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Bursting with pride on Veterans Day

Community turns out
for downtown parade

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The red, white and blue will be flying high on Veterans Day when the Huntsville community comes out in full force for its annual Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11.

From the Scouting troops with their floats to the Cahaba Shriners with their tiny hot rod cars to the big brass sounds of local school bands, this year's Veterans Day Parade is sure to be fun for both participants and spectators. And in the center of all that fun will be the Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines honored by the festivities.

"People love the Soldier marching," said retired Sgt. 1st Class David Carney, operations officer for the parade. "We have the most patriotic community in the nation. I hear from people all across the nation that they've never seen a military and civilian community that works so well together. This is a great patriotic community. And, every year, the Veterans Day Parade is the most exciting parade we've ever had."

For sure, every year the parade gets bigger and better. This year, more than 100 entries are expected. There will be seven bands, led off by the impressive Alabama A&M Band; 11 JROTC and ROTC units; and entries by the ever popular Cahaba Shriners, Madison County Heritage Commission, Scouting troops, Vets for Vettes Corvette Club, Patriot Guard Riders, Semper Fi Riders, and dance and twirling groups. There will be several float entries from corporate and community organizations, military hardware and a horse-drawn stagecoach.

The 1,000 Soldiers with Redstone Arsenal's 59th Ordnance Brigade/832nd Ordnance Battalion along with the Arsenal's color guard will be a main part of the festivities.

"This is a day when everyone is bursting with pride because we get to recognize our veterans," Carney said. "This is a day for them to be proud of their nation, and proud of the servicemembers who have worked to make this the greatest nation on earth. This is a time when parents can show their children and their families what it means to serve their country."

The parade begins at 11 a.m. in downtown Huntsville on Clinton Avenue, extends through downtown on Monroe Street,



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PATRIOTIC MARCH— The Redstone Arsenal Color Guard marches in the 2008 Veterans Day Parade. The color guard will once again lead off the parade Nov. 11 through downtown Huntsville. The military personnel who participate in the parade are most popular among spectators.

Williams Street and Lincoln Street, then again on Monroe Street and ends on Holmes Avenue. The theme is "Courage, Sacrifice and Duty – Heroes Among Us."

"Last year, we used the Courage, Sacrifice and Duty theme to give recognition to the Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial," Carney said. "But it turned out to be such a strong and powerful theme that we wanted to continue to use it with the addition 'Heroes Among Us' to recognize all the contributions military veterans make to our community."

This year, there is more than one grand marshal. There are six – one World War II veteran representing each of the services.

All veterans are encouraged to wear their medals and ribbons, and even their uniforms at the parade.

"If we as veterans don't show we're proud we served, then why should anyone else? I feel we as veterans – and all adults – have an obligation to teach patriotism to young people, and Veterans Day is a great opportunity to do that," Carney said.

The parade will begin with a cannon blast fired by the Marine Corps Kilo Battery. The first entry will be the parade's lead sponsor – the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the

Association of the U.S. Army. The beginning of the parade will also include the families of Redstone Arsenal's color guard; the Reserve's 375th Engineer Group, now deployed to Iraq; the Alabama A&M Band; the Hall of Heroes Trolley; Wounded Warriors hosted by Vets for Vettes; and veterans from Tut Fann escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders.

The parade reviewing stand will be located at the beginning of the parade, where Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles will review the passing troops. Another reviewing stand will be set up at Veterans Memorial Park, where Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell will do the honors. The Huntsville Concert Band and the 19th Alabama Color Guard will be involved in pre-parade activities at veterans park. Following the parade, Boy Scout Troop 400 will perform a flag retirement ceremony at the park.

AUSA and many other local groups – both military affiliated and community affiliated – work together to plan and organize the parade.

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An open lane random survey

How concerned are you about swine flu?

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Josephine Hunter
 AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center

"All I know is that I don't think it's as wide-spread as they claim it to be. I think they should take it on a case-by-case basis, and only issue swine flu vaccine to those who are having the symptoms. It should not be a national emergency at this point."

Maj. Bradley Bruce
 Program Executive Office for Aviation
"Almost zero. I have no children. I've had the flu shot. I mean really, none."



Carla Tomanovich
 MWR Sports and Fitness
"Not very. I know I should be but I'm not. And I'm scared of needles (laugh)."

Jerry Geron
 Retired Air Force lieutenant colonel
"I'm not very concerned at all. I went through it back in the 1970s and didn't have any problems. I'm 66. And CDC has determined I'm in a low risk group anyway since I had a swine flu shot back in the '70s. I'm more concerned for the younger age groups, particularly my grandchildren."



Quote of the week

'Health is not valued till sickness comes."
 — Dr. Thomas Fuller
 British physician (1654-1734)

Letter to the Editor

Please shed light on utility policy

There needs to be clarification on the utility program. During the Town Hall meeting on Redstone, I was under the impression that utility program rewarded the conservative. If you did not have a balance of \$50 or more on your utility bill then you owed nothing. However, I am now being told that when/if you reach \$50 or more that the charges are then accrued from the time you did not have a balance on the bill. So in essence all of the months the bill stated "no money due" you in fact should make a payment. I was under the impression that this program taught energy conservation and the "reward" was no bill if you stayed within a certain range. It seems that you receive a bill regardless, conservative or not.

Please explain the "benefits" of this program again since the end result is a family paying a utility bill regardless of the target set.

Kayoko Coppage
 Soldier's wife

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for your letter and the opportunity to provide clarification on the Army's utility policy, which is based on the OSD national policy to conserve energy. The Garrison in conjunction with Redstone Communities hosted a total of seven town halls beginning in August 2008 and one each month February through August 2009. Anytime your invoice exceeds the baseline and the 5 percent buffer, your account accumulates either a credit or debit. Once the balance is greater than positive \$50, a payable due statement will be mailed. Once the balance is greater than negative \$50, a statement with the rebate check will be mailed. Balances within the Trigger (threshold) of positive \$50 and negative \$50 will be accrued – a no action statement will be mailed. The briefing slides from the Aug. 27, 2009 town hall are available on the Redstone Communities webpage for your convenience and review (redstonecommunities.com/files/event_calendar23.pdf).

"The \$50 threshold is designed so that our families are provided an opportunity to monitor their utility usage and make the appropriate changes that encourage conservation without having to pay for what might otherwise be a small overage one month that is easily offset by renewed effort on conservation the next month. The program is designed to encourage conservation and has in fact begun to produce positive signs that our families are conserving. Roughly 7-10 percent of our families are seeing rebates averaging \$70 through the first three months of live billing.

"If you or any of our families have additional questions or concerns, we would invite you to visit the Redstone Communities Welcome Center at 302 Hughes Drive between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 430-1517 or e-mail: redstonemessages@prmc.com. The Garrison Housing Service Office is also available to answer any of your questions and assist you between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 876-1445 or e-mail kenneth.carter@us.army.mil.

"Additional information on the Army's utility program is available at www.acq.osd.mil/housing/faqs.htm."

Commentary

On receiving her 'Welcome to Redstone'

New reporter shares first impressions of Arsenal

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If someone had told me five years ago that today I'd be working on an Army post, my response would've been simple, "No way, no how. As if these arms could drop and give you 20."

My knowledge of the military, after all, is minimal, reserved solely for stories my dad used to tell of his days in the Air Force, the curse words I would yell to the ROTC members from my dorm room in college as they happily sang their cadences at 6 o'clock on Monday mornings, and the memory of the sorrow-inducing Taps and jolting gun salute at my father's funeral this past spring. I have never experienced war up close and personal... unless, of course, you count my daily fight against this strange creature that Southerners have informed me are spider crickets. But even that seems to be a battle that cannot be won.

Yet somehow, here I am, your new reporter for the *Redstone Rocket*.

When I announced my great move to Huntsville this summer to friends and family in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the reaction was pretty simple, "No snow. Cool." But for those a bit more educated about the area, the reaction was often, "That's where Redstone Arsenal is, right?"

By about the fifteenth mention of this mysterious place where they apparently make weapons out of



Amy Guckeen

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Mobile, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

The variety and the people I work with.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to cook and be outdoors. And play on my iPhone – I've been spending way too much time on that lately.

What are your goals?

To progress steadily at my job, and to feel settled in North Alabama.

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

Travel around the world. Just to experience different cultures, and to actually get to see some really unique places that are not like Alabama.



Patton Road gate returns to normal operation

Gate 10 upgrades finished this week

Construction upgrades at Gate 10 (Patton Road) have been completed and the gate resumed normal operation this week.

Its hours are 4:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday.

Hours for Gate 8 (Goss Road) are 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

After midnight, Gate 9 (Rideout Road) is the only access control point.

"Thank you for your continued support and patience as Garrison updates our installation Access Control Points," a Garrison release said. "As a reminder, employees can help expedite access by having their ID and vehicle documentation ready as they approach the ACPs."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BACK IN BUSINESS— Gate 10 (Patton Road) is open 4:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday.

Japan/U.S. on target in missile defense flight test

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the U.S. Missile Defense Agency announced Oct. 28 the successful completion of an Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense intercept flight test, in cooperation with the U.S. Navy, off the coast of Kauai in Hawaii.

Japan Flight Test Mission 3 marked the third time that a JMSDF ship has successfully engaged a ballistic missile target, including two successful intercepts, with the sea-based midcourse engagement capability provided by Aegis BMD.

The JFTM-3 test event verified the newest engagement capability of the Japan Aegis BMD configuration of the recently upgraded Japanese destroyer, JS MYOKO.

A separating, medium-range ballistic missile target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii. JS MYOKO crew members detected and tracked the target. The Aegis weapon

system then developed a fire control solution and a Standard Missile-3 Block IA interceptor was launched. Approximately three minutes later, the missile successfully intercepted the target approximately 100 miles above the Pacific Ocean.

JFTM-3 is a significant milestone in the growing cooperation between Japan and the U.S. in the area of missile defense.

Also participating in the test were the Pearl Harbor-based USS Lake Erie and USS Paul Hamilton which detected and tracked the target and conducted a simulated engagement.

Before returning to Japan, JS MYOKO will be loaded with additional SM-3 Block IA missiles. The ship will arrive in Japan ready to provide additional ballistic missile defense capability against the increasing ballistic missile threat present in that region. (*Missile Defense Agency release*)

■ Organizations join in show of support for veterans

Parade

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"I'm just so impressed with all these organizations who come together to make this happen," Carney said. "The City of Huntsville and the City of Madison both lend their support. The Warrant Officers Association serve as the parade marshals and get the parade entrants lined up. The Air, Space and Missile Defense Association is in charge of getting the bands signed up. The

National Defense Industrial Association is in charge of judging floats. And AUSA gets the JROTC and ROTC units involved.

"There are more than 50 organizations involved in the planning of this parade. I get amazed at every one of our organizational meetings with how many different organizations come together for this same goal."

Although the parade is certainly the public's way to show their support for the military and the nation, Veterans Day activities in

Huntsville also include a Veterans Day Dinner on Nov. 10, and a Veterans Day Breakfast the morning of Nov. 11.

Four inductees into the Hall of Heroes along with 14 inductees into the Military Order of the Purple Heart will be recognized at the dinner as will three Bronze Star recipients. Four Gold Star Banner families and two Blue Star Service Banner families will be recognized at the breakfast. In the audience at both events will be 29 Wounded Warriors and their spouses hosted by the Semper Fi Community Task Force.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Oct. 22-28:

Oct. 22: An Army civilian's government vehicle was damaged by a paint spill at a construction site.

Oct. 22: The tires of an Army civilian's vehicle were damaged when he accidentally ran over the stop sticks at Gate 3.

Oct. 22: A family member husband was arrested for shoplifting a watch from the Post Exchange. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Oct. 27: A contractor was involved in a minor traffic accident. An NCIC check revealed that his license was suspended. He was issued a violation notice and released. The vehicle was removed by a licensed driver.

Oct. 27: A Soldier illegally provided another Soldier with her prescription medication. Both Soldiers were processed and released to their unit.

Oct. 28: A Soldier and his spouse were involved in a domestic dispute that resulted in them physically assaulting each other. Both were processed and the Soldier's chain of command was notified.

Traffic accidents reported: seven without injury, one with injury.

Violation notices issued: 2 speeding, 1 inattentive driving, 1 failure to obey stop sign, 1 failure to maintain control, 1 shoplifting, 1 suspended license.

Forum draws total Army family representatives

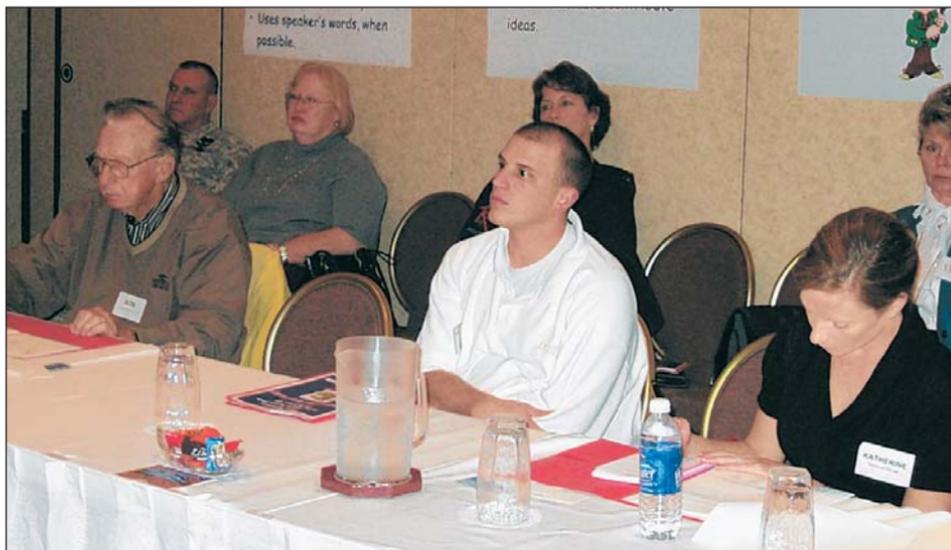


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WORK SESSION— Participants in the conference's Medical/Dental work group Oct. 27 include, from left, in the front row: Bob Brown, Justin Bollay and Katherine Tighe; and in the back row, Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates, Alice Myles, Lisa Knapp and Kaye Preston.

Quality of life issues raised at annual grassroots event

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Members of the total Army family at Redstone had their voices heard last week.

They expressed their quality of life concerns during the 21st annual Army Family Action Plan conference Oct. 27-28 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Thirty-four delegates were evenly distributed in three work groups: Consumer Services, Medical/Dental, and Benefits/Entitlements.

"This is to have all of the Army family voices heard – whether that be DA (Department of Army) civilians, Soldiers, spouses, retirees," Nicki Swindle, quality of life program manager at Army Community Service, said. "And everyone has an equal voice."

Swindle is in her first year as quality of life program manager but has previously been involved with AFAP. Last year she served as a recorder/transcriber for the medical/dental work group.

Cathy Hays was the quality of life program manager until she became a program analyst for Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation about seven weeks ago.

She was a conference staff member last week.

Army Community Service served as the conference proponent. The three commercial sponsors included the Association of the U.S. Army, Transition Services, and Redstone Federal Credit Union.

"I was here when it (AFAP) first started in '88," said retiree Bob Brown, a delegate in the medical/dental work group. "And I think it has done wonders for the military. My son is in the Navy and we talk about this and he said 'we don't have anything like this in the Navy.'"

"I think the Army places the family just as equal as the Soldier in the field – just as important. And I think that's remarkable and I think a lot of it came out of this Army Family Action Plan," he said. "So I think it's a well worthwhile program that's really appreciated by all. And I think Redstone has one of the best programs I've ever seen and I've seen a lot of them."

Each of the three work groups reported its top three issues, from among the 35 total, Oct. 28. Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli participated in the report-out session.

"All the local issues that (weren't in the top nine) will be worked through either Community First or through ICE with Steve McFadden," Swindle said.

2009 Spirit of Hope Award presented at the Pentagon

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During his lifetime, comedian Bob Hope was known for his patriotism and service to the nation and its armed forces. The Office of the Secretary of Defense gives an annual award to a person or organization that exemplifies his legacy.

Still Serving Veterans is this year's Armywide recipient of the Spirit of Hope Award. The Huntsville-based service organization was founded in 2005.

"It's an honor for Still Serving Veterans and our Huntsville community," Will Webb, SSV president and founding chairman, said. "We would like to thank our supporters, our donors and our hard-working staff and board members. And our hero servicemembers who volunteered to do noble things in dangerous places on our behalf. Too many of them have their bodies broken as they stand between us and evil people who want to destroy our nation and our way of life.

"And we feel that we owe them the best that we can give them. And we have a moral obligation to help as many hero/wounded warriors as possible."

Still Serving Veterans helps wounded warriors reintegrate into new careers and new communities. It does that by serving as a hub or control center to link wounded warriors and their families with existing Veterans Affairs work force development, vocational rehabilitation, job placement, and counseling support service.

Since 2007, SSV has helped more than 1,200 wounded warriors and veterans and gained for its veteran clients over \$12 million in increased salaries and VA benefits.

Webb, a retired colonel, accepted the Spirit of Hope Award on SSV's behalf in a ceremony Oct. 27 in the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon. Michael Donley, secretary of the Air Force, presided. Linda Hope, Bob Hope's daughter, was among the attendees.

As the Army recipient, SSV was presented the award by Louis Hansen, deputy assistant secretary of the Army.

Receiving the award with Webb were Dr. Werner Baker, executive director of Still Serving Veterans, and retired Lt. Col. Grant Rosensteel, SSV senior Soldier advocate.

Notable guests included Rep. Parker Griffith and his wife, Virginia, who is a SSV board member; Becky Pillsbury, SSV founding board vice chairman; Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command; SSV board members Joe Collazo and Jeff Wishik; Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli; and Ronnie Chronister, deputy commander of the Aviation and Missile Command.

The Spirit of Hope Award is presented each year to one recipient per military branch that displays patriotism and service which reflects Bob Hope. This includes epitomizing Hope's values of courage, honor, duty, commitment, integrity and selfless dedication that significantly enhances the quality of life of servicemembers and their families. It also includes those that selflessly contribute an extraordinary amount of time, talent or resources to benefit members of the U.S. armed forces.

Still Serving Veterans is located at 2939 Johnson Road in southwest Huntsville. The phone number is 883-7054.

There was laughter and food aplenty Thursday on the third floor, B-wing of building 5250.

Members of the logistics directorate of Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office held their "Harvest/Halloween Celebration."

Many dressed in Halloween costumes. Floyd Lindsey is the director of logistics.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SAY CHEESE— From left are Tonya Smith (macaroni and cheese), Sherry Segers (witch), Ken Shedd (Ozzy Osborne), Renee Edmondson (hippie) and Bill Bunn ("This is my costume").

Photo by Skip Vaughn

CAT'S MEOW— From left are Randy Felderman (civil service supervisor), Saretha Hollingsworth (cat), Elline Binner (trashy), Jeff Robison (new employee), Louise Carter (nun) and Mahona Carleton (Snow White).



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:

Comedy night

Comedy Night, featuring three comedians, is Friday 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.

Hunter safety

Outdoor Recreation sponsors Hunter Safety Orientation classes. You must attend one of these classes to be eligible to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. The next class is Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at Heiser Hall. For more information, call 876-4868.

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/dining/survey.htm.

Golf course contest

The Links at Redstone invites you to "Name the 18s" and win a one-year membership to the golf course. The contest goes through Dec. 2. The Links will be opening its final nine holes and will be a 36-hole facility. The original three nine-hole courses — Hillside, Whispering Pines and Meadowview — will be losing their names and the 36-hole complex will have two 18-hole courses each with a separate name. The facility as a whole will still be called the Links at Redstone. "We are looking for customers to name the two 18-hole courses," a prepared release said. The 18 holes north of Goss Road and the 18 holes south of Goss Road will be the two courses. To enter the contest, visit the Golf Course Pro Shop.

Tales with Taka

Youngsters can read to Taka, a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog, on the first Saturday of the month (including Nov. 7 and Dec. 5) from 10 a.m. to noon at the Post Library. "Children will have the opportunity to read one of Taka's books or select one of the books from the library," a prepared release said. "This program is especially for those children over the age of 5." For more information call the Library, at building 3323 on Redeye Road, 876-4741.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Fun in the bag

Anna Pastorelli, back left, wife of Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli, celebrates Halloween with a special presentation of Trick-or-Treat bags to the children at the Child Development Center. With Pastorelli is CDC director Deborah Nickles. The children include, from left, Hailey Holt, Kenyan Hollier, Jordan Franisco and Jasmine Brantley.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

Ticket buy

Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, purchases the first ticket from Tonya Daniels, left, and Karen Stanish to the Officer and Civilian Women Club's "Evening on the Bayou" fund-raiser Feb. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Officers and Civilians Club. There will be food, silent auction, live music and dancing, beer and wine tasting, and various other activities. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. For tickets or more information, call 489-3009 or visit www.redstoneocwc.org.

General says war must be addressed in global terms

Vice chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff gives insight on future of U.S. military

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During a question-and-answer session, Joint Chiefs of Staff vice chairman Gen. James Cartwright was asked a question that cut to the heart of America's concerns related to overseas contingency operations – What have you, general, advised President Barack Obama concerning the future war effort in Afghanistan?

The question, asked by Marine reservist Staff Sgt. Jeff Moran, a student at the University of Alabama-Huntsville where Cartwright made a presentation as part of a new distinguished speaker series, gave the Marine Corps general an opportunity to provide a glimpse into the relationship the nation's Joint Chiefs of Staff have with the president.

Although he declined to give specifics of his private conversations with President Obama, Cartwright did tell his audience of local community, business and military leaders as well as UAH students at the Oct. 27 gathering at the Shelby Center that any recommendations must be considered in a global context.

"We all know things change and war is an engagement in a constantly evolving fight," he answered. "Our number one priority is to stop nations out there with weapons of mass destruction that can fundamentally change our way of life. The second priority is to eliminate extremist groups out there who want to fundamentally change our way of life. Those have to be gotten rid of. They cannot be given sanctuary."

In both Afghanistan and Iraq, there is a need to establish a government that can govern, that has sovereignty, and that can defend its borders and take care of conflicts, he said. Once those governments have been established, the U.S. must decide "how much of our treasure do we want to invest so that these countries can defend themselves? This is the great question of this country," Cartwright said.

That quest could take tens of years in



Photo by Kari Hawkins

LEADER RECEPTION— Joint Chiefs of Staff vice chairman Gen. James Cartwright, center, pauses with two of Huntsville's leaders – UAH president Dr. David Williams and Redstone Arsenal commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles — during a reception following Cartwright's presentation Oct. 27. Cartwright, a Marine Corps general, spoke at the University of Alabama-Huntsville's Shelby Center for Science and Technology as part of the university's new distinguished speakers series.

Afghanistan, where literacy is at 1 percent and the economy can be measured in millions, not hundreds of millions. It is a country that the U.S. is morally obligated, to some extent, to assist, and yet it is a country that does not have the capacity to ever experience the economic, educational, social and political success of the U.S. Afghanistan, as well as Iraq, is a country that the U.S. "can never buy up to be like us," Cartwright said.

Yet, the U.S. must address the problems of Afghanistan as they relate to the U.S. and the rest of the world, he said.

"What do we want to accomplish and what do we want to do to ensure weapons of mass destruction can't be produced and come back and get us, and extremists won't raise up and come back and get us? This deserves the time and effort to think our way through it, in a deliberate way, and in a way that is representative of this nation and not a particular individual interest," the general said.

"First thing is to make sure you've eliminated WMD (weapons of mass destruction). Second, make sure you've eliminated

an extremist threat that could come in here and do another 9/11. Once you've done that, then how much do you want to do to make sure that does not re-occur?"

In the end, the questions will be answered, yet maybe not as quickly as some would like.

"There's no reason to rush to judgment of this given the human treasure we put up against this activity," Cartwright said. "Each level of command structure looks at this from a different set of boots. Though the debate can be divisive, in the end we are better for the debate."

The general then took the question further to address his appreciation for Americans who serve in the military.

"Because of the time we've been in conflict, we're raising a very different generation" of Americans who have their own definition of what is important and what it means to serve, he said.

"The Americans who make that decision to serve are going to run this country," Cartwright said. "They have invested in a way that many have not. They're going to run this place and they are going to have a say in how this country is going to be run.

"They will knock your socks off. We can argue about the direction this country is going, but we can never argue about their contribution."

During his prepared speech, Cartwright focused his comments on the national and global transition from an industrial society to an information society, and the impact that transition will have on the nation's future weapons, and on global relationships. He said the cycle time of competitive advantage in war has shrunk, making it both challenging and costly for the U.S. to maintain its superiority on the battlefield. When designing and building the next aircraft, ship or spacecraft, questions about its relevance to the war fight must be addressed for its lifespan of 15 to 30 years.

"What is it we're going to build that will take competitive advantage ... and what does it mean for the people who use it?" he asked.

The costs savings of technology can be measured by comparing the F-22 aircraft to an unmanned aerial vehicle. How long can they stay airborne without refueling? Three hours for the F-22 versus 24

hours for the UAV. How much does fuel cost per hour to fly? \$6,000 an hour versus \$20 an hour.

"That's fundamental leverage ... When you take the person out of the vehicle, it's incredible," Cartwright said. "And the machines can do so much more without the human in the loop. They give us such a competitive edge. It will be culture, more than anything, that will slow us down and keep us from a competitive edge."

Cost and the length of manufacturing time will factor into the nation's future competitive advantage on the battlefield. Although quality is important, Cartwright said "we are working ourselves into irrelevance" if we can't build quantity.

The expense and time factor of the next generation aircraft or ground vehicle could very well make them prohibitive.

"Can we somehow afford more than five or six and can we build them before 2020?" Cartwright asked. "They will be irrelevant before they leave the design table. They will offer no competitive advantage. We have to figure out how to change that. We spend much of our time building a platform to defend against a threat. But we need to make that platform useful against real (and multiple) threats."

Although Cartwright predicted that unmanned machines will have a higher profile in the future fight, he also said that the human element is essential because there is "still an art to war" where humans can use computers to understand intent and predict capability.

"We have to address what we build as we go forward in the future ... In terms of ballistic missile defense, how do we put together a missile defense construct for the world that will last two decades? How do we network together all the pieces that give capability and adaptability that is far more agile than any adversary? We need a system that is agile, that no matter where we go we will be ahead of the adversary," the general said.

Computers can go far in networking together the various space, air and terrestrial capabilities. Processing power and data will provide the U.S. with the leverage it needs to make a difference on the battlefield and in the quest for world peace, he said.

Food for thought

Thanksgiving meal moves back to holiday

Dining Hall follows tradition in feast for Soldiers and retirees

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November at the Dining Hall means it's time to talk turkey – all 600 pounds of it. The facility is gearing up for its annual Thanksgiving meal.

"We want our Soldiers to know how much we appreciate what they do for our country," Anthony Jones, installation food advisor, said. "We especially want those who are away from their family to know they have a family here."

This year's event will be returning to Thanksgiving Day. Last year it was held the day before.

"Traditionally throughout the Army, these events are held on Thanksgiving Day," Jones said. "Last year we tried something different and it was successful. But this year we're sticking with tradition."

The numbers are enough to make the mind boggle, and the mouth water. The Dining Hall staff will be preparing close to 300 pounds of steamship round, 600 pounds of turkey, 72 pounds of shrimp, almost 300 pounds of yams and roughly 36 quarts of eggnog. It takes a lot of food to serve the number of people they're expecting that day.

"We're expecting around 1,200 to 1,300 people," Dennis Hardin, facility assistant manager, said. "That's based on our numbers from the last couple of years."

The meal will be rounded out with ham, chicken cordon bleu, cornbread dressing, vegetables, a salad bar, and fresh baked pastries, cakes and pie. For some, the desserts are the star of the day.

"I love to see all those cakes with their decorations," said Sheila Ingram of the Troop Issue Subsistence Activity. "You can see the work that went into them."

Jones said his favorite is the steamship round, and the way Soldiers react to it.

"Soldiers come in and you can see their eyes light up when they see that big steamship sitting on the cutting board with a cook carving it up," he explained. "There's just something about it and the way it looks that's just mouth-watering."

Staff will begin preparing the day before and will cook through the night to make sure everything is fresh, hot and delicious.

"We start baking cakes and pastries a couple days before," Hardin explained. "All the prep work will be finished on Wednesday. The cooks who come in that night will start the turkeys and steamship. Then when the AM crew comes in they can start putting things together and finish the rest."

Traditionally, the senior officers on the installation serve the meal to Soldiers. Jones said they enjoy it as much as the diners do.

"That's their opportunity to give back to the Soldiers," Jones said. "Gen. Myles has said he and the rest of the officers always look forward to it."

Even with the large number of people coming through that day, the meal still manages to have an intimate feel. Soldiers are able to relax, share a few laughs and just enjoy the company.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DINING TRADITION— Redstone Arsenal and AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, his wife Alice and deputy commander Ronnie Chronister help serve the 2008 Thanksgiving meal at the dining facility. From 1,200 to 1,300 Soldiers, retirees and their families will be served at the traditional feast this year.

"Normally when Soldiers come in here, they have an allotted time," Ingram said. "They have to go catch the shuttle. They have another class to go to. On this day, they can take their time. They don't have anywhere to rush off to. They can just enjoy themselves."

The facility will still offer breakfast to Soldiers that morning from 7 to 8 a.m.

"That's our holiday schedule," Hardin said.

The day will be broken up into three Thanksgiving services. The feast will begin at 11 a.m. for single Soldiers from all units. Soldiers with family members will be welcomed at 12:30 p.m. Retirees, their spouse and one guest will be served at 1:30 p.m. The event wraps up at 2:30 p.m. so that staff can clean up and begin preparing for the regular dinner service for Soldiers from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meal prices are \$7 for active duty, retirees and spouses. Dependents of E-4 and below pay \$5.95. Children under 6 years old eat free, as do those service members with meal card status or not receiving separate ration.

"The whole purpose of the day is giving thanks," Ingram added. "That's what we want to do, give our Soldiers thanks for what they do for us and our country."



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Intern graduates

Graduation was held Nov. 3 for interns of the AMCOM Contracting Center. From left, in the front row, are Susan Bryan, Ricardo Santos-Concepcion, Stephanie Byrd, Meredith Taylor, Oksana Joye, intern coordinator Linda Fletcher and Christy Reed. In the back row are Anthony Jones, Thaddeus Martin, Mary Wilson, Timothy Sibley, Christie Holland, Rometa Hogan, Reyna Morgan, Latasha Porter, Chrishana Granger, Mark Carlson and David Murphree.

■ Redstone newcomer already feels at home

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red stones, I figured it was time to learn just what this Arsenal place was all about.

As my fiancé drove me past Gate 9 my first few days in Huntsville, I was shocked at the sheer size of it, mystified by the important business that occurred behind the gates, and in utter awe at the genius minds that call it home. As a journalist that practically bleeds newspaper ink, my curiosity about Redstone in the days that followed was insatiable. I had to know what happened behind those elusive gates.

While I can't say I wasn't warned, what I failed to completely realize before accepting the job, was that admission to Redstone requires some sort of passport and knowledge of a complex foreign language – militaryese — or at least all nighters that I thought were retired to my college years, spent studying one acronym from another. The post's rich history combined with the military's could comprise an entire four years of undergraduate work, if not more. A quick check of the Barnes & Noble inventory proved there was no such thing as "Redstone Arsenal for Dummies." Guess I'd have to go about things the old-fashioned way.

My task for my first visit to the Arsenal was simple. Get my badge. Get my decal. Go home. My goals, however, were an entirely different story: 1. Do not get lost. 2. Do not make Army people mad. 3. Do not cry if either occurs. Stepping into the Visitors Center at Gate 9 was like stepping into the portal of another world. What if I didn't hear them call my number? What if I didn't have the right identification? What if they didn't believe my Minnesota driver's license was real? Would that be enough to get me kicked off post for good? Was I supposed to smile in my photo?!

Fortunately my terror has been forever captured in my ID photo. I'm sure that gives the guards a good laugh every morning.

As I was handed a map and directed to Vehicle Registration and Badging, my jaw dropped at the actual layout of the post. It was huge. So many places, so many streets, so many buildings. While admittedly, when dealing with maps, the biggest challenge for me is usually getting it folded back up, the second is definitely the fact that I am a bit directionally challenged. How was I to find my way around? And more importantly, how was I to make sure I didn't accidentally point my Honda in a top secret direction?

Luckily, I managed to get my decal and guide my car back to 565 without incident. (The realization that of course the Army would have road and directional signs was a blessing.) But come Monday morning, my first official day on the job, the butterflies had returned.

"Welcome to Redstone Arsenal, ma'am. Have a blessed day," said the guard as I drove on post.

It's a greeting that, by now, I have heard about a dozen times. But it's a phrase I have yet to tire of. While my first few days at the Arsenal had me overwhelmed, as I have explored and said countless hellos, I have discovered that there is a unique energy and kindness to life at Redstone that can set even the most skittish of visitors at ease. Perhaps it's the common thread that we are all working for something bigger than ourselves, the gorgeous Alabama landscape that surrounds us, the excitement of the work that is done, or the fact that most people seem to enjoy what they do. Whatever it is, it's hard not to feel at home.

So if you've got story ideas or notice I've accidentally pointed my Honda in the wrong direction, don't hesitate to say hello. Just please don't ask me to drop and give you 20.

Forty-two years and counting down to retirement

St. Louis native 'loved every minute' since arriving at Redstone in 1997

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To the casual observer, the retirement clock atop Juanita Curtis' desk at Scout Directorate is merely ticking away the days left until Curtis closes the chapter of her life of service to the government. But for Curtis, the clock is more than just a countdown. It is a symbol of her life at Redstone Arsenal.

"I've had people that I call friend," Curtis said, reflecting on her 42 years of federal service. "Everybody's been like part of my family. I've established a lot of good friendships, old friendships, and a lot of the youngsters call me friend, too. It's almost like leaving family."

The clock, a gift passed down from a particularly beloved co-worker that retired before her, is just one of the countless signs of affection from those that have had the pleasure of working with Curtis over the years. While younger colleagues call her "Mama 'Nita" or "Miss Juanita," older colleagues hold a vast amount of respect and love for the person and worker she has come to be in her years of federal service.

"Working with her over the past 12 years has been a joy and a blessing," said Delores Collier, contract specialist for the Apache business office. "She is very loved — a friend and a confidante."

It was the simple need for employment, and the advice of a high school guidance counselor, that got Curtis a job as a clerk stenographer with the mobility equipment command in St. Louis right out of high school. Curtis had no idea the opportunity her guidance counselor described as the "best move in the long term," would encompass her entire career. Nine presidents, the dawn of computers and countless generals later, Curtis, now a logistics management specialist, enjoyed the diversity working for the government has provided.

"You always felt like you had a new job, even though you were basically at the same place. I had the best of both



Photo by Amy Guckeen

CLOSING CHAPTER — Juanita Curtis of Scout Directorate will retire Jan. 2 with 42 years of service.

worlds," said Curtis, who moved from St. Louis to Redstone in 1997, due to BRAC. "Having gone through all the

reorganizations and that, it gave me a lot of depth and experience, too. There's always a new job that has to be learned. That gave me a good grasp of all the little pieces of the puzzle."

Curtis' hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed by co-workers.

"She's a dedicated employee and the ultimate professional at all times," Collier said. "They're losing a great employee to a well-deserved retirement."

"She's a teammate, a great inspiration," said Madonna Buckner, logistic management specialist for Scout Directorate. "Forty-two years is a lot. She brings a lot of knowledge to the work force. She's kind, she's a mediator, she's understanding, and in time of need she makes you see the other side of a problem you may be having. That comes with years of experience."

All that experience did not come without struggle, but for Curtis, the challenges over the years have only added to the joy of the job.

"Even though things didn't come easy for me, and it took a long time to get from

point A to point B, I loved every minute of it," Curtis said. "Patience is definitely a virtue. But even though you go through the struggles and all of that, it still happened for me. You just have to have pride in what you do. Try to give it your best at all times."

And so the clock ticks away the days until Jan. 2, her official retirement date — but don't let the number fool you. Curtis is quick to remind folks that number includes all the days between now and then — the actual number of working days is much lower.

"I plan on doing absolutely nothing until I want to do something," Curtis said of her upcoming retirement. "Then whatever that is, that's up in the air, too. I'm just going to roll the dice and wake up every day and say, 'What am I going to do today?' The more I think about it I get all giddy."

Likely to creep in on Curtis' agenda is church, her son and daughter, going to the movies, bowling, an Alaskan cruise and spending time with family in St. Louis.

Smokers urged to quit habit at least for a day

Great American Smokeout scheduled for Nov. 19

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

Nov. 19 is also a day of reflection for those who have quit and stayed quit and have reaped the healthy rewards.

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

The idea for the Great American Smokeout grew out of a 1974 event. Lynn R. Smith, editor of the of a newspaper in Minnesota, spearheaded the state's first D-Day, or Don't Smoke Day. The idea may have been inspired by Arthur P. Mullaney of Randolph, Mass., who three years earlier had asked people to give up cigarettes for a day and donate the

money saved on cigarettes to a high school scholarship fund. The idea caught on, and on Nov. 18, 1976, the California Division of the American Cancer Society successfully prompted nearly 1 million smokers to quit for the day. That California event marked the first Smokeout, and the Society took it nationwide in 1977.

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

Research shows that your chances of success more than double if you talk to a trained smoking cessation facilitator/coach, involve yourself in a group smoking cessation program and utilize a nicotine replacement product and/or medication.

Preventive Medicine/Health Promotion and the Wellness Center at Fox Army Health Center conduct ongoing classes. The classes, and medications if needed, are free to all military beneficiaries and their families and all DoD civilians. To register call 955-8888, ext. 1026 or 1440. For information on course content, call health promotion educator Rick Stock at 955-8888, ext. 1443. (Fox Army Health Center release)

Post profile

New fire deputy on the job

Jones brings years of experience to job with Redstone firefighters

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Cyrus Jones is wearing a new hat these days. Well actually, it's a helmet. The longtime firefighter became Redstone's deputy fire chief Oct. 11.

"I was the assistant fire chief before becoming the deputy," Jones said.

Jones served five years active duty in the Air Force as a firefighter before returning home to Huntsville to join the civilian brigade. He joined Redstone's fire and emergency services in 1994. However, he has remained a member of the Air Force Reserves team.

"I plan to retire from the Air Force Reserves in 2010 with 21 years of service," he said. "I'm a firefighter there also."

Jones always wanted to be a fire-

fighter, even as a child. He came to Redstone to be close to family. In fact, his sister works in a nearby building and his wife is a member of the Program Executive Officer for Missiles and Space team. He has stayed because he likes the installation.

"I like working with the Redstone community, including NASA," Jones said. "We provide them with the best services available."

Over the years, the nature of the job has changed. In fact, it is still changing.

"It has really expanded. In addition to the day-to-day firefighting job, we're training for weapons of mass destruction, hazardous materials, technical rescue and emergency medical response," Jones said. "When I started years ago, we used to just put fires out."

Regardless of the new training and duties, Jones said that people can still expect the department to perform traditional duties as well. He'll even get a cat out of a tree now and then.

"We've had someone from the

housing area walk over to the fire station and say their cat was stuck in a tree," he laughed. "So we went over with the ladder and got Fluffy down."

Currently, Jones is working out of an office in building 4424 while the firehouse next door is being remodeled. He said it is slated for completion in March.

Jones is proud of the work he does at Redstone. He's also proud of what he does at home. He and wife, Roslyn, have four daughters that range in age from 23 down to 11. He also spends his free time doing community service.

"I enjoy working with my fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, serving on the different community service projects we have going on," Jones said.

Jones likes to travel. He and Roslyn have cruised the islands of the Pacific and the Caribbean. He hopes to visit China one day, and show his wife where he was stationed in Guam.

"I lived there for two years," he said. "I would like to show her how beautiful the island is."



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

DEPUTY CHIEF— Cyrus Jones has a new hat. He took over as Redstone's deputy fire chief Oct. 11.

Black Hawk helicopter lands for upgrade



Courtesy photo

WORK IN PROGRESS— With main rotor blades removed, the UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter is positioned inside the Prototype Integration Facility's high bay to begin the modification process during which it will become the Commander's Hawk.

Prototype Integration Facility prepares Commander's Hawk

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Since 1979, the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter has served the Army and its Soldiers as a workhorse transporting troops and cargo in peace and war. Today, the newest version is getting some additional upgrades for a different mission.

Asked to make modifications to an already state-of-the-art helicopter is a challenge and one that Danny Featherston and his team at the Prototype Integration Facility eagerly took on.

"Upgrading this Black Hawk is an opportunity for the PIF," said Featherston, facility program manager.

The newest project for the facility and the Black Hawk is COMHAWK.

"Basically it is a turn-key project where we have been tasked to design, test, manufacture and install COMHAWK systems on 10 UH-60M aircraft," explained Ledwin Mercury, logistics lead for the project. "COMHAWK is short for Commander's Hawk, as in Black Hawk."

The M version is the Army's newest Black Hawk. These helicopters are state-of-the-art, and engineers and technicians at the facility are making them even better.

The UH-60 program management office chose to give the facility the MDW/COMHAWK programs because they could carry out the projects within the constraints of time and money they had set aside for them.

"The program is part of the overall COMHAWK/MDW (Military District of Washington) effort," Mercury said. "We have staff from the MDW units providing input throughout the design and construction of the aircraft."

Part of the MDW package includes a final paint job; the facility has managed to get the aircraft straight from the manufacturer with only a primer coating. Once fin-

ished, the modified COMHAWK will be standard Army green.

"The system itself will consist of several minor modifications kits that will provide increased communication between bases and possibly in combat situations," Mercury said. "It improves the comfort of the VIP, his staff, and any guests or additional personnel."

For increased safety, the pilot will have Traffic Collision Avoidance Systems, improved communications through the additional radios in the cabin, and improved visibility through the Forward Looking Infrared. These are only a few of the minor modifications being installed that will help keep the pilot, crew and passengers safe.

Featherston described how the facility strives to produce high quality products as fast as possible and how the project leads utilize the talents of government workers, contractors and their "one-stop-shop" operation.

"The PIF is a rapid response entity, and we put together the right team for each project," he said.

Featherston went on to describe how they quickly build teams to deliver products on time and on target, striving to exceed their customers' requirements.

"Each of our teams contains people specifically selected because of their talents, skills and experience," he said. "This choice is made regardless of whether they are a contractor or government employee. Ultimately, you want people who enjoy what they do and that is an easy choice to make here at the PIF because everyone likes working here — serving the war fighter."

They applied their talents to the COMHAWK project with the work on one helicopter almost completed.

"Currently the PIF has produced one prototype with the installed COMHAWK, which is presently in systems testing," Mercury said. "And we have already begun work on a second."

Inspiring day ends with patriotic homecoming

Honor Flight's 1,000th passenger visits WW II memorial in D.C.

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Hundreds of flag-waving patriots put on quite a celebration Oct. 24 when 122 World War II veterans arrived at Huntsville International Airport after a daylong trip to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial.

There were JROTC re-enactors dressed in WW II uniforms and dancing in the halls as families and supporters congregated in the airport's new waiting area. The Huntsville Concert Band and vocalist Margie Cumbie performed patriotic and WW II era music for the crowd and Girl Scout Troop 287 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Volunteers from the Association of the U.S. Army gave out flags and the Patriot Guard Riders stood at attention as the event's color guard. Uncle Sam — in the form of local military cheerleader retired Sgt. 1st Class David Carney — made periodic announcements of when the chartered plane would land. Entire families waited eagerly to embrace their returning veterans.

When the first WW II veteran finally came

through the entry way, a cheer from the crowd went up. As they went down the walkway, the veterans were welcomed, thanked and hugged by hundreds of well-wishers.

It was enough to bring retired Air Force Col. (Dr.) Tom McCrickard, a veteran of WW II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, to tears.

“It was quite a surprise to see that outpouring of people meeting us at the airport,” he said. “It was a great end to an outstanding event.”

Joe Fitzgerald, president of Tennessee Valley Honor Flight, which flies WW II veterans to Washington, D.C. at no charge to see their memorial, was happy with the day and the great way it ended.

“Every time, the crowd gets bigger and bigger,” he said of the Huntsville welcome home. “It will change your life to be part of welcoming these old warriors back home.”

The Honor Flight, the ninth trip since the inception of the local program in 2007, held special significance for its organizers and supporters.

“We hit the 1,000 mark with this flight,” Fitzgerald said. “It was close because we needed 120 WW II veterans and we had 122 who made the flight. I was so worried more would



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TEARFUL RETURN— Retired Air Force Col. (Dr.) Tom McCrickard is brought to tears by the outpouring of support and love that greeted WW II veterans upon their return to Huntsville International Airport after an “awe-inspiring” day visiting their memorial in Washington, D.C.

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drop out on Friday night and we wouldn't reach 120. Their health, the travel time to get here and all the other complications can make it difficult for them all to show up on Saturday morning. I was sure we weren't going to make 1,000. But, on Saturday morning, the 122 that we expected were there."

The oldest on the flight was 96 years old. Many veterans were frail, and had to use wheelchairs and rely heavily on their guardians for assistance. One blind veteran happened to be assigned to a guardian who had a gift for describing all the veteran couldn't see.

The weather made the trip difficult, with rain causing some changes in the day's activities.

"It wasn't raining when we visited the World War II memorial," Fitzgerald said. "So we were able to have a good visit there and we had our ceremony honoring the 25 burial flags that were flown on an F-16 from the Alabama National Guard and were presented at the Honor Flags Presentation."

The veterans did remain on the six tour buses during stops at other memorials because of the rain. But they donned ponchos and used umbrellas so they could attend the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"It's great to see. It's wonderful to see for many reasons and on many levels," Fitzgerald said. "But to see it in inclement weather really makes it special because you can see the rain dripping off the noses and the ears of the guards and off their rifles, and you understand the dedication and commitment they bring to their service."

The veterans were also treated to a window tour of Washington before boarding their chartered flight for the trip home.

"Every one of these veterans always says this has to be one of the best days of their entire lives," Fitzgerald said. "They thank us all day long. They feel recognized. They feel somebody knows that they did something very important once a long time ago."

For veteran Crickard, that "something very important" included flying 50-plus missions as a B-17 pilot in Europe and 50-plus missions as a B-29 pilot in the Pacific during WW II, flying the KC-135 tanker in Korea and flying the B-52 in Vietnam during a 28-year Air Force career.

"This trip was awe inspiring," he said. "Our memorial was a little late in coming. A lot of my comrades didn't get to live long enough to see it."

Editor's note: A premiere showing of the documentary "Still Standing," featuring the Tennessee Valley Honor Flight, will be aired Dec. 7 at the Monaco Theater. The last complete Honor Flight of WW II veterans from the Tennessee Valley is set for April 24. Other flights will be a mix of veterans from WW II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CHEERS— A crowd of hundreds cheers for returning World War II veterans as Ola Mae Kakac, in wheelchair, waits patiently for her husband's return from the Oct. 24 Tennessee Valley Honor Flight. Her husband is Fillmore Kakac, whose brother's burial flag was part of the Honor Flags Presentation at the World War II memorial.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SPECIAL TIME— WW II veteran Betty Lou Trimble Hughes walks with an Honor Flight guardian into the waiting area of the Huntsville International Airport in anticipation of seeing her family. She traveled on Honor Flight with her brother, WW II veteran Walter Trimble. She was one of two female WW II veterans to make the Oct. 24 flight.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

VIEW FROM THE PAST— JROTC re-enactors from Columbia High School and North Carolina's West Harnett High School wear WW II uniforms in honor of Honor Flight's passengers. They lined up along the walkway at Huntsville International Airport to welcome WW II veterans home from their Honor Flight.

'We do get better. Give us an opportunity'

Worker tells of overcoming drug and alcohol addiction

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Tracy Swint is the complete package — a well-dressed professional, an educated and accomplished physicist, a deeply religious woman, and a confident and happy person who believes in facing the world with her own direct brand of honesty.

And yet, she is also the face of addiction.

Swint suffered through years of drug and alcohol abuse that started with prescribed medications as a college student. Her addiction was fueled by her memories of growing up in a troubled family, and an unquenchable need to hide her pain and sorrow from herself and those around her.

"People confuse addiction with someone who lives under a bridge," Swint told a small group of Redstone Arsenal employees who attended the Red Ribbon drug and alcohol abuse prevention event Oct. 26 at Heiser Hall.

"But when I was using, I would go to lunch at 11 and then not show up until two days later. What do you do with an employee like me? I can bring so much productivity to the workplace and I can bring so much pain."

The pain in Swint's life stemmed from her years growing up with a father who drank and often became violent. Her first drug of choice was food, something she still struggles with.

"I came from a family with troubled origins," Swint said.

"My father was a preacher. But he was also a hitter. I was not introduced to a God I could have a relationship with. I was introduced to a dictator. My father was volatile, and I learned the better I looked, the more he stayed out of my face. I made good grades and I was productive. But inside was a child full of fear and insecurity. And I became overweight."



Photo by Kari Hawkins

LIVING A NEW LIFE— Redstone Arsenal employee Tracy Swint talks about her struggle in overcoming her addictions during a Red Ribbon drug and alcohol abuse prevention event Oct. 26 at Heiser Hall.

At 18, she walked out of her home with a plan to attend college and a "boat load of scholarships." Her college career took her to California for an internship. But a sinus infection landed her in the hospital, where she received her first shot of morphine and prescription medications.

The buzz she got from those drugs made her want more. She started using all types of medications, getting prescriptions from various doctors and, once back in Alabama, taking her sister's migraine medication. Yet, in 1993, she tried to change her life for the better.

"I had put down the drugs and rededicated my life to God," she said. "Then I got my job here (as a health physicist in TMDE's Radiation Standards Laboratory). I was doing well for a while ... But then I started working the system. I was Tracy Swint the addict. I was Tracy Swint the productive employee."

For several years, Swint was a successful Army employee who managed her addictions to prescription medications and alcohol well enough to continue her career. But, in 2004, with her absences from work grow-

ing more and more frequent, her excuses running thin — grandmother died, car wouldn't start, sick from a cold or flu — and her substance abuse and bingeing taking her closer and closer to death, Swint realized she had to face her addiction.

"I called my mom and told her 'I'm in trouble.' She said 'We know.' I told her 'I'm sorry I've gotten in trouble. I did not intend to become this person.' My mom said they had planned an intervention for the next week. I told her 'I'm messed up and I know I am messed up,'" Swint said.

By the time she got to the hospital, her blood pressure was spiraling out of control. Swint was in the hospital for two or three days. But when she was released she went back to drug and alcohol bingeing.

"This time I can't blame anyone but myself," she said. "I'm 34 years old. I'm not a child. I can't blame my father. I'm hurting myself and it's my fault."

"One night, I spent 10 hours trying to get to that place (with drugs and alcohol) where I felt right. I couldn't get there. At 7 a.m., I began to cry because I was defeated. For the first time, the little girl who had a plan didn't have a plan. I had no more options. I went to recovery because I had no more options."

On Aug. 15, 2004, Swint finally started to get the treatment she needed. She spent three weeks in treatment and then had three weeks for rehabilitation, but she returned to work before the rehabilitation was complete.

"I knew in my heart that if I don't start owning up to what I've done, then I'm through," she said. "I had to come back because I had to start being accountable."

Coming back to work also meant attending counseling sessions both at Bradford Health Services and with Ruby Turner, the Garrison's alcohol and drug control officer. Through treatment, she learned a lot about herself, including that "a power greater than myself was needed to restore me and that power was the grace of God," she said.

"Then I had to do an inventory of myself. I realized that I wasn't as good as I thought I was. I wasn't a victim. I had created victims. I had to ask people to forgive me ... I

had to ask forgiveness for stealing government time, for lying, for not being productive. I want to live my life in such a way that I don't hurt anyone again. Every day I want to make an effort to relate to my higher power before I relate to others, so that I can be of service."

Swint worked again to win the trust of her employer, to become a valuable employee, to be looked to for guidance when it comes to alcohol and drug abuse awareness programs. She is now a program support specialist for TMDE.

"We do get better. Give us an opportunity," she said of addicts.

Swint wasn't the only one to share a story of addiction at the Red Ribbon event. So, too, did Cynthia Shanklin, now a counselor working with drug and alcohol addicts, and Mark Fuqua, who works for the Program Executive Officer for Aviation.

Fuqua's addiction began after a split from his abusive partner of 11 years and a move-in with a roommate who was addicted to crack in late January 2007. It ended four months later with Fuqua in jail facing several charges related to his drug use, fleeing police and a car accident.

"I was so ashamed. I could hardly lift my head up," Fuqua said of his time in jail. "I just looked at the floor. They asked me where I work and I thought 'My life is over.'"

On May 11, 2007, the 26th anniversary of his employment with the Army, Fuqua checked himself into Bradford, a local treatment facility.

"Between the first of January and the second of July 2007, I only worked 24 days. I don't know what happened that made my supervisor go to Ruby (Turner). But if he hadn't, I would be dead now," Fuqua said.

When he returned to work, Fuqua had lost all his supervisory duties and his clearance was taken away. He was assigned to special projects, and spent months working to get his life back together both professionally and personally.

"I've been promoted," he said. "I'm a valuable employee again."

Girls get day of science and engineering inspiration

Event planned to encourage third through fifth graders

By SOFIA BLEDSOE
For the Rocket

Young girls need mentors and role models.

Google the words “girls, science, math, and engineering,” and you’ll find hundreds of articles, studies and findings that indicate that girls typically know very little about math and science, and tend to perpetuate stereotypes about math and science being men’s work, best avoided by women. Exhibit A: Take a look around the room each time you visit an engineering facility.

“Girls need to know that they too can be scientists, doctors, engineers and educators,” said Emily Vandiver, chairperson for the Women’s Leadership Council in Huntsville.

While president of the University of Alabama-Huntsville Alumni Association, Vandiver saw the need for women professionals to establish connections with other successful women in the community including local schools. Working closely with April Harris, associate vice president for advancement at UAH, the two formed the Women’s Leadership Council, which includes members Eula Battle, Harris, Dr. Pam Hudson, Alice Myles, Margie

“I’ve seen many bright girls discouraged from pursuing science and engineering careers. We want to make sure that these young girls know that this can be a viable and fascinating career for them, too. Any young boy would also be welcome.”

– *Emily Vandiver*
Chairperson for the Women’s Leadership Council in Huntsville.

Williams and Vandiver.

Seeking to affect change, the council members came up with the idea of establishing a full day’s activities that involves science, math and engineering for young girls. They also wanted many of the activities to be led by women role models in the community who are successful in the scientific and engineering fields.

“Many students are not aware that they exist right here. Our Girls’ S&E Day will be a great way to show this,” Vandiver said.

So the idea of a Girls’ Science and Engineering Day came to life. With about 500 young girls from the third to fifth grades already registered, the event is programmed to be a success. Girls’ Science and Engineering Day will be held Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UAH’s Shelby Center for Science and Technology.

The purpose of the event is to inspire girls to pursue their education and careers in science and engineering. Activities will include making DNA bracelets, doing experiments, meeting scientists; learning about microscope viewing robots, missile simulators, infrared camera images, and more. Girls will browse an exhibit area, have a box lunch then attend three 45-minute workshops. Scholarships are also available.

One of the council’s main goals is to provide mentorship to these young girls.

“I’ve seen many bright girls discouraged from pursuing science and engineering careers,” Vandiver said. “We want to make sure that these young girls know that this can be a viable and fascinating career for them, too. Any young boy would also be welcome.”

“It’s not always easy to be smart and female. You have to catch the young girls very early when they are still excited about math and science.”

Similar fairs have been done in the

past, but this is the first locally produced event of this magnitude.

“We plan on doing our Girls’ Science and Engineering Day annually,” Vandiver said. “Also, we will be looking for other activities that can help students and women in the workplace to advance. It can be just as difficult for women as it is for girls to find role models.”

The council still needs volunteers to help make the event a success.

“We are also looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping that day with managing the event... such as moving the girls from workshop to workshop, distributing lunch, meet and greet upon arrival, etc.,” said Myles, a member of the council and one of the pioneers for pushing forth the information to the community. “We think we will need about 100 volunteers to help with the event. We want to be ‘volunteer ready.’”

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 building’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.

For more information, and to volunteer, call Vandiver at 509-5252 or e-mail her at evrd2@comcast.net.

Win or lose

Flag football showdown decides leader of pack

Charlie Company faces Civilian Welfare Fund

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The top teams in flag football will meet in Thursday night's final game of the regular season.

Charlie Company faces the Civilian Welfare Fund in a showdown at 7 p.m. at the field off Patton Road. Charlie (6-0) has pushed to the front of the military teams.

"I guess just practice and speed," Charlie quarterback/safety Travis Roop said of the Wolfpack's success.

Leaders have included wide receiver/safety Eric Wornum, cornerback Antonio Able and running back Johnnie Akins.

With more than 280 Soldiers – second only to Bravo's 530 – Charlie Company has strength in numbers.

"It's a lot better this year having a lot of people because last year I played for HHC 59th and we barely had enough to field a team," Roop said.

After Thursday's games, the post-season tournament is tentatively scheduled Nov. 9-17. The Civilian Welfare Fund (5-0) is the defending tournament champion.

"We're going to win the military championship at a minimum," Roop said. "But we really want to beat the civilians because they're the favorites. And we get to play them (Thursday) so we can see where we're at."

In games Oct. 29, Charlie defeated HHC 59th 49-8, Civilian Welfare Fund beat NCO Academy 30-6 and Bravo won by forfeit over 326th Chemical Company.

Here are the standings after last week:



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON THE LINE— The NCO Academy offensive line gets set during a 24-7 win Oct. 13 over Headquarters & Alpha. Teams will prepare for the postseason tournament after this week's games.

Charlie (6-0), Civilian Welfare Fund (5-0), Marines (3-2), Bravo (3-3), NCO Academy (2-3), 326th Chemical Company (2-3), HHC 59th (0-5) and Headquarters & Alpha (0-5).



Courtesy photo

Baseball miracle

The Miracle League of North Alabama is dedicated to providing the mentally or physically challenged children in North Alabama with the opportunity to participate in organized sports. Its motto is "give ability a chance." With more than 160 players it offers baseball, basketball, bowling and volleyball activities to the children of North Alabama and Southern Middle Tennessee. Its goal is to provide year-round sports activities for the handicapped. All of the programs under the Miracle League of North Alabama are run at no cost to participants. It provides all the equipment to play and the players bring the smiles and excitement. For more information, visit www.huntsvillemiracleleague.org.

Crimson Tide favored against rival LSU

Alabama should win conference matchup

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Here are this week's college football predictions (285-96 after nine weeks):

LSU at Alabama – **Bama**
Furman at Auburn – **Auburn**
Ala. A&M at Prairie View A&M – **Ala. A&M**
South Carolina at Arkansas – **SC**
Vanderbilt at Florida – **UF**
Memphis at Tennessee – **UT**
Miami (Ohio) at Temple – **Temple**
Virginia Tech at East Carolina – **VT**
Boise St. at Louisiana Tech – **Boise**
Florida St. at Clemson – **Clemson**
Wake Forest at Georgia Tech – **GT**
Oklahoma St. at Iowa St. – **Iowa St.**
Kansas at Kansas St. – **KSU**
Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky – **UK**
Maryland at N. Carolina St. – **NC St.**
Oklahoma at Nebraska – **Nebraska**
Connecticut at Cincinnati – **Cincy**
Louisville at West Virginia – **WVU**
Virginia at Miami (Fla.) – **Miami**
Northwestern at Iowa – **Iowa**
Wisconsin at Indiana – **UW**
Purdue at Michigan – **UM**
W. Michigan at Michigan St. – **MSU**
UCF at Texas – **Texas**
Illinois at Minnesota – **Minnesota**
Syracuse at Pittsburgh – **Pitt**
Tennessee Tech at Georgia – **Georgia**
Texas A&M at Colorado – **A&M**



Baylor at Missouri – **Missouri**
BYU at Wyoming – **BYU**
Jacksonville St. at SE Missouri St. – **Jax**
Navy at Notre Dame – **ND**
Duke at North Carolina – **UNC**
Wofford at The Citadel – **The Citadel**
Rice at SMU – **SMU**
Ohio St. at Penn St. – **PSU**
Oregon at Stanford – **Oregon**
Washington at UCLA – **Washington**
Chattanooga at Appalachian St. – **ASU**
Army at Air Force – **AFA**
UTEP at Tulane – **UTEP**
TCU at San Diego St. – **TCU**
Troy at W. Kentucky – **Troy**
New Mexico at Utah – **Utah**
Washington St. at Arizona – **Arizona**
Oregon St. at California – **Cal**
Northern Arizona at Mississippi – **Ole Miss**
Houston at Tulsa – **Houston**
Southern Cal. at Arizona St. – **USC**
Colorado St. at UNLV – **Colo. St.**
Fresno St. at Idaho – **Fresno**



Courtesy photo

Big catfish

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Lade made this catch Oct. 23 in the Tennessee River on post. "I was using cut skipjack for bait on a circle hook tied to 22-pound test line," he said. "It took about 25 minutes to land it. The fish measured 51 inches long, 32.5 inches in girth, and weighed 65 pounds."

Army celebrates Education Week

American Education Week will be celebrated nationwide Nov. 15-21. This year, Army Continuing Education System joins forces with educators from across the country to strengthen their resolve in providing quality education for Soldiers with the theme "The Year of the NCO — Leading the way through Education!"

ACES offers a variety of programs to assist Soldiers in obtaining their college degree, GED, cer-

tification or licensure. Once a degree plan is established, Soldiers can apply for tuition assistance and enroll in classes from anywhere worldwide via the GoArmyEd portal.

Stop by your local Army Education Center for more information on ACES programs and services. While you are there, ask about American Education Week related events. (Army Continuing Education System release)

Respite care program makes changes

The Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program has a Respite Care Program that is spinning back up for the fiscal year.

Respite Care offers a much-needed break from the continuous, stressful demands of caring for an exceptional family member while offering the opportunity for growth for the exceptional family member. There have been several changes to the program in the new fiscal year.

Eligibility for respite care requires enrollment in the EFMP program and active duty sta-

tus for the Soldier. Family members may qualify medically by meeting one of the more of seven medical criteria, indicated by a medical provider or educationally with at least a moderate disability on an Individualized Education Plan or Individualized Family Service Plan. Each family must sit down with an EFMP manager and complete a series of paperwork and complete an interview. The qualified family member may receive up to 40 hours of care per month. For more information or an appointment, call EFMP manager Natalie Taylor at 876-5397. (Army Community Service release)

Logistic assistance reps graduate at Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A graduation ceremony and award ceremony was conducted Oct. 16 at Corpus Christi Army Depot to recognize the accomplishment of six logistic assistance representatives and two RDECOM engineers who completed 18 weeks of Advanced Aviation Maintenance training at LAR University CCAD.

LAR University dean of aviation training Bob Jones welcomed attendees and thanked the Corpus Christi commander Col. Joe Dunaway for his continued support of the AMCOM LAR University training program at the depot.

Dunaway was on hand to make the presentations and address the graduates noting that the LAR training pro-

gram at Corpus Christi continues to meet the challenges of Army aviation by providing unparalleled, technically relevant aviation maintenance training that has a significant impact on Army readiness and mission accomplishment worldwide.

Dunaway challenged the graduates to take the knowledge and skills they have honed and developed while attending LARU CCAD to go out and make a difference.

The AMCOM LAR University training program at Corpus Christi is in its seventh year. The AMCOM LAR training program is a combination of on-the-job training and advanced classroom instruction that provides an opportunity for attendees to develop and hone the

advanced technical skills and expertise required to maintain the advanced aviation weapons systems of the future.

AMCOM's LAR-University at Corpus Christi is a joint training effort between the AMCOM Readiness Directorate and the Corpus Christi Army Depot that provides advanced aviation maintenance training. Training is open to all: LARs, SSTRs, Department of Army, National Guard, Reserve personnel, RDECOM engineers, depot and AVCRAD technicians and DoD employees. For more information and training schedules, visit the LAR University CCAD website at AKO at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/18320177>. (Corpus Christi release)

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Sports & Recreation

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.

Trike-a-thon

The Child Development Center is participating in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Trike-a-Thon" program. The weeklong safety program will culminate Friday at 10 a.m. at a Trike-a-Thon event when the youngsters practice the rules they learned. A donation table will be available to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information, call the Child Development Center 876-7952 or visit www.mytrikeathon.org.

Ducks unlimited

Huntsville Ducks Unlimited Chapter will hold its annual banquet Friday at 6 p.m. at

the Huntsville Jaycees Building off Airport Road. Tickets are \$45 for singles, \$65 for couples, \$25 for Greenwings (age 17-under), \$260 for sponsors or \$350 for the "Sponsor Plus" package. For more information, call Jon Stephens 221-8083.

Boxing competition

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 advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at Ticketmaster or by calling Larry Bright at 604-9415. All proceeds will go to the Southeast Association, whose members include Rocket City Rocks.



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 Bicenten-

nial Chapel. **Monday** through **Friday** will be: 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.

Security professionals

The Mid-South Chapter of the Society for Industrial Security Professionals will hold a luncheon Dec. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (Madison Square Mall). The luncheon is free for all NCMS members (visitors pay \$15). For more information, call Paul J. Malone 428-1306. Register online at ncmsluncheon-dec162009.eventbrite.com.

Officer/civilian women

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

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will meet Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room A at the Redstone Lanes Bowling Center. The program will be presented by Ruth's Nutrition. For more information, call Alphasdella McRae 313-1957 or Ellen Mahathey 842-9888.

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 Friday 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.

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.

Space group

HAL5 (National Space Society chapter) will meet Thursday 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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Nov. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Local counselor Lonnie Jones will talk about Conflict Resolution. For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Hispanic association

The Alabama Hispanic Association will hold its 10th Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 12 from 7-10 p.m. at the Heritage Club, 111 Washington St. The entertainment will be provided by the Andean group Apu Inka and Dj Ed. Donation is \$25 in advance or \$30 day of event. For more information, call 509-0540 or e-mail aha99@earthlink.net.

Contract managers

The Huntsville Chapter of National Contract Management Association joins the North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association for lunch during their 37th Symposium on Government Acquisition at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Marriott, U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Mark D. Colley, partner in Arnold & Porter, LLP Washington, D.C., is to speak on "Current Issues Concerning Conflicts of Interests." Cost is \$25. NCMA members and guests may attend luncheon by registering at NCMAhsv.org.

Information security chapter

North Alabama Information Systems

Security Association chapter luncheon is Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dynetics Conference Center, 1002 Explorer Boulevard. Ben McGee, vice president of North Alabama ISSA, is to speak on "Can We Be Friends? A Social Networking Experiment." Cost is \$12. At registration provide your ISSA membership number and get a \$2 discount. Register at northalabama.issa.org/.

Transportation foundation

Jeremy Sherer, candidate for state treasurer of Alabama, will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 11 lunch meeting of the North Alabama Transportation Foundation at the Heritage Club, 111 north Washington St. The cost of the noon meal is \$15 for non-members; and anyone interested in transportation issues is welcome. For reservations call Derrick 890-8544, ext. 11, or e-mail naltf@naltf.com.



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

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being in the active Reserve. The unit meets at 5:30 p.m. most Tuesdays on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. King jwk108@yahoo.com or visit the web site <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

Officer candidates

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

Pilots wanted

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking qualified applicants to apply for Warrant Officer Flight Training School. Applicants must have a high school diploma and be 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 your-

self 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/Class-

sification 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/>.

German luncheon

Grace Lutheran School will serve its annual German luncheon Friday 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.

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.

High school theater

Lee Lyric Theatre will present the classic musical "White Christmas" on Nov. 13, 14, 19-21, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m. at Lee High School. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors. Family discount night is

Nov. 19 with all tickets \$10. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.showtix4u.com or by phone at 1-866-967-8167. For more information, call 428-8150, ext. 179.

Florida Tech signup

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

Logistics achievement awards

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

Historic collection

The grand opening of the space pioneer Konrad Dannenberg collection at the University of Alabama-Huntsville is scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UAH's Salmon Library. Cost is \$20 at the

door (no prepayment). Includes call Odesa Jordan 726-8324 or e-mail ojordan@oakwood.edu. For a list of additional IT training courses, visit www.itc.oakwood.edu.

Career expo

CivilianJobs.com will hold a career expo for transitioning military, veterans and family members Thursday 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 Bridge Street 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 Bridge Street 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 Nov. 2-5, Nov. 9-12, Nov. 16-19 and Nov. 30 to Dec. 3. To register

call Odesa Jordan 726-8324 or e-mail ojordan@oakwood.edu. For a list of additional IT training courses, visit www.itc.oakwood.edu.

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 Friday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 12200 Bailey Cove Road, southeast. RSVP today by calling 883-1005.

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 Friday.

Wine tasting benefit

The University of Alabama, Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity is having its second annual Wine Tasting fund-raiser Friday at 8 p.m. at the Jemison Manor in Tuscaloosa. Proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama. For more information, call 479-4186.

Church bazaar

New Shiloh Church Ministries will have a

Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5101 Mastin Lake Road. For vendor booth rental and more information, call Vickie Owens 461-0045 or 656-7707.

Business curriculum

Three new business programs designed to support the Tennessee Valley's BRAC initiative will be launched by Athens State University beginning with the spring semester in January. The new majors are Acquisition and Contract Management, Enterprise Systems Management, also known as Enterprise Resource Planning, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management. All three of the new programs will be taught through Athens State's College of Business. For more information on these new majors, or on Athens State University's College of Business, visit www.athens.edu/college_business.

Picture perfect pets

Redstone's "Picture Perfect Pet Contest," sponsored by the Systems Management Division as a Combined Federal Campaign fund-raiser, invites photos of pets. Photos must be no larger than 5-by-7. The nominated pet should be the only thing visible in the photo, if possible. Close-up shots are recommended. Entry fee is \$10, payable by cash or check (made payable to CFC). Each vote will cost \$1. Voting will be held in front of the Sparkman Center Cafeteria on Nov. 16, Nov. 18 and Nov.

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20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or through the following points of contact: Masheldia Green 955-6801, Alphonsia Iheidiwa 876-0196, Samantha Smith 876-3693 or Jeni Moreno 876-9021. After Nov. 20, the votes will be tallied and the winners announced. There will be one grand prize winner and one runner-up.

Space documentary

The Honors College at the University of Alabama is making a documentary movie titled "The Town that Put the Man on the Moon." This documentary is about the everyday men and women who made it happen: from the kitchen staff, to the truck driver, to the man who filled the fuel tanks. "Do you have a story to tell? Do you know someone who would like to share their story?" a prepared release asks. "Your story matters, and we want to document it as part of history." If interested call 684-5631 or e-mail bmw548@hotmail.com.

Photoshop classes

The UAH English Department and Huntsville-North Alabama chapter of the Society for Technical Communication are holding two workshops on Adobe Photoshop CS2 on Nov. 14. Creating and Editing Graphics with PhotoShop CS2: Beginners is 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with registration from 9-9:25. Creating and

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Editing Graphics with PhotoShop CS2: Intermediate is 2-5 p.m. with registration from 1:30-1:5. Both workshops take place at the UAH Salmon Library Computer Lab, Room 211. The cost per half-day workshop is \$20 for students, \$30 for STC members and UAH faculty and staff, and \$50 for nonmembers. Reservations are required by Nov. 11, by e-mailing Cindi Brasher at brasher@cuh.edu or calling 824-6321. For more information, visit www.stc-na.org.

Women veterans

Calling all women servicemembers: March with other women in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 in downtown Huntsville. This will be the third anniversary of women marching to honor all servicemembers in Huntsville's parade. For more information, call Valerie Coffey 313-0453 or e-mail valerie.coffey@us.army.mil.

Military meals

All U.S. veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to eat free at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. This program is being offered at all Applebee's nationwide on Veterans Day.

AER scholarships

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of Soldiers (active duty, retired and deceased).

Army Emergency Relief's Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for full-time students at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the Department of Education and is awarded annually up to four academic years. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or school room and board. Students may reapply each year and maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale. Applications for the 2010-11 scholarships will be available online from Dec. 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010 at www.aerhq.org. Online applications must be submitted by March 1. Other deadlines are in the instructions. AER will notify applicants about their scholarship during the last week of May.

Stepparents

Stepfamily 911 will be taught Monday evenings from 6-8 on Nov. 9-30 at 4002 B Marie Ave. in Huntsville. Cost is \$25 per couple. This class is free for active duty military with ID. For more information and registration, call 489-3924.

Music festival benefit

Band Together, a music festival featuring four solo performers and two bands, will be held Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. at Whitesburg Middle School Gym. Doors will open at noon and bands will begin

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around 12:30. Second Hand Lincoln, Shane Baker and Jenny Ray will anchor the stage. In addition, local artists and songwriters, Joel Monet, Gracie Newsum and mom, Karen Newsum, will perform. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens (13-18) and children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Asperger Connection Inc. is a charitable organization seeking to improve the quality of life for children, youth and adults diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome and High-Functioning Autism. For more information, e-mail aspergers2009@gmail.com.

Commissary hours

The Commissary will close at 5 p.m. Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

Heroes Week support

The public is invited to support Heroes Week 2009 by attending events honoring 30 wounded warriors who will be guests of the Semper Fi Community Task Force during the week of Nov. 6-12. The events include the following: Nov. 6, arrival at 3 p.m. at Huntsville International Airport, arrival at 4 p.m. at Westin Hotel, Bridge Street Town Centre, and reception from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club. Nov. 7, Homeland Band performance at 10 a.m. at Bridge Street Town Centre (the plaza at Bridge Street) and 1 p.m. (The Station), Marine Corps Birthday Ball from 6 p.m. to midnight at Marriott Hotel for \$70 per ticket. Nov. 11, Veterans Day Parade at 11 a.m. in downtown Huntsville. Nov. 12,

depart Westin Hotel at 10 a.m. for Huntsville International Airport.

Holiday gala

100 Black Men of America, Greater Huntsville Chapter will hold its 10th annual Holiday Gala fund-raiser Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Tickets are \$62.50 per person or \$500 for table of eight. For more information and tickets, call Charley Burrus 830-4332 or Freeda McDowell 536-8050.

Garrison ball

All Redstone Arsenal employees (government and contractors) are invited to the Garrison Holiday Ball at 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$35 each. Reservations will be accepted until Nov. 20. To register, call Sarah Brazzel 313-0546 or e-mail sarah.brazzel@us.army.mil.

Children's fund-raiser

The Child Development Center will have a Holiday Celebration Fund-raiser on Nov. 19 from 3-9 p.m. at Chuck E. Cheese, 1220 Jordan Lane. This event is to raise funds for the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Holiday Lunch. "For your purchases to be counted toward the donation, please tell the cashier that you are with the CDC Fund-raiser," a prepared release said.

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Evening on Bayou

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold one of its main fund-raisers of the year that will benefit military families and other non-profit organizations supporting the military. The Evening on the Bayou, a collaborative effort with OCWC members, will be held Feb. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Officers and Civilians Club. There will be food, silent auction, live music and dancing, beer and wine tasting, and various other activities. Proceeds will be used to further community assistance and merit award programs such as scholarships, donations to other supporting military events, and assistance to military families. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. The event is open to individuals with gate access. For tickets or more information, call 489-3009 or visit www.redstoneocwc.org.

Blood drives

Upcoming blood drives include the following: Thursday from 7 a.m. to noon at MDA building 5222 (Von Braun II Complex) and at the Sparkman Center; Nov. 13 from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers and 7:30-12:30 at Missile Defense Agency; Nov. 19 from 7-noon at buildings 4488 and 5400; and Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316.



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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																			
SCBK09828503	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			X
SCBK09789589	Supervisory Physicist	29-Oct-09	AMCOM/TMDE	YD-1310	3	3	90,473 - 154,699					X			X	X			X
SCBK09722064	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	29-Oct-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128			X					X	X			X
SCBK09812298	Supervisory Program Analyst	29-Oct-09	SMDC	YC-0343	2	2	67,129 - 131,518					X	X		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			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										
SCBK09743119	General Engr	30-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	X	X	X	X	X			X	X			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			X
SCBK09829395	Supv Contract Specialist	30-Oct-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YC-1102	3	3	94,333 - 154,699					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
SCBK09743119	General Engr	30-Oct-09	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	96,346 - 147,332	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/Comd 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				X
SCBK09750124	General Engr	5-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0800	2	2	44,104 - 98,876								X	X			X
SCBK09851764	Acquisition Mgmt Sys Spec	6-Nov-09	SAMD	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993					X			X	X			X
SCBK09824131	Supervisory Budget Analyst	6-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YC-0560	2	2	68,532 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09796962	Program Analyst	6-Nov-09	SMDC	GS-0343	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09789167	Project Manager	6-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	2	2	46,291 - 105,993		X			X			X	X			X
SCBK09716245R	Accountant	9-Nov-09	SMDC	GS-0510	12	12	68,564 - 89,128					X			X	X			X
SCBK09839721	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X										
SCBK09684920	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09852405	Fire Protection Specialist (Training)	9-Nov-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	11	11	57,204 - 74,360					X			X	X			X
SCBK09828355	Program Analyst	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0343	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09701071	Logistics Mgmt Spec	9-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,615 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09844746	Engineering Tech	9-Nov-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0802	12	12	68,564 - 89,128						X		X	X			X
SCBK09841333	Budget Analyst	10-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0560	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X											
SCBK09818190	Program Analyst	10-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0343	7	9	38,117 - 60,612		X			X			X	X			X
SCBK09836379	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128	X											
SCBK09849984	Production Controller	10-Nov-09	GARRISON	GS-1152	7	7	38,653 - 50,249					X			X	X			X
SCBK09849776	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK09755844	Logistics Mgmt Spec	10-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X							X				X
SCBK09839392	Quality Assurance Specialist (Aircraft)	10-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1910	9	9	46,625 - 60,612		X			X			X	X			X
SCBK09780146	Secretary (OA)	11-Nov-09	PEO	GS-0318	7	7	28,653 - 50,249		X			X			X	X			X
SCBK09747617	Secretary (OA)	12-Nov-09	OMEMS	GS-0318	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X					X	X			X
SCBK09835416	General Engineer	12-Nov-09	AMC/LOGSA	GS-0801	13	13	81,532 - 105,993					X			X	X			X
SCBK09788025	Logistics Mgmt Spec	12-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128					X							
SCBK09847009	Police Officer	12-Nov-09	USAG	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215					X			X	X			X
SCBK09869228	Mechanical Engineer	13-Nov-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0830	13	13	81,532 - 105,993					X			X	X			X
SCBK09869228D	Mechanical Engineer	13-Nov-09	AMCOM/TMDE	GS-0830	13	13	81,532 - 105,993												X
SCBK09871684	Training Instructor	13-Nov-09	MEDDAC	GS-1712	11	11	57,204 - 74,360				X				X	X			X
SCBK09841688	Engineering Series	16-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YD-0800 Series	2	2	46,291 - 105,993		X						X	X			X
SCBK09722068	Equipment Specialist (General)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701			X					X	X			X
SCBK09722064	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128			X					X	X			X
SCBK09839129	Construction Management Specialist	16-Nov-09	Corp of Engrs, Huntsville	YA-0301	2	2	46,291 - 105,993		X			X			X	X			X
SCBK09855983	Electronics Engineer	27-Nov-09	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	96,346 - 147,332					X							
SCBK09783541OC	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X
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
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
SCBK09833574OCE	Contract Spec	30-Dec-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128 23.06 - 26.87								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			X
SCBK09408461OC	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X	X			X
SCBK09408461	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			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			X
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X	X			X
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X						X	X			X
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X	X			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			X
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567		X						X	X			X
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215	X	X			X			X	X			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