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Summit unites state military leaders

Commanders conference shares emergency plans

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Disaster contingency plans, antiterrorism and force protection programs, emergency drills and pandemic influenza plans were all on the table for discussion during an annual meeting that brought Alabama's commanders to Redstone Arsenal.

The Alabama Commanders' Summit, started by Gov. Bob Riley, involves commanders from the state's three military installations – Redstone Arsenal, Fort Rucker and Maxwell Air Force Base – as well as state commanders and state emergency officials.

"The vision of Governor Riley was to bring all of the state, federal and local emergency managers together so that we know each other, and we know each other's assets and capabilities," said Alvin Odoms, the Garrison's director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "So, now, if we have to call on each other we know who can best help with the emergency that we are dealing with."

This is Redstone's second time to host the event, which rotates between the state's three installations.

"This is about preparing for a holistic state approach to an emergency or disaster," Odoms said. "Every post and military company in the state has capabilities and it's good to know what those capabilities are in time of need. Because of these summits, we know each other and we can work together as a team. We are part of each other's emergency teams."

This year's summit was chaired by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and included presentations from Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and state's National Guard adjutant general, Maj. Gen. A.C. Blalock.

"This is a total team effort of all levels of leadership working together as a team," Odoms said.

It is unknown if similar programs are being coordinated in other states. But Odoms said Georgia emergency officials attended the Redstone conference in preparation of organizing their own statewide emergency network.

"This program could very well be translated across the U.S.," Odoms said. "This summit is unique to us."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

RESPONSE VEHICLE— Col. Gerald Gattis, Emergency Preparedness liaison officer for Alabama, checks out the command/control features of the Marshall Space Flight Center's Data Restoration and Recovery emergency response vehicle. The vehicle was on display during the Alabama Commanders' Summit at Redstone Arsenal Oct. 19-21.

Besides emergency operations, summit participants were also given the opportunity to become more familiar with Redstone Arsenal and the local North Alabama community. Part of that familiarization was providing them with information on the area's growth, including the Arsenal's soon-to-be formalized enhanced use lease project.

"EUL is an Army program started several years ago to gain money off property, buildings or land that wasn't needed for the mission," said Joe Davis, director of public works.

The EUL involves 480 acres on the northwest area of the Arsenal near Gate 9 that is now being used as agricultural land. The land is considered prime real estate for business development because of its Arsenal location and its proximity to Cummings Research Park.

The Garrison has entered into an agreement with Joe Wilson and Associates of Montgomery and Corporate Office Properties Trust to develop the EUL. Currently, the city of Huntsville is finalizing plans to approve the construction bond, to provide fire and police service to the area and to

have the land annexed into the city. The Garrison is working on plans to move Gate 9 and the visitors center so that the EUL is outside the Arsenal fence, and to move an electrical substation. The groundbreaking for the EUL is planned for the spring.

Davis said much consideration was involved in choosing the partners in the EUL. Corporate Office Properties Trust is a specialty office real estate investment trust that focuses on strategic customer relationships and specialized tenant requirements in the government, defense information technology and data sectors. COPT acquires, develops, manages and leases properties which are typically concentrated in large office parks primarily located adjacent to government demand drivers and/or in growth corridors. Sixty-eight percent of COPT's business is government-related.

"This is a good marriage. They will take underutilized federal land that will not be on post and turn it into a 4 million square foot office park," Davis said. "We will lease the land to them for 50 years. It will take eight

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An open lane random survey

What's been the best Halloween costume you've ever worn?

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Pvt. Ryan Neary
Bravo Company
"I was the Headless Horseman one time. I've never ever seen someone do that before."

Pvt. Jacob Gailey
Bravo Company
"I'd probably have to say a banana – great conversation starter."



Larry Keel
MWR Recreation Center
"That's easy. My mother made this for me when I was 9. I was the Green Lantern – best Halloween costume ever. I looked just like the Green Lantern – black mask and everything. It was awesome. Handmade."

Grace Bennett
MWR Recreation Center
"Halloween's like my birthday, so that's always like a big deal. I was a WWE wrestler – like World Wrestling Entertainment. It was pretty funny. I had that big fake muscle plastic chest you can put on and spandex pants. This was mid-1980s; keep that in mind."



Quote of the week

Nothing on Earth so beautiful as the final haul on Halloween night.
— Steve Almond

Letters to the Editor

Commander's letter: Help prevent abuse

Army leadership is fully committed to taking care of its people and investing in the health and mission preparedness of Soldiers and families. Domestic abuse undermines that commitment

Therefore, the Army is committed to emphasizing prevention, assuring that victims of domestic abuse are protected through a combination of reporting options and multiple sources of support and intervention, and to holding offenders responsible through treatment and/or administrative action for those who continue to abuse.

When it comes to domestic abuse, the entire Army family should reflect on the Army values of duty, honor, integrity and personal courage. The vast majority of the Army family is neither offenders nor victims, but may be bystanders that witness domestic abuse. The Army family has the power to change the climate around domestic abuse. When "bystanders" recognize the signs of domestic abuse, they should willingly assume responsibility and take action to prevent abuse before it occurs.

Make the Right Choice! Act to Prevent Domestic Abuse. "Doing nothing" is the only wrong choice. "The Right Choice" is to do something positive to end ongoing abuse and to prevent abuse from happening in the first place. Each person can lead from the front.

Everyone in the community can make a difference. Abuse exists on a continuum. It may start with ignoring small warning signs, progress to relationship distress and escalate to severe violence. Every positive action helps to change the climate.

Recognize the signs of domestic abuse.
Acknowledge that interpersonal violence is always wrong.
Refer to the places where help is available.
Lead from the front.
Reach out to help.
Reach out for help.
Take advantage of the many family services and programs.
Reach out to support victims.
Hold offenders accountable.
Do everything you can to create a climate of safety and respect.

The key to effective prevention is a commitment from command and all members of the community to get involved.

Share a sense of purpose — watch out for one another and intervene. The Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service is a good starting place for making the right choice.

I call upon every Soldier, all families, and the total Redstone Arsenal community to Make the Right Choice! Act to Prevent Domestic Abuse. To reinforce that commitment, I hereby declare October 2009 to be Domestic Abuse Prevention Month at Redstone Arsenal.

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles
AMCOM and Redstone commander

Safety lesson from aircraft accident

I am interested in possibly having the Redstone Rocket publish stories I have written for my children. They are about my experiences in working for the U.S. government.

This is the first of my stories; I have others. Thank you for allowing me to share it with you. "My F-4" is the title.

The ghostly image of an F-4 was taking shape on the hangar floor. Pieces of the cockpit were out of place, orange pieces of hardware and orange lettered wiring from the Class II Modifications I had installed were placed here and there. I changed them around to the right orientation. It was my task to properly place the pieces of the aircraft and the modifications I had made where they had been in my F-4. Both the pilot and weapons officer had perished in the crash.

The USAF forensics team was off to the side in the hangar. They were watchful and

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Partnering to train logistics work force

Career management of acquisition and logistics will save the United States Department of Defense millions of dollars annually from having to retrain government civilians in the basics of acquisition and logistics at universities such as Defense Acquisition University, etc., because new employees will have gained that experience from institutions that offer logistics degree programs. Educational institutions should be a strong channel for future logistics personnel. Harnessing the capabilities of universities and working with them will improve visibility of the necessary educational background and training experiences that should begin when future logisticians enter college as a freshman.

University partnerships will promote growth and advancement in all levels of study in all of the various disciplines that efficient and effective logistics operations require.

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Getting to know you

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Name: Tim Walters

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Where do you call home?
Hickory, Miss.

What do you like about your job?

Probably interacting with the public. That and the service that we provide to the government and the Redstone community.

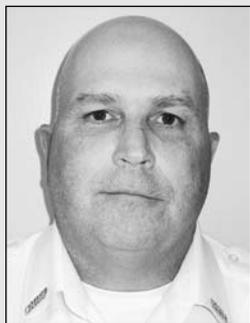
What do you like to do in your spare time?
Fish and golf.

What are your goals?

I'd like to see this contract through to the end (through the end of September 2010), and hopefully move on to a government position. Who knows what the future holds.

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

Probably take my wife (Tammy) to England so she can see the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, because that's what she really wants to do.



Science and engineering day designed for girls

Young girls are being encouraged locally to pursue nontraditional careers in science and engineering.

The Women's Leadership Council will present Girls Science and Engineering Day, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shelby Center for Science and Technology at University of Alabama-Huntsville.

"The purpose of the event is to inspire girls to pursue their education and careers in science and engineering and is open for girls in the third through fifth grades," a pre-

pared release said. "Activities at the event will include making DNA bracelets, doing experiments, meeting scientists; learning about microscope viewing robots, missile simulators, infrared camera images, and much more. Girls will browse an exhibit area, have a box lunch, then attend three, 45-minute workshops. Scholarships are also available."

All activities will be in the Shelby Science Center and girls will be supervised and escorted at all times. Parents should plan to drop girls off beginning at 11 a.m. at the build-

ing's south entrance parking lot. Girls can be picked up inside the Shelby Center at 4 p.m. The cost for the day is \$15 per girl which includes all workshop materials, a souvenir and lunch.

Register for the event at www.uah.edu/girlsday or call 824-6098. Spaces are limited, and pre-registration is required. Registration closes this Saturday. Cancellations are not refundable.

Volunteers who are interested in helping at the event should call 509-5252 or e-mail evrd2@comcast.net.

Reflect on these Halloween safety suggestions

All the little ghosts and goblins will take to the street this weekend for Halloween.

Trick or treating at Redstone is scheduled Saturday from 5-8 p.m., according to the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Here are some Halloween safety tips for children and their parents:

- Be sure your costume is not too long. You don't want to be tripping over it.
- If you wear a mask, be sure you can see out of it clearly.
- Consider using face paint instead of a mask, because you will be able to see much better.
- It is a good idea to wear clothing with reflective tape.
- Carry a white bag for your candy or a bag with reflective tape on it.
- Parents, remember trick or treating isn't what it used to be. It's not as safe to let kids walk the streets alone. Send a responsible adult or older teenager with them.
- Walk on a sidewalk. If a sidewalk is not available, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Cross busy streets at an intersection or cross walk.
- Be sure to look both ways (two times) before crossing the street; and walk, don't run.
- Take off your mask while walking from house to house.

- Stay away from parked cars.
- Be very cautious of strangers.
- Only stop by houses that have their front porch light on.
- Be sure your parents know where you are going.
- Take along a couple of quarters for emergency phone calls or ask mom or dad if you can use their cell phone.
- Go with a group or three or more people.
- If you feel unsafe, take along an adult.
- Do not ride a bicycle. Your costume could get hung up in it.
- Accept treats only in the doorway. Never go into the house. Always say thank you.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Oct. 15-21:

Oct. 15: A Soldier was arrested in Tuscaloosa for desertion. He was released to Redstone police and later sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for processing.

Oct. 16: A contractor was stopped for speeding on Goss Road. An NCIC check revealed that his license was suspended. He was issued two citations; and his vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.

Oct. 18: At Gate 8, a military reservist attempted to enter without his driver's license. An NCIC check revealed that his license was suspended and he had an outstanding warrant from Huntsville. He was issued a citation for the suspended license and then released to Huntsville police. The vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.

Oct. 18: A Commissary employee had her purse stolen at work.

Oct. 19: A contractor working at the Commissary had her purse stolen at work.

Oct. 19: A barracks room inspection revealed a Soldier was in possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic accidents reported: None.

Violation notices issued: 17 speeding, 2 suspended license, 1 expired tags, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 defective equipment.

HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

■ Enhanced use lease among topics during conference

Summit

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to 10 years to build it out. But when it's done, the land will go from agricultural land rented annually for \$17,000 to a business development that will bring us \$2 million plus a year.

"It's real money. It's green money that goes into an escrow account to be spent by the commander for Gar-

rierson projects at Redstone."

With an annual average of \$40 million in construction projects on the Arsenal, the funds will be needed to continue the Arsenal's growth.

"The EUL represents over \$500 million of private investment money," Davis said. "It will be one of the hottest places for administrative space. It will provide much needed space for offices, research and development, academics and conferences. As BRAC winds down, the EUL will be ramping up."

Animals receive annual blessing at chapel

By DAVE MACEDONIA

For the Rocket

Bicentennial Chapel celebrated its annual Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 3. The Blessing of the Animals has been celebrated at the chapel for more than 20 years.

This year, Chaplain (Maj.) Ray Kopec was in charge of the blessing of the medals of St. Francis and a picture was given to each animal owner. The weather was great and the turnout included five cats and 20 dogs. Rad Reavis, and Mary and Sarah McNeely helped with the setup, photography and the distribution of food for the animals.

Oct. 4 is recognized by the Catholic Church as the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Founder of the Franciscans, and Patron Saint of Animals, St. Francis lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226. Francis came from a wealthy Italian family. After a trau-

matic war experience, Francis began giving food and money to any beggar he encountered. This displeased his father greatly. Francis visited hospitals and ministered to the sick, giving away money freely. His father disinherited Francis. Francis then gathered a group of men of like mind. They agreed to take a vow of poverty and preach penance. Francis referred to all creatures as brothers, and legend has it that he preached to the animals.

In his honor a life-affirming ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals is celebrated at many Christian churches.

"The Blessing of the Animals reminds us of the sacredness of all life, and provides an opportunity to celebrate the animals who share our lives," Debra K. Brazzel of Duke University said.

Following individual blessings, each animal was treated to packaged animal food while their owners were treated to cake and punch.



Photo by Dave Macedonia

CELEBRATION— Chaplain (Maj.) Ray Kopec poses with Madison Grimes and her dog Daisy during the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 3.

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.

Turkey shoot

The Veterans Day Turkey Shoot is Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at Outdoor Recreation. Cost \$3 per shot; and if you don't have a weapon, Outdoor Recreation can provide you with one. This is a family friendly event, so bring the kids. Children can participate with adult supervision. Lunch is provided. For more information, call 876-4868.

Cafeteria customer survey

Complete the Sparkman Center Cafeteria customer survey and enter to win a Samsung LCD 26-inch television; only one entry per person. The survey can be completed in the Sparkman Center Cafeteria or at www.armymwr.com/fmwr/dini ng/survey.htm.

Comedy Night back on O' Club menu

Tickets on sale for event featuring three top acts

By **KELLEY LANE-SIVLEY**

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Giving customers what they want isn't always easy, but sometimes it is simple. Comedy Night at the Officers and Civilians Club is back by popular demand.

"Comedy night has been so popular," Amelia Flanigan, marketing director for Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, said. "Our customers have encouraged us to add more."

The next event is Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the club. Tickets are on sale now; and Flanigan encourages everyone to get them early.

The night will feature three acts. Opener Tony Wendland hails from Cincinnati, Ohio, and was named Comic of the Year in 2005.

Feature act Steve Burr has traveled overseas, entertaining deployed troops in several countries as part of the Comics On Duty World Tour. He is the voice of iTunes podcast "3 Things



Courtesy photo

HEADLINER— Chris "Boom Boom" Johnson will headline Comedy Night on Nov. 6 at the Redstone Officers' and Civilians' Club.

night of nationally recognized comedians for \$18. You can't beat that."

You Never Talk About," and host of the Turner Network show "Odd America." He is also a regular on the nationally syndicated radio show The Bob & Tom Show.

Headliner Chris "Boom Boom" Johnson's style is often compared to Jim Carrey. He has made numerous television appearances and was the opening act for musical parody superstar Weird Al Yankovic's last tour. His show features memories from his childhood and failed attempts at other careers.

Advance tickets without dinner are \$10 each. For \$18, advance purchasers are treated to a dinner buffet created by the chef Ben Howard and staff. If available, tickets can be purchased at the door for \$18 without dinner and \$22 with. For more information, call 830-2582.

"Where else can you get such a great deal?" Flanigan said. "It's a meal and a



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Teaming effort

AMCOM Security Assistance Management Directorate Dr. Tom Pieplow, right, thanks Vickie George and Stewart Wakefield, both of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, during a foreign military sales Financial Management Graduation Ceremony on Oct. 8 at Bob Jones Auditorium. In this teaming effort, USASAC subject matter experts in financial management trained 100 SAMD workers in five workshops.

Tobyhanna workers dig new finishing facility

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Army and regional representatives broke ground Oct. 2 for Tobyhanna Army Depot's Command, Control, Communications Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Finishing Center.

Among them were depot commander Col. Charles Gibson, Lt. Col. John Osborn, deputy commander for the Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, representatives for Sen. Robert Casey and Reps. Christopher Carney and Paul Kanjorski, and depot employees.

The \$15 million, 78,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to be completed early 2011. It is designed to expand and modernize the depot's capacity to repair, refinish and apply protective coatings to

large, tactical C4ISR systems maintained by Tobyhanna for the U.S. military. The bid was awarded to L.R. Costanzo Construction Services, Scranton in March and construction will begin soon.

Functions performed in the facility will include blasting, laser paint stripping, painting, sanding, washing and sheet metal operations. Approximately 150 employees, on three shifts, will work in the facility.

Officials say the environmentally friendly and energy efficient C4ISR Finishing Center will reduce costs and improve customer satisfaction, quality, processes and the work force's quality of life. It will also accommodate a much larger workload than the current equipment and facilities. *(Tobyhanna release)*

Gift vouchers in store for holidays

FORT LEE, Va. – The Defense Commissary Agency is offering gift vouchers at all of its 255 commissaries. These vouchers are available in \$25 denominations.

Anyone may acquire gift vouchers; however, only commissary authorized patrons may redeem them.

Vouchers will be available at commissary customer service areas, cash offices and from cashiers at full-service checkout lanes. No additional fees will

be added to the cost of purchasing or redeeming the voucher.

These sequentially serialized paper gift vouchers, which can be redeemed at any commissary, cannot be exchanged for cash. DeCA is not responsible for lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated vouchers, and its commissaries have the right to refuse any voucher that appears to be altered, copied, or the serial number is unreadable or missing. *(DeCA release)*



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

State dignitaries

Alabama Education Association executive secretary Paul Hubbert and other dignitaries of the state arrive Oct. 19 for a tour of Redstone before meeting with Garrison and AMCOM officials.

Program allows interface with command's leaders



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SHARING EXPERIENCE— Mentoring program participants talk with Maj. Gen. Jim Myles during the People Empowering People award ceremony Oct. 20.

Mentoring participants receive recognition

By SKIP VAUGHN

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AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles talked informally with the latest participants in the command's mentoring program.

Myles asked each protege what he or she had gotten out of the six-month program and also conversed with their mentors.

He awarded certificates to all the participants in this ninth cycle of the People Empowering People mentoring program during the award ceremony Oct. 20.

"This program is set up so well to allow you to interface with our leaders. We've got some great leaders here," Myles said.

The Aviation and Missile Command's latest cycle of the program, conducted by AMCOM G-1 (Human Resources), began April 20.

Earl Montgomery, a security manager at AMCOM G-2 (Intelligence and Security),

was the protege to Bill Walton, a team leader at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity.

"It's an excellent program, very worthwhile," Montgomery said. "I highly recommend it to others.

"The biggest thing I got from Bill, my mentor, was giving back. That's one of the things he really stressed in our relationship, was giving back to the community."

Bernadette Green, a logistics management specialist in the Program Executive Office for Aviation, was the protege to AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister.

"It was wonderful," Green said. "It was really good insight. I learned a lot and I was exposed to a lot of things. So I really enjoyed it."

Proteges included Montgomery, Green, Nakia Redmon, Todd Ivey, Kevin Norris, Mark Carlson, Norma Jones, Tiffani Paige and Jillion Gantt.

Mentors included Walton, Chronister, Brig. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, Rick Turner, Lori Reynolds, Steve Rainsford, Ray Barnes, Susan Christiansen and Rick Irvin.

Youngsters see science and math hands-on

Space and missile conference has third annual student day

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Pingpong balls and lava lamps brought the lessons of microgravity down to earth for sixth and seventh grade students who visited educator William Heard's mini-science lab at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center during the third annual Space and Missile Defense Student Day.

"You guys ready to learn some cool stuff?" Heard asked students from Randolph School and Fairview Middle School.

He asked the students if they knew about Daniel Bernoulli, a Swiss mathematician and scientist who lived in the 18th century and who is remembered for his applications of mathematical equations involving the flow of fluids in terms of speed, pressure and potential energy. Heard told them much of modern technology, especially aerodynamics, is based on Bernoulli's formulas.

From the looks on the students' faces, the "stuff" didn't seem so cool anymore.

"This guy was French. He lived in the 1700s. Way back then he was talking about some of the forces acting on nature, some of the things that are the principles of how airplanes actually work," Heard said, as he drove his message into the 21st century. "Bernoulli's Principle explains the lift and drag of airplanes, and the effect of air pressure. It's about microgravity."

Then the "cool stuff" did happen. The students tried their own "lift and drag" experiment with two cups and a pingpong ball. The idea was to blow over the cup containing the ball so that the ball was



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SPYING ON STUDENTS— Capt. Jeff McCoy and Scott Pollman of the Raven Product Office show student Dakota Morgan of West Point Middle School how to direct the Raven's infrared camera so that he can "spy" on another group of students participating in the Space and Missile Defense Student Day at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. "This is how we can spy on the bad guys," Pollman told the students. The event showed students how science and technology is applied to real-world problems.

pushed up and out of the cup, landing in the second cup.

"By blowing over the cup, you are changing the air pressure inside the cup," Heard said. "Blowing across the cup generates a difference in the pressure in the cup and causes the ball to go from one area of high pressure to an area of low pressure."

Heard also used 1960s lava lamp entertainment to further demonstrate the effect microgravity has on fluid. The demonstration was among eight exhibits from government and industry representatives that participated in the Space and Missile Defense Student Day at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Davidson Center.

During the event, more than 250 middle school students from Huntsville, Madison, Decatur and Cullman participated in hands-on demonstrations in robotics, unmanned aerial/ground vehicle aircraft, satellite technology, man's quest to rediscover the moon, and other space and missile defense technologies.

The event, which was formerly known as the Education Track during the annual Space and Missile Defense Conference, was developed into its own separate activity to offer students a more in-depth introduction to the use of science, math and engineering in technology career fields. It was sponsored by the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association, the National Defense Industrial Association-Tennessee Valley Chapter and the Air Defense Artillery Association-Redstone Chapter.

While Heard was wowing the middle school students and teachers with Bernoulli and his theories, Capt. Jeff McCoy, Allen Jacobsen and Scott Pollman, of Redstone Arsenal's Raven Product Office, Program Management Office for Unmanned Aircraft

answers, many of them right on target. The students learned that the Raven is designed to collapse and fall apart on landing. They worked together to put a Raven back together.

At another demonstration, NASA educator Julie Clift used a basketball and a tennis ball to talk to students from Holy Spirit Catholic School about the distance between the earth and its moon.

"How many of you think the shuttle can take us to the moon?" she asked, and then explained: "It can't go. So, that's why we're building another rocket."

The students weren't the only ones enjoying the opportunity to participate in hands-on experiments and demonstrations during SMD Student Day. So, too, were the parents and teachers.

"It's great to see the kids interested in engineering and math," said parent Jodi Fador, whose child attends Holy Spirit.

"They've loved the hands-on activities," said Nick White, a math teacher from West Point. "I think this will really help us better teach AMSTI (Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative) in the classroom."

Leslie Arnold, a sixth-grade math teacher from Fairview Middle in Cullman County, said her students are seeing their math and science lessons played out in the event's hands-on demonstrations.

"This is a great experience for them," she said. "They are getting to see how math and science applies in real life. It's not just in a book in a classroom."

For some students, SMD Day was also a day of teaching. Phillip Betts and Derek Newcomb of Austin High spent the day talking to middle school students about making robots and then letting them take turns in operating a robot designed and built by the Decatur/Austin Robotics Coalition.

"Technology will let you do lots of things," Newcomb said.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

BERNOULLI SCIENTIST— Coleman Martinson of Randolph School blows air across the surface of a cup to change the air pressure inside the cup so that the pingpong ball is pushed out of the cup. The lesson in microgravity showed middle school students how the principles of "lift and drag" work on an airplane. It was one of many hands-on experiments presented to students during third annual Space and Missile Defense Student Day on Oct. 20.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

HOW FAR AWAY IS THE MOON?— NASA educator Julie Clift holds a tennis ball (the moon) up to a basketball (the earth) held by Catie Brown of Holy Spirit Catholic School while Catie's fellow students try to guess how far the moon is from the earth. The students were allowed to guess before Clift surprised them by walking the tennis ball several steps away from the basketball to demonstrate the distance in terms of the balls' proportions.

Dynamics of working at Redstone shared with students

College juniors, seniors learn job opportunities

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Redstone Arsenal's "wow" factor was on display Friday for about 120 college juniors and seniors interested in engineering, management information systems, accounting, finance, procurement, operations management, supply chain and enterprise resource planning.

During College Day, the students toured the Prototype Integration Facility, Software Engineering Directorate, Redstone Test Center and the propulsion areas at Marshall Space Flight Center to get an idea of the projects they might work on as civilian employees for the Aviation and Missile Command or the other 50 federal agencies located on the Arsenal.

"There are a significant number of job opportunities here and there's a lot of opportunity in the midst of the organizations moving here," AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister told the students. "What all this means is there will be opportunities for you and your peers for employment here."

Speaking to the group at Heiser Hall at the beginning of their daylong visit, Chronister told the students that Redstone Arsenal can offer them a lot of hands-on opportunities to make a difference in the nation's overseas contingency operations and the day-to-day survival of Soldiers at war. The students saw some of the Arsenal's aircraft and missile systems perform in an AMCOM video, which included an Apache firing a Hellfire missile, a Black Hawk delivering a box of NLOS missiles to a remote location and a firing of a Patriot missile.

"All the science and technology, the engineering, that went into building the Apache helicopter or Hellfire missile ... all the science and technology for aviation and missile systems is managed at this Arsenal," Chronister said.

That management involves working with partner contractors to design and develop, procure, produce, field and sustain the Army's fleet of aviation and missile systems. Chronister is among several AMCOM managers who receive and respond to daily reports of aviation and



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FUTURE REFERENCE— Engineering, business, finance, management information systems and procurement students listen as AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister tells them that the Army can offer them dynamic jobs that make a difference in the nation's defense and to the Soldier at war.

missile activity in theater.

"We have about 700 helicopters in Afghanistan and Iraq," he said. "Right now, we have 17 down for 76 parts. I know every helicopter in Iraq and Afghanistan that is down. The Apache, Kiowa, Chinook, Black Hawk ... I know what's down, I know the parts it's waiting for and I know where those parts are in the transportation process. We are also responsible for making sure the Army's missiles are in a state of readiness."

He told the students about the performance of the Patriot missile — an AMCOM system — during the early days of Operation Desert Storm and how it continues to protect U.S. allies in the Pacific Rim and the Middle East.

"It's there. It's operational and it's ready when it's needed," he said.

AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal needs to hire new college graduates with the skills to support overseas contingency operations. The Army is the only organization that will offer them competitive salaries and a

job that directly affects the nation's defense interests, Chronister said.

"We have a civilian servant mentality here. My customer is the Soldier getting shot at," he said. "What I enjoy most about my job is supporting the Soldier."

"It amazes me when I get a thank you back from some young kid your age or maybe a little older thanking us for saving his friend by keeping their Apache flying. You will not have that dynamic going anywhere else that you may work."

Between 2009 and 2015, the Arsenal will add 8,500 civilian positions to its work force. Of those, 36 percent will be engineers and 10 percent will work in contracting, 19 percent in logistics and 21 percent in program management/resource management.

"It's unbelievable the technology and manpower we have here and, as such, engineers are typically in short supply," Chronister said.

He said the Army offers various hiring programs, including co-ops, internships, fellow pro-

grams, graduate programs and continuing education programs, to attract college graduates.

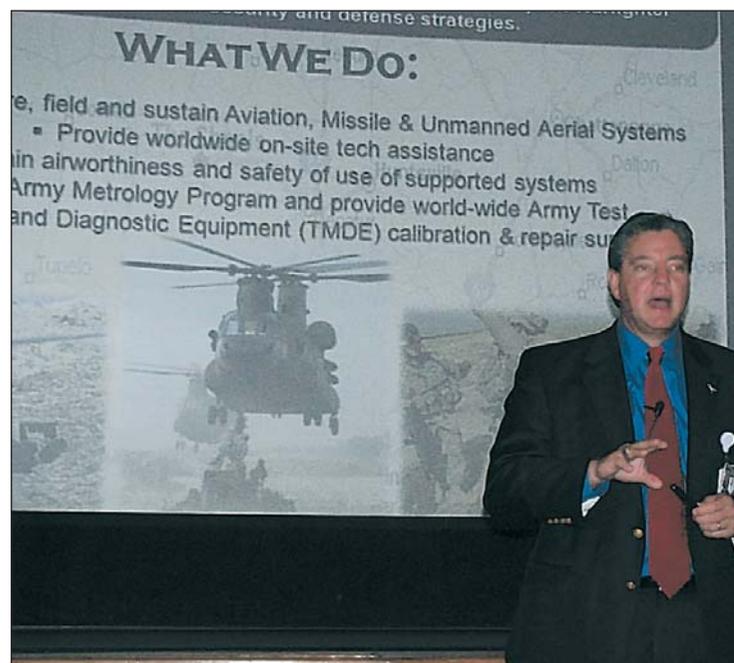


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UPFRONT RECRUITING— AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister talks to college students about the employment opportunities Redstone Arsenal can offer them.

Chronister told the students that their education is essential to the future contribution they will make in the work force. But he also stressed the importance of their people skills.

"Being an engineer is not just about what you know technically," he said. "It's also about building skills in working with different people. It's very important to be able to work in a team environment. If you can't do that, then you will not succeed anywhere."

"I had a mentor tell me that 'I'll take attitude and interest over skill and ability anytime.' Those are important words you need to remember."

Currently, 11,000 people work for AMCOM. Of those, 45 percent will be eligible for retirement in five years. Besides an aging work force, AMCOM also must compete for employees with organizations moving to Redstone Arsenal as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations. For those reasons, it's crucial that AMCOM and the other Arsenal tenant organizations and their contractors actively recruit new college graduates.

"It's important that you are here. It's important that you see what we do. It's important that you see the opportunities we have out here," Chronister said. "We are glad that you are here."

Wearing title of breast cancer survivor with pride



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PRETTY IN PINK— Becky Feehan likes to wear pink, the color of choice for breast cancer survivors. She spoke about her experience as a breast cancer survivor Thursday at the Breast Cancer Boot Camp sponsored by Fox Army Health Center.

General officer's wife shares story of battle

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Becky Feehan had never considered herself a “survivor.”

Now, she wears that descriptive title with pride.

At age 31, Feehan became a breast cancer survivor. With the help of God, her husband, and her family and friends, she quickly responded by having surgery and undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, and she won a fight that threatened her life.

“When we got the news, my husband told me I had to fight,” she said. “He said ‘I know you don’t have a mean bone in your body, Becky. But you’ve got to get mean to fight this.’ And I was ready to fight.”

For Feehan, the discovery of breast cancer came at a point in her life when the future held a lot of promise and happiness. Just a couple months earlier, she had married the love of her life, now Air Force Brig. Gen. Terrence Feehan, and the two were settling into their home at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

“In March 2003, we were brand new newlyweds,” she said. “But it was my very first trip to the base clinic when the cancer was discovered ...

“The possibility that this disease could take my life was not so much frightening as it was disappointing. Terry and I had finally found each other less than a year before, and we were planning a full and joyful life together. It just didn’t seem fair

to me that this dream could be ending even before it had really begun.”

Feehan told her story of survival to women attending the Breast Cancer Boot Camp at Fox Army Health Center on Thursday, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Since her battle, Feehan has shared her story with other military wives. She and her husband moved to Redstone Arsenal this past summer. Her husband works for the Missile Defense Agency.

“To look at me now and watch me go about my very normal life, you’d probably never know that I was once the victim of a life-threatening illness, that statistics for my survival once looked pretty grim,” said Feehan, a pretty blonde who is quick with a smile and a laugh. “But I am so happy to now be alive and well, and I’m actually proud to be called ‘survivor,’ a word I never thought would refer to me.”

Yet, her survival wasn’t easy and quick. Her tumor was so large that doctors didn’t even suggest a lumpectomy. Rather, she had a mastectomy, and then underwent months of chemotherapy and radiation treatment. In 2004, she had reconstructive surgery.

All seemed to be well until two-and-a-half years later when the cancer metastasized in her ovaries. She had surgery to remove the cancer and today is still taking medication to keep her cancer in remission.

“There was no doubt of the impact that surviving cancer would have on my world,” Feehan said. “For the first time in my many years of Christian faith, I knew that I was relying completely on God’s

grace and mercy, even for my very survival. Being able to visualize myself resting in His care during this long ordeal gave me a beautiful image than now serves to reassure me in any difficulty.”

Her battle also made her realize what it meant to have the support of family and friends, her military family and other cancer survivors.

“I now truly know that, wherever I may be, I am never, ever alone, because God has surrounded me with people that continually reflect His love,” she said.

“But I also know that life is fragile and that I cannot ever take it for granted. I can’t just assume that my body will keep on going, regardless of how I treat it. Instead, I actually have to be proactive in making sure that my body is healthy and cared for so it will still be there to serve me as long as I need it ... Terry and I take nothing for granted, and we celebrate each and every day God gives us.”

Feehan talks to groups about her experience because she wants to encourage people to do breast self-exams, get mammographies and stay in tune with their body’s health. For those battling cancer, she hopes her story is inspiring.

“My own story is about surviving the worst case scenario,” she said. “I’ve been through a metastatic recurrence and now I am living a normal, happy life.

“There is no cure for breast cancer. If it’s not metastasized, there is a 98 percent change if it’s caught early that you will never see it again. If it’s metastasized, then you are dealing with a whole different story. But you can survive and live a wonderful life.”

Sun shines on Special Olympics track and field

Soldiers escort athletes at annual special event

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The annual Special Olympics track and field event just keeps getting better each year. The crowd, events and activities were even bigger than in previous years. So were the smiles.

"It's a wonderful team effort between Redstone Arsenal and the local community to be able to support this event," Army Community Service director Sue Paddock said. "For the Soldiers it's a great learning experience. We really enjoy supporting it."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

FAST ADVICE— Pfc. Nicholas Stafford gives athlete Jordan Strain, and friend Jacob Wheist, running tips before the 50-yard dash.

Close to a thousand athletes, Soldiers, volunteers and well-wishers turned out at Milton Frank Stadium on Oct. 20 for the four and a half hour event. Among that number were 250 Soldiers from the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

"The Soldiers did a great job as escorts," Natalie Taylor, ACS Exceptional Family Member coordinator, said. "We

are so proud to have them be a part of this annual event."

The event has grown considerably over the years. This year saw volunteers from area schools and civic groups running games and booths in the stadium's infield to keep athletes and escorts entertained between sporting events. The face painting, balloon animals and sack races were



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF— Special Olympian Sara Simmons does the long jump while Lt. Col. Diane Richie, of Logistics Support Activity, cheers her on.

particular favorites.

The crowd was also treated to performances by Sparkman Middle School's band.

While the day started out chilly, the sun soon warmed things up. Besides being a perfect day for the outdoor event, it was a perfect day for Soldiers to learn some valuable lessons.

"The weather turned out better than expected and we're having a great time," Staff Sgt. William Gravely of Charlie Company said. "This really puts things in perspective. You learn not to take things for granted. This is the first time away from home for some of these Soldiers. It's great to be able to support this event and teach these guys things (about compassion and community) you can't get in any classroom."

As the day came to a close, athletes boarded their buses to go back to their schools carrying ribbons. The Soldiers boarded their buses carrying full hearts and warm memories.

"This day captures moments that stay with us a lifetime," Taylor said. "It was wonderful weather, a wonderful event and, best of all, wonderful smiles seen on the athletes."



Photo by Dave Macedonia

Soldier dinner

Soldiers enjoy the annual Advanced Individual Training dinner held Oct. 2 at Bicentennial Chapel by members of the chapel. Parishioners brought side dishes and desserts to the event attended by more than 65 Soldiers.

Tricare provides around-the-clock care

Tricare Management Activity release

Accidents happen. Babies get sick. Complications occur and it seems they never happen at a convenient time; certainly not always during the typical 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. work day.

Tricare knows this, which is why it's important to know your options for after-hours care.

For an emergency

Of course, if you are having an emergency, always call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. How does Tricare define "emergency"?

Emergency Care: The care you receive for a medical, maternity or psychiatric condition that would lead a "prudent lay person" (someone with average knowledge of health and medicine) to believe that a serious medical condition exists, or that the absence of immediate medical attention would result in a threat to life, limb or eyesight, or when the person has painful symptoms requiring immediate attention to relieve suffering. This includes situations where a person is in severe pain or is at immediate risk to self or others.

What's important is to know what you must do following your visit. In general, take a look at these steps:

Tricare Standard/Extra: If you have Tricare Standard/Extra, you manage your own care. However, you should contact your regional contractor if you are admitted due to a psychiatric emergency. The notification should be made within 24 hours of admission or the next business

day. In general, the admission should be reported within 72 hours.

Tricare Prime: In most cases, if you have Tricare Prime (including Tricare Prime Remote, Tricare Prime Overseas or Tricare Global Remote Overseas) you need to contact your primary care manager within 24 hours or the next business day after receiving emergency care, so that ongoing care can be coordinated and to ensure you receive proper authorization for care, if necessary.

Tricare For Life: In the case of an emergency, Tricare For Life beneficiaries should go to the closest emergency room or call 911. TFL comes into play when the covered services have been exhausted under Medicare or are otherwise not a Medicare benefit. To remain eligible for TFL, you must have Medicare Part B and follow the Medicare rules.

Since there are so many variables to consider within Tricare's options, it is a good idea to visit the informative beneficiary website at www.TRICARE.mil and enter your profile to determine your covered services, and what steps you need to take before an emergency arises.

For urgent care

What about urgent care? The Tricare definition: Urgent care is the care you receive for an illness or injury that would not result in further disability or death if not treated immediately, but does require professional attention within 24 hours. Urgent care has the potential to develop into an emergency if treatment is delayed longer than 24 hours.

Again, with the number of variables to

consider, Tricare recommends visiting the beneficiary website to learn exactly what you need to do before the need for urgent care arises. In general, the following information applies:

Tricare Standard/Extra: As mentioned above, when using Tricare Standard and Extra, you manage your own health care. While you'll never require referrals for any type of care, some services may require prior authorization.

It's also important for you to understand the type of provider you are seeing. You can visit any Tricare-authorized provider, network or non-network, but the type of provider you see determines your out-of-pocket costs.

Tricare Prime: You may schedule an appointment with your primary care manager for urgent care, for conditions such as a sprain, sore throat or rising temperature, by making a "same-day" appointment. If you are a registered user on the Tricare Online Web Portal, you may be able to schedule some appointments at military treatment facilities online. Active duty servicemembers should obtain care in accordance with service guidance.

You should be able to receive an urgent care appointment within 24 hours (one day), even if you are traveling. If you do not coordinate urgent care with your primary care manager, the care will be covered under the point of service option, resulting in higher out-of-pocket costs. The POS option is not available to active duty servicemembers.

If you are away from home, contact your regional contractor for assistance in obtaining urgent care. The phone numbers

include: West Region — TriWest, 1-888-874-9378; North Region — Health Net, 1-877-TRICARE; South Region — Humana, 1-800-444-5445; and Fox Army Health Center enrollees — 1-800-223-9531 or 955-8888.

Tricare for Life: When using TFL, you manage your own health care. To get your urgent care, simply make an appointment with your Medicare provider. To remain eligible for TFL, you must have Medicare Part B and follow the Medicare rules.

Overseas information

There are a number of resources available for beneficiaries living or traveling overseas who encounter an emergency or need urgent care. Check out the Tricare passport for detailed information on how to proceed with your health care needs while overseas.

Tricare has been working to expand emergency and urgent care options for overseas active duty servicemembers and their family members. For example, all active duty servicemembers and active duty family members enrolled in Tricare Prime are now able to access the Tricare Global Remote Overseas Alarm Center for assistance. Previously, only beneficiaries enrolled in TGRO had access to these services.

Regarding overseas emergency care for Prime-enrolled active duty family members, hopefully you will never need much in the way of after-hours care, but take a look now at the steps you need to take within your Tricare options to alleviate the stress if an emergency ever arises.



Courtesy photo

Engineering supervisors

These new supervisors of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center attended a human resources class conducted Oct. 19-23 by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. For more information about the course for new supervisors, call course manager Syleria Jarmon at 842-8675.

Lab to lighten Soldiers' load

By IAN GRAHAM

Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers carry a heavy load, with basic body armor alone weighing about 45 pounds, not to mention firearms, ammunition, radio equipment, food and other tools they may need for a mission.

The Army Research Laboratory's Electrochemistry Branch in the Sensors and Electron Devices Directorate is working to lighten their load by creating fuel cells that are lighter and more efficient and durable than existing batteries.

Cynthia Lundgren, chief of the electrochemistry branch at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., described the benefits of fuel cell technology during an Oct. 21 webcast of "Armed with Science: Research and Applications for the Modern Military" on Pentagon Web radio.

The new fuel cells will help Soldiers by lessening the number of batteries they carry for missions lasting longer than 24 hours, Lundgren explained.

Depending on their role in the battalion, some Soldiers may carry up to 35 pounds of batteries with them for a 72-hour mission, she said. She'd like to see that weight reduced to 12 pounds.

"We'd like to reduce the weight a Soldier carries by a third to a half," she said.

Fuel cells use a chemical reaction between air and a fuel to create energy, which in turn is harnessed as electricity. Hydrogen is the most commonly used chemical fuel, but because it's very reactive, it can be dangerous to carry around. It's also difficult to create and make available for Soldiers' use.

"Hydrogen is a pretty energy-dense fuel, but it's a gas, so it has to be condensed ... and it's not very convenient," Lundgren said. "Logistically, it's not a very friendly fuel. And carrying hydrogen-gas bottles around isn't exactly something Soldiers want to do."

Lundgren is trying to find fuel chemi-

cals that will have an efficient electrochemical reaction with as few safety issues as possible for its carriers.

"If a lithium-ion battery is punctured, lithium is incredibly reactive and will react with moisture in the air," she said. "Anybody who's seen or heard of battery fires from laptops will appreciate that. We're trying to make those batteries last longer, be lighter and be safer."

Lundgren's team has been testing fuel cells using propane and simple alcohols like methanol to act as power sources for mobile, portable equipment. Fuel cells are being built and designed to handle power usage as high as megawatts — the kind of power needed for a large vehicle like a submarine or aircraft carrier — and as low as microwatts.

Their primary focus with higher wattage cells right now is allowing for "silent watch," when a vehicle can be turned off but the electronics can still run at full power. Fuel cells providing this capability generally run from 10 to 40 kilowatts, but the Army requires JP8, a jet fuel, to be used to reduce the logistics burden to supply the fuel.

"Small, portable fuel cells ... run pretty much like a battery (the fuel is prepackaged and can be exchanged like a battery)," she said. "But once you get over a kilowatt, it becomes harder to sustain logistically."

"Part of our reformation research is how to convert JP8 into a fuel that a fuel cell can use," she continued. "This is mostly geared for auxiliary power units The efficiency of (a fuel cell) is much higher than the vehicle using its own fuel in an internal combustion engine, and it allows for silent watch."

Soldiers and researchers are testing new ideas, ideally giving war fighters a lighter load to carry and greater operational capacity in the field, whether it's powering a small navigational tool or allowing them to silently run unmanned vehicles.

Ex-Army pilot flies friendly skies to help others



Photo by Kari Hawkins

READY FOR FLIGHT— Dennis Boyer, an engineer with the Program Executive Office for Aviation, is always ready to fly a sick patient for medical treatment aboard his Cessna 310. The former chief warrant officer 2 is a pilot for Mercy Flight Southeast.

Dennis Boyer puts extra care in his Mercy Flight missions

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Flying the skies is more than a hobby for pilot Dennis Boyer.

It's also an affirmation of life, a chance to help someone who is suffering, an opportunity to touch someone coping with threatening health issues.

Boyer is a Mercy Flight Southeast pilot, volunteering his six-seat, twin engine Cessna 310 to provide free airplane transportation for children and adults who need transportation for medical care in facilities hundreds of miles from Huntsville. He has also provided compassionate flights for Soldiers who need quick transportation to visit a dying relative.

"This is something that I can do to give back," said Boyer, the chief engineer for the Kiowa Warrior Product Office, Program Executive Office for Aviation.

"I've taken a lot of patients to M.D.

Anderson in Houston for cancer treatments. I've made a lot of flights with children out to South Carolina to the Shriners Hospital. And a lot to Memphis to the Memphis Children's Hospital and to St. Jude's Children's Hospital."

Mercy Flight Southeast is affiliated with the nationwide Angel Flight program. Its volunteer pilots provide transportation for transplant programs, medical care, compassionate care, domestic violence relocations and disaster relief.

Boyer, who served as a chief warrant officer 2, flew OV-1 Mohawk airplanes in Germany for the Army from 1968 to 1972. In 2002, he began flying for Mercy Flight Southeast and is one of 45 Mercy Flight pilots in the organization's Alabama Wing. There are 15 pilots in the Decatur/Huntsville/Albertville area.

"I moved to Huntsville in 1997. I taught a young friend of mine (Huntsville resident David Knies) who wanted to learn how to fly. He became a board member for Angel Flight and got me involved. I've flown about 60 Mercy Flights," he said.

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Though his flight plans are usually in the Southeastern U.S., Boyer has flown Mercy Flight missions as far north as northern Minnesota and Maine, as far west as Texas and as far east as Washington, D.C.

"I do two to three flights a month," he said. "But I could do two to three flights a day if I had the time. Most of my flight time is on weekends and in the evenings."

Most of Mercy Flight passengers have medical problems that make it necessary for them to travel for diagnosis or treatment and who lack the financial resources for that transportation. Mercy Flight will also transport, without regard to financial need, people whose condition or location makes it difficult or impossible for them to use other means of transportation. Typical examples include flying cancer patients for chemotherapy, surgery or other treatment at a distant medical facility; transporting people with kidney problems to obtain dialysis or kidney transplants and patients with heart problems for specialized diagnosis, treatment and follow-up; and carrying children to and from "special needs camps" such as camps for burn survivors and children with life-threatening illnesses.

"We'll fly anyone who needs transport for medical or compassionate reasons," he said. "But the children who are suffering from health problems are the ones who really hook you and bring you in."

For that reason, Boyer tries to make a child's Mercy Flight a trip to remember.

"With kids you expect them to be more apprehensive. Flying is something they don't normally do," he said. "I want to give them a smooth ride, no matter what altitude it takes. On a cloudy day, I like to get through the clouds and then clip the tops of the clouds as we're flying. It gets the kids laughing."

He also gives young passengers a special gift, a stuffed animal from the menagerie his wife Elisa has packed in his flight bag. Seth Johnson of Albertville, who Boyer has flown to the Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, S.C. for treatment for cerebral palsy, is a recipient of a plush reindeer from Boyer's stash.

Sometimes young passengers cause Boyer to go on a special mission.

One little girl with leukemia needed a flight home from Memphis on the Fourth of July. It was the first time that the little girl's eyesight was good enough for her to see long distances.

"I flew her up and down the Mississippi River to see the fireworks," Boyer recalled.

"There was another little girl, a 12-year-old, who I flew to St. Louis (Mo.). She had never seen the arches or downtown. I flew her right up the river to the arches. Things like that make it memorable for the kids."

Boyer also pays special attention to the parents of young children who fly on a Mercy Flight.

"I flew an 18-month-old and her parents up to Springfield, Mo. The little girl didn't have a soft spot on the top of her head and needed surgery," he said. "I noticed her parents were looking really ragged, really tired. I asked them if they were hungry and we all ended up going to Lambert's (home of the throwed rolls) and we had a great time that lifted their spirits."

Boyer has also flown medical and other supplies for emergency relief efforts, such as Hurricane Katrina.

"I flew my plane into Mobile loaded down with medical supplies and toothbrushes, wash clothes, Band-Aids, iodine and all kinds of stuff," he said.

At about \$250 per hour for fuel, insurance, and wear and tear, being a Mercy Flight pilot gets quite expensive. But it's a cost Boyer shoulders as often as possible.

"It's a good feeling to be able to help somebody like that," he said. "The payback is awesome, especially with the kids. When you see them laughing and having a good time, it's all worth it. Sometimes I'll get a thank you card. Sometimes people will try to write me a check. But I tell them 'No, make a donation to Mercy Flight instead.'"

Boyer also volunteers his time as an accountant for the U.S. Figure Skating Association. His wife Elisa, a contracting officer in the AMCOM Contracting Center, is a judge for the association. The couple often fly Boyer's plane to figure skating competitions. Boyer is also known for flying the OV-1 Mohawk in air shows for the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation. He is a flight instructor and an aircraft power plant mechanic.

"Mostly, though, I fly children to children's hospitals and cancer patients to M.D. Anderson," he said. "We really need more pilots. And this is very rewarding for me."

Editor's note: Those needing the services of Mercy Flight Southeast can call the Mission Request Hotline at 888-744-9360. For more information on becoming a Mercy Flight pilot or to donate to the organization, call 352-326-0800 or visit its website at <http://www.mercyflightse.org>.



Photo by Melody Sandlin

Homecoming

Logistics Support Activity chief of staff Richard Manley, left, shakes hands with LOGSA's Jay Lasher on Oct. 14 at Huntsville International Airport. Lasher returned home from a nine-month deployment in Southwest Asia.

Obama commemorates Beirut bombing anniversary

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama issued a statement commemorating the 26th anniversary of the Oct. 23, 1983 terrorist bombing of a Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, that killed 241 U.S. servicemembers.

Here is the president's statement:

"We remember today the 241 American Marines, Soldiers and sailors who lost their lives twenty-six years ago as the result of a horrific terrorist attack that destroyed the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. The military personnel serving in Beirut were there to bring peace and stability to Lebanon after years of internal strife and conflict. The murder of our Soldiers, sailors, and Marines on this day on 1983 remains a senseless tragedy.

"We pay tribute on this day to the courage and sacrifice of those whose lives were lost in the Beirut attack, as well as their families and loved ones. We also wish to honor the brave service of all members of the United States military who are protecting Americans and promoting freedom and security around the world, as well as those international peacekeepers who serve in harm's way.

"In remembering this terrible day of loss, we are at the same time hopeful that a new government in Lebanon will soon be formed. We look forward to working with a Lebanese government that works actively to promote stability in the region and prosperity for its people." (*American Forces Press Service*)

Helicopter incidents claim lives in Afghanistan

KABUL – Separate helicopter incidents Oct. 26 claimed the lives of 11 U.S. servicemembers and three U.S. civilians in Afghanistan, military officials reported.

Officials of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force said four U.S. servicemembers died when two ISAF helicopters apparently collided over southern Afghanistan, and seven U.S. servicemembers and three U.S. civilians were killed when their helicopter went down "due to unconfirmed reasons" in western Afghanistan.

In addition to the four servicemembers killed in the

apparent collision incident, two more were injured, officials said, adding that hostile fire is not believed to be a factor.

In the western Afghanistan incident, the helicopter went down as a combined force in western Afghanistan was departing after a firefight that left more than a dozen enemy fighters dead, officials said. In addition to the 10 U.S. personnel who were killed, 14 Afghan servicemembers, 11 U.S. servicemembers and one U.S. civilian were injured.

"These separate tragedies today underscore the risks

our forces and our partners face every day," said Army Col. Wayne Shanks, an ISAF spokesman. "Each and every death is a tremendous loss for the family and friends of each servicemember and civilian. Our grief is compounded when we have such a significant loss on one day. I can never truly express in mere words our condolences for the families for their loss and sacrifice."

Editor's note: American Forces Press Service provided this article from a NATO International Security Assistance Force news release.

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would remove a piece of the body of one of the crewmen when it was found amongst the debris. They had to determine if the pilot or weapons officer were impaired during the test, they would later provide the remains to their families.

Two days earlier, just hours after I had learned of the crash, the wing commander of the 3246th Test Wing had burst in to my office and accused me of being responsible for the death of the two officers. He had looked at the schematics of the modifications I had done; he found where I had instrumented the radar altimeter; he showed me where I had endangered the crew.

My first two years at Eglin AFB were spent on the flight line and in the mod shop in King Hangar, training to do this type of job, modifying aircraft, so that prototype weapons could be operated and evaluated during flight tests.

This was my first aircraft; I was totally in charge of it. I had designed the hardware to adapt the F-4 to carry the new weapon; I had designed the wiring to instrument and operate the weapon; I had written the SOPs telling the ground crew and flight crew how to load, prepare and operate the weapon in flight; I had tested and retested every circuit, every control in the F-4; I had set the buffer cards in the instrumentation recorder, I had provided the data reduction lab with the parameters that were being recorded and how to print the data so the weapon's performance could be evaluated.

I had briefed the group of test pilots and weapons officers on how the modifications in my F-4 worked, what they needed to do during a test. I thought that I had prepared everyone for the test to be a success.

My aircraft had spent six months in King Hangar being taken apart, modified and put back together. I had required that all the aircraft systems undergo functional tests, including the landing gear and one night, the engines at full thrust with afterburners on the hardstand, before I released the F-4 for flight.

When the landing gear is tested, a hydraulic mule is hooked up to the aircraft to provide the enormous pressure required to correctly test the landing gear as it is cycled up and down.

The aircraft is placed on jacks, a crew chief sits in the cockpit to operate the gear, emergency personnel are placed nearby, those standing near must wear protective equipment in case a hydraulic line fails. If it did, the force of the escaping fluid would severely injure you.

An airman from quality was there to time the performance as the gear was cycled. When everything was ready, the gear was raised; it is amazing how fast the gear cycles. In two perhaps three seconds, the gear folds up with loud thumps that cause the aircraft to jump around on the jacks, the doors actually give out a loud bang as they are closed so hard and so fast.

The crew chief cycled the gear a few times to be sure it was performing correctly.

When we were finished, I got a thumbs-up from the airman, the landing gear was OK. By the time I was given the F-4, I had spent many nights preparing aircraft for flight tests. I had stood behind many of them on takeoff at night. I had developed a keen eye for the color of their exhaust; I could tell when something was not right with an engine.

The engine shop no longer questioned my concerns when I reported an aircraft engine did not look right. When the aircraft returned from its mission, they would Red X the aircraft forms, taking it out of flight status.

The engine would be pulled and placed in their shop engine cell, and invariably find something wrong.

So, one night, I had stood near my F-4 and felt the thrust, the heat, the roar of its engines. I carefully watched the color. It looked good!

As I knew, this F-4 was the first aircraft at Eglin AFB that had performed a functional check flight and returned without any writeups. It was operational the first day out of the hangar!

Before my F-4, every aircraft that had been modified at Eglin had come back with problems that took extra time and effort to correct.

Sometimes the problems were so serious that it took all the skill the pilot could muster to bring the aircraft back. I had been told of the ones that did not return, of the men that were not able to eject safely to the ground. Modifying aircraft was dangerous, deadly to those who volunteered to take them up.

I had witnessed an F-111 that crashed on the runway. During its mission that day, an alarm in the cockpit warned the pilot of the fuel transfer system failure. This system moved fuel around the aircraft to maintain trim and to keep the central tanks that fed the engines full.

The pilot made the decision to continue the test. It was not long until he was warned of critical fuel. He declared an emergency and headed back to Eglin.

I was in King Hangar that day. When we heard of the F-111, all of us foolishly ran outside to watch.

As the aircraft approached, we could see it was tail heavy, it wobbled as the pilot flew it close to a stall; it was way out of trim. We could see that the wings were not extended; we knew the aircraft could not land with the wings retracted.

The pilot forced it down on the runway two times; ground effect forced it back up. The third time it disappeared below the rise from curvature of the earth.

No sooner had it gone from view than the cabin shot skyward, propelled by its ejection rocket. As we watched the chute deploy, a fireball erupted, we thought the cabin, the parachute would be engulfed in the flames. We felt the tremendous thump when the cabin hit the ground; the chute had just fully opened. The aircraft was a flaming mass of wreckage, it was destroyed.

The crewmen were obviously injured;

perhaps had killed them; they had hit the ground way too hard. Rescue personnel, fire trucks raced to their aid. The fire was enormous and very close to the cabin; the firemen had to spray the rescue personnel to protect them from the flames. We saw the crewmen removed from the cabin, they were not responsive. They were rushed away to the hospital; the firemen could now combat the flaming wreckage of what was left of the F-111.

They survived; I learned that the pilot had a compressed spine, I was told he would experience pain the rest of his life, he would never fly again. The weapons officer had a concussion and a detached retina. He was unconscious when the rescue personnel removed him from the cabin; it was a few days before he woke up. Months after the crash, I heard that his retina was reattached; his sight would never be the same in that eye; he too would never fly again. Those men were lucky to have survived.

As I remember, the accident review board found that the fuel transfer system had been compromised by the modifications that had been done and that the pilot made a poor decision when he continued the test. But, his attempt to land, without extending the wings, with the aircraft so far out of trim, was the cause of the crash.

The accident was determined to be 'pilot error' and not survivable, even though the crew did. It was determined that the cabin eject rocket and the chute deployment system had both performed in the top 10 percent of their performance envelope. That would truly never happen again.

The weapon being tested on my F-4 required the aircraft to be flown at 250 feet above the ground. The tests had not gone well, unexpected results had occurred, everyone was trying to determine what was wrong; then, the F-4 crashed.

As impossible as it sounded, it seemed that the F-4 had flown into the ground. It was suspected that the F-4 was flying at about 250 feet above ground when it flew over the highest point in Florida, 250 feet above sea level. The radar altimeter should have warned the pilot he was too close to the ground. It was certain he had not been warned by that instrument, one that I had modified, that I was accused of instrumenting incorrectly, causing the crash.

I looked over the schematics time and time again; I could not find anything that I had wired incorrectly.

A few days after the crash, a helicopter took photographs showing the path of the F-4. They left no doubt that it was flying straight and level as it flew through the trees to impact with the rising ground, just a few feet from the top of the rise.

The focus of the investigation was on the radar altimeter, to confirm I was at fault.

My co-workers were avoiding me like the plague. My supervisors had little to say to me, I was truly alone with the horror of what my design had done to the two officers. I now lived thinking I had killed two men. They had wives, children; I was still too young to comprehend what their loss was.

I was young, naive, I did not possess

the knowledge that my skills as an engineer provided a safe design.

I knew that once the proof was found, I would be officially held responsible. I did not know what would happen, I sensed it would be the end of my career, I did not know if criminal charges would be made.

The instrumentation tape was recovered; it contained the voice recording of the crew. As the aircraft struck the trees, the thumps could be heard. The weapons officer in the back seat had said "oh ...," then there was a pop followed by a squeal he had initiated the ejection seat as they went through the trees on the hill. From where his seat was found in the wreckage, it was determined he never made it out of the cockpit. The pilot's seat never sequenced, the aircraft had hit the ground by the time his seat would have fired.

Finally, the control panel for the radar altimeter was found. The switch that operated the radar altimeter had a special feature, it contained an interlock that the pilot had to operate to turn the switch on or off. The switch was intact, it was turned off.

The accident review board heard the voice recording of the crewmen as they conducted the test. They concluded that the crewmen were completely occupied with operating the weapon inside the cockpit and were not watching outside the cockpit. The pilot was not aware that the ground was rising up beneath them and with the radar altimeter turned off, he did not get a warning of the danger they were in. The board ruled the accident 'pilot error.'

Everyone returned to normal, I had been vindicated; it was OK to be around me again.

I was not able to return to normal, I had been accused of causing the death of two men. It was my airplane, it had crashed, the crewmen were dead no matter whose fault it was. They had wives, children and families that would be without their caring and love, their loss was forever.

I knew that the tests would have the F-4 flying close to the ground. I knew how to hot wire the radar altimeter, it would have been simple to do, just a single line on a drawing. I could have made it work all the time. My mind would not accept that just a simple stroke of a pencil could have prevented the crash, saved the life of those two men.

As the weeks went by, I was overwhelmed with grief as I realized what I should have done. The moment I accepted the responsibility of modifying the aircraft was the moment I should have thought through what could happen during the test.

I should have anticipated that the pilot was in danger flying so close to the ground; I should have hot-wired the radar altimeter so it could not be turned off. I should have included in the SOP to set the altimeter to give an alarm at 150 feet so he would be warned when he was too close to the ground.

I realized that test pilots could make mistakes, ones that caused men to die. It was so simple, just leaving one switch turned off resulted in the death of two men.

Excessive water use can flush taxpayer dollars

By VANESSA ENNIS

Resource efficiency manager

Obviously, it's cheaper to save water than to waste it. But did you know that in most cases, every drop of water that goes down the drain has a double cost?

The first cost is higher water bills, and the second cost is in the form of higher sewage bills. And if the water is heated, there is a third cost — the energy used to heat the water.

Substantial financial savings can be realized with a good water management program. Saving water also saves energy. Less water used means energy consumption is reduced for water treatment, heating, cooling and transporting the water.

Water use in the U.S. doubled from about 200 billion gallons per day in 1950 to over 400 billion gallons a day in 1990. Collectively, Federal agencies spend more than \$500 million per year for water and sewage costs.

Toilets can account for almost half of the water consumption in a typical building. In the U.S., we

flush about 4.8 billion gallons of water every year. A leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day and constantly running toilets can waste up to 6,000 gallons a day. Remember — when you use water, you are paying not only for water but sewer and energy as well.

If you hear water trickling through the toilet long after it's been flushed, it's leaking. Some leaks are harder to detect. The easiest way to check toilets for slow leaks is to add several drops of dark food coloring to the toilet tank. If water in the bowl is tinted 15 minutes later, then the toilet has a leak. For tank-type toilets, a malfunctioning flapper valve, the rubber component of the tank, is the most common cause of leaks. Replacing a leaky flapper valve is inexpensive and takes about five minutes.

Repairing a leaky faucet that is dripping a drop per second can save about 36 gallons per day. Replacing a regular faucet with an automatic shutoff that delivers a limited amount of water for each use can save 5,000 gallons of water per year.

Lessons

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I no longer had simple thoughts when I modified an aircraft, I evaluated each mod to determine its use for the test we were doing. I made intentional changes that had nothing to do with the test of a weapon; the changes were to ensure the safety of the crew.

I made sure that the crewmen were properly briefed on how to conduct the test, how to fly the airplane safely, what additional features I had placed in the aircraft to ensure they were safe.

I made it clear that I was working hard to give them a safe airplane to fly and that it was in their best interest to operate the aircraft as I requested.

At the cost of two men, I learned that safety is a way of life, it is not something that is done after modification plans are completed, safety is a major part of the modification plan itself.

In time, I was chosen to be the first Flight Safety Engineer for the 3246th Test Wing, too many aircraft and flight crews were being lost, something had to be done to stop the accidents.

I was responsible for the safety of some 50 aircraft, all of the flight crews, and the ground crews. I was 27 when I was chosen to do this job; I had been an engineer for two and a half years.

I approved the mods designed by the many engineers in the Test Wing, engineers who were much older than me, engineers who resented that I was the one who could question their work. I was making sure the mods were done with safety as part of the design.

At first the engineers challenged the changes I requested, their supervisors told them to make

changes were denied. The supervisors wanted me to be completely responsible for the modifications that were being done to our aircraft.

During the 18 months I held that position, there were no serious injuries, no loss of life, and no loss of aircraft.

At the end of each test, everyone went home to their loved ones, to tell of what they had done with their day.

It has been 28 years since my F-4 crashed. I will always know that I was involved in the death of two men. I will always remember and feel the awful truth of what had happened that day; that two men had died in my plane.

I had the names of the men that were lost that day. I would say them here, but they were lost when my wife divorced.

I have been responsible for the safety of many men and women since my F-4 crashed. They never knew that I was ever so vigilant for their safety. For all the dangerous jobs I have been responsible for, there have been no serious injuries, no loss of life, no loss of aircraft and no loss of hardware.

I made sure everyone went home to their loved ones, to tell what they had done with their day.

I write this for my daughters, my son, who abandoned me when my wife divorced. I cannot tell them these stories, what is in my heart for them, for the country that is our home. I hope they may read this story, that one day they may know of what Americans do, what they sacrifice, to keep our country safe.

David C. Kennedy Sr.
engineer

Year of the NCO: Junior NCOs train, learn

Warrior Leader Course has intense regimen

By EVE MEINHARDT
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Yellow and green smoke covered the back of the field amid the sound of mortar shells going off behind the wood line. Shortly after the smoke began covering an arch bearing the motto “Lead by Example,” Soldiers wearing tan, black and maroon berets marched onto the field Oct. 15, for the graduation of Warrior Leader Course, Class 01-10.

The XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Noncommissioned Officer Academy goes beyond the typical Army graduation ceremony that usually features a slideshow of photos and a couple of speeches.

The students led the ceremony, marching themselves onto the field and conducted a pass and review, demonstrating the noncommissioned officer’s role in preserving military traditions and discipline in drill and ceremony.

The new graduates on the parade field recited the NCO Creed and committed themselves to being professionals who earn the respect and confidence of their Soldiers.

WLC uses the train the trainer concept, teaching battle focused training, leadership and physical fitness training to enlistee Soldiers moving into the ranks of the noncommissioned officer corps. It gives Soldiers the chance to come together to learn how to become effective leaders, both from their instructors and their peers. The course changed from the Primary Leadership Development Course to the more warrior and combat-focused WLC format in 2005.

“The construct changed to better accommodate the Soldiers who are fighting two wars. The class length changed



Photo by Eve Meinhardt

COLOR GUARD— Soldiers representing the diverse missions of Fort Bragg, N.C., serve as the color guard during the Warrior Leader Course, Class 01-10 graduation, Oct. 15.

from 28 days to 15. Even though the course is shorter, I think it is effective. The Soldiers have to work harder, because they still have to learn the same amount of information, but at the end of the day, I think they come away with the tools and skills they need to be effective leaders,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Howard, commandant, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg NCO Academy.

Sgt. 1st Class David Morrison, senior small group leader said the WLC format is better geared toward today’s Soldiers.

“By the time a Soldier attends WLC, most of them have experience going to combat. The warrior focus and combat focus of WLC deals more with the experiences of the Soldiers,” Morrison said. “We

still teach them leadership and garrison operations, but we really help them focus on having the leadership tools they’ll need during a deployment.”

The 15-day course is intense. Students lead fellow students throughout the course as squad leaders, platoon and first sergeants, conducting morning physical training, formations and filling the roles NCOs perform during daily operations. The Soldiers currently do not have to take written tests, but they are graded on their performance as leaders, the land navigation course and the classes they teach.

The students and academy staff seemed to agree that one of the primary benefits of the course is being able to come together with peers from different

military occupational specialties.

“WLC is the first time Soldiers get to interact with peers in a non-MOS specific training atmosphere,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jared Matthews, chief of operations at the NCO Academy.

“It allows them to share their experiences with each other and mold their leadership skills. An 11B (infantry Soldier) and a 92A (logistical specialist) are used to different missions and have different leadership styles. They come together here and share their technical and tactical knowledge. It helps create a well-rounded leader on the battlefield,” he said.

“It is great getting to know other NCOs from different units and different MOSs. We learn from each other based on our experiences and what we do each day. What I’ve learned here is going to help me in my career,” said Sgt. Jonathan Gomez, of 3rd Battalion, 4th Air and Missile Defense, and graduate of WLC Class 01-10.

The mission of the WLC is to train Soldiers to be warrior leaders. According to Morrison, the course teaches doctrine, not standard operating procedures.

“In the end, it is up to the individual to take the information and training we offer them and to do what’s right when they get back to their units,” he said.

Howard said that it is important for Soldiers to take their knowledge and training with them and take the NCO Creed to heart.

“Every Soldier has the ability and opportunity to become an effective leader,” Howard said. “We teach them to be flexible, as war fighting changes, they need to be able to change. As NCOs they need to stay true to the role, customs and traditions of the NCO corps. The duties and responsibilities of NCOs are more important than ever right now.”
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Win or lose

Army boxing team coming to Huntsville

Elite boxer Soldiers set for benefit match

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Larry Bright is a retired Soldier who couldn't leave his Army boxing roots behind.

That's why he started a boxing gym in 2007 to provide free training for youngsters. He's bringing the U.S. Army Boxing Team to Huntsville to fight at the Von Braun Center on Nov. 14 in the "Veterans Classic" – in honor of Veterans Day – as a fund-raiser for his Rocket City Rocks program.

"It's a military-structured program," said Bright, a logistician for the AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. "I train the way I trained in the Army – it teaches discipline."

At the tan one-story gym at 3306 Governors Drive, he and his assistants instruct youngsters from ages 8-17. They average 20 kids and have seen around 300 since the doors opened in the summer of 2007.

"It's more than just boxing," Bright said. "We practice life skills; the objective is to be a good citizen, a good productive citizen."

He gets a mix of youngsters – male and female, various races, skill levels and backgrounds. It fills the void that came when he retired from the Army in 2003 as a first sergeant after 26 years.

"I treat them just like Soldiers," he said of his youngsters.

Bright, 51, originally from Charleston, W.Va., boxed in the Army at 139 and 147 pounds from 1978-83 and was a member of the Army team in 1982. His connections didn't hurt when he asked the Army team to come to Huntsville.

The Army World Class Athlete Program Boxing Team will compete against the Southeast Association of USA Boxing All-Stars at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Von Braun Center South Hall. Tickets are \$10 in



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HARD KNOCKS— Retired 1st Sgt. Larry Bright works out in his boxing facility, Rocket City Gym, at 3306 Governors Drive. He's bringing the Army boxing team to Huntsville for a benefit match Nov. 14 at the Von Braun Center.

advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at Ticketmaster or by calling Bright at 604-9415. All proceeds will go to the Southeast Association, whose members include Rocket City Rocks. There are about 30 members in the Southeast, including two clubs in Huntsville and one in Decatur.

Among the boxers on the card Nov. 14 in the 11 weight classes is Sergio Rice, a Rocket City Rocks fighter at 165 (middleweight).

Bright recalled how he and his assistants built the Rocket City Gym from literally the ground up in 2005. The project took a year and a half.

"The whole building was an old machine shop," Bright said. "We completely gutted it out – my assistants and I. You wouldn't believe how it looked when we started it."

Now they're building young bodies and minds – just like the Army.

Ken Adams, 69, of Las Vegas, coached Bright when Bright was in the Army. Adams served as coach of the Army boxing team from 1980-88. He was assistant coach of the U.S. Olympic boxing team in 1984 and head coach in 1988.

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Alabama A&M finds magic against Bama State

Bulldogs favored against archrival

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Here are this week's college football predictions (256-80 after eight weeks):

Ala. State at Ala. A&M — **A&M**
Georgia at Florida — **Florida**
Mississippi at Auburn — **Ole Miss**
Mississippi St. at Kentucky — **UK**
E. Michigan at Arkansas — **Ark.**
Tulane at LSU — **LSU**
Georgia Tech at Vanderbilt — **Tech**
La.-Monroe at Troy — **Troy**
No. Ala. at Ark.-Monticello — **UNA**
North Carolina at Virginia Tech — **VT**
West Virginia at South Florida — **WVU**
N. Carolina St. at Florida St. — **FSU**
Indiana at Iowa — **Iowa**
Rutgers at Connecticut — **UC**
Purdue at Wisconsin — **UW**
Cincinnati at Syracuse — **Cincy**
New Mexico St. at Ohio St. — **OSU**
Appalachian State at Furman — **ASU**
Nebraska at Baylor — **Nebraska**
Southern Miss at Houston — **Houston**
Samford at The Citadel — **Samford**
Missouri at Colorado — **Colorado**
SMU at Tulsa — **Tulsa**
San Jose St. at Boise St. — **Boise**
UAB at UTEP — **UTEP**
California at Arizona St. — **Cal**
Miami (Fla.) at Wake Forest — **Miami**
Duke at Virginia — **Virginia**
Kansas at Texas Tech — **Tech**
Temple at Navy — **Navy**
Iowa St. at Texas A&M — **ISU**
Michigan at Illinois — **Michigan**
UCLA at Oregon St. — **OSU**
Air Force at Colorado St. — **AFA**
UNLV at TCU — **TCU**
Penn St. at Northwestern — **PSU**
Jacksonville St. at Austin Peay — **Jax**
Utah St. at Fresno St. — **Fresno**
Kansas St. at Oklahoma — **OU**
Washington St. at Notre Dame — **ND**
South Carolina at Tennessee — **SC**
Texas at Oklahoma St. — **Texas**
Wyoming at Utah — **Utah**
Michigan St. at Minnesota — **MSU**
Southern Cal. at Oregon — **USC**



Civilian Welfare Fund playing scary defense

CWF flag football team shuts down opponents

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Attack through the air and keep the other team from scoring.

Those are the strengths of the Civilian Welfare Fund flag football team. And the defending postseason tourna-

ment champion is playing even better defense than last year.

"We're giving up three points a game on average," CWF player/coach Brad Harris said. "And the defense has caused a lot of turnovers, interceptions."

The civilians soared over the Marines 30-6 on Oct. 20 at the field off Patton Road and improved to 4-0.

They had four touchdown passes, the longest a 50-yard bomb from John Gayden to Harris. Gayden connected on

another score to Harris and also found Derrick Cook. William Kelly relieved at quarterback and tossed the fourth TD to Stacey Steele. The civilians also made three 2-point conversions against the Marines, who fell to 2-2.

"All we do is aerial attack," said Harris, who plays wide receiver and defensive back.

In other games Oct. 20, Bravo beat Headquarters & Alpha 32-6 and unbeaten Charlie defeated NCO Academy 19-6.

On Thursday night, 326th Chemical Company outscored HHC 59th 38-26, Charlie beat Headquarters & Alpha 34-6 and the Marines defeated Bravo 19-6. The regular season continues through Nov. 5; and the postseason tournament is tentatively scheduled Nov. 9-17.

Here are the standings after last week's games: Charlie (5-0), Civilian Welfare Fund (4-0), Marines (3-2), NCO Academy (2-2), 326th Chemical Company (2-2), Bravo (2-3), HHC 59th (0-4) and Headquarters & Alpha (0-5).

Logistics

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These partnerships will enhance the employment opportunities for educational professionals both locally and abroad, military and commercial logisticians who are either retired or unemployed as well as veterans whom have real-world experience from various theatres of war. Objectively, we will have better visibility of a more effective, better-trained and available source of new logistics professionals as well as create a reverse logistics model of current retiring civilians and Soldiers who would like to counsel the new logisticians.

In today's global competitive environment, the Department of Defense is being required to have value-added supply chains that produce reliability, availability, maintainability and testability for military support systems. Our military expects nimbleness, flexibility, adaptability and quick responsiveness to meet their expectations and enhance their readiness in theatre and abroad. Logistics Support personnel are critical to maintaining readiness and the overall success to DoD's operations; therefore it should be our goal to provide visibility of intelligent and highly qualified personnel that graduate with doctorate, graduate and undergraduate programs in the disciplines of logistics and/or acquisition from universities, colleges and technical schools all over the Southeastern region

of the United States and abroad.

It should be DoD's mission to track and train a target market using a cyber recruiter and cyber trainer. This software should have a capability to track students throughout their higher education career and train them using e-versions of professional certifications and the basics of Army engineering that can be derived from partnerships with local professional societies, engineering contractors and basic DoD curriculum programs built from a partnership with Defense Acquisition University.

DoD should provide e-training courses to students on all major military aircraft, ground and missile systems that it supports. These training courses will provide students with engineering basics, history and lifecycle management of all of these systems.

DoD's goal should be to target universities in the Southeastern region of the United States that create the largest output of students majoring in logistics and/or acquisition and various other degree programs that would be included in their disciplines. DoD should integrate with the selected universities' culture by locating offices on their campuses that will include: Information Technology and Training facilities; Briefing, Conference/Auditorium facilities; and Logistics/Acquisition counseling facilities.

I have created a model of a value chain of future LS personnel that focuses on relationship marketing. Universities should build a personal relationship with DoD and its current work force. They

will focus on DoD's current directorate portfolio and direct LS personnel to DoD's needs on the basis of their training and personal value adding capabilities.

DoD should offer students entering technical, undergraduate as well as graduate level institutions visibility of the importance of acquisition and logistics and the important role these degree programs hold with creating an effective and efficient work environment, as well as the capability these degree programs will provide with self-marketability for employment opportunities.

DoD should provide retiring government civilians and military personnel with visibility of acquisition and logistics career opportunities within partnered institutions that wish to employ retired or unemployed DoD personnel with invaluable experience that will improve overall effectiveness of their logistics and/or acquisition degree programs.

A DoD facility will provide various logistics and acquisition oriented DoD commands and centers with visibility of students that enter these degree programs and by doing this we will save DoD time and money from having to find the students and programs and the most qualified students within the educational programs.

DoD will have created a new value-added supply chain capability that will optimize quality, speed, cost reduction and on-time delivery of logistics personnel that will provide all commands use of logistics support for the war fighter. This plan will provide a long-term advantage with sustained superior performance.

DoD will reduce overall cost of personnel recruitment as well as eliminate unneeded wastes.

DoD will have created an integrated effort to identify, maintain and build a network of members of a university based target market and continuously strengthen the network of students with logistics counselors to improve the mutual benefit of all commands and their perspective personnel through interactive, individualized contacts for the entirety of a student's higher educational career.

The proposed facilities will provide DoD with immediate access to advanced student research that could possibly result in innovative and unconventional ideas, solutions and improvements to ILS as well as over all logistical processes.

On-site government employees may facilitate opportunities such as annual events on university campuses where students can receive hands-on experience with military aircraft, ground vehicles and equipment that they may support one day.

The proposed facility may host semester forums at universities where leaders of DoD can speak to college students and impart their wisdom and strong passion for Soldiers and their support system.

DoD's mission is to focus on saving itself time and money by: Increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of its ILS systems; decrease the hiring lead-time of personnel; deliver visibility of better-trained and educated personnel; and enhance overall mission success in supporting our troops around the globe.

Jason T. Hopkins

■ Veterans Classic features Army world-class boxers

Boxing

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"Larry was a good fighter," Adams recalled.

He should know. The Army won every armed forces championship from 1980-88. "There's 12 weight classes in boxing and we never came up with less than seven (individual) champions," said Adams, retired since 1988. The Army also won five straight

national championships, from 1983-87, in USA Boxing. The Army in 1987, in the competition in Tulsa, Okla., had seven national champions and two runners-up.

"The Army itself is one of the strongest boxing programs ever in the history of amateur boxing," Adams said.

Basheer Abdullah is the coach of the World Class Athlete Program and the All-Army boxing team. WCAP, coming to Huntsville, is the Army's elite boxing team. The All-Army team is the developmental program.

WCAP, based at Fort Carson, Colo., "provides Soldiers the opportunity to make the Olympic team," Abdullah said. "That's our mission - to make the Olympic team."

Abdullah, a St. Louis native, has coached the Army boxing team since 1997. He was the technical adviser to the Olympic team in 2000, head coach in 2004 and technical adviser in 2008.

He plans to bring all 12 of his WCAP boxers to Huntsville.

"We're excited," Abdullah said. "Anytime we have the opportunity to support our fellow Soldiers it's a great opportunity."

The Army boxers and their weight classes include 1st Lt. Michael Benedosso (108), Sgt. John Franklin (119), Spc. Connor Johnson (132), Spc. Dustin Lara (141), Spc. Adrian Orrostieta (141), Sgt. Reyes Marquez (152), Pfc. Sidney Williams (152), Spc. Zaach Hardrick (165), Sgt. Quentin McCoy (165), Pfc. Taylor Atkinson (165), Spc. Jeffery Spencer (178) and Spc. Donnie Palmer (201-plus).

Franklin is the 2007 military world games champion and the reigning armed forces champion. He took the silver medal at the 2009 national Golden Gloves championship.

Special Ops Soldiers earn coveted title of ‘Jumpmaster’

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Army Special Operations Command Europe

Ten minutes before arriving to the drop zone, every parachutist on the ‘bird’ knows what’s coming next when the jumpmaster stands and hooks up to the anchor line cable, signaling the beginning of actions on the aircraft.

“Get ready!” he yells. “Outboard personnel, stand up! Inboard personnel, stand up! Hook up! Check static lines! Check equipment! Sound off for equipment check! One minute! Thirty seconds! Stand by! GO!”

Another safe and successful airborne operation completed by one of the most respected titles in the Army — jumpmaster.

To earn the coveted title of jumpmaster, airborne-qualified Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and U.S. Special Operations Command Europe, took part in the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Static Line Jumpmaster Course held at Panzer Kaserne, Sept. 28 to Oct. 16.

Fifty-one jumpmaster candidates began the course, but by graduation day, only 37 completed the course, conducted by the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Jumpmaster Mobile Training Team from Fort Carson, Colo.

The candidates were trained in skills necessary to jumpmaster a combat-equipped airborne operation as well as the proper attaching, jumping and releasing



Photo by Master Sgt. Donald Sparks

AIRBORNE INSPECTION— An instructor from the U.S. Army Jumpmaster Mobile Training Team observes as a student performs his jumpmaster personnel inspections sequence. The 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) MTT came from Fort Carson, Colo., to conduct the two-week course at Stuttgart, Germany, for airborne-qualified Soldiers.

of combat and individual equipment, according to Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Clark, the senior instructor of the training team.

“This a job that we take seriously

because every jumpmaster is responsible for every parachutist and the number one rule is never sacrifice safety for any reason,” Clark said. “We emphasize attention to detail because a lack of

attention to detail can result in lost lives. From the time the jumpmaster receives the order until the time everyone is on the ground, the jumpmaster is responsible.”

As part of the training, the instructors consistently engage the candidates to look at what is right and not focus on what is wrong.

“They (candidates) all come here concentrating on looking for the gigs instead of just doing their sequence properly,” Clark added. “However, if they know what right looks like, then something wrong will pop up right smack in front of them. We’re taking guys who have been jumpers for most of their careers and changing their mindset on what happens on airborne operations.”

As a seasoned parachutist with 31 jumps to his credit prior to attending the course, Staff Sgt. Randy Van Zandt, assigned to SOCEUR, said the course gave him an entirely different perspective of airborne operations.

“Being a regular jumper, you think you know everything that’s going on in the aircraft, but you really don’t,” Van Zandt said. “Once you go to Jumpmaster school and start pulling the duties of the jumpmaster, you gain a sense of confidence that you didn’t have before. I now have confidence to jump, confidence in my equipment, confidence as a jumpmaster and confidence in the aircraft.” (*Army News Service*)

Sports & Recreation

Trike-a-thon

The Child Development Center is participating in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Trike-a-Thon" program, a weeklong program which kicks off Nov. 2. The fun curriculum teaches children riding-toy safety lessons through a series of interactive stories while raising money for St. Jude. On Nov. 6, they will practice the rules they learned with a Trike-a-Thon event. For more information, call the Child Development Center 876-7952 or visit www.mytrikeathon.org.

Indoor flying

Madison United Methodist Church invites pilots and spectators of all ages to its Christian Life Center Aerodrome for indoor small radio-controlled and free-flight airplane and helicopter flying from 1:30-4 p.m. Nov. 15. "If you want to fly, but you don't already have an indoor R/C plane or helicopter, you can learn to fly on the FSOne flight simulator and then fly one of our fleet of loaner Vapor airplanes and MCX helicopters with no cost or obligation," a prepared release said. For more information, call Jim Marconnet 772-3946.

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.

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.

Officer/civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its November general member-

ship meeting Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The theme of the meeting is "Deck the Halls with Crafts." Floral designer and event planner Debbie Chaney is the guest presenter. There will also be a performance by a select cast from "The Nutcracker" ballet, directed by Phillip Otto. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted. Cost of the meeting is \$12 per person for lunch, and RSVPs are due by noon Nov. 6. For membership and reservation information, visit OCWC website www.redstoneocwc.org. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is a non-profit, private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

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 Alphonse 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.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet Nov. 14 at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave., starting at 9:15 with the Windows/Internet Special Interest Group. Ron Schmitz, past president and current leader of the Hardware SIG will present "A look at current day software infections, tools and methods to remove Virus, Trojan Horse and Worm Intruders." At 10:45, John Coyle, former area vice president and former director for the National Association of Investors Corporation, will demonstrate software for managing your investment portfolio. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 830-2232.

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.

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.

Communications/electronics

Huntsville Chapter 198, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will hold a luncheon meeting Nov. 3 at the Holiday Inn, Madison Square Mall. Richard Brown of Jacobs Technology will present "An Introduction to ITIL and the itSF USA Huntsville Forum." Check in begins at 11 a.m. with lunch at 11:30. For reservations call Nancy Herthum 425-2158 or Michael Schexnayder 883-7000, ext. 144.

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.

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...RUINS MY TASTE**

**Keep storm drains clean
for those downstream!**

**Keep Redstone Arsenal water streams free of pollutants.
For more information, call the Garrison Environmental Office
storm water program manager at 955-8501.**

Rocket Announcements



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

If you have several years invested in your military career, you do not want conflicts between Reserve duty and civilian life to

keep you from earning 20 qualifying years. The 184th Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment affords you the opportunity to drill for retirement points on Tuesday evenings. You still earn pay and retirement points for IMA or IRR annual training and other tours, as well as your 15 automatic retirement points for being in the active Reserve. The unit meets at 5:30 p.m. most Tuesdays on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. King jwk108@yahoo.com or visit the web site <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

Officer candidates

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

Pilots wanted

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for



Courtesy photo

Top choral student

Anna Hawkins, daughter of the Redstone Rocket's Kari Hawkins and COLSA contractor Boyd Hawkins, is the Huntsville City Schools' Outstanding Choral Student-Female for 2009-10. She received the honor at the All-City Choral Festival on Oct. 20. She will now compete as Huntsville's female representative in the All-State Outstanding Choral Student competition. Hawkins, a senior at New Century Technology/Columbia High, is also a National Merit Semifinalist.

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

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

New civilian employees

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees is Nov. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. NEO participants will receive training to orient them to federal employment and the installation, which will include: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director remarks, Staffing/Classification Procedures, Employee Benefits, Human Resources Development, Management and Employee Relations and Labor, American Federation of Government Employees, Equal Employment Opportunity, Legal, Communication Security, Defense Acquisition University, Employee Assistance Program, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, and Safety. For more information, call LaToya Davis Ragan 313-0286 or Jessie McCray 876-4803. To obtain a space in this course, you must register in TIP by Nov. 24 at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

Aviation ball

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America

will have its third annual St. Michael's Aviation Ball on Friday 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. Thursday 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.

AMRDEC day

The annual AMRDEC Organization Day is Thursday 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.

Thrift shop

"Let's talk turkey ... not the bird, just good deals at the Redstone Thrift Shop," says a prepared release. "We feature every day 50-75 percent off items and new things come in every day. Look for our two 'toms' out front at building 3209 on Hercules Road." The Thrift Shop is open 9-4 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9-5 on Thursdays and the first Saturday of 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,

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?															
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																							
SCBK09845012E	General Engr	22-Oct-09	PEO Aviation	NH-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332												X				
SCBK09798172E	Logistics Mgmt Spec	22-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128												X				
SCBK09812821E	Operations Research Analyst	22-Oct-09	G3/Cmd Anal Dir	GS-1515	12	12	68,564 - 89,128												X				
SCBK09701843	Program Management Specialist	22-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X											X				
SCBK09818265	Acquisition Specialist	22-Oct-09	PEO/STRI	NH-1101	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X										X	X				
SCBK09775487D	Aerospace Engineer	22-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993												X				
SCBK09775487	Aerospace Engineer	22-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993	X	X										X				
SCBK09650103E	Realty Specialist	23-Oct-09	G4/Cmd Internal Logistics	GS-1170	12	13	68,564 - 105,993												X				
SCBK09829195E	General Engr	23-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	3	3	68,564 - 105,993												X				
SCBK09772297	Assistant Product Manager	23-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X	X									X				
SCBK09743207	Program Support Specialist	23-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0301	9	9	47,280 - 61,464	X											X				
SCBK09721588R	Human Resources Specialist	23-Oct-09	Redstone CPAC	YA-0201	2	2	47,280 - 89,128			X													
SCBK09780391D	Special Assistant to the Commanding General	23-Oct-09	SMDC	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254												X				
SCBK09780391	Special Assistant to the Commanding General	23-Oct-09	SMDC	GS-0301	14	14	96,346 - 125,254						X	X					X				
SCBK09826477	Medical Officer(Family Practice)	26-Oct-09	MED CMD	GS-0602	14	14	106,810-138,858							X					X				
SCBK09823824	Program Analyst	26-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0343	9	11	47,280 - 74,360	X											X				
SCBK09781071	Program Analyst	26-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-0343	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09831176	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Oct-09	LOGSA	GS-0346	12	12	68,568 - 89,128	X											X				
SCBK09823936	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X										X				
SCBK09823940	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											X				
SCBK09814174	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09826428	Logistics Mgmt Spec	27-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09819623	Human Capital Specialist	27-Oct-09	G1/Plans and Policy Div	YA-0301	3	3	90,473 - 153,200	X											X				
SCBK09819623D	Human Capital Specialist	27-Oct-09	G1/Plans and Policy Div	YA-0301	3	3	90,473 - 153,200												X				
SCBK09644970R	Supv Human Resources Specialist (Military)	28-Oct-09	US Army Accessions Cmd	YC-0201	2	2	68,564 - 93,584							X					X				
SCBK09814955	Program Analyst	28-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0343	11	12	57,204 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09826261	Program Analyst	28-Oct-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0343	2	2	57,204 - 74,360		X		X	X							X				
SCBK09827054	Engineering Technician	28-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0802	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X															
SCBK09827054D	Engineering Technician	28-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0802	11	11	57,204 - 74,360												X				
SCBK09804859	Program Analyst	28-Oct-09	USAASC,PEO Tactical Missiles	GS-0343	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09826503	General Supply Specialist	29-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-2001	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09755657	Lead Logistics Management Specialist	29-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09722068	Equipment Specialist (General)	29-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701			X								X	X				
SCBK09722064	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	29-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128			X								X	X				
SCBK09812298	Supervisory Program Analyst	29-Oct-09	SMDC	YC-0343	2	2	67,129 - 131,518				X	X							X				
SCBK09812298D	Supervisory Program Analyst	29-Oct-09	SMDC	YC-0343	2	2	67,129 - 131,518												X				
SCBK09789589	Supervisory Physicist	29-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	YD-1310	3	3	90,473 - 154,699							X				X	X				
SCBK09807715	Secretary (OA)	30-Oct-09	RDECOM	DK-0318	4	4	47,280 - 67,685	X															
SCBK09814684	Management &Program Analyst	30-Oct-09	GARRISON	GS-0343	11	12	57,204 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09788019	Logistics Mgmt Spec	30-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09771451	Deputy Product Manager	30-Oct-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	YA-0301	3	3	96,346 - 125,254		X				X					X	X				
SCBK09829395	Supv Contract Specialist	30-Oct-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YC-1102	3	3	94,331 - 154,699					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09772563	Configuration Management Specialist	30-Oct-09	RDECOM	DE-0301	4	4	81,532 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09743119	General Engr	30-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09828145	Human Resource Specialist	2-Nov-09	CPOC/ISD	GS-0201	7	11	38,653 - 74,360			X													
SCBK09812717R	Operations Research Analyst	4-Nov-09	G3/Cmd Anal Dir	GS-1515	14	14	96,346 - 125,254			X													
SCBK09781495	Contract Spec	4-Nov-09	ACQ SUPT CTR	GS-1102	12	13	68,564 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09750124D	General Engr	5-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0800	2	2	44,104 - 98,876												X				
SCBK09837194	Logistics Mgmt Spec	5-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											X				
SCBK09750124	General Engr	5-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0800	2	2	44,104 - 98,876							X				X	X				
SCBK09788167	Project Manager	6-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	2	2	46,291 - 105,993		X					X				X	X				
SCBK09684920	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993	X											X				
SCBK09701071	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993	X															
SCBK09722068	Equipment Specialist (General)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701			X								X	X				
SCBK09722064	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128			X								X	X				
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SCBK09783534OC	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09783545OC	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	14	14	96,346 - 125,254		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09833574OCE	Contract Spec	30-Dec-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128											X	X				
SCBK08151777OC1	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	Hourly	X										X	X				
SCBK09457856OC	IT Specialist (PclcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09419080OC	Police Officer	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X					X				X	X				
SCBK09408461OC	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X				X	X				
SCBK09408461	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X				X	X				
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X					X				X	X				
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567				X							X	X				
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X									X	X				
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567							X				X	X				
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249	X	X					X				X	X				
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X									X	X				
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X					X				X	X				
SCBK08151777OC1	Elec Integ sys Mech	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 -26.87	X										X	X				
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PclcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X															
SCBK09783548OC	Supv, Contract Spec	18-Feb-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				

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

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

Rocket Announcements

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 sign up

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>.

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 682-2799.

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.

Citizenship canvas

If you know a servicemember, retiree, family member or civilian who is interest-



ed in having a citizenship interview at Redstone Arsenal rather than traveling to Atlanta, call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, at 876-5397. Army Community Service is trying to coordinate a visit from the Atlanta office.

Army field band

The Army Field Band Jazz Ambassador will visit Huntsville on Oct. 30. It will present a jazz education-in-the-schools workshop at Ed White Middle School from 1-1:40 p.m. and 1:45-2:15 p.m. and perform that night at 7:30 at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. "Both of these events are free to the entire community of the Tennessee Valley-Metro Huntsville," a prepared release said. "These activities are also designed as a fund-raiser for the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, Jazz Education-in-the-Schools initiative." Ticket outlets include Von Braun Center Ticket Office, James Records & Tapes, WJAB 90.9 FM, The Huntsville Times, Jazz Office at 604 Jordan Lane, and Redstone Arsenal MWR Ticket Office at building 3400. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:20; and doors will open to the public 10 minutes prior to curtain.

Halloween party

A Halloween Party, sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, is Friday night from 7-10 at the Redstone Fitness Center, building 3705. Admission is \$5. Refreshments will be provided. There will also be a costume contest and a dancing contest. "Please join us for some ghoulish games, freaky fun and frightening food," a prepared release said.

Berlin Wall film

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. In commemoration, a film about the Fall of the Berlin Wall will be shown to the general public Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 12200 Bailey Cove Road, southeast.

Spiritual Fitness luncheon

Retired chaplain Col. Alvin "Sonny" Moore III will be the speaker at the Team Redstone Spiritual Fitness Prayer Luncheon on Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event will be hosted by Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli. Attendees are asked to make a \$10 donation at the door. Reservations can be made by e-mailing julia.story@us.army.mil by Nov. 6.