students sponsored by extending invitations to all Redstone organizations and tenants to adopt a student.

"It would be great to share with everyone the excitement these students have,"

said Wendy Mitchell, executive assistant to the Garrison commander and co-sponsor for the adoptions through the Garrison. Mitchell accredited the success of the sponsorships to the team effort put forth from the Garrison.

When an organization elects to adopt a student, a list of the student's needs is distributed to employees of the organization. Workers then have the opportunity to either donate money or choose listed items to purchase. In the past, the Garrison has used the money donated to purchase remaining items off the list.

In 2008, the Garrison adopted six students.

"You ought to have seen shoppers' faces at Walmart watch us push overloaded buggies around the store," said Deborah Plunkett, executive assistant to the Garrison deputy commander and co-sponsor for the adoptions through the Garrison. "The command suite was overrun with wrapping

paper and gifts."

"After shopping for all the needed items, there was still money left over this past year," Mitchell said. "So we decided to sponsor a student for graduation in the spring."

The student sponsored at graduation was more than thankful for the Garrison's generosity. In a letter he wrote to the donors he said, "Often, I got the impression that everything and everybody was against me... Then, all of you wonderful people showed me that there are caring people in the world." He ended his letter by writing, "I am known for my ability to play with words, but words cannot describe my gratitude."

If your organization would like to participate, e-mail Mitchell at wendy.mitchell@us.army.mil. The opportunity will be given to provide any special requests, such as age or gender. For more information on the school, visit www.aidb.org.

Prototype Integration Facility provides adventure

Students tour laboratory during engineering day

By CALAN HELMS
For the Rocket

Students from both public and private schools participating in the ninth annual Adventures in Engineering Day were brought by the busload Sept. 30 to tour the Prototype Integration Facility.

Some of the attending high schools were Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, Limestone County and Arab.

The AIE program allows students the chance to meet engineers who work on Redstone and to learn about their jobs firsthand. The Prototype Integration Facility welcomed the students and offered them the opportunity to see it and to speak with project leads.

Once they reached the facility, the students were taken on a tour by government project lead TJ Lapointe who was eager to show and explain what he and other members of the PIF work force do.

The bus with students from Bob Jones High was the first to arrive. The students piled in to the Visualization Laboratory where they squeezed between one another to get a better look at the large screens that gave examples of the 3D presentations being created there.

Students raised their hands and asked about the software being used, video production, and what sorts of functions these programs served.

"You can sit in a cockpit and keep fresh on where everything is in the aircraft without ever sitting in a helicopter," explained project lead Dewayne Ricketts.

"We prepare these sorts of things because we know it connects with young people," Lapointe said. "It's not the old-timer's like me doing the work on helicopters anymore. We want to create something that really translates the information to your generation."

After finishing in the Viz Lab and looking through the windows of the Soldering Lab, Lapointe escorted the group of teenagers into the Low-Bay for a look at the machine shop. The group first encountered a very bright and flashing lamp checkpoint that their guide had turned on for dramatic effect.

"Soldiers use these in the field when they aren't sure if vehicles they're encountering are friend or foe," explained Lapointe as he lifted the light to better show it to the students. "Instead of shooting and risking injury to a friend or an



Photo by Calan Helms

TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY— Prototype Integration Facility government project lead TJ Lapointe shows visiting students an integrated IR zoom laser designator for the AH-64 Apache helicopter. The students participated in the ninth annual Adventures in Engineering Day on Sept. 30.

innocent person, they use these lights to momentarily slow the other person down until they know what they're dealing with."

Lapointe showed them several other tools and equipment that the facility had rapidly designed, developed, tested and sent to their ultimate customer — the Soldier.

"We owe it to the Soldiers to provide them with the best equipment possible," Lapointe said. "Even simple jobs can be high-impact. Things don't have to be complicated to make a difference or save lives."

Lapointe also spoke about how the facility work force creates specialized teams for projects.

"It's about working together as a group to get the job done right; to get it done perfect," he emphasized. "You depend on one another's strengths, you ask for help when you need it, and you don't shy away from a challenge."

Some of the missile and aviation projects the students saw in the High-Bay were the Unmanned Aircraft System Shadow 200 Communications Relay System, the OH-58D Cockpit Upgrade Program, and the Surfaced-Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, better known as SLAMRAAM.

"We're building the state-of-the-art equipment that helps bring Soldiers home," Lapointe said as the group came to the end of the tour. "There's something wonderful about that."

As the group filed back into their bus, Troy Trulock, from the Air Space and Missile Defense Association board of directors, paused to shake hands with and thank Lapointe.

"This was definitely a worthwhile thing," Trulock said. "Thank you so much for this opportunity."

Red ribbons represent drug prevention quest

"Drug Free is the Key" is the theme for Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 26-30.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a way for communities and individuals to make a commitment to drug prevention and education.

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. Camarena felt that he could make a difference.

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved

him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.

Within weeks of his death in March 1985, Camarena's congressman Duncan Hunter and high school friend Henry Lozano, launched Camarena Clubs in Imperial Valley, Calif., Camarena's home.

Hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans. These coalitions began to wear red badges of satin, red ribbons, as a symbol Camarena's memory. The Red Ribbon Week campaign emerged from the efforts of these clubs and coalitions.

Help keep his hope and dream alive by participating this week. Activities will be sent to the community by e-mail. (*Garrison release*)

Smokers urged to quit at least one day

Every year smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by smoking less or quitting for the day on the third Thursday of November.

Nov. 19 will also be a day of reflection for those of who have quit and stayed quit and have reaped the healthy rewards, according to a release from Fox Army Health Center.

The idea for the Great American Smokeout grew out of a 1974 event. Lynn R. Smith, editor of a newspaper in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day, or Don't Smoke Day. The idea may have been inspired by Arthur P. Mullaney of Randolph, Mass., who three years earlier had asked people to give up cigarettes for a day and donate the money saved on cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. The idea caught on, and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted nearly 1 million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout, and the Society took it nationwide in 1977.

According to the U.S. Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. responsible for 20 percent of all deaths. Tobacco kills more Americans yearly than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, car accidents, fire and AIDS combined. Smoking is the chief avoidable cause of death in this society.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management supports and encourages agency authorized programs aimed at health promotion and disease prevention including smoking cessation programs.

Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion and the Wellness Center at Fox conduct ongoing classes free to all military beneficiaries and their families and all DoD civilians. This includes the dispensation of free non-nicotine medications Chantix (Varenicline) or Zyban (Bupropion SR).

For registration for five one-hour sessions each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon, call 955-8888, ext. 1026 or 1440. For information on course content, call Rick Stock, community health promotion educator, at 955-8888, ext. 1443.

■ Airspace, quality of life among topics during Evening at the Arsenal

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various other programs that make Redstone Arsenal a heavy contributor to the war effort. He reviewed the Arsenal's local economic impact (\$2.7 billion annual in salaries and 33,000 Arsenal employees), and the move to Redstone Arsenal of the Army Materiel Command and the Security Assistance Command, which is responsible for the Army's foreign military sales.

"It is humbling to come to work every single day and see what we're doing here. Our work puts us 30 miles outside Bagram, Afghanistan," he said.

The Arsenal mission includes several facets, including ballistic missile defense, space operations, research and development, manning the force, test and evaluation, homeland defense and intelligence, logistics and acquisition, recruiting, foreign military sales, and the missions of the FBI and ATF.

"The DNA of this Arsenal is changing," Myles said, adding that AMC will bring to Redstone and Alabama its first four-star general.

"There is no Arsenal, there is no military base, there is no commercial base in our country that has the capability of defending our nation like Redstone Arsenal. It is an incredible statement of belief and confidence to give us the capability that we have and then expand it."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TRAFFIC REPORT— Col. Steve Kihara, the new commander of the recently formed Redstone Test Center, explains to participants attending the Evening at the Arsenal to expect more helicopter traffic in the Tennessee Valley airspace. He emphasized that all safety precautions are taken during test flights.

He also spoke of the Arsenal's local concerns – roads, schools, work force and medical services.

Local leaders "all get it, they understand," Myles said. "This community has come together to establish priorities to take down to (the state capital) Montgomery. They speak as one voice."

But, he warned, there is another BRAC round set for 2015 and the local community must be ready for it.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

ARSENAL HOSPITALITY— Community leaders from the Shoals area visit one of the exhibits set up in the Redstone Test Center's hangar at the Airfield. About 20 exhibits were on display during Evening at the Arsenal. Several government agencies participated in turning the hangar into a hospitable environment, including the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works and the Officers and Civilians Club.

"There will always be another BRAC round," Myles said. "The question comes down to what is a community's capability to grow. That's the key (to future BRAC success) ... We must continue to stay ahead of the requirements our country is needing us to do."

Myles is confident that the Arsenal's

work force will continue to sustain itself and be prepared for future growth and he is confident that community leaders will continue efforts to maintain the Tennessee Valley's reputation as a great place to live and work.

"From a simple Soldier, I thank you from the bottom of all our Soldiers' hearts," he said.

Logistics support focus of summit

The Logistics Support Activity hosted the Enterprise Data Integrity Group first quarter fiscal 2010 Data Summit on Oct. 6-7 at the Sparkman Center with the theme "Joint Optimization 2010."

More than 60 members and associated guests attended. Army commands sent representatives from headquarters Depart-

ment of Army G44(S), Hq DA G44 (M), Hq DA G4-6, Hq DA G-8, Hq DA G3/5/7, AMC Enterprise Integration, FORSCOM, USTRANSCOM, NGB, USARC, USARPAC, USAREUR, USAFMSA, USASOC, CASCOM, PEOEIS, IMCOM, TACOM, DMC/ASC, LAISO and LOGSA. (Logistics Support Activity release)

Patriot missile flight test on target

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. – A Guidance Enhanced Missile successfully intercepted a HERA Modified Ballistic Re-entry Vehicle tactical ballistic missile target Thursday in a flight test.

Preliminary results indicated mission objectives were successfully met, according to the Lower Tier Project Office.

Union member serves regional leadership role

Commissary worker selected to a vice president position

By KARA WALL

For the Rocket

Her grandmother always told her, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Georgia Kimbrough has never forgotten those words of wisdom. In fact, she has made them part of her daily life.

Kimbrough, who works in the produce section at the Commissary, has been elected to a regional position in the American Federation of Government Employees.

She was nominated to run for vice president of DeCA Council 172 and was elected at the union's national convention in Reno, Nev., this summer. She is the first Redstone employee to be elected to this position.

"If I can help, I will help," Kimbrough said of her philosophy for dealing with others. "If I can't help them, I will find somebody that will."

She serves as Commissary vice president for the AFGE Local 1858.

Kimbrough has worked for the government for 25 years, including 17 at commissaries throughout the world. Among her stops were Fort Hood, Texas and Frankfurt, Germany.

She arrived at Redstone in 1997 and became a union representative in 1998.

She said she is not sure what to expect



Photo by Kara Wall

ELECTED OFFICER— Commissary worker Georgia Kimbrough has been elected to a regional position in the American Federation of Government Employees.

from her newly-elected position. But she does expect the opportunity to reach out to more people.

Kimbrough is also unsure when she'll retire. But when she does, she plans to spend more time with her grandchildren.

"I want to travel with my grandbabies," she said. "It doesn't matter where we go. I just want to watch them play football and basketball. I'll be excited to sit on the sidelines and cheer them on."

National committee member visits base supply store

Omvig thanks Redstone for support of disabled

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Redstone has its share of high-profile visitors. Last week a presidential appointee visited the post, but he wasn't here to see missile systems or aviation offices. He came to visit custodians, store clerks and sewing machine operators.

James Omvig serves as the vice chairperson for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled. He was appointed to the committee in 2003 by former President George W. Bush.

The independent federal agency oversees the AbilityOne program, which promotes business relationships for federal agencies with goods and services from blind or disabled people. He spent the morning of Oct. 13 touring facilities operated by the people his committee is charged to assist.

"Mr. Omvig's visit is to thank AMCOM and the Huntsville federal community for 36 years of sterling support for the AbilityOne program," said Bryan Dodson, president and CEO for Phoenix Service. "Over the past 36 years, the combined support for AbilityOne in the Huntsville federal community has literally changed thousands of lives for person with disabilities served by Phoenix and the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind who operate the base supply center."

In addition to the Base Supply Center, which is not only operated by the Alabama Industries for the Blind but also carries products crafted by others with disabilities, Omvig visited Phoenix sites that provide both opportunities to the disabled and crucial services for the installation.

"Our custodial services are base-wide," Dodson said. "Right now that is 530-plus buildings for 6.5 million square feet. 186 employees are on the custodial staff alone."

He added that Phoenix employs close to 900 disabled people company-wide.

Omvig's committee was established in 1971 to promote and oversee the AbilityOne program. Redstone's relationship with AbilityOne goes back almost as far, Dodson said.

"It has existed pretty much since the beginning. We started as project 00003, which was sewing repair parts for missile systems," he said. "It's what got us into the sewing business back in 1973."

It was Omvig's first visit to Redstone. He was pleased with the relationships in



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

BANNER DAY— From left are Curtis Clark, Garrison deputy commander; James Omvig, vice chairperson for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled; Bryan Dodson, president and CEO for Phoenix Service; and Billy Sparkman, executive director of Alabama Industries for the Blind. Behind them is a flag sewn by disabled and blind persons.

place and looks forward to the opportunities the organizations moving to Redstone would provide. He hopes to see those relationships expand into defense contractors as well.

"We hear good things about Redstone," Omvig said. "We're hoping to see industry contractors become more involved with AbilityOne in the future. We want to grow this program."

Besides serving as vice chairperson for the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Omvig serves on several other advisory boards. He serves as president of the National Blindness Professional Certification Board, is a member of the advisory board of the Louisiana Tech University's Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness, and is on the national board of the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults.

As a blind professional himself, promoting opportunities for the blind or disabled to work with dignity and independence are dear to him.

After completing his tour of Redstone and meeting with installation officials, Omvig was headed to Talladega to visit the Alabama Industries for the Blind's facilities there.

"We've been inviting him down for quite some time," Billy Sparkman, executive director for Alabama Industries for the Blind, said. "We're so glad he was able to make this time for us. We're excited to show him what we're doing."

Biodiesel fuel coming soon to Redstone Arsenal

Safe, clean alternative to petroleum diesel

The Army gas pumps are going green.

The decision to use biodiesel fuel for Army non-tactical vehicles and equipment was made back in January 2001. Redstone Arsenal has been preparing to implement this practice and become compliant with the Energy Policy Act requirements since that time.

On Oct. 30, biodiesel fuel will be available at the Redstone Arsenal fuel retail supply point and can be purchased for use by your activity in their non-tactical vehicles and equipment.

Biodiesel is made by chemically reacting alcohol with vegetable oils, fats or greases. Army biodiesel fuel (B20) is normal diesel fuel that has 20 percent B100 pure biodiesel added to it.

Biodiesel will be dispensed for vehicle use from the Redstone Retail Fuel Point at building 3639.

Biodiesel fuel use is restricted in Army tactical vehicles and equipment. However, all non-tactical vehicles and equipment that currently use diesel fuel can be operated with biodiesel.

This fuel offers fleet operators a safer, cleaner alternative to petroleum diesel. Biodiesel fuel is made from renewable fats and oils, such as vegetable oils, through a simple refining process. Some biodiesel company's process used restaurant fryer oil to make biodiesel fuel. This takes full advantage of an easily-available resource.

The U.S. Department of Energy has acknowledged biodiesel as an alternative fuel, both in its neat (100 percent) form and in blends with petroleum diesel of 20 percent or more. Biodiesel can be used for vehicle credits under the Energy Policy Act.

Biodiesel fuel cuts down on targeted emissions. Biodiesel used in a 20 percent blend with petroleum diesel and a catalytic converter will cut air pollution. Particulate matter is reduced 31 percent, carbon monoxide by 21 percent and total hydrocarbons by 47 percent. Biodiesel used in a blend will also reduce sulfur emissions and aromatics. Using 100 percent biodiesel further reduces emissions and carcinogenic compounds.

Biodiesel fuel is user-friendly. The use of biodiesel and biodiesel blends results in a noticeable change in exhaust odor. The reduction in smell and change of odor are easier on the people nearby. In fact, it's been compared to the smell of french fries. Users, especially mechanics, also report no eye irritation from it. Since biodiesel is oxygenated, diesel engines have more complete combustion than engines using straight petroleum fuel.

Here are more benefits: It's domestically produced from non-petroleum, renewable resources; can be used in most diesel engines, especially newer ones; less air pollutants (other than nitrogen oxides) and greenhouse gases; biodegradable; non-toxic; and safer to handle. *(Garrison release)*

Women's group steps up support in defense fields

Women in Defense local chapter addresses security challenges

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Huntsville's leadership in the promotion of women in defense-related careers is a perfect fit for a city that is known for its "forward thinking," said a top Army official.

"Since 1979, Women in Defense has provided members with forums for professional growth. Today there are 15 chapters for women who work in a primarily male industry and environment," said Brig. Gen. Susan Lawrence, commander of the Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command.

"Women in Defense has been adding chapters fast and furious in the last five to 10 years. A Huntsville chapter is only natural for the Huntsville area because it is one of the most forward thinking areas for its time."

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Women in Defense was started in March 2003.

Speaking to an audience of about 250 members of the local WID chapter and the National Defense Industrial Association, Lawrence outlined Huntsville's history in the promotion of women in defense-related careers, beginning in the 1940s when women worked in the Army's local chemical and ammunition plants to replace the men who went to fight in World War II.

"Their work helped their families financially and their performance was very much related to their own patriotic duty," Lawrence said. "Many of our predecessors recognized the challenges they faced and they all took on those challenges to make our nation a stronger place to live, to serve and to work."

Lawrence said there is "no institution more supportive of women than the Department of Defense. It's been two decades since the Department of Defense

first allowed women to go to service academies. Now we have 57 women generals or admirals. Five three-star female generals and, the great news last November, is we now have one female four-star. I've served with her and there is no better selection than General Ann Dunwoody."

Lawrence's keynote address at the WID luncheon opened the chapter's half-day workshop on "Preparing to Support Challenges in National Security" on Oct. 14 at the Huntsville Marriott.

In the 21st century, the challenges and tests are "very real" as the nation continues its now eight-year wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Lawrence said. Those challenges include providing the Army with an information technology communications network that is efficient, reliable, safe and secure.

"Our equipment, training, and evolving policies and procedures must guarantee that the forces in the field will have what they need," she said. "We are rooted in the industrial age. We must bring our policies and requirements of information technology into the information age.

"We are extremely network dependent. We can fight on no battlefield without our dependence on that network, and the information we receive and trust."

The Army will be going to a global network enterprise in the near future, she said.

"Right now we have in excess of 15 different networks. They can't share information. They can't find people," Lawrence said. "We are looking for efficiencies. We are talking to industry partners who have been forced to go to networks so we can learn from their lessons. How do we deliver this global network enterprise?"

In the future Army – which will be 80 percent U.S.-based – the enterprise network must be quickly accessible for units that deploy with little or no notice.

The number one hurdle to achieving the global network enterprise, Lawrence said, is the culture and an understanding



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LEADERSHIP VIEW— Maj. Gen. Susan Lawrence, commander of the Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command, talks about the support Women in Defense provides to women working in the primarily male industry during the WID Tennessee Valley Chapter's workshop kickoff luncheon.

of why change is needed.

"Breaking down the barrier of how we do business today is huge," she said, as the Army looks for ways to reduce its number of entry points into the network from 440 to five or six.

"Getting through to commands and earning their understanding and trust is important as we go forward on this."

One command headquarters that has stepped up as a "first responder" in the Army's global network enterprise is the Army Materiel Command under Dunwoody's command.

"With an enterprise system, General Dunwoody can unplug her computer, move to Redstone Arsenal and plug in here" without any delays, Lawrence said.

"AMC is a great partner that's stood up and said 'We are going to make this happen.'"

The global enterprise network will

help the Army combat the more than 1,000 cyber attacks it gets every day.

"If they could shut down Wall Street for a day they would change the way we live. If they could shut down the power grid in the Northeast for a week they would change the way we live," Lawrence said.

"The threat is here and it's real and the enemy is inside our wire today as they continue to prod and take information from us. A global enterprise network would gain efficiencies and greatly improve the defense of our network and information. It's no longer land, air and sea. It's now cyber land, air and sea... We will build this enterprise, enforce our efficiencies and improve."

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Lawrence said discussions are ongoing as to whether a separate command for cyber space is needed in the Army. But, regardless how those discussions go, Lawrence said, the American spirit will continue to prevail and be the envy of the world.

“It is all of us together united that will meet our nation’s security challenges in the 21st century,” she said. “We are fighting on a new domain and our people are the key defenders of our nation ... We’re blessed. But we’re nervous enough to know there are a lot of people out there who want to penetrate and hurt us.”

Also at the luncheon, Pamela McCue, director of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, was recognized with the WID chapter’s Leadership Award-Government, presented to women who demonstrate a distinguished level of excellence and accomplishment in support of national defense in an industry or government role. Irma Tudor, principal of Tudor Investments and founder

of Analytical Service, was presented with the Leadership Award-Industry.

The chapter’s new officers were also sworn in. They include: Cristina Hinkle, president; Mary Anna Thomas, vice president; Kym Watkin-Statham, secretary; Elizabeth Graham, treasurer; Jeanne Weaver, communications director; Patty Popour (assistant Kathy Broad), programs; Sandra Pape, membership/education director; Stephanie Sellers, awards/scholarship director; Corby Dellarocco, external relations director; Carol Tevepugh, membership director; Debbie Fraley, Nancy Small and Melanie Baker, directors at-large; and Gina Best, past president.

The workshop included presentations by Teresa Gerton, acting executive deputy to the AMC commanding general, on AMC: Preparing to Support Challenges; by McCue on Defining the Threat for National Security; and by Brig. Gen. Heidi Brown, deputy commanding general for sustainment, Multi-National Corps, Iraq, on Challenges from Iraq. Panel discussions included Technology Challenges, Acquisition and Contracting Challenges, and Foreign Military Sales in National Security.



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NEW OFFICERS— WID’s Tennessee Valley Chapter officers include, from left, Kym Watkin-Statham, secretary; Mary Anne Thomas, vice president; and Cristina Hinkle, president.

Hail and farewell

Deploying to Iraq with new technology for Soldiers

Chief warrant officer supports aviation unit

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Laser technology is taking Chief Warrant Officer 3 Cary Nadeau to Iraq for his fourth deployment in support of overseas contingency operations.

It's a deployment that will give Nadeau the opportunity to show the Army's Chinook pilots the benefits of new technology tested by the Redstone Test Center.

Chinook helicopters flown by pilots of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, are the first to be equipped with the laser-based countermeasure system designed to shoot laser energy at incoming infrared missiles that will redirect the missiles away from the aircraft.

"The laser-based countermeasure system works with the common missile warning system on the aircraft to

detect infrared missiles coming in," Nadeau said.

"It looks like two R2-D2 heads on the side of the aircraft. They provide an added layer of protection against infrared missiles by using laser energy to spoof them or direct them in a different direction. The lasers work automatically to confuse the missile. It's all about increasing the survivability of the aircraft."

Nadeau, 38, is one of the Army's 30 experimental test pilots. Because of their limited number, experimental test pilots are only assigned to brigades fielding new equipment being used for the first time on major systems or airframes. Nadeau has flown test flights with the laser-based countermeasure system that he will support in Iraq, and possibly Afghanistan, where he could be transferred about midway through the deployment to support another unit of Chinooks being equipped with the system.

"Eventually, all of the Army's Chinooks will have this system," he said.

Nadeau recently transferred to

Redstone Arsenal as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission merger of Fort Rucker's Aviation Technical Test Center with the Redstone Technical Test Center. He is assigned to the Redstone Test Center to perform test flights on new technology for Chinook helicopters.

During his six-month deployment, Nadeau's mission is "first of all, to be a Soldier. Second, it is to embed with the aviation brigade to impart my experience in flight testing. My job is to dispel myths and rumors about the new equipment, to train the Soldiers on how the technology works and to bring information back to Redstone Test Center on how well the system is operating in real use situations. I've seen this system flown. I've seen it work against real live missiles. I can impart that confidence to the pilots of the 25th."

It's critical, when flying a Chinook, that the aircraft have the "capability of protecting itself from outside forces," Nadeau said. Because of the Geneva Convention, MEDEVAC



Photo by Kari Hawkins

READY FOR DEPLOYMENT— Chief Warrant Officer 3 Cary Nadeau is involved with helicopter testing in his assignment with the Redstone Test Center. He will be leaving this Saturday for a six-month deployment in Iraq, where he will provide technical and liaison support to the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade for the Chinook's new laser-based countermeasure system and for the brigade's entire fleet of aircraft.

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Chinooks are not allowed to shoot back when fired upon. For this reason, they rely heavily on armed escorts and on defense systems that provide additional layers of protection for the aircraft.

Nadeau will serve as a liaison between the brigade and the Redstone Test Center.

“We’re shifting this system from testing to now flying,” he said. “We will gain more experience from the pilots in Iraq that we can use productively in the test community. This keeps us relevant.”

Nadeau’s role is an offshoot of a program started after 9/11 when the Army Test and Evaluation Command and ATTC used Forward Operational Assessment Teams in theater in support of new technology.

“ATTC realized then the importance to staying relevant to the fight,” Nadeau said. “We needed to look at new systems in theater and help in the deployment of new systems. Since then, things have evolved where brigade commanders are requesting experimental test pilots for their brigades. We offer a very good liaison capability between the brigade and program managers, airworthiness managers and test managers. We can

get commanders things – information, technology and equipment – that they can use in their brigades while in theater.”

Nadeau first enlisted in the Air Force and served as a firefighter for seven years before joining the Army’s warrant officer program 12 years ago. He first deployed to Kosovo in 1999-2000, where he flew Black Hawk helicopters. During his first deployment to Iraq in 2003, Nadeau served with the 507th Medical Co. assigned to the Army’s 3rd Infantry Division, where he piloted MEDEVAC Chinooks.

“It was during the initial invasion, the main push into Baghdad,” he recalled. “It was real quick. Most of our MEDEVAC missions involved Soldiers who happened to get injured by a mine in a field.

“During my second deployment to Iraq I flew a MEDEVAC Chinook for the 1st Marine Division. I flew a lot during that year in western Iraq in the areas of Fallujah and Ramadi. The enemy had gotten smarter and there were a lot of IEDs (improvised explosive devices). Our bus picked up a lot of Marines.”

Nadeau left Oct. 17 for Fort Benning, Ga., in preparation for his third deployment to Iraq on Oct. 24. Before leaving Redstone, he met with Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, and aircraft program managers

to establish a rapport that will serve him well in his liaison role with the 25th.

“The message I received from General Myles and all the program managers is that they are there to support the war fighter 24/7. The main focus is to support the war fighter – that’s the common theme,” he said.

Nadeau views his deployment as a way to support war fighters and to gain a better understanding of theater requirements.

“I think staying relevant is the big thing. We need to keep our testers relevant to the current fight so that we keep our credibility with the Soldiers,” he said.

“It’s sort of a role reversal. To stay credible with Soldiers and Soldier pilots, I’m going over there to eat dirt, walk my boots in the sand, fly missions and be a Soldier with them.”

Although he will fly Chinooks and primarily support technical issues involving the Chinook, Nadeau will also be able to support technical questions involving the Black Hawk, Apache and Kiowa helicopters flown by the unit.

“Army pilots typically fly one airframe,” he said. “But, as an experimental test pilot, those divisions go away, the lines dissolve. I will be used where my expertise is, but I can also work outside my expertise to provide a fresh view of any of the airframes flown by the brigade.”

For example, if there is a technical issue

involving the brigade’s Apache helicopter, Nadeau has the expertise to get involved, formulate the issue and communicate it back to program managers for resolution.

Being an experimental test pilot has allowed Nadeau to “get more involved in how the Army acquires new aircraft. I fly a plethora of different aircraft and test lots of systems.”

During experimental testing, pilots look for flaws in new systems. He recently performed several test flights for a new infrared exhaust suppressor that reduces the Chinook’s heat signature so that it is more difficult to detect by heat-seeking missiles. During those tests, Nadeau discovered flaws in the infrared exhaust suppressor system that resulted in a system redesign.

“Experimental test pilots are sort of the Consumer Reports for Army aviators,” he said. “We don’t say buy it or don’t buy it. We tell the good things, the bad things and the safety things about an aircraft or its systems and subsystems. We answer questions like ‘Is it safe?’ and ‘Does it function the way it is supposed to?’”

Once his deployment is complete, Nadeau will return to Redstone and resume flight testing for the Redstone Test Center.

“The projects we test are always changing,” he said. “I will just fall right back into the test schedule.”

Navy reservist returns home after year in Iraq

Redstone co-workers say welcome back

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Well-wishers file into the conference room. There's cake on the table and a sign on the wall that says "Welcome home, Valerie."

Co-workers celebrated Valerie Robinson's return from Iraq with a reception Thursday afternoon at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. The Navy reservist was deployed nearly a year in Al Asad, Iraq, with her unit, Navy Military Construction Battalion 24 out of Huntsville.

"The deployment was a great learning experience for me since it was my first one," said Robinson, a logistics analyst in the Product Directorate for Systems Sustainment Management, an element of AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center. "I met a lot of people, learned a lot of things. It certainly makes you appreciate the United States and what we have here."

The petty officer first class deployed in December 2008 for the first time in her 17 years as a reservist. All 600 members of her battalion returned safely in October.

Robinson is a personnel specialist for the battalion, which provided construction and repairs for the Iraqi people. Her logistics experience helped, she said.

She has worked in the product direc-

torate as a logistics analyst for five years.

"It's good to have you back," said Lt. Col. John Shanklin, the product director for systems sustainment management. He has about 160 employees.

Robinson's supervisor, Leo Manning, chief of sustainment for the product directorate, also welcomed her during the reception.

"I'm an ex-sergeant major (in the Army)," Manning said. "I just feel like she served her country. Now it's time for her country to serve her. That's why I wanted to bring her back. She deserves that. I'm retired military, I definitely can equate to what she's done."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HOMECOMING— Logistics analyst Valerie Robinson smiles during her welcome home reception after nearly a year in Iraq as a Navy reservist. "I really, really am glad to be home," she says.

Logistics Support Activity steps out to show thanks



Photo by Dick Ruhlman

KING FISH— Victor Luna holds the Big Fish of the day at the LOGSA event.

Appreciation event for LOGSA workers

By **DICK RUHLMAN**
For the Rocket

It was food fun and camaraderie for Logistics Support Activity workers Oct. 1 at LOGSA Employee Appreciation Day at the NASA picnic area.

A beautiful day to celebrate according to most, and LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz said, “it took me three years to get it right, but isn’t it a great day for a picnic!”

There were more than a couple of changes at this year’s appreciation day. The most obvious change was scheduling the event for earlier in the fall. Committee members took employees’ suggestions that past outings had been scheduled for the heat of the summer; and last year’s freezing cold in late October making it a bit uncomfortable for the attendees. According to planners on the committee, and with Rentz’s suggestion, the decision was made to push the date to early October this year.

Once again at this year’s event was the appearance of a catering service called J.C.’s Pit Crew. One of the principals of the business is LOGSA’s Randy Bigler, whose reputation on the barbecue pit is well known to many LOGSA workers. The menu included smoked pulled pork, ribs, and chicken, along with a few burgers and hot dogs for some of the kids who attended. Lots of side items like baked beans and corn pudding rounded out the festivities and no one claimed to have left hungry, although the potato salad was the first empty bowl item.

Another intricate part of the day’s activities was the LOGSA Golf Scramble which was played on the morning of the picnic. First place honors went to the team



Photo by Dick Ruhlman

GOLF AWARD— Jeff Reed receives the Master Blaster trophy from LOGSA commander Col. James Rentz.

which included Jim Click, Gary Hodge and Bill Edwards with the score of minus-10. The winners were followed by the second place team of Shawn Howard, Scot Motquin, John Peer and Lou Sciaroni with minus-9. A new feature of last year’s golf outing included the crowning of the “Master Blaster” award which was won this year by Jeff Reed for successfully hitting out of the practice sand bunker and landing closest to the pin.

This year LOGSA also had a fishing tournament which was not just a bass tournament; it was an all game species (bass, hybrids, pan fish, sauger and catfish) tournament. First place was won by the team of Louise Cooper and Chuck Hemm with five bass at 10.2 pounds; second place went to Victor Luna and Faith Luna with two catfish and one bass at 6.8 pounds; and third place went to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kevin Cox and James Armour with five hybrids-striped bass at 3.9 pounds. The Big Fish prize went to Victor Luna and Faith Luna for their catfish.

Neither rain nor mud can stop NCO Academy

Flag football team swamps the Gators

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The steady rain and muddy field seemed to energize the NCO Academy flag football team.

At the very least, these conditions didn't seem to slow it down.

The Academy rode a prolific passing attack to a 24-7 win over Headquarters & Alpha Company on Oct. 13 at the Patton Road field.

Shawn Scott threw four touchdown passes, including two to James Walker, as the Academy improved to 2-1. Its season-opening loss to the Marines seemed a distant memory.

"As you can see things are turning around pretty good for us," Academy player/coach Brian Postage said. "Hopefully we can build on that into the playoffs."

The Academy took the opening kickoff and marched to an early lead on Scott's 10-yard pass to Walker.

Headquarters & Alpha (0-3) answered on its ensuing possession when Benjamin Williamson fired a 10-yard slant pass to Irvin Washington. The Gators added an extra-point conversion pass



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SLUDGE HAMMER— The NCO Academy offensive line gets set under a steady downpour on the muddy Patton Road field.

for a 7-6 lead.

But the Academy did all the scoring from then on.

Scott threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Bruce Simon for a 12-7 halftime lead. Scott's second-half strikes covered 6 yards to Lan Dickinson and 20 yards to Walker.

"We started off (the season) with a lot of adversity," Postage said. "We came out first day and lost by one point (7-6) to the Marines. That was our first game/practice. Ever since then we've been getting these guys together. Most of our practices

are our games."

Unlike the Academy, Headquarters & Alpha didn't fare too well in the wet weather.

"The elements," Gators player/coach Reggie LeDay said. "It was pouring down raining, field's muddy, we're short a quarterback. We still have a lot of things to work on right now. Hopefully next game, Mother Nature's on our side."

In other games Oct. 13, Charlie Company beat the Marines 19-6 and Bravo Company won by forfeit over HHC 59th.

On Thursday night, Civilian

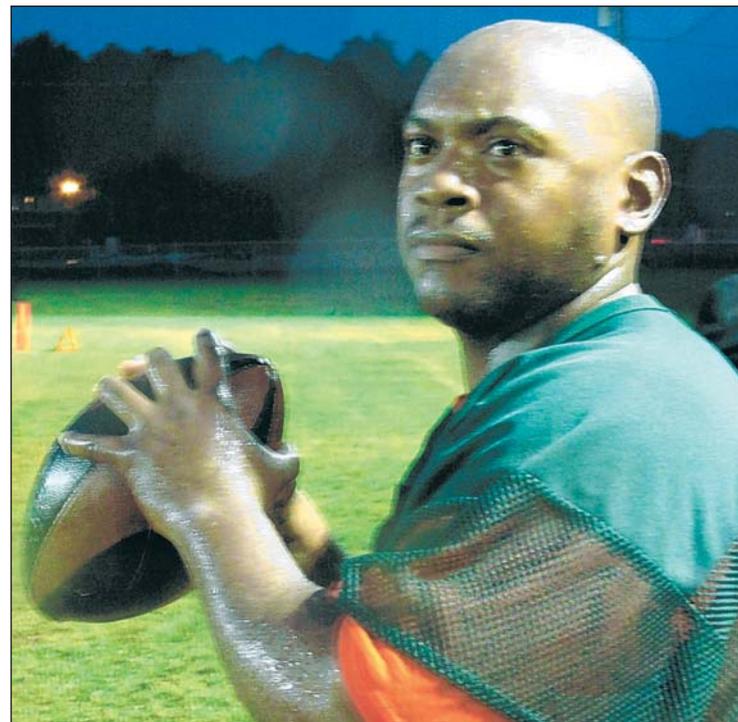


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STRONG ARM— NCO Academy quarterback Shawn Scott accounts for four touchdown passes against Headquarters & Alpha in a 24-7 win Oct. 13.

Welfare Fund defeated Bravo 14-0, the Marines beat HHC 59th 20-0 and Charlie got past 326th Chemical Company 7-2.

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 (3-0), Charlie (3-0), Marines (2-1), NCO Academy (2-1), 326th Chemical Company (1-2), Bravo (1-2), HHC 59th (0-3) and Headquarters & Alpha (0-3).

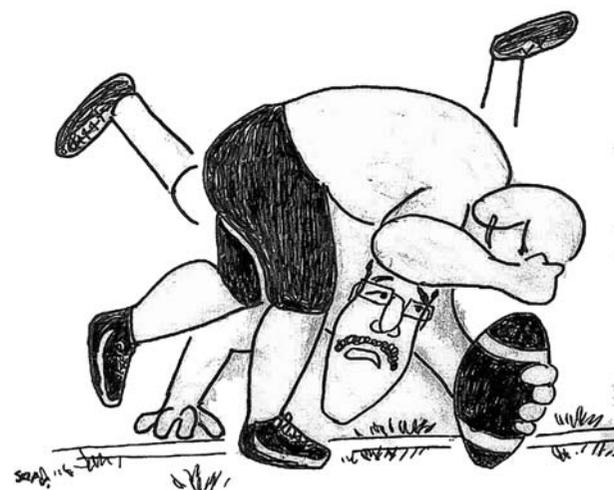
Louisiana State should tame Auburn Tigers

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Here are this week's college football predictions (225-67 after seven weeks):

Tennessee at Alabama — **Bama**
Auburn at LSU — **LSU**
Florida at Mississippi St. — **Florida**
Arkansas at Mississippi — **Ole Miss**
La.-Monroe at Kentucky — **UK**
Vanderbilt at South Carolina — **SC**
Tulsa at UTEP — **Tulsa**
Florida St. at North Carolina — **UNC**
Rutgers at Army — **Rutgers**
Colorado at Kansas St. — **KSU**
Texas at Missouri — **Texas**
Clemson at Miami (Fla.) — **Miami**
Oklahoma at Kansas — **Oklahoma**
Illinois at Purdue — **Illinois**
Minnesota at Ohio St. — **OSU**
Indiana at Northwestern — **Northwestern**
UAB at Marshall — **Marshall**

Connecticut at West Virginia — **WVU**
Georgia Tech at Virginia — **Tech**
South Florida at Pittsburgh — **Pitt**
Oklahoma St. at Baylor — **OSU**
Maryland at Duke — **Maryland**
Iowa St. at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
Furman at The Citadel — **Furman**
Eastern Illinois at Jacksonville State — **Jax**
North Texas at Troy — **Troy**
Oregon at Washington — **Oregon**
UCF at Rice — **Rice**
Boston College at Notre Dame — **ND**
Wake Forest at Navy — **Navy**
Penn St. at Michigan — **PSU**
Louisville at Cincinnati — **UC**
Air Force at Utah — **Utah**
San Diego St. at Colorado St. — **CSU**
Washington St. at California — **Cal**
UCLA at Arizona — **Arizona**
Tulane at Southern Miss — **USM**
Texas A&M at Texas Tech — **Tech**
Iowa at Michigan St. — **Iowa**
SMU at Houston — **Houston**



TCU at BYU — **BYU**
Oregon St. at Southern Cal — **USC**
Arizona St. at Stanford — **ASU**
Boise St. at Hawaii — **Boise**

Online option available for personnel claims

Soldiers, civilian workers have new filing avenue

By WYKETA WATKINS

Claims adjudicator/carrier recovery

The Army implemented a new claims computer program Oct. 1.

The Personnel Claims Army Information Management System permits Soldiers and Army civilian employees to file personnel claims through the Internet, rather than having to physically visit or mail documents to a military claims office. Paper copies of claims will still be accepted; however, the new program is intended to make it easier to file claims for property loss. The new program should be especially helpful for members who reside in remote locations, as well as members whose work schedules do not allow time to physically visit the military claims office.

The new program can be accessed at the Judge Advocate General's Corps Internet site at www.jagcnet.army.mil. Click on the U.S. Army Claims Service link and then click on the PCLAIMS link. The PCLAIMS link will describe the rules for filing personnel claims and allow you to fill out all of the required forms. You must have an Army Knowledge Online account to use PCLAIMS. Claimants without an AKO account should contact their nearest military claims office to file their claims.

When using PCLAIMS, you will be asked to list all of your lost or damaged property, the purchase dates and costs, and replacement or repair costs, something that is required whether you file your claim in paper or electron-

ically. Basic supporting documents, such as a government bill of lading (for transportation-related claims), estimates of repair and photos of damaged property can be scanned and added to the electronic claim. If you do not have access to a scanner, you can mail or hand-carry these documents to a military claims office and they will scan and add them to your claim file.

Once you have entered all of the necessary information, you will be asked to verify and submit your claim. It will be electronically sent to a military claims office, which will adjudicate the claim and arrange for payment, as appropriate. You will also be asked to provide an e-mail address or telephone number so the claims office can contact you with any questions. Providing accurate contact information is critical. If you cannot be contacted, your payment may be delayed.

PCLAIMS should not be confused with the Full Replacement Value program or the Defense Personnel Property Program. The FRV program is a new system applicable to household goods and other transportation-related claims since 2007. The DP3 program is a computerized transportation program applicable to many household goods shipments since 2008. Under FRV and DP3, Soldiers and Army civilian employees are encouraged to file transportation-related claims directly against the carrier responsible for the loss. Claimants only have nine months to file such claims. In return, they are paid the full replacement value for their lost or damaged property.

PCLAIMS cannot be used to file claims against carriers. It can only be used for personnel claims filed with the government. If claimants are dissatisfied with carrier offers to settle claims under the FRV or DP3 programs, claimants may reject the offers and

file their claims with the government. Such claimants can use PCLAIMS to file these new claims, but should keep in mind that the government usually pays for the depreciated value of lost or damaged items and does not pay full replacement value.

Claimants should contact the nearest military claims office before filing a claim using PCLAIMS if they have any questions. There is no interface between DP3 (which also involves electronic claims filing) and PCLAIMS; it is therefore important to contact a military claims office for specific guidance on how to transfer these claims from a carrier to the government.

PCLAIMS is designed to give Soldiers and Army civilian employees more options for filing personnel claims. Comments on the new program should be forwarded to the U.S. Army Claims Service at 4411 Llewellyn Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755, or by e-mailing USARCSFRVclaims@conus.army.mil.

Personnel claims allow Soldiers and Army civilian employees to be compensated for property loss and damage sustained incident to a government sponsored move.

Many Soldiers file personnel claims when their household goods are lost or damaged during shipment; these comprise the vast majority of personnel claims. Personnel claims may also be filed in other situations, such as when Soldiers sustain losses due to fire or flood at on-post quarters, theft within the barracks, or vandalism of vehicles.

If claimants have any questions in reference to their claim, they should call the Redstone Arsenal Claims Office at 876-3995 or 876-9006, or e-mail Wyketa Watkins at wyketa.watkins@conus.army.mil or James Friday at james.friday@us.army.mil.

Full slate of activities greets military wounded

Semper Fi task force leads Heroes' Week Nov. 6-11

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Veterans Day activities will once again be the backdrop for a Tennessee Valley program that extends Southern hospitality to wounded Marines and Soldiers.

The Semper Fi Community Task Force will host a group of 16 Marines and 16 Soldiers along with their spouses during Heroes' Week, which will include the Marine Corps Ball, a fishing tournament and boat tour, and the Veterans Day dinner and parade. All events are free for the wounded warriors and their spouses.

"This is our way of helping, our way of paying it forward," said retired Marine Lt. Col. Mike Dahl, who is coordinating Heroes' Week.

The task force has been raising funds throughout the year for this event. The group has also recruited various local businesses to donate services and products, and volunteers to assist with transportation and other arrangements.

"We rely on a lot of local organizations to help us with this," Dahl said.

Organizations such as the Patriot Guard, North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organization's Coalition, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, Still Serving Veterans, Vettes for Vets Corvette Club, Blue Star Moms, Eagles Women's Auxiliary, Hands on Greater Huntsville, the cities of Huntsville, Madison, Decatur and Guntersville, and several local churches support Heroes' Week. Businesses such as Sierra Toyota, the Westin Hotel, Guntersville Yacht Club and Rocket Harley-Davidson are also providing support.

"We want to show them that Huntsville and North Alabama is an awesome place. We support our troops and we accept people with open arms," said Reserve Gunnery Sgt. Joe Wittkop, a Heroes' Week volunteer.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HEROIC PLANS— From left, retired Marine Staff Sgt. Lori Martin, retired Marine Lt. Col. Mike Dahl and Marine Reserve Gunnery Sgt. Jim Wittkop look over plans for Heroes' Week, which involves activities for 32 wounded Marines and Soldiers along with their spouses.

For these wounded warriors, the local community also becomes known as a healing place.

"Many of these wounded warriors are in the process of dealing with their injuries," said retired Marine Staff Sgt. Lori Martin, a Heroes' Week volunteer. "Some are on crutches. Some are in wheelchairs. Some get tired after walking just a little ways."

"And crowds can make them nervous, too," added Wittkop. "They may have lost a leg or they may have a head wound. They may have been shot several times."

The mission of Heroes' Week is to give the wounded warriors and their spouses a positive, caring experience.

"Most of them are very wary when they first get here," Martin said. "But by day two or three they start to relax and enjoy themselves."

The task force works with the Marine's Wounded Warrior Regiment

and Fox Army Health Center to compile a list of wounded warriors for the trip to Huntsville. The Marines will be traveling from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Canada, California and New York. The Soldiers will be traveling from the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Heroes' Week will begin on Nov. 6 when the wounded warriors will arrive at Huntsville International Airport at 3 p.m. The public is invited to greet them at the airport or to welcome them at the Westin Hotel at 4 p.m. or at a reception at the Heritage Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The group will make a public appearance in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11.

Heroes' Week will include the Marine Corps Ball on Nov. 7, a concert and fishing tournament in Decatur on Nov. 8, a boat tour of Lake Guntersville on Nov. 9, a U.S. Space & Rocket Center visit and Veterans Day

dinner on Nov. 10, and the Veterans Day Parade, job fair and career counseling session and a farewell dinner on Nov. 11.

One important feature of Heroes' Week is the inclusion of the wounded warriors' spouses.

"The first year, we only invited the wounded warriors," Dahl said.

"The second year, we included the spouses and the feedback was fantastic. It's important to help these wounded warriors by supporting their marriages, providing both them and their spouses with information and services, and making both the wounded warrior and the spouse feel special. It's important for the wounded warriors to share this experience with their spouses. Last year, when they returned from their week with us, their medical doctors and nurses said their attitudes and outlook had improved dramatically."

There is also plenty of time during the week for the wounded warriors and their spouses to relax, enjoy the local area's offerings, and to share their thoughts and feelings with others in the group.

"We want to pamper them and show them we care," Martin said.

"We take the spouses to have their nails done and their hair done. They will go shopping. We even have a fashion show planned for them. They get to enjoy each other's company, share each other's experiences and just talk with each other."

The group will be staying at the Westin Hotel, with several Bridge Street businesses supporting the group's activities.

"We've had a lot of businesses who have been extremely receptive and helpful with this event," Wittkop said. "We are unique here in that we have a great military industrial complex and a community that really supports the military. We have all the key ingredients to make Heroes' Week a success."

To volunteer or donate to Heroes' Week, visit the Semper Fi Community Task Force at www.semperfi.org.

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Sports & Recreation

Hockey night

The University of Alabama-Huntsville hockey game Friday is Military Appreciation Night. See the Chargers against Western Michigan at 7:05 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Free tickets, for both military and civilians at work on Redstone, are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You can get tickets at the Recreation Center which because of renovation has temporarily moved to building 3400 on Gray Road (former School Age Service building). For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker, Garrison operations, at 876-7969 or cell 682-9388.



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 Colson. The lunchtime Bible Study begins a study of Psalms at 11:30 a.m. And the Korean sisters begin their study at 10:30. For more information call Judy Strange 430-3110, Karyn Wilson 837-7421, Mattie Jones (lunchtime group) 828-9890 and Soran Thrasher (Korean group) 539-4862.

Chapter dinner

The Society of Government Meeting Professionals "State of the Chapter" dinner is Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Huntsville Marriott. "If you plan meetings, conferences, events, this is a great opportunity to be a part of a new chapter in the Tennessee Valley," a prepared release said. Cost is \$10. RSVP to Katie Smith 551-2237 or e-mail kmsmith@vonbrauncenter.com.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet Nov. 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

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Men's ministries

Men's Ministries, "addressing the needs of men and planting seeds for spiritual growth in Christ Jesus," meets every second or third Saturday — for exact monthly date, call Harry Hobbs at 682-4010 — at 8 a.m. at the Redstone Links golf clubhouse. Breakfast is served for \$5. For more information, call Hobbs 682-4010.

Admin professionals

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

Federal employees association

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter 443 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Nov. 14 at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Refreshments and social time will start at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting at 10 and program to follow. Marva May, representing Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama, will discuss many aspects of the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program as it relates to Blue Cross coverage. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies with a military, retiree or civilian ID to join Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community at its meeting Nov. 6 at Bicentennial Chapel. Social starts at 9 a.m. with a short business meeting at 9:30. "Come hear about the amazing Southeast Region MCCW Conference held in Cullman," a prepared release said. Refreshments will be served. There is an optional Holy Hour at 11 and Mass at noon. For information call Phyllis 842-2175 or Diana 852-5519.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is William "Pat" Nash, director of business development for Boeing Missile Defense Systems. The chapter's monthly breakfast is 8 a.m. Oct. 31 at Ryan's Family Steak House on south Memorial Parkway. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. "Blockade and Counter-Blockade; Strategies in the International Struggle for the Divided or United States" is the topic of Kent Wright's presentation. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

Air defenders

The Huntsville/Redstone Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will have its annual dinner dance Saturday 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Thursday 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 Insur-

ance 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, will hold the annual Joint ASIS/NCMS Mid-South luncheon meeting today 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.

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Test and evaluation group

The Rocket City Chapter, International Test and Evaluation Association will have a luncheon today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at QinetiQ North America, Systems Engineering Group 890 Explorer Blvd., Building 2, Saturn Conference Room. Attendees are asked to give a \$10 donation to the scholarship fund. Jaqui Shipe, associate vice president of advancement at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, will speak on the importance of supporting scholarships. For more information, call James Knoch 876-2550.

Defense association

The Air Space Missile Defense Association and National Defense Industrial Association Tennessee Valley Chapter luncheon is Oct. 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Marriott. Cost is \$20; and registration opens at 11 a.m. Guest speaker is Dr. Mike Griffin of the University of Alabama-Huntsville. For more information, call Sigma Services 922-1083.

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 assur-

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

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.

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 LaTroya 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/>.

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Aviation ball

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

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 Thursday 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 CAPPMS and then select AAPDS (Army Acquisition Professional Development System). Contact your acquisition career manager for more information. ACM contact information can be found at <http://asc.army.mil/organization/western/default.cfm>.

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.

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 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 contact ActOut-NotUpProductions@yahoo.com.

Thrift shop

It's holiday time at the Thrift Shop. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are all being featured. New items are added daily. Shop, consign, donate or volunteer all under one roof. Visit building 3209 on Hercules Road on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-4, Thursdays 9-5 and the first Saturday each month from 10-2.

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; Bettye 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.

Army nurse scholarship

The Army Nurse Corps Association is seeking applications from qualified students, in conjunction with their college or university, for the 2010 Scholarship Program. The 2010 scholarship is named in honor of Capt. Gussie M. Jones, who died of non-battle related causes in Iraq. She was the first African-American Army nurse to die while assigned to a theater of operations. April 1 is the application deadline for the \$3,000 scholarship. For more information, e-mail education@e-anca.org.

Military spouse tuition

Embry Riddle Redstone Arsenal campus is participating in the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts program

offered through the Department of Defense. This program is offering up to \$6,000 to military spouses who are interested in pursuing degree programs, licenses or credentials leading to careers in high growth, high demand portable career fields. The MYCAA program includes spouses of active duty Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Army, and spouses of activated members of the National Guard and Reserve Components. For more information, visit the MYCAA website <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>.

Jazz concert

WJAB 90.9 FM, Exquisite Productions, and Sports Vision Restaurant will present "An Intimate Evening With Lori Jenaire" as part of the new Smooth Grooves Concert Series of Huntsville. She will perform with The Steve Roper Band on Saturday at Sports Vision Restaurant, 4701 Meridian St., Suite N. Doors open at 6 p.m. and show time is 7. For more information, call (615) 506-5114 or (256) 513-0263. This performance is in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and some of the proceeds from the event will be donated to this cause.

Historic collection

The grand opening of the space pioneer Konrad Dannenberg collection at the University of Alabama-Huntsville is scheduled Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UAH's Salmon Library. Cost is \$20 at the door (no prepayment), which includes lunch. RSVP is required. Call 603-0055 or 628-2799.

Career expo

CivilianJobs.com will hold a career expo for transitioning military, veterans and family members Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maxwell Officers Club at Maxwell-Gunter AFB. This offers employers a way to meet motivated and proven transitioning servicemembers as they begin their career search following their military service. When the job seeker signs in at the event, he or she will receive a list of employer matches to ensure they visit the booths of those employers who are a best fit for their skills.

Blood drive

The management of Bridgestreet Town Centre and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will sponsor a blood drive in support of Life South on Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bridgestreet Town Centre. There will be a special gift for the first 20 donors.

Technology professionals

Oakwood University is providing a series of Security-plus bootcamps to assist technology professionals and others in meeting DoD directive 8570.1. The Security-plus bootcamps are four days long, lasting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The total cost for a Security-plus bootcamp is \$1,750. This price includes the training, books and exam voucher. Security-plus bootcamps are scheduled Oct. 19-22, Nov. 2-5, Nov. 9-12, Nov. 16-19 and Nov. 30 to Dec. 3. To register call Odessa Jordan 726-8324 or e-mail ojordan@oakwood.edu. For a list of additional IT training courses, visit www.itc.oakwood.edu.