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Arsenal's era of mass construction

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GROWING UP— Progress on the Army Materiel Command and U.S. Army Security Assistance Command headquarters on Martin Road is coming along at a quick pace. This aerial photo shows the front of the AMC/USASAC buildings with Martin Road in the foreground. The building complex, which is among more than $565 million in ongoing Arsenal construction, is set to be complete in March 2011.

Building projects top $565M in fiscal 2009

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Brick by brick, steel beam by steel beam, Redstone Arsenal is experiencing a fundamental change in its business landscape that is destined to affect its tenants and the entire Tennessee Valley community for years to come.

A drive along the Arsenal's main thoroughfares offers plenty of evidence to the expanding footprint of Arsenal facilities. New buildings are going up, renovations are taking place and expansions are under way. Growth is in the air.

No one knows that better than Joe Davis, director of the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, and his busy staff, who are charged with managing, overseeing and maintaining the Arsenal's facilities.

"We've got more going on here than I can ever remember," Davis said. "Besides everything we've got going on, other agencies – such as NASA and the FBI – also have construction projects on the Arsenal. Fiscal year 2009 has been a record setting year for construction."

Redstone Arsenal's building boom began in fiscal 2007. Before that boom, a typical year for the public works directorate meant managing $18 million to $20 million in small renovation projects throughout the Arsenal. In fiscal 2008, that number increased to $48 million in new construction put under contract. In fiscal 2009, the amount of new contracts hit a high of $87 million for several large-scale, multiyear construction projects.

"There's no telling what fiscal year 2010 will bring," Davis said. "The number could increase beyond $87 million. The trend is upward. But there is no guarantee until we see how budgets pan out."

While the DPW directly manages $87 million in construction projects, the entire Army and non-Army construction picture at Redstone exceeds $565 million, which includes major facilities being built in support of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations that were put into law in 2005. Based on the projects currently under construction, square footage on the Arsenal will increase by 15 percent by 2011, going from 11.7 million before the building boom to 13.1 million at the end of 2011.

The Garrison is involved with three different types of construction projects. First, there are facilities being built in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers under the military construction program, such as the Von Braun Complex addition for the Missile Defense Agency, and new headquarters facilities for the Army Materiel Command and U.S. Army Security Assistance Command.

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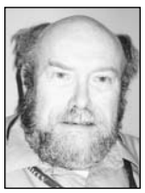

Brian Barry
AMCOM Command Analysis Directorate (G-3)
"I'd like to see all our troops that are out there now survive and come home. And thank them for all they're doing now."

Col. Craig Meredith
AMCOM Legal Office
"It's a great honor for me to serve and for the Army to allow me to continue to serve as my father did before me, and my brothers, and my sons are beginning to serve now. I'm just honored to be a part of the Army that's done so much good not just in America but all over the world."

Madge Prien
PX vendor
"The sacrifice that our men made for us today, and thank God that we have men like that."

Yolanda Epps
Post Exchange
"I want to thank the Soldiers that were back in those days and how they supported our country and survived, and returned home safe and sound."

Quote of the week

'People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.'

— *George Orwell*

Letter to the Editor

'Tough Day' for Army family is defining moment of strength

Our Army family had a tough day on Nov. 5 at Fort Hood. Without a doubt, our thoughts and prayers are with every Soldier stationed there and their family members, especially those who may have lost a loved one or a friend.

We are strong … amidst the sadness following this event, we will start to see and hear stories of the true grit that defines our Soldiers and military families. It has already begun with stories of our Soldiers using their own uniforms to field dress the wounded before first responders could arrive. What more could embody the Warrior Ethos, "I will not leave a fallen comrade?"

Like many of us, Alice and I have called Fort Hood our second home. There are great people at the "Great Place" and they will rally around our Soldiers and families and help walk them through this difficult time. As members of the Army family, it is our responsibility to assist in that effort however we can.

Fort Hood needs to know we support them, and we stand solid and strong beside them. As a sign of that support we are going to send a banner of encouragement signed by all of you who make up the Team Redstone family to the men and women at Fort Hood. The banner will be placed in the Bob Jones Auditorium this week. I encourage every member of the Team Redstone Family to take time to sign the banner and write a note of encouragement to Fort Hood. There will be follow-on information about signing that banner later this week.

As for here at Redstone, we are taking every precaution necessary to make sure that we do not see a similar event. Our Force Protection level remains the same, however, you will to see some increases in security checks. We still have a mission to carry out, and the safety of our employees and families on post is paramount.

This is a defining moment in the life and history of our Army. How we learn and build from this event will show the world what we are made of … our Army represents the best of the American spirit. May God bless our Soldiers and their families, watch over them and keep them safe overseas and at home.

Maj. Gen. James R. Myles
AMCOM commanding general

McHugh, others express sadness over Fort Hood tragedy

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates pledged Thursday his department will do everything it can to help those at Fort Hood, Texas, recover from the fatal shooting there that left 13 dead and 30 wounded.

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic events today at Fort Hood. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the fallen, the wounded, and all those touched by this incident," Gates said in a release from his office.

"There is little we can say at this point to alleviate the pain or answer the many questions this event raises, but I can pledge that the Department of Defense will do everything in its power to help the Fort Hood community get through these difficult times."

Army Secretary John McHugh also issued a statement of support for those impacted by the deadly shooting and said officials there are providing needed counseling and support.

"This is a terrible tragedy that we will know more about in the coming days. For now our focus is squarely on taking care of our Soldiers and their families," McHugh said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have been killed and wounded."

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is believed to be the lone shooter of some 43 people on Fort Hood, and he survived being shot by a civilian police officer, post commander Lt. Gen. Robert Cone said. *(American Forces Press Service)*

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Getting to know you

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Name: Capt. Greg Hotaling

Job: Systems integration officer for the War Games Division of the SMDC Battlelab

Where do you call home?
Liverpool, N.Y.

What do you like about your job?
It looks at the future needs of the war fighter. I think that's what I like best about it. I came from the Infantry. I did Infantry for 14 years. Now I'm looking at the needs of the war fighter from a space perspective.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I spend as much time as I can with my son (Tabor, 12). I'm a single parent. I like going to the gym. I like martial arts.

What are your goals?
I'm definitely a career man in the Army. Haven't really looked too much beyond retirement. I hope I can stay in this field throughout my career in the Army. I want to do any work that keeps me in touch with Soldiers, that keeps me supporting Soldiers, because they're really the most important part of the Army.

What's at the top of your "bucket list" of things you want to do before you kick the bucket?
Probably see my son graduate from college, get married and have a family of his own.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Oct. 29 through Nov. 4:

Nov. 1: When a subject approached Gate 9, he was found to be an illegal immigrant. After coordination with Immigration Customs Enforcement officials, he was released.

Nov. 3: An Army civilian was operating his vehicle at Gate 8 with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Nov. 4: A Soldier surrendered as AWOL at the Police Station. He was detained pending processing to Fort Hood, Texas.

Nov. 4: A military family member's vehicle was damaged when he drove over stop sticks that had been mistakenly deployed.

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

Violation notices issued: 10 speeding, 3 failure to stop at stop sign, 1 suspended driver's license, 2 expired tag, 1 improper backing.

Installation Management Command has new leader

By ALEX MCVEIGH
Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — Installation Management Command said farewell to its first commanding general Nov. 2 and welcomed Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch as its new commander.

In a ceremony held at Fort Myer's Conmy Hall, Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson said farewell to the command he had presided over since its inception in October 2006, and passed the reins to a commander who is ready to take on the challenges of "the Army's home."

Along with being IMCOM commander, Lynch also takes the title of the Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, or ACSIM.

Soldiers from the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" played a brief pre-ceremony concert, featuring "Army Strong" by Mark Isham and "Black Jack" by F.K. Huffer, among others.

Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), including the Commander in Chief's Guard, the Continental Color Guard and The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, also participated in the ceremony.

When Lynch took the stage, he spoke of the Army as not just a job, not just a profession, but a passion.

"At some point in your career, that profession changes into a passion. A passion to prepare for and execute our nation's wars in defense of our nation's freedom, and a passion to truly take care of our Soldiers and their families," Lynch said.

Executive order bans texting while driving

Driver distraction cited as cause for 16 percent of fatal wrecks

By JENNIFER CASTELINE
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WASHINGTON — Texting took a back seat to safety in October with an executive order prohibiting text messaging while driving on military installations or driving anywhere in government vehicles.

Executive Order 13513, signed by President Obama Oct. 1, specifically bans federal employees from texting while driving government owned, leased or rented vehicles. It prohibits texting while driving privately-owned vehicles on official government business. The policy also extends to federal contractors.

"Despite the shocking accident reports and warnings, people still text while driving," said Mario Owens, safety officer for the Army's Installation Management Command.

A number of studies show that text messaging while driving is the "modern day top driving distraction" that causes auto accidents, he said.

"It's important to remember that the next time you text message while driving that such texting has been found to be more dangerous than driving while intoxicated," Owens said.

Driver distraction, which includes the use of electronic devices while driving, accounted for 16 percent of fatal crashes in 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

A recent study conducted by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute reports that of all cell phone-related tasks, including talking, dialing, or reaching for the phone, texting while driving is the most dangerous. The study also states that for every 6 seconds of drive time, a driver sending or receiving a text message spends 4.6 of those seconds with their eyes off the road.

In 2007, Washington became the first state to ban texting while driving. Seventeen other states and the District of Columbia have followed suit.

By way of the ban, the federal government hopes to set an example for state and local governments, private employers, and individual drivers, and to mitigate the rates of unnecessary and sometimes deadly accidents caused by being distracted by electronic devices while driving.

Before reaching for handheld devices to engage in an other-than-traditional-text-messaging session, officials said it's important to know that the executive order very broadly defines texting as "reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic devices," to include, "e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval of electronic data communication."

At Redstone Arsenal, motorists are forbidden from talking on a cell phone while driving unless they use a hands-free device.

Photo by C. Todd Lopez

PULL OVER— A new executive order bans federal employees from texting while driving a government vehicle or driving a privately-owned vehicle while on government business. It also bans anyone from texting while driving on a military installation.

Why we salute the first Americans

Indian heritage month observed in November

By MELANIE BONE
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Commentary

Throughout history American Indians have been an integral part of our country's character. Beginning in October 1492 when Christopher Columbus led his three ships – the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria — to the shores of San Salvador, they were greeted by the Arawak Indians on the island of Guahanal. To a time when our country was in its infancy; a time when 120 people made the voyage across the Atlantic, establishing the first permanent British settlement in North America known as Jamestown. Without the assistance from those "First Americans," we as Americans would not be enjoying the security and prosperity of this great nation that we enjoy today.

Because of their significant contributions, every November we pause to acknowledge American Indians. National American Indian Heritage Month had its origins in 1986 when Congress passed Public Law 99-471 which authorized and requested the president to proclaim the week of Nov. 23-30, 1986 as "American Indian Week."

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Army Community Service earns top accreditation

First to achieve fourth three-year recognition

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

OFFICE VISIT— Army Community Service director Sue Paddock, left, talks with accreditation inspection team members Alecia Grady, center, and Karen Crowley.

In 2000, Redstone Arsenal's Army Community Service was among the first to go through the Army's three-year accreditation process.

Last week ACS became the first to receive its fourth three-year accreditation.

"We are the first in the Department of the Army to pass for a fourth time with commendation – which means above and beyond," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "I'm really thrilled. It's very hard work. The ACS team met all of the standards a hundred percent. It's a total team effort with our community partnerships as well. A lot of community agencies played a part which contributed to our success."

Here are some of the highlights of the accreditation team's findings:

- ACS has a dedicated, professional staff.
- This is a premier ACS center.
- It won the ACS installation of excellence award in 2002 and 2007.
- There are strong community partnerships with both the installation and the outside Huntsville community agencies.
- It has an outstanding professional volunteer force that supports all ACS programs.
- It serves as a model for other ACS's.
- The staff has a strong family bond with cross-training to ensure that Soldiers and families get the best care.
- There is strong command and senior leadership.
- There is a highly-committed ACS volunteer coordinator as well as honorary volunteer coordinator.

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Military families can leave notes of thanks

'Thanks for Giving Tree' at ACS during November

Community Service invites military families to tell what they're thankful for.

They can put their thoughts in writing for display as leaves on a holiday tree inside the ACS building.

"The month of November is Military Family Appreciation Month," ACS director Sue Paddock said. "It is a time to honor military families for their sacrifices and contributions.

"At ACS we have a 'Thanks for Giving Tree' and ask all to place a leaf on the tree saying what they are thankful for," she said.

Army Family Team Building will present Army Family Appreciation Day on Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road.

The next AFTB Level II class is Nov. 16-19 from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call ACS quality of life program manager Nicki Swindle at 876-5397.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

THANKFUL— From left are Cindra Ewings and her husband 1st Sgt. Will Ewings, 2-year-old Ethan Sears and his mother Amy Sears, and Nicki Swindle and her husband Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jeff Swindle.

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:

Turkey shoot

The Veterans Day Turkey Shoot is Saturday 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.

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.

Salute to military

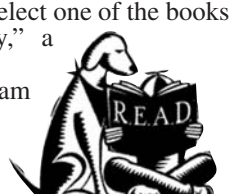
Help support the Salute to the Military by donating a casserole or dessert. Drop off the casserole or dessert Nov. 20 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Or, to arrange for pickup, call Sabrina Forrest at 955-7398 or e-mail sabrina.forrest@us.army.mil.

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 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.



Author contributes books to servicemembers

Read a book, and pass it on

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Redstone Soldiers will soon be assigned a new mission – to read a book, and send it around the world.

"Free the Book," sponsored by Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, will distribute 500 books, donated by author Jack Honig, to Soldiers Nov. 22 at the seventh annual Salute to the Military. The books are free, with the simple request that Soldiers read the book and pass it on to fellow servicemembers.

"Some women crotchet and knit things for Soldiers. I don't know how to do that," Honig said with a laugh. "My talent is I write books, so that's my way of showing appreciation. We each contribute in our way."

Soldiers will be able to choose from one of Honig's 10 titles, including "Romeo & Julius," "Fortress of Solitude," and "The Brooklyn Wager." All books are what Honig describes as "fun reading material," with just the right mix of humor.

Soldiers are asked to write their name and location inside the book cover, before passing it on. The FMWR website will track the books as they move around the world, as well as allow Soldiers to share their thoughts on the books, according to Amelia Flanigan, marketing and corporate partnerships director for the FMWR.

Honig's Flak Jacket Books works to bring books free of charge to active duty Soldiers. His first donation was 15,000 books to the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Coast Guard and Airmen's Club in New York City. Since then, he has shared his love for writing with troops at Fort Bragg, Fort Dix, Patrick Air Force Base and many more.

"There's still patriotic Americans around," said Honig on why he donates his work. "Sometimes we forget they're working for us. They're defending us. The only way I can peacefully write my books in my living room is because of them."

Honig's books are available to the general public for purchase. All proceeds go to providing more copies to active duty Soldiers. Cost for each book is $10. For more information or to purchase, visit www.flakjacketbooks.com.

Recreation Center on the move during renovation

Staff relocates for 8-12 months

By ASHLEY KALIFEH
For the Rocket

Photo by Ashley Kalifeh

TEMPORARY SITE— The Recreation Center has temporarily moved here to building 3400, on the corner of Gray Road and Ajax Road near the vehicle registration building.

Photo by Ashley Kalifeh

BREAK DOWN— Adam Reid and Dwain Norton of HRS Services shovel cinder block into a wheelbarrow during the demolition phase of the renovation of building 3711, the Recreation Center. The renovation is scheduled to take from eight months to one year.

The Recreation Center is getting a new office building, and its staff could not be more excited. Building 3711 off Aerobee Road is under renovation and the staff and services have temporarily moved.

They are operating out of building 3400, on the corner of Gray Road and Ajax Road. The red brick structure sits toward the back of a wooded corner lot and can be difficult to see from the street. The building used to contain School Age Services. ITR and Leisure Services also operate out of the temporary location.

"We plan on being located in our temporary building from eight months to a year while the renovation is taking place," Recreation Center assistant manager Brian Marbrey said.

The only element that will be lost during the temporary move will be the auditorium. It was frequently used as a meeting space because it could accommodate a large group of people.

The old building is being gutted entirely and will contain more amenities than the original facility after the renovation. It will still have a pool table hall, arcade and gaming area. A snack area containing a java bar and sandwich shop will be added, as well as a conference area and a computer lab. The conference area will be available for employees of the Arsenal. Additionally, the new facility will have a patio.

"It's going to have a very contemporary, upscale atmosphere. Very warm and inviting compared to the old facility," said Francine Stone, the conferencing coordinator of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation. "We hope that after its completion, it will offer a better opportunity for recreation for the Soldiers. Once the Soldiers leave (in 2011), it will suffice as a community area.

"The future vision is to turn it into a community activities center. We also hope to establish a centralized location for drop-off recycling and a video teleconferencing room for Soldiers' families," Stone said.

The renovation is a non-appropriated, region approved project funded by FMWR. The Recreation Center's phone number is 876-4531.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Family affair

Newly promoted Col. Phillip Deaton, the AMCOM operations officer, speaks during his promotion ceremony Nov. 2. His family members include, from left, wife Wendy and sons Mitch and Phil.

■ Redstone's ACS cited as model for others

Accreditation

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• It has a well-integrated strategic plan that addresses Base Realignment and Closure transformation.

• ACS serves as a community integrator fostering community cohesion.

"There are 85 installations in the Army that go through the accreditation process," Stanley Lawson, chief of Army Community Service accreditation under the Installation Management Command, said. "So when you say Redstone is the first installation to go through accreditation four times, that's quite significant."

Lawson from Fort Monroe, Va., participated in last week's accreditation inspection here conducted by the Southeast Region, based at Fort McPherson, Ga. The team leader was Karen Crowley from Fort McPherson. Other members included Rebecca Kaplan, Martin Inman, Juanita Warren, all from Fort McPherson; Alecia Grady from Northeast Region, Fort Monroe, Va.; and Richard Myers from Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command, Alexandria, Va.

"Inspection takes 4-5 days depending on the size of the installation," Lawson said. "We will look at probably 5,000-6,000 pages of material and close to 500-1,000 files and documents. ACS accreditation is not just ACS. It's how ACS is supported in their mission by medical command and the clinic here, the Directorate of Public Works, logistics, plans folks, resource management, Child Youth and School Services, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and human resources, the operations center staff. So it's a community effort because ACS touches the community.

"It's all part of a puzzle. If one piece of the puzzle doesn't pass, the puzzle's not completed," he said. "It truly is a community effort."

When the accreditation process first started in 2000, an Army Community Service had to meet all 268 items that were evaluated. The Army reconsidered that process and changed it in 2002 to two sets of standards. Under category one, all 149 items must be met; and those deal with health, safety or federal requirements. Under category two, 58 standards concern Army regulations, Department of Defense requirements, and post and command policies. An ACS has to score 90 percent or better to pass that category.

"The short of that (accreditation process) is it's pretty dang hard to pass," Lawson said. "You've got to have your game on."

According to the results, Redstone's ACS has been on its game since the beginning.

"This is probably one of the top 10, top 15, ACS's in the Army for the population it serves and the demographics," Lawson said.

Last week's accreditation was the last regional inspection before the Army changes the process. Previously, each region within Installation Management Command conducted its own inspections. Beginning in January 2010, two teams will conduct all the inspections throughout the Army.

To your *health*

No gym membership necessary – just be ready to sweat

Workout promises grunts, grimaces and results

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They grunt, they groan and they grimace – but they promise they're having fun.

For the past three months, every Monday and Thursday morning, the lawn at Fox Army Health Center has been transformed from a grassy knoll to a full-fledged underground workout facility. The goal? To bring together everyone that wants a quick and effective workout.

"You wouldn't have a workout this fun and this quick in a gym," said Rick Stock, coordinator of the weekly workouts and health promotion educator for Fox. "People can't get these types of results from working out for an hour and a half in the gym."

The workout utilizes everyday items to engage participants in strength training and cardio – tractor tires, sleds, sledgehammers, sandbags, fire hoses and even kegs.

Participants push, pull, pound, run and walk with the various objects for intense intervals, before catching their breath. Unlike a typical gym regimen that separates strength and cardio, this type of workout engages participants in both forms at the same time.

Photo by Amy Guckeen

TIRE PUSH— Lee Brannan, a contractor for Xerox, participates in a workout session outside Fox Army Health Center.

Lawrence Swan, who works in preventive medicine at the health center, has dropped 12 pounds and noticed an increase in muscle mass since starting the workout three months ago.

"This is a functional workout," said Swan, who has also adjusted his diet. "You're working muscles that you use every day."

In addition to the strength training and cardio, participants get added perks from working out under the sunshine – no gym membership or expensive equipment necessary, and an extra dose of Vitamin D.

"I just love the outside aspect," said Lee Brannan, a contractor for Xerox, whose goal is to drop his weight to under 200 pounds. "Who wants to be cooped up in a gym?"

And while they're working, participants smile, laugh and joke around with each other, just as much as they sweat.

"We're like kids," Stock said. "I've never had so much fun."

Workouts are held Mondays and Thursdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. near the chin up bars at the main entrance of Fox Army Health Center. Anyone is welcome to join; workouts are adjusted to one's ability and intensity needs. Stock, a certified personal trainer, will assist newcomers in learning the exercises and work with them to find the appropriate workout plan.

"You go at your own pace," Brennan said.

"We don't push anybody," Stock added. "We workout as hard and as intense as we want to."

Get started on fitness program at Fox

Fox Army Health Center wants to help you through its Wellness and Fitness programs.

Training and self-starter offerings include the following:

- Cold Turkey Trot/Walk – Nov. 19 from noon to 12:40 p.m. for the Great American Smokeout.
- Women's Self-Defense Course orientation – Learn the basics to protect yourself; taught by the Huntsville Police Department in January 2010.
- Stairwell to Wellness – Coming soon.
- Fox Fit Trail – Making the Fox facility a healthy campus; coming soon.
- Jump rope – Weekly in the Fox Den; theme based for the four weeks of the month in January; jump rope and aerobics.
- No Gym Needed – Fox outdoor workouts; all are invited Mondays and Thursdays from 11-11:40 a.m. This includes General Physical Preparedness training, Peripheral Heart Action training, functional training, and more.
- Special beginners class for women – Watch your body change with these short but intense workouts.

For more information, call community health promotion educator Rick Stock at 955-8888, ext. 1443. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

Automated installation entry arrives at Letterkenny

New system tests electronic verification of credentials at depot in Pennsylvania

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Photo by Craig Zeigler

GATEWAY— The Automated Installation Entry System at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., is the Army's first approved installation access control system.

The 2,972 employees at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., are some of the first to experience a new electronic way to verify an individual's credentials when entering a military installation.

The Automated Installation Entry system is similar to an "easy pass" system used on civilian toll roads to speed up traffic flow.

The Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, working with the Office of the Provost Marshal General and the Office of the Product Manager, Force Protection Systems, developed a standard Army design for an entry system that will change the way an individual's credentials are verified and speed up the process. The proof of concept demonstration for this type of system was conducted at Fort Hood, Texas.

Other agencies supporting PM-FPS in the endeavor include the Army Test and Evaluation Command for performance evaluation and endurance tests, the Space and Warfare Naval Systems Command for the Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Program documentation that is processed through Net Command, and the Training and Doctrine Command for review and comment on operators, system administrator and maintenance training documents.

Letterkenny will be the first Army DIACAP-certified Automated Installation Entry system, and one of three installations being used to demonstrate the capability. Huntsville Center is also installing and testing AIE systems at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, in Southport, N.C. The three locations represent different types of installations where AIE will be installed.

The technology is mature, commercial-off-the-shelf technology that proves the AIE system can work in accordance with Army standards. It is likely that the system once perfected, could be adopted by other services and defense agencies, potentially improving security at military installations across DoD.

"AIE incorporates access control technology, combined with policy and procedure revisions, that will enhance security, standardize access control point technological requirements and provide commanders a flexible force protection solution," said Gregory R. "Jay" Jones, Office of the PM-FPS.

Before the AIE system can be installed, the existing infrastructure at the access control point has to be upgraded. This work is being executed by Huntsville Center's Access Control Point Equipment Program for the Army Corps of Engineers. Upgrades include guard booths, active vehicle barriers, traffic islands, overhead canopies, power/conduit/wiring and incidental paving.

Installation of the AIE system includes electronic and computer assemblies, optical and mechanical assemblies, conduit and wiring. The major elements of the AIE are the ACP with vehicle lanes, an enrollment center, a visitor control center and data centers.

The AIE mission is to automate access control in order to:

- Enhance security by verification/authentication of credentials, vetting of individuals and establishing permissions to control access;
- Reduce guard requirements/costs at access control points;
- Maintain or increase traffic throughput at gates.

To be able to use the system, individuals and vehicles must be registered on the installation.

"The AIE work at Letterkenny was awarded in two phases," said Jeffrey Mitchell, Electronic Security Systems program manager, Huntsville Center. "In phase one, the prep work at the site was assessed to ensure AIE equipment could be procured and installed. Follow-on was to complete and deliver a technical design. In phase two the equipment was procured and installed.

"The project presented unique challenges because this was a PM-FPS 'program of record' where we had to engage other agencies through PM-FPS to execute this project," Mitchell said.

"Whenever you have a new system that will be tied to an Army network, you have to ensure the information processed on that system will be secure," said Craig Zeigler, ESS physical security specialist. "The system has to be certified and accredited to be networthy; that it can be plugged in and talk computer to computer without corrupting the Army network."

"Once the system was installed, it was tested in accordance with an Interim Authority to Test provided by NETCOM," Mitchell said. "Performance Verification Tests were completed by ATEC in August and follow-on Endurance Tests that started in September were completed Oct. 22. The next step is the Authority to Operate, which is approval to use the system on the Army network.

"The system at Letterkenny is working well," Mitchell said. "This has been one of our more challenging projects because of all the players involved, and the requirement to follow the DIACAP process for the Letterkenny system. There were some initial hiccups as expected with fielding any new system, but we have worked through them."

Lt. Col. Robert Leasure, deputy director of risk management, said: "The automated installation entry program has the potential to be one of our greatest assets. It would be like owning a tricycle and then upgrading to a '65 Ford Mustang. The project at Letterkenny will be the tip of the spear for the Army and could lead us into a joint venture with other services."

Courtesy photo

Letterkenny commander

Col. Cheri Provancha has succeeded Col. Steven Shapiro as commander of Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa. She is Letterkenny's first female commander in 68 years.

Hail and *farewell*

Physicist's legacy continues beyond retirement

Dr. McCorkle steps down at AMRDEC, will continue work as volunteer scientist

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During his 52 years as an Army civilian, Dr. Bill McCorkle has been recognized countless times for his contributions in the fields of aviation and missile technology.

Throughout his career, McCorkle has "had fun" working as a designer, explorer, researcher, developer and manager. He is a scientist, engineer, mathematician, organizer, pilot, teacher, leader and visionary.

He is a charter member of the Army's Senior Executive Service, and an internationally recognized leader in aviation and missile technology. He is the director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center where, with more than 3,100 employees involved in research and development of missiles, aviation and unmanned aerial vehicle technology, he leads the Army's largest research and development center. As the chief of AMRDEC and its forerunner, the Army Missile Laboratory, McCorkle oversees an organization that has been named the Army's best laboratory eight times since it was formed in 1981.

But more than anything else, McCorkle is a physicist.

"I've always believed that people should do what they are interested in," he said, as he sat in an office where the table and desk are overflowing with administrative and research reports, shelf space is filled with numerous awards and accolades, and the white board is covered in scientific equations.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

REMEMBERING A CAREER— Mementoes of Dr. Bill McCorkle's 52-year career are very much part of the decor in his office at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. McCorkle will officially retire from his Redstone Arsenal career on Nov. 23 in a 9 a.m. ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. McCorkle came to Redstone in 1957 as a physicist and is retiring as AMRDEC's longtime director.

"I think work is a very exciting thing to do. It is very gratifying, challenging and intensely interesting. It's fun to be here. There are lots of things to do. In fact, I think I will keep on working here as a voluntary emeritus."

That last comment – referring to AMRDEC's voluntary emeritus program – shouldn't be a surprise to anyone who knows McCorkle. At 81, he has enough energy and technical know-how to keep up with any young engineer. For a man known for actually building rockets in his kitchen, the word "retirement" just doesn't fit into his lifestyle.

But McCorkle is retiring in official Army terms. His retirement ceremony is set for Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Among the dignitaries who will attend will be longtime friend and supporter Sen. Richard Shelby.

"Not since Dr. Wernher von Braun has one man done more to promote rocket development at Redstone than Dr. McCorkle," Shelby said.

"Since he joined the Aviation and Missile Command, Dr. McCorkle has been a pillar in the aviation and missile research and development fields. Dr. McCorkle has been on the forefront of new technology to provide our war fighters with the best equipment and our nation the best defense from those who wish to threaten us. He has been a genuine asset to both the service and the war fighter. His leadership, experience and expertise have advanced our rocket, missile and aviation programs beyond what was ever imagined when he first came to work for the Army."

As AMRDEC's leader, McCorkle has been responsible for major research, exploratory and advanced development, rapid prototyping, production, field engineering, software engineering and product assurance support for more than 35 systems managed by the Program Executive Offices for Aviation, Missiles and Space, and Command, Control and Communications Tactical; the Missile Defense Agency, Aviation and Missile Command, and various programs, product managers and customers.

McCorkle started his career at Redstone in 1957, fresh from obtaining his physics doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

"I thought I would work here for a year and see how I liked it and then find something else to do," he recalled. "One year ran into another and another, and I advanced, and kept finding more opportunities to work."

His first assignment was to work issues pertaining to the Little John missile program, and he never looked back.

"I worked with a simulator of the Little John missile to address its inaccuracies," McCorkle recalled. "It was a free flight rocket designed for a nuclear warhead 10 to 11 inches in diameter.

"But it was terribly inaccurate and no one could explain it. I discovered the cause of the inaccuracies. We changed the launcher to allow the rocket to spin up before it launched. That made it a lot more accurate than it was."

That was the first of many discoveries to McCorkle's credit. He has worked on research and development projects associated with nearly every missile and rocket system managed by the Aviation and Missile Command. After Little John, McCorkle went on to work on guided missiles, including the Lance and Hawk.

"There were so many missiles, air defense missiles, that I got to work on," he said. "We succeeded in developing a lot of new systems.

"One of my favorites was the Hawk. But the Hawk could only engage a single target at a time. Toward the end of the Hawk's career, I proposed a scheme to allow it to engage multiple targets. No one thought it could be done. I showed them at White Sands (New Mexico) low altitude, simultaneous Hawk engagements. The Hawk was replaced by the Patriot. But it is still in service in parts of the world, and some have multi-engagement capability."

Topping McCorkle's list of favorites is the FOG-M, the revolutionary fiber-optic guided missile system that he developed on his kitchen table and yet was not able to launch into an active military system during his time at AMRDEC.

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■ Longtime leading physicist sets sights on retirement

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"My wife Nancy didn't really object to my work," McCorkle said. "But she was always funny about making sure it was all cleaned up."

While missile systems such as the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System were gratifying to work on because of their extremely capable, effective and accurate reputation in the war fight, McCorkle said FOG-M "has represented new technology from the beginning. Its fiber optic cable gives beautiful pictures of the battlefield. The fiber optic data links represent the most capable technology we've ever had. It makes its operator a virtual kamikaze. It relies on a pilot on the ground, but it gives a visual picture that makes that Soldier a pilot in the air."

Under his leadership, AMRDEC has had a major role in arming the unmanned aerial vehicle Predator with Hellfire missiles, establishing an Advanced Simulation Center that provides virtual battlefield exercises and enables concurrent engineering to reduce development time and cost on new systems, and developing its Life Cycle Software Engineering Center into one of DoD's most successful centers. McCorkle is especially proud of AMRDEC's $1.2 billion Prototype Integration Facility, where employees are often working in real time to make upgrades and improvements on systems in support of the rapid response requirements of the Research Development and Engineering Command, DoD and, ultimately, the Soldier.

"The PIF has been very effective in its support of Soldiers during the war in Iraq," he said. "There were many times when we were literally in constant communication with Soldiers in the field. That gives everybody a sense of purpose. And now everyone in the Army wants a PIF."

Except for a two-year stint in a rotational assignment at the Pentagon as a science adviser to the director of Weapons Systems, McCorkle's career has been entirely in support of the missile and aviation programs managed at Redstone Arsenal. In 1980, he was selected for the dual role as the technical director for the then Missile Command and as director of the Army's Missile Laboratory (later AMRDEC). In 1997, McCorkle became head of the newly formed AMRDEC, which merged the Arsenal's aviation and missile research into one organization.

"Most were opposed to the merger. They thought it would be better if they were kept separated," he said, adding that much of the opposition was based on the fear that aviation concerns would override future development of missile systems, which has not been the case.

Yet, he said, "aviation is a much bigger business, twice to three times the investment value of missiles. The trouble with the aviation business is rotocrafts are developing to a level which is close to the limit of what you can do with the technology. They are very expensive to make, but very necessary because they are the only aircraft that can take off and land in a very limited space. They are invaluable to the war fight."

AMRDEC is constantly pushing technology to support the Army's helicopter fleet.

"The necessity for more improved rotocraft like the Chinook, Black Hawk and Apache is top priority. These advanced war fighting machines will make the difference in places like Afghanistan where extremely rugged territory and the lack of roads makes our Soldiers very dependent on helicopters for quick and safe transportation and protection," McCorkle said.

"We are working hard to improve and develop new technology in emerging airframes, rotoblades and all parts that go into a helicopter and, at the same time, trying to make them less complex and less experimental. It is a high challenge, but indispensible work."

McCorkle admits it will be difficult to give up a job that he has enjoyed for so long. But, he said, it's time to let others continue AMRDEC's role as one of the Army's leading laboratories.

"Retirement is always a hard decision to make. But I recognize there are other people who are quite capable and who can lead this organization," he said. "This organization and the whole environment have certainly changed while I've been here, and those changes haven't always been for the better.

"The most challenging change is the cost of new technologies. They have gotten so very high. We want to make technological improvements, but at the same time, we have to cut down on the cost and expense. We want to make aircraft more safe and flexible, and missiles more lethal and capable in support of the war fighter. But we also must face the reality of high costs."

Yet McCorkle has a lot of confidence in the next generation of AMRDEC leaders.

"Their enthusiasm is so great," he said. "We bring a lot of kids in here as young engineers and co-ops and interns, and we often can't believe their enthusiasm and how sharp they are. They have a strong desire to make contributions and to see progress. They are extremely gifted, and the environment here inspires them to be achievers."

In retirement, McCorkle hopes to spend more time developing FOG-M and other advanced technologies with the help of scientist Dr. Tom Bahder. He also wants to travel in "our old motor home" with his wife. As an AMRDEC volunteer, he hopes to mentor and assist younger generation engineers. He plans to pass on his research papers to the Redstone Scientific Information Center.

"There are a lot of hard and difficult challenges here. But there's also a lot opportunities and gratifying challenges, and I want to be part of that for as long as I can," McCorkle said. "I've enjoyed leading people and leading change, communicating and working with people, and building coalitions. I hope to still contribute in this environment."

Shuttle service en route at Redstone

Photo by Ashley Kalifeh

HIT THE ROAD— Mike Simmons, light motor vehicle operator for the motor pool, shows a van that will be used for the shuttle service. The vans are easily identified due to the color coded route magnet placed on the side of the vehicle.

New transportation option reduces need for driving

By ASHLEY KALIFEH
For the Rocket

Are you tired of trying to find parking at the Sparkman Center for your 8:30 a.m. meeting? How would you like to walk outside your building, wait less than 10 minutes, climb into a van and be at your meeting without the hassle of driving and parking your car?

If this idea interests you, then mark your calendars for Nov. 30 — the official start date for the new Redstone shuttle service.

"The shuttle will frequent areas where major activities on Redstone typically take place," said Bert Rivera, the installation transportation officer and head of this pilot program. "This should decrease the need for people to use their personal vehicles or their government cars as much."

The shuttles will travel three different routes, red, blue and green, that cover different areas of the Arsenal. The red and blue routes will heavily cover the Martin Road business district.

The stops are coordinated so that riders should not have to wait more than 10 minutes for a shuttle. The wait for a shuttle on the Martin Road route is calculated around five minutes, but no longer than 10 minutes. The route that services the extremities of the post should have a wait no longer than 30 minutes between shuttles.

"The routes will be set up like a 'fixed rail' train, where the shuttles will not veer off course. Much like an airport shuttle would operate," Rivera said.

The taxi service will still operate in the same manner as it does currently, but on a limited basis. Riders are encouraged to use the shuttle rather than the taxi for destinations frequented by the shuttle. However, handicap passengers should still call the taxi for transportation around the Arsenal.

After 60 days, the shuttle service will be evaluated to determine its effectiveness. If enough people are using the shuttles and it is proven cost effective, then the service will continue.

Next week, the *Rocket* will publish the shuttle schedules.

■ Redstone has record setting year for construction

Construction

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Second are the job order contract projects — the small renovations and facility upgrades — that are limited to $750,000 for a new construction project and $2 million for laboratory revitalization projects. And third are the $21 million in stimulus projects to upgrade and maintain existing facility systems, such as replacing air conditioning units, and replacing water, sewer and gas lines.

"With those three programs alone right there you've got $569 million in construction. Of that, we have ongoing $424 million of BRAC-related construction," Davis said.

"The issue we are having now is that we've got more and more construction requests with funds in hand than we've ever had before because the Arsenal's mission keeps expanding and there are more agencies with wants and needs."

The Garrison's biggest customers include the Redstone Test Center and its $53.5 million construction project that includes the 126,000-square-foot Rotary Wing Center Hangar Facility at the Redstone Airfield and its new 37,000-square-foot headquarters building on Martin Road; the Missile Defense Agency and its $221.2 million, 840,000-square-foot building at the Von Braun Complex that will be complete in the fall of 2010; the $140 million, 401,000-square-foot Army Materiel Command and U.S. Army Security Assistance Command headquarters; and the $7.2 million, 25,000-square-foot 2nd Recruiting Brigade and its subordinate command, the $1.7 million, 5,000-square-foot 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion.

This construction is all BRAC-related. According to BRAC law, the facilities must be in place and operational by Sept. 15, 2011. The first BRAC-related facilities to open on the Arsenal were the recruiting brigade and recruiting battalion buildings located on the northeast section of the Arsenal near Patton Road. The other projects are in various stages of construction.

"The bottom line is we're on track, we're on schedule to have all these facilities complete and ready for move in prior to the 2011 date," Davis said. "The AMC building will be complete by March 2011 and the Rotary Wing and RTC's new headquarters will be complete by July 2011."

But not all Arsenal construction is directly related to BRAC.

Non-BRAC-related military construction projects (valued at more than $750,000 and requiring congressional approval) include the new 5,000-square-foot Garrison Support Services Center and its sister building for visual information, both on Vincent Drive, now under construction. Also included are a $5 million ongoing renovation of building 5250 (Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space) which is set for completion in September 2010, and a $20 million, 80,000-square foot facility known as the Systems Software Engineering Annex Phase II that will be completed in February 2011. Then, Phase III will add a 37,000-square-foot facility at a cost of $17 million.

"There are other agencies that have their own contracting capabilities," Davis said. "One of those is AAFES, which is building a new Burger King. Then there is the FBI and ATF facilities. The Corps of Engineers has the largest non-BRAC project — $66 million in construction for the FBI and ATF."

The ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research, now under construction on Patton Road, will be a $28 million, 83,000-square-foot facility. Plans are also in the works for a $45 million FBI Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center, DIA-MSIC Explosive Ordnance Exploitation Facility, AMRDEC Software Engineering Directorate facility, the Gate 7/Martin Road expansion, and the $500 million, privately invested Enhanced Use Lease project. About $4 million in renovations at Fox Army Health Center are nearing completion and the new 12,400-square-foot U.S. Post Office facility has opened.

Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation has about $8 million worth of construction projects in various stages. Of that, $3 million will go toward building the new Child Development Center on Mills Road and making upgrades to the Youth Center off Goss Road.

The new CDC will provide space for 124 children from ages infant to 4 years old, and 60 children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs.

"We are trying to provide daycare for the children on our waiting list and the majority of those children are under 4 years old," said Child Youth Services chief Andre Terry. "Our goal is to pull these children from off-post daycare and bring them on post to offer their parents the convenience of having their children only a few blocks away from where they work."

Currently, CDC provides services for 176 children ages infant to 4 in its facility on Goss Road. That area is also home to the recently opened $6 million, 23,000-square-foot School Age Services Building and the Youth Center.

The FMWR projects overseen by the organization's business development and information technology director Francine Stone include everything from a solarium at the bowling alley to campground upgrades to a new conference center near the Officers and Civilians Club.

"These projects are being taken on so that we grow with the influx of people into our Redstone community," she said. "These projects are good for everybody. These are expansions and renovations that everybody can use, and they are coming at the request of our customers. It's not only about expanding our facilities, but also about a better offering of services. These projects will allow us to offer a whole lot more."

FMWR projects include a Redstone Bowling Center Solarium, renovations and a new mission for the Diane Campbell Community Center (formerly recreation center); the new 5,000-square-foot Conference Overlook near the Officers and Civilians Club; the new 5,000-square-foot Outdoor Recreation Complex; a renovated Wellness Center on Digney Road that will be expanded from 3,000 to 8,000 square feet; drainage upgrades and bathroom facilities at the Parade Field; and renovations and improvements to the Post Library, Arts and Crafts Center, Pagano Gym, RV park and Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. Most of these projects will be completed in 2010, with the new conference center slated for completion in early 2011.

The Arsenal is also benefitting from a $26.8 million stimulus package that is funding energy-related and quality-of-life projects. Those projects include replacing steam, water and gas lines, and rebuilding an airfield runway and turnaround.

Of the new construction managed by the Garrison, $8.7 million is funding 530 small renovation and improvement projects.

"It's hard to see the magnitude of these projects," Davis said. "But we are managing every one of them, and they will add to the overall services and infrastructure of the Arsenal. We are trying to make sure our infrastructure is in good shape to support the next round of growth."

Before construction can begin on Redstone, agency representatives must meet with the Garrison's Master Planning Office to choose a site.

"The day BRAC was signed four years ago, we started looking at the master plan to see where we were going to fit new buildings into our plan," Davis said. "When you add a building, it has to fit. For example, we offered AMC four different sites that would fit into our master plan.

"In general, the master plan calls for quality of life, training and user-friendly buildings to be located on the northern end of the Arsenal. In the middle of the Arsenal, we have administrative and laboratory buildings, and at the southern end we have explosive operations, storage and testing facilities."

Of course, some of those areas do intermingle, such as the new FMWR child care facility that is being built near administrative facilities along Martin Road, and future plans for restaurants and service-type businesses, also along Martin Road.

"With quality of life, you have to also look at putting service facilities near your largest concentration of administrative space," Davis said.

Working with Davis to manage Redstone's construction projects is a staff of 96 DPW employees and contractors led by Jerry Hinson, chief of the Design and Construction Branch; Keith Cook, chief of the Engineering Division; John Green, chief of Master Planning, and Greg Calvert, chief of Base Operations.

Once the current building boom is complete, Davis' office won't be given a respite. The Directorate of Public Works is also charged with maintaining current facilities and renovating existing buildings.

"Besides our new construction, we are responsible for maintaining and supporting the existing 70 customers on post with all their facility wants and needs," Davis said. "After 2011, we will renovate buildings all around the Arsenal that have been parceled out to tenants here and there.

"Our goal is to keep our buildings maintained up to the current standard so that we can experience energy efficiencies and so that our agencies can recruit the best and brightest. The quality of work space is high on the list of things new recruits want. We also want to be ready for the next round of growth."

Besides growth on the Army side of Redstone, NASA at Redstone is also experiencing tremendous growth in its facilities. Marshall Space Flight Center has six ongoing projects totaling $46 million. In fiscal 2010, another $13 million in construction on three projects will begin and, in fiscal 2011, three projects totaling $54 million will begin, according to Kent Criswell of NASA/MSFC Facilities Planning Group.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION AREA— No matter where you drive on Redstone Arsenal, chances are you will see some type of construction. New buildings, renovations and upgrades, and additions are the norm as the footprint and mission of the Army expands on the Arsenal.

'I'm no hero. I was just a Soldier'

Burchfield among four Hall of Heroes inductees

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Inside all of us, there is the potential to do great things under enormous stress. Servicemembers are often confronted with extreme conditions and circumstances. The Madison County Hall of Heroes today inducts four veterans who found the courage and strength to do the extraordinary. Retired Master Sgt. Arvil Burchfield is proud to be one of those four, even if he doesn't think he deserves it.

"I was a good Soldier," he said. "But I'm not a hero."

Burchfield joined the Army at 17 in order to find a job and a better life. He said that looking back now, he realizes how poor his family was, though at the time he just thought that's how everyone lived.

"We didn't get electricity until I was 11 years old," he said. "We didn't have anything. We were poor folks, even though I didn't know it then."

The Benton, Tenn., native served in two separate conflicts. In Korea, he distinguished himself repeatedly over five tours. While being a Soldier in a foreign land can be a thankless job, Burchfield had the honor of being among a small group of Soldiers thanked by the chief of staff of the Republic of Korea Army.

"He wrote a letter to our command," Burchfield said. "They forwarded copies on to us."

When the Han River flooded in 1958,

Courtesy photo

HONOREE— Retired Master Sgt. Arvil Burchfield is among today's inductees into the Madison County Hall of Heroes.

Korean civilians found their homes and themselves were being washed away in the raging waters. Burchfield was among a group of American Soldiers who were able to rescue 60 people from the floods that would have otherwise claimed their lives.

"We were plucking them off the tops of their houses as they washed by us on a bridge," he said.

Later, serving in Vietnam, Burchfield again distinguished himself through saving others. On Feb. 24, 1971, Burchfield took a wrong turn. Instead of following the rest of his group, he ended up in an area where the opposing forces were locked in heavy fighting. Eight lay dead in a clearing. With them were four wounded, but the heavy fire made them unreachable.

"I was in the wrong place at the right time," Burchfield said. "There is a real slim line between heroic and stupid. I was already on the stupid side, so I had to fight my way over to the other side. The stupid side will get you killed."

At the end of that day, all were recovered and the four wounded taken to safety. Burchfield had been shot twice himself, once in the arm and another in the leg.

"I hear some of these veterans say that they weren't scared. They say that they didn't even feel the shot when they were hit," he said, laughing. "I'm here to tell you I was scared to death and it hurt like hell."

His actions earned him another Bronze Star. He had received one previously for more than 25 successful helicopter combat assaults with the Air Support First Cavalry Division.

In addition to the enemy, Burchfield said Vietnam itself seemed to wage war against them daily. The jungle climate and temperatures made cold water seem like gold.

"You couldn't get anything cold to drink. It was hard to find drinkable water at all. When you did it was always warm," he said. "The drinkable water had so much chlorine in it. It was awful. But my mother sent me a case of Kool Aid packets. We would dump those in the water so it would hide the chlorine taste."

Burchfield survived a terrible case of malaria during his second Vietnam tour. He said doctors told him they were surprised he made it. As horrific as the mosquitoes could be though, he said the leeches were the stuff of nightmares. They didn't need bare skin to make a meal of you.

"I had one manage to suck blood right through my boot once," he said.

When his war fighting days were over, Burchfield headed home with a few new scars, a few new stories, two Bronze Stars with oak leaf cluster and a Purple Heart.

After returning home, Burchfield spent time as a drill sergeant for the Women's Auxiliary Corps. He was the first in his battalion to have all of his trainees qualify with their weapons. Later he served as an ROTC instructor for the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He spent four years there and was named instructor of the year before leaving active duty for a job teaching JROTC first in Florida, then in Georgia.

Burchfield spent 28 years total on active duty. He spent another 14 as a retiree instructor.

"When you add it up, I spent 42 years in a uniform," he said. "It's the best thing I've ever done. The Army was good to me. When I got married, it was good to my family as well."

Burchfield will attend the Madison County Hall of Heroes induction ceremony at the Von Braun Center north hall with his wife and son. He will enjoy donning his uniform again, even if he isn't too sure why anyone is making such a fuss over him.

"I had to have my uniform taken in a little. I'm skinnier than I used to be," he said. "But I'm no hero. I was just a Soldier."

Today's other inductees include retired Marine Lt. Gen. Frank Lubitti, retired Air Force Maj. Robert Karwoski and Army veteran Leonard Robinson.

Tobyhanna workers do reset on unmanned aircraft systems

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TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Tobyhanna employees are improving the unmanned aerial vehicle system reset process.

Unmanned aerial vehicle systems include aircraft that fly without a human crew and can carry cameras, sensors or communications equipment. The systems also consist of shelters and Humvees, generators, air conditioning units and a launcher trailer.

Since 2005, depot employees have reset 45 systems.

When a UAV system comes to Tobyhanna to be reset, employees in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate's Assembly Branch perform an evaluation and inspection. This includes looking for missing parts and torn or missing straps, damage (inside and outside), and documenting issues such as holes in the floor, or caved-in sides of the shelter, which occur from transportation or wear and tear in the field.

Systems come to Tobyhanna from Southwest Asia, Europe and Korea from Army, Navy and Marine Corps units.

"During the past year we were working on up to three UAV systems at one time; sometimes they were coming in every two weeks," said Scott Andrews, sheet metal mechanic in the branch, noting that they have a four-week turnaround time for each system.

Tom Hooper, production controller, explained that the program is successful due to some of the reset process improvements they have implemented in the past four years.

"It's hard to keep on schedule because the system goes to so many different shops," he said. "Just about every shop in SIS have their hands on it."

Army center opens doors for education

Open house scheduled during Education Week

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Nov. 16 kicks off American Education Week as schools and resource centers celebrate those seeking knowledge and the teachers who guide their journey. The Education Center will hold an open house Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all of Team Redstone.

"This year the Army theme for AEW is 'The Year of the NCO – Leading the Way through Education,'" Charles Williams, education services officer, said. "This event is planned for Soldiers, family members, veterans, retirees, civilians and contractors who are interested in learning more about different colleges, universities and the programs they offer. This is an opportunity to explore different degree programs and talk with educational professionals. It's open to anyone with Redstone access."

The center will play host to 22 colleges and universities from around the nation. They will be on hand to answer questions, provide information and encourage attendees to invest in their education future.

Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

LEARNING RESOURCE— Pfc. Vincenzo Rocco of Charlie Company discusses education center resources with education counselor Danielle Moore.

"It's a great way to ask the questions you have and find out what's out there straight from the schools' representatives," education counselor Danielle Moore said.

Financial aid and admissions information are always in demand, Williams said. While recent changes in the Army's GI Bill make it a hot topic at the center, the resources available are not just for Soldiers. Center staffers have a wealth of information available about government loans, grants and private scholarships for all ages and career fields. Williams said the cost of tuition stops many people from pursuing higher education, but knowing what help is out there can make the bottom line less daunting.

"The money is out there. The opportunities are out there," he said. "I read once that the only thing more expensive than getting an education is the alternative. I don't remember who said it, but it's true."

Besides financial aid, the center will have information on all of the degree and certificate programs available both through the center and the schools it works with. Online and distance learning programs make it easier for working adults and parents to meet their current responsibilities and future goals at the same time.

"We want potential students to have anytime access to education," Williams said. "Online coursework makes education workable for the adult learner who is juggling family life and a career."

The event is also a way for young students to begin their application and decision process in a relaxed atmosphere.

"They can learn about the college process," Moore said. "It's not intimidating like a big campus can be."

The open house is in the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road. Light refreshments will be served. There will also be giveaways and prize drawings from the attending schools.

"They can range anywhere from school T-shirts up to big prizes," Williams said. "One year we had a school give away a free semester. I don't know what they have planned for this year yet."

In addition to the booths, the center will also showcase its testing services. The center is a testing site for many standardized collegiate and admission tests. Many are available in computer format, allowing for instant scores.

"Some are still mail-in packets," Moore said. "A majority of our exams are automated, where your score is calculated when you enter the last answer."

The center prides itself on the testing and study resources available for Soldiers looking to improve their scores and thereby their careers.

Although American Education Week will end on Nov. 20, Williams said the Education Center is here for Team Redstone year-round. For more information, call 876-3084 or 876-3465.

'Letters Home' brings Soldiers' letters to life

Local performances slated Nov. 20-21

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For centuries, American Soldiers have documented the country's wars the best way they know how – by putting a pen to paper, and composing a litany of love to friends and family far away. In November a Chicago theatre group will bring to life the letters of Soldiers serving in Iraq.

Inspired by the HBO documentary "Last Letters Home," "Letters Home" portrays more than 40 real letters written by Soldiers serving in the Middle East, punctuated by accompanying pictures and videos. The show will be performed at Merrimack Hall Nov. 20-21.

"The show is not anyway political," said Bill Massolia, writer of the play with Griffin Theatre Company in Chicago. "It covers the Soldier experience in the current war, and shines a light on what it is to be an individual serving in the military today. It reveals a lot of the humanity that lies within that war as seen through the men and women that are fighting it. It's a very human story."

Some 150 active duty Soldiers, along with Redstone Arsenal leadership, will be treated to a private performance when the show comes to Huntsville on Nov. 20 at Merrimack Hall, thanks to *The Huntsville Times*, Redstone Arsenal's FMWR, SAIC, Avion and S3.

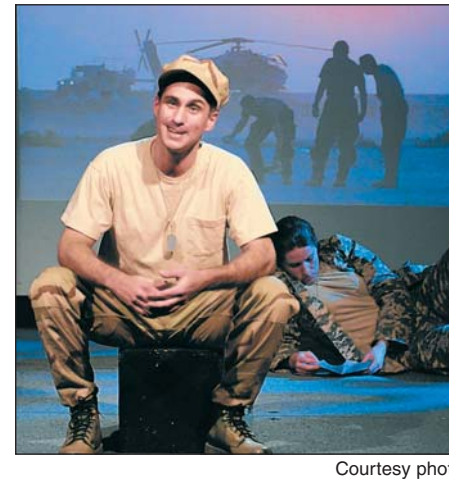
"It's good for the young active duty Soldiers to know that they're not alone in how they feel when they're going through rigorous training, deployment, and when their boots are on the ground in an active combat zone," said Amelia Flanigan, director of sales and marketing for Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation.

With the strong military presence in Huntsville, bringing the show to Huntsville was a no-brainer for staff at Merrimack Hall.

"The play is based on the Soldier experience," said Ashley Dinges, marketing director for Merrimack Hall. "With the community here, we wanted to bring something in that vein to Huntsville."

First produced in Chicago in January 2007, the show's popularity quickly created a demand for it across the country, an unexpected twist for Massolia, who did not anticipate audience's strong reactions to the play.

"War letters in general are really powerful pieces of writing," Massolia said.



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SOLDIER EXPERIENCE— "Letters Home" portrays more than 40 real letters written by Soldiers serving in the Middle East, punctuated by accompanying pictures and videos. The show will be performed at Merrimack Hall Nov. 20-21.

"They're really a living history of an event. When you hear the letters, and hear what these Soldiers are talking about, it defines patriotism in a really clear way for people. It defines what they're doing in terms of bravery, their sense of community, their brotherhood, their acts of compassion."

Kevin Kingston, an actor with the show from Arab, is excited to perform the show in his home state. While he's helped bring "Letters Home" to New York and Los Angeles, Huntsville holds a special meaning.

"Most of the community knows the sacrifices that people are making for this war, I think it's something that they will relate to, appreciate," said Kingston, whose father works at Redstone Arsenal with missile defense.

Kingston plays several different roles in the show, including a Soldier who has been injured in an IED explosion, Marine who has returned from war, and Soldier who grew a cornfield in the middle of the desert. Due to the nature of the show, performances are especially emotional for the actors.

"It's an honor, a pleasure," Kingston said of performing in the show. "It's something that I think carries more weight than most plays you do because you feel like you are connected to these people's experiences."

Tickets for the 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performance on Nov. 21 are available to the general public. To purchase, call the Merrimack Hall box office at 534-6455 or visit www.merrimackhall.com.

Just for kids

Trike-a-Thon gets kids moving for good cause

Safety event benefits research hospital

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The wheels on the trikes go round and round, all for a good cause.

More than 50 children donned their helmets and showed off their safety skills Friday morning at the Child Development Center's Trike-a-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"St. Jude is the leader in the fight against catastrophic childhood diseases such as leukemia, brain tumors and sickle cell disease," said Kara Pleasant, coordinator of the event. "Through events like this Trike-A-Thon, the CDC will be supporting the St. Jude mission of finding cures and saving children across the country and around the world."

Photo by Amy Guckeen

RUSH HOUR— Kids ride their bikes around the circle at the Child Development Center Friday morning to raise money for St. Jude.

Some pedaled tentatively while others powered their bikes and trikes with gusto as they made laps around the circle in front of the CDC. Safety skills were put to the test as kids shouted, "I go faster!" to the responses of "Slow down!" and "Use your brakes!" by their parents.

"I'm tired about this," said Tristan Koby, 4, pausing for a breather. "But I can do it!"

Within a lap he was exclaiming, "Now I got it!"

Though there were a few wipeouts and tears – raising money for a good cause, after all is hard work – by the end kids were all smiles as they refueled with a cup of juice.

In the week leading up to the Trike-a-Thon, children took part in riding toy safety lessons with the help of Bikewell Bear and Pedals the Bunny. Riders received pledges to participate in the Trike-a-Thon, raising more than $3,000 for St. Jude. Prizes for participants included t-shirts, backpacks and Bikewell Bear and Pedals the Bunny plush toys.

Scholarships for military children program opens

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FORT LEE, Va. – The holidays are fast approaching, and they can be a fun family time as children away at college come home, and other students get their holiday break. It's also a time for students and parents to apply for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program that opens in November.

Scholarship applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at https://www.commissaries.com and directly at http://www.militaryscholar.org. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded $7.3 million in scholarships to almost 5,000 children of servicemembers.

The Nov. 3 scholarship kickoff coincides with National Military Family Month, and is an example of commissaries supporting their local communities by helping to improve the quality of life for military families, said Defense Commissary Agency director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr.

"Being part of something that makes higher education more affordable for military families is thrilling, as we feel it makes a better future possible for their children," he said. "The program awards $1,500 scholarships to well-rounded, accomplished service members' children, enabling these families to save some on their children's tuition."

Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may

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Richie takes reins of division at LOGSA

By NATHAN FORBES
For the Rocket

Lt. Col. Diane Richie

Lt. Col. Diane Richie has been named as the chief of Transportation, Operations, Plans and Security Division for the Logistics Support Activity.

She brings more than 23 years of military experience to her new position.

"I am grateful for the opportunity I have to serve the men and women who are on the front lines defending our freedom," she said.

Richie began her military career at Fort McClellan when she reported to the Chemical Officers Basic Course. Upon completion of the course, she accepted an assignment with Headquarters, Headquarters Battery of the 72nd Field Brigade in the Federal Republic of Germany as the assistant brigade chemical officer.

After serving in Operation Desert Storm, Richie transferred to the Quartermaster Corps where she served as the support operations officer in the Division Support Command, Fort Carson, Colo.

Her most recent assignment included J-4 logistics planner and the deputy director of logistics for Joint Task Force North, where she held the responsibility for the planning, coordinating and synchronizing of all logistical support for the JTF-N headquarters.

In her current position as chief of TOPS, she is responsible for the security, operations and plans for LOGSA. In addition to those duties, Richie also leads the Army Airlift Clearance Authority, which grants air clearance for sustainment cargo leaving the continental United States to support the war fighter in all corners of the world. The AACA also assists customers in the tracking and tracing of Army cargo as well as analyzing transportation issues in the logistical pipeline.

Richie also leads two port assistant liaisons at Dover Air Force Base and McGuire Air Force Base, which helps to facilitate the flow of Army sponsored cargo at the aerial port.

She is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Quartermaster Officers Advance Course, Chemical Officers Basic Course, TACFIRE Course, Support Operation Course and holds a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Wayne State University.

She and her husband, Col. Glenn Richie, commander of the 2nd Recruiting Brigade, have two children and one grandson.

Army launches research technology blog

EDGEWOOD, Md.— The Army is launching a new blog to help Soldiers and the public discover a little-known side of the Army, the research, development, engineering, testing and evaluation that goes into the technologies that make Soldiers safer and more effective.

The Army Research Development and Engineering Command launched Army Technology Live on Nov. 2. It joins the growing family of Army blogs hosted by the Department of Defense's DODLive blog hosting service. The web address is http://armytechnology.armylive.dodlive.mil/.

RDECOM and its eight subordinate elements create a wide range of technologies used by Soldiers every day, and is but one of a number of Army organizations that focus on technology, according to RDECOM public affairs officer Robert DiMichele.

"RDECOM has almost 17,000 people – the majority of them civilian scientists and engineers – who do a lot of the research and engineering that goes into new technologies, but that's not well known," DiMichele said. "Part of the reason is that the equipment that results from the research and development done here may not get into Soldiers' hands until years later. Some of our scientists are looking at the molecules of material that will become a new food item or armor formulation in 10 or 20 years. Others are engineering upgrades to equipment already in the field. We want to show as much of that process as we can."

The command isn't going to limit topics on the blog to projects it takes part in, DiMichele said.

"Army technology is a wide field with a lot of players. RDECOM alone has thousands of partnerships, from single researchers to global industries. If you look at the whole Army technology enterprise we can't begin to tell that story unless we talk about as many aspects of it as we can," he said. *(RDECOM release)*

Win or lose

Civilian Welfare Fund gains momentum for tournament

Defending champion beats Charlie in showdown of unbeaten teams

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The Civilian Welfare Fund flag football players knew they were in for a battle when Charlie Company answered their early touchdown.

But once CWF's offense got rolling, Charlie couldn't keep pace in this showdown of unbeaten teams.

The civilians pulled away for a 36-20 win on Thursday's final night of the regular season at the field off Patton Road. CWF (7-0) is the defending champion of the postseason tournament scheduled Nov. 9-19.

"We were excited. We were amped up because we were both undefeated teams," CWF player/coach Brad Harris said. "We had great defensive play that started us off on a good foot. This victory will give us momentum going into the tournament."

Harris, a defensive back/wide receiver, caught a touchdown pass and made an interception. William Kelly threw two touchdown passes and scored on a run.

"It was a good night," Kelly said. "We started off slow. We had a lot of respect for that team. They were 6-0 coming in, undefeated. We had to respect that."

Charlie quarterback Travis Roop had three touchdown runs for the Wolfpack (6-1). He intercepted a pass at safety, but threw three interceptions.

"A lot of turnovers," Roop said. "We have a lot of new players. And their spread offense hurt us."

The civilians took an 8-0 lead on quarterback John Gayden's 10-yard run followed by his two-point conversion pass to Harris.

The Wolfpack answered at 12:36 in the first half on Roop's 4-yard run.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

BULLDOGS IN ARMS— Bravo Company's quarterbacks include, from left, Joshua Whitaker, Chris Johnson and Joe Bond. The Bulldogs went 4-3 in the regular season.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

MARINES LAND— The Marines huddle before their game Nov. 2 against Headquarters & Alpha Company. They beat the Gators 43-26.

Kelly's 10-yard run at 1:50 put the civilians up 14-6 at halftime. He connected with Harris from 5 yards out early in the second half. And he threw a 21-yarder to Nick Benjamin at 11:20 followed by a two-point conversion pass to Harris for a 28-6 cushion.

Roop's 1-yard run and two-point conversion pass put Charlie within 28-14 at 5:38.

But on the ensuing kickoff, CWF's Warren Powell sprinted 60 yards for a touchdown. Kelly added a two-point conversion pass to Ashley Pallotta.

Roop's 10-yard touchdown run ended the scoring with 35 seconds left.

Headquarters & Alpha 38, HHC 59th 20: The Gators earned their first win on the final night of the regular season.

"We started practicing more and we had a lot more guys come out to play on the team," Headquarters & Alpha player/coach Reginald LeDay said. "We started to work together, kept our heads straight and got our first victory of the season."

On Nov. 2, the Marines beat Headquarters & Alpha 43-26, NCO Academy defeated HHC 59th 26-16 and Civilian Welfare Fund beat 326th Chemical Company 38-20.

On Nov. 3, Bravo Company beat the NCO Academy 30-14 and 326th Chemical Company defeated the Marines 34-24.

Here are the final standings for the regular season: Civilian Welfare Fund (7-0), Charlie (6-1), Marines (4-3), Bravo (4-3), NCO Academy (3-4), 326th Chemical Company (3-4), Headquarters & Alpha (1-6) and HHC 59th (0-7).

■ Annual program benefits young military family members

Scholarship

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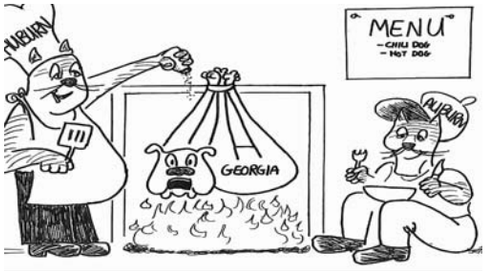
apply for a scholarship. Eligibility is determined using DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?" Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 17. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The scholarships program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to the program, and every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships. *(Defense Commissary Agency release)*

Auburn gets nod between hedges



Tigers have edge over Georgia

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Here are this week's college football predictions (320-112 after 10 weeks):

Auburn at Georgia — **Auburn**
Alabama at Mississippi St. — **Bama**
Jackson State at Alabama A&M — **A&M**
Florida at South Carolina — **UF**
Tennessee at Mississippi — **UT**
Kentucky at Vanderbilt — **UK**
Troy at Arkansas — **Arkansas**
Louisiana Tech at LSU — **LSU**
Ohio at Buffalo — **Buffalo**
South Florida at Rutgers — **SF**
West Virginia at Cincinnati — **Cincy**
Temple at Akron — **Temple**
Miami (Fla.) at North Carolina — **Miami**
Clemson at N. Carolina St. — **Clemson**
Arizona St. at Oregon — **Oregon**
Georgia Tech at Duke — **GT**
Arizona at California — **Cal**
Washington at Oregon St. — **OSU**
Florida St. at Wake Forest — **FSU**
UCLA at Washington St. — **UCLA**
Boston College at Virginia — **BC**
Stanford at Southern Cal — **USC**
Northwestern at Illinois — **Northwestern**
Texas at Baylor — **Texas**
Michigan at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**
Michigan St. at Purdue — **MSU**
Indiana at Penn St. — **PSU**
Houston at UCF — **Houston**
Syracuse at Louisville — **Louisville**
VMI at Army — **Army**
Missouri at Kansas St. — **KSU**
Virginia Tech at Maryland — **VT**
UAB at Memphis — **UAB**
Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville St. — **Jax**
Colorado at Iowa St. — **ISU**
Furman at Georgia Southern — **GS**
BYU at New Mexico — **BYU**
The Citadel at Chattanooga — **The Citadel**
UTEP at SMU — **UTEP**
Nebraska at Kansas — **Nebraska**
Iowa at Ohio St. — **Iowa**
Idaho at Boise St. — **Boise**
Delaware at Navy — **Navy**
Tulane at Rice — **Tulane**
Fresno St. at Nevada — **Fresno**
Southern Miss at Marshall — **SM**
UNLV at Air Force — **AFA**
Texas A&M at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**
Utah at TCU — **TCU**
Texas Tech at Oklahoma St. — **Tech**
Notre Dame at Pittsburgh — **ND**
East Carolina at Tulsa — **EC**

His love of hockey hasn't thawed with time

Speed, quick thinking attracts player/goal judge/spectator

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By day you can find Mike Alexander, sitting at a small conference table in room 1C300, serving a 120-day detail as the Small Business Office director for the Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville. But on evenings and weekends you will find him at a hockey rink — sometimes as a player; sometimes as a goal judge; sometimes as a spectator.

"I got started playing hockey when my brothers and I received skates for Christmas one year," Alexander said. "We had a creek running behind our house in Indianapolis, where I grew up, that would freeze during the winter that we'd skate on. We later took to filling a field with water; it would freeze and we'd play on it, all day, all night, every day, all winter."

Alexander's best friend convinced him to play what they called "civilized" hockey and after that first game there was no turning back. At that time the civilized rink only had a roof. Today it is a thriving indoor rink with heated stands and locker rooms. His love of the game has only grown over time.

"I love the speed of the game, the quick decisions it requires," Alexander said. "The greatest misconception is one that is also assigned to Marines — that we are all a bunch of knuckle-dragging goons. It would surprise everyone to trace the thought patterns involved with playing. I've played football and baseball and will watch if it's played on real grass, dirt, mud and without a roof. But primarily my love of hockey supersedes other sports — I'd much rather do than watch."

Courtesy photo

GOAL JUDGE— Mike Alexander watches the action from the goal judge's small Plexiglas booth on the floor of the hockey rink.

Alexander's plan was to try out for the Olympic hockey team after he got out of the Marine Corps but injuries sidelined him for 15 years.

"I was barely able to walk, let alone skate when I was discharged from the Marine Corps. But when I ended up in Colorado Springs, Colo., as a physical evaluation board liaison officer, I started playing again and ironically with Olympic hopefuls."

Three years ago while living in Austin, Texas, Alexander began officiating for the Central Hockey League's professional minor league ice-hockey team, the Austin Ice Bats, based in Austin. His primary post was goal judge, but he also worked the penalty boxes and scoring. He continued playing the game in the adult league often known as "beer league hockey."

Beer league hockey is defined as an adult recreational sport played for the passion of the game by men and women over 19 years old. The postgame ritual of sitting around after the game talking about skill level or lack thereof is as important as the game itself. Sportsmanship, camaraderie and competition are the key elements.

"In Austin I played with the chief financial officer for Dell Computers and Michael Dell's personal chef; at the same time I played with a multi-millionaire who retired at the age of 40," Alexander said. "I have played with former NHLers, beginners, males, females. You never know who will show up for a game."

Austin's official slogan promotes the city as "The Live Music Capital of the World," a reference to its status as home to many musicians and music venues. It is more and more becoming known for its movie activity. Many of Alexander's teammates were musicians, movie directors, producers and several actors including one who was in the television series "Friday Night Lights."

"Because of the eclectic band coming together to play hockey and all the movie business in town, a former teammate, Craig Knapp, decided that our league was so interesting that he made a movie about it called 'Hockey Night in Texas,'" Alexander said. The movie premiered at the Austin Film Festival Oct. 24. Alexander was a credited actor in the movie.

The movie follows the league and its players through the 2007-08 season both on and off the ice.

"I'm hoping the movie will capture people like Nick Merry, a heavily tattooed Toronto native, a lead singer for a punk rock band known for his love of fighting, a guy who was accompanied to his first game by his parole officer and Victor Brunette who used to throw up three times every game," Alexander said. "I had my whole team convinced that I'd found Victor in a Russian industrial league.

"I was captain of a team at the time, and it was really great," Alexander said. "The production crew came and turned the living room of our home into a studio with lights and cameras, making me very popular in the neighborhood. I was interviewed a few times and wore a microphone during two of the games. I don't know how much I'll appear in the movie but I am in the trailer twice." For more about the movie, go to www.hockeynightintexas.com.

Alexander moved to Huntsville from Austin in April 2008 with his wife and two daughters.

Now when Alexander isn't playing he is an off-ice official for the Southern Professional Hockey League which the Huntsville Havoc plays in. He also works University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers hockey games. As goal judge he sits locked in a little Plexiglas booth and stares intently into the net when there's action in front. Otherwise he follows the flow of the game.

"I do take the responsibility for its immensity very seriously, for a goal can mean a shift in a game's momentum or even determine the outcome of a game," Alexander said. "The owner of the Knoxville Ice Bears called me the most honest goal judge in the league last year, although the 5,000-plus Huntsville fans that booed me in one particular game wished otherwise.

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Redstone helps celebrate Hispanic heritage

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Hispanic and Latino culture embodies the diverse cultural and ethnic groups in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Central America, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. On Sept. 17, 1968 the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans were first recognized when Congress authorized President Johnson to establish a national Hispanic Heritage week, which was later amended by Congress under President Reagan to become National Hispanic Heritage Month on Aug. 17, 1988. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Sept. 15 is significant in that it commemorates the anniversary of the independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. The 2009 national theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is "Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now."

On Sept. 23, a program in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month was hosted by AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles in Bob Jones Auditorium. The program featured keynote speaker baseball broadcaster and former baseball player Roberto Clemente Jr., the son of Roberto Clemente, the first Latin American to record 3,000 hits and enter the Baseball Hall of Fame. Entertainment for the program was provided by the Disco Inferno and Hispanic culture was provided by El Alameda.

The Army is a member agency of the national Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers and is represented there by the director of the Army's Hispanic Employment Program. NCHEPs provide information on career advancement opportunities for Hispanic Americans, assist federal management officials in implementing a strategic results oriented Hispanic Employment Program as well ensure that Hispanics are equitably employed at all levels of the federal government.

■ Alexander spends evenings and weekends on ice

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"I worked in the UAH penalty box for their last game last year. I've worked one game in the penalty box for the Havoc so far, and it's great. Some players want to chat (especially those who have gotten into a fight because they want to know how they did) and if the box is empty, I've got the best seat in the house, albeit cold."

Alexander plays Division 1 of the senior open league in Huntsville. His position is defense but he has been playing up on a wing position. The fall/winter season is just starting so Alexander is just now getting to know some of the players in the league.

"One of my teammates played several years for the Huntsville Havoc; some have played professionally or in college," Alexander said. "Professions are so immensely wide ranging it is incredible; your team might have a medical doctor, a garage mechanic, a rocket scientist and a small business representative. It would surprise people to learn who actually plays, especially here in Huntsville, where there is a thriving hockey community, and one that has produced three NHL draftees."

One of Alexander's craziest experiences happened a couple of years ago when he was working in the CHL in Austin.

"One of my responsibilities as goal judge was body guard for the on-ice officials, to ensure their safe passage from the ice, through the crowd, to their locker room. The Austin Ice Bats had just beaten the Corpus Christi Ice Rays to knock them out of the playoff picture," Alexander said. "Well, the way the locker rooms were situated, the Bats were at one end of a long corridor and the Rays at the other but there was only one door leading into this particular corridor from the ice. The on-ice officials sent the Rays off the ice first, meaning the Bats would have to run the gauntlet to get to their room.

"After the Rays left, I escorted the on-ice officials to their room. Then, when the Bats left the ice and came through the door all heck broke loose! I was in between the officials' locker room and Rays, and all the players were engaged in a melee. While I had no choice but to stand my ground, the thought of a 210-pound player stepping on my foot with his ice skate was not so distant in my mind. So all this ruckus is going on when security (a bounty hunting firm the Bats had hired) arrives, and blasts all of us with a mix of CS gas and pepper spray.

"Jeff Winchester (a UAH graduate) had been in that corridor with me as a player for the Rays; he then got traded and played for the Havoc last season, and we skated together and reminisced about the whole episode a few weeks ago as he was getting in shape to go over and play in Holland. John Ronan, who was a player for the Bats at the time, had also been traded to the Havoc, and we spoke about the incident while I was working the penalty box at a Havoc game, and he was serving a five-minute major penalty for fighting. Small world."

Small world indeed.

■ Ameican Indian Heritage Month celebrated

Salute

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Today during the entire month of November, we celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month.

Congress chose November to recognize the American Indians, because November concluded the traditional harvest season and was generally a time of thanksgiving and celebration. Today, the National American Indian Heritage Month is set aside to honor and recognize the original peoples of this land, the "First Americans"; it is also a time to celebrate their rich culture, a culture that is an important part of American history.

As we reflect on their contributions, we must also acknowledge that despite the odds, American Indians have endured; as a result, they have remained a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence in our country. It is because of this presence, Americans everywhere owe it to themselves to learn as much as they can about the true "founders" of this country. This month, in an effort to start you off on your journey of cultural knowledge, Team Redstone is sponsoring the National American Indian Heritage Month Celebration. The event takes place at Bob Jones Auditorium on Nov. 19 at 10 am.

As we celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month, I challenge all individuals in the Redstone community to take this time to reflect on a nation that is great because of the diversity of its people. I challenge all of you to learn about the different cultures that make us the best military in the world.

Community benefits from on-post licensing services

Employees, newcomers keep satellite office busy with new driver's licenses, car tags

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On a recent Wednesday, retired Marine Lt. Col. Michael Dinardo arrived at the Madison County Licensing Department Satellite Office to take care of business. As a new resident, he was on a two-prong mission to get an Alabama driver's license and register his vehicles.

"It's very simple. It's very quick," he said.

It wasn't long, and he had accomplished both missions at the only licensing center in Alabama that offers both county and state services.

And that center is on Redstone Arsenal on Vincent Drive, in office space located between the Post Exchange and Commissary.

"Normally, you would have to go to the state to be issued a driver's license and then to the county to get your tags or renew your license," Bob Lott of the Garrison's BRAC Support Team said. "But, on Wednesdays, you can come here where we have both the state and the county, and have both taken care of."

The satellite office has been open since July 2007, a result of work done by the BRAC Support Team to provide better services for the growing number of federal employees transferring to Redstone Arsenal.

Since then, the hours have changed somewhat. But the service remains the same.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

SERVICE WITH SMILE— Retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Wilson enjoys the convenience of Redstone Arsenal's Madison County Licensing Department Satellite Office. He visited the satellite office recently to buy a car tag for his wife's new car. Providing him with licensing services are, from left, Madison County clerks Mary Jenkins and Laura Guthrie, and state driver's license examiner Angela Tankersley.

The satellite office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is now open during the lunch hour thanks to the addition of a second clerk. The office is staffed by Mary Jenkins and Laura Guthrie.

"The satellite can do anything that any of our other satellites can do," said Jimmy Mayo, assistant licensing director for Madison County. "We issue and renew car tags. We renew driver's licenses and issue driver's license and I.D. replacements. We issue boating registrations, and hunting and fishing licenses."

The Alabama Department of Public Safety provides state licensing services at the satellite on Wednesdays only, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. All testing for permits and eye exams end at 3:30 p.m.

"We provide the written test for permits, boating licenses and motorcycle licenses," said state driver's license examiner Angela Tankersley, who works out of the state's Decatur office. Tankersley shares staffing responsibilities for the office with examiners Kyeonna Barrett and Michelle Dotson, also of the Decatur office.

The state office issues new driver's licenses and Alabama I.D. cards, transfers out-of-state driver's licenses, and performs testing and licensing for vessel and motorcycle licenses, and learner's permits.

The office does not conduct driving tests. Those must be done at the state's Madison County licensing office in Huntsville on Church Street or at any of the state licensing offices in adjacent counties.

Recently, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli presented the licensing satellite office as a Best Practice to the new commander of the Installation Management Command, Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch.

"The service is growing," said Lott, referring to the line of about five people deep who were waiting for service. "I have come in here at the end of the month when the line is all the way down the hallway. We get all kinds of people in here – retired military, teenagers whose parents work on the Arsenal, contractors, Soldiers. A lot of people who have access to the Arsenal will use this satellite even though they don't work here."

Lott said Garrison officials expected the satellite office to be successful. But the success has been much more than expected.

"It really has been a blessing in disguise for all of us," he said. "This service has facilitated a lot of positive comments. It's easier, faster and better than other satellites, and it brings people into the PX/Commissary. It's great to be able to welcome new civilian employees and Soldiers to Alabama by easing their transition. It's a win-win situation."

At first, officials were concerned the PX/Commissary location would hinder its use by civilians and others who don't normally have access to PX/Commissary privileges.

"Our concern was that the work force wouldn't understand you don't have to be military to come here and use this satellite," Lott said. "But that hasn't been a problem. People know they can use it."

That may be because the satellite is listed among all Madison County satellites on all publicity issued by the Madison County Licensing Department, Mayo said.

"There are a good many people with access to the Arsenal who can use the satellite," he said. "There are a lot of new people moving in who will work at the Arsenal or be stationed at the Arsenal. We are very satisfied with the number of people using this satellite office."

The satellite office has also increased traffic at the PX/Commissary complex.

"People who come in here for a tag or license can also buy some flowers, shop at the vendors and have lunch," Lott said.

For questions pertaining to operating hours and other information, call the Madison County License Department at 532-3310. Check www.co.madison.al.us for required documents for county services and www.dps.alabama.gov for required documents for state services.

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. Sunday. "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.

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. Saturday 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.

Benefit 5K walk
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, Beta Pi Chapter, Huntsville, is sponsoring the second annual Give Thanks Walk to raise money for the children of St. Jude and to help St. Jude fight childhood cancer. A 5K Walk will be held Nov. 21 at Madison Square Mall. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.; and the walk starts at 8:30. There is no charge to participate in the walk. Donations will be accepted. All participants that raise $35 or more will receive a Give Thanks Walk T-Shirt on walk day. To preregister or for more information, visit www.givethankswalk.org.

Conferences & Meetings

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

Bible studies
The Protestant Women of the Chapel has Bible studies each Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel. PWOC Bible studies this fall are: 9:30 a.m., "Esther" by Beth Moore and "Putting on the Armor" by Chuck Lawless; and 6:30 p.m., "How Now Shall We Live?" by Charles Colsen. The lunchtime Bible Study begins a study of Psalms at 11:30 a.m. And the Korean sisters begin their study at 10:30. For more information call Judy Strange 430-3110, Karyn Wilson 837-7421, Mattie Jones (lunchtime group) 828-9890 and Soran Thrasher (Korean group) 539-4862.

Photo by Dan O'Boyle

Tailgate time

Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space team members enjoy a beautiful fall event in the south parking lot of building 5250. A display contest and chili cookoff competition were also part of the festivities, with the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office taking top display honors and three top chefs taking home stylish, exotic and tasting trophies.

Sergeants major
The Sergeants Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Members are offered breakfast for $6 plus tip. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of $30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-7910.

Women's connection
Huntsville Christian Women's Connection invites you to "Making Ready for Christmas" Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is $15. Pat Greta, a "Stampin' Up!" demonstrator, will share handmade home decor and gift ideas for Christmas. Free child-care is available for ages 6 and under off-site. For reservations, essential for the luncheon and for child care, call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339 by Thursday.

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.

Aviation maintenance conference
The Aviation and Missile Command is hosting the Army Aviation Maintenance Conference (formerly known as the Maintenance Test Pilot/Maintenance Examiner Conference) from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at Bob Jones Auditorium. This year's theme is "Supporting the Future Fight." The conference provides a forum for aviation maintainers to discuss tactical and strategic maintenance issues affecting aviation readiness and to determine solutions to best support current and future aviation operations. The conference is open to U.S. military, Army civilians and contractors. Personnel and companies representing foreign nations are excluded from attending and exhibiting at the conference. Attendees and potential exhibitors are welcome to register at www.redstonemwr.com/conferences/AAMC/welcome.html. For more information, e-mail redstone.aamc@conus.army.mil.

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.

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 Alphadella McRae 313-1957 or Ellen Mahathey 842-9888.

Genealogy group
Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Main Branch, Auditorium. The program is "Reading and Protecting Old Tombstones, Do's and Don'ts." For information call 883-5650.

Space society
HAL5 (local chapter of the National Space Society) will meet Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. Steve Noojin, manager of ISS projects for Boeing, will speak about the "International Space Station in the 21st Century." For more information, visit HAL5.org or hal5.help@gmail.com.

Federal employees association
The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter 443 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Saturday at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Refreshments

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Photo by Jim Cox

International visit

Lt. Spyridon Kleftakis and Capt. Konstantinos Bouras from Greece pose with Lt. Col. James Walker, Sgt. 1st Class Billy Taunton and the entire Austin High School Junior ROTC Detachment. Kleftakis and Bouras spoke to the cadets as part of the detachment's foreign studies program Nov. 4. The two Greek officers are training at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School sponsored by OMEMS' International Military Student Office.

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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Guest speaker is Karlton Stephens, counselor with Veterans Upward Bound Program, North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence. The chapter's monthly breakfast is 8 a.m. Nov. 28 at Ryan's Family Steak House, South Memorial Parkway. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

Computer users

The Huntsville Personal Computer User Group will meet Saturday 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. Thursday 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.

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 Thursday 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.

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/.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

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

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others.

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

Surplus sales

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

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

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

River trail

Aerospace engineer Timothy DiMella, who has written a book titled "A River in Redstone," invites you to join him on his walking trail. He said it is open to anyone who has access to Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call DiMella 876-9427 or 313-9122 or e-mail timothy.dimella@us.army.mil.

Commissary hours

The Commissary will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday for Veterans Day. The store will be closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 26. It's open Nov. 22, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 28.

Operation Christmas Bear

The sixth annual Operation Christmas Bear is Dec. 12 from 1-4 p.m. at Cahaba Shrine Temple in Huntsville. Invited are all active duty, Guard and Reserve North Alabama families; and also families of DoD civilians currently deployed in a war zone. Register at Army Community Service by calling 876-5397 or e-mailing mary.breeden@us.army.mil.

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Toil and trouble

Celebrating Halloween in the IMMC Business Management Office are, from left, Alisa McBride, Allison Riddle and Cynthia Janes.

Luminary celebration

First United Methodist Church, at the corner of Green and Randolph Streets, will have a "Luminary Night Celebration" from 4-6 p.m. Dec. 12. For more information, call the church office 539-5738.

Swine flu information

Tricare is hosting today a H1N1 Web Hall for all servicemembers, their families, health care providers and Department of Defense civilians. The latest information from DoD should be available during this web event. For more information, click on tricare.mil/pressroom/news.aspx?fid=563.

Road advisory

Hydra Road, between the Von Braun Complex and the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space building 5250, is closed indefinitely since Nov. 9, according to the Garrison's Directorate of Public Works.

Officer candidates

The Huntsville Recruiting Company is seeking proficient individuals interested in commissioning as Army officers upon

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

Pilots wanted

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

Cadet program

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

Army training

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

New civilian employees

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

Thrift shop

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

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.

Spiritual Fitness luncheon

Retired chaplain Col. Alvin "Sonny" Moore III will be the speaker at the Team Redstone Spiritual Fitness Prayer Luncheon on Thursday 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.

Chapel speaker

Don Piper, author of "60 Minutes of Heaven," will speak at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at Bicentennial Chapel. For more information, call the chapel staff 842-2176 or 842-2173.

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.

Courtesy photo

Book day

AMCOM outreach volunteer Melody Jackson reads to kindergarten students during the Read-A-Book Day at Rolling Hills Elementary. The Read-A-Book Day is one of the educational outreach activities of the Aviation and Missile Command.

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.

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. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or through the following points of contact: Masheldia Green 955-6801, Alphonsia Ihediwa 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF 5 NOV 09	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY? A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
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										
SCBK09788167	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	
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										
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						X			X	
SCBK09849984	Production Controller	10-Nov-09	GARRISON	GS-1152	7	7	38,653 - 50,249						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09848776	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	
SCBK09873776E	Computer Scientist	10-Nov-09	USADTC	GS-1550	13	13	81,532 - 105,993								X				X
SCBK09853984	Electrical Engineer	11-Nov-09	RDECOM	YD-0850	2	2	75,920 - 98,000								x				
SCBK09874481	Emergency Mgmt Spec	13-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0301	9	9	47,280 - 61,464		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		X	
SCBK09722068	Equipment Specialist (General)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	57,709 - 85,701				X				X	X		X	
SCBK09839279	Logistics Mgmt Spec	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X						X			X	
SCBK09722064	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	16-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	59,383 - 89,128				X				X	X		X	
SCBK09819207	Lead Budget Analyst	17-Nov-09	RDECOM	DE-0560	4	4	81,532 - 125,254			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09876760	Secretary (Office Automation)	17-Nov-09	PEO Aviation	NK-0318	2	2	31,204 - 50,249	X		X			X		X	X	X	X	
SCBK09836880	Supervisory Logistics Mgmt Spec	17-Nov-09	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 131,518		X										
SCBK09874109	Supply Systems Analyst	18-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-2003	11	11	57,204 - 74,360	X							X			X	
SCBK092YA201MER	Human Resources Spec	18-Nov-09	CPAC, Redstone	YA-0201	1	2	30,552 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09838851	Historian	18-Nov-09	SMDC	GS-0170	13	13	81,532 - 105,993			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09838851D	Historian	18-Nov-09	SMDC	GS-0170	13	13	81,532 - 105,993												X
SCBK09866030	Logistics Automation Spec	19-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0301	11	11	57,204 - 74,360		X										
SCBK09863015D	Aerospace Engineer	19-Nov-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993												X
SCBK09863015	Aerospace Engineer	19-Nov-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993					X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09883639	Medical Support Assistant	19-Nov-09	MED COM	GS-0679	4	4	27,891 - 36,256			X					X	X	X	X	
SCBK09851320	Human Resources Specialist	19-Nov-09	USAG	GS-0201	9	11	47,280 - 74,360						X			X		X	
SCBK09862907	Aerospace Engineer	19-Nov-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993					X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09849734	Secretary (Office Automation)	19-Nov-09	IMMC	GS-0318	6	6	34,782 - 45,215								X	X	X	X	
SCBK09868449	Aerospace Engineer	20-Nov-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993						X		X	X		X	
SCBK09868449D	Aerospace Engineer	20-Nov-09	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	68,564 - 105,993												X
SCBK09829831	International Program Management Spec	20-Nov-09	ACQUISITION CNTR	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993								X				
SCBK09783545OC	Contract Spec	30-Nov-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	14	14	96,346 - 125,254			X		X	X		X	X		X	
SCBK09833574OCE	Contract Spec	30-Dec-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128								X				X
SCBK08151777OC1	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 - 26.87 Hourly		X						X			X	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Specialist (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09419080OC	Police Officer	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK09408461OC	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK09408461	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X			X	
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X			X	
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X			X	
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X		X			X			X	
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X	X		X	
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X		X			X			X	
SCBK08151777OC1	Elec Integ sys Mech	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 -26.87	X							X			X	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	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	
SCBK09833574OCE	Contract Spec	30-Dec-09	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128								X				X
SCBK08151777OC1	Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 - 26.87 Hourly		X						X			X	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Specialist (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09419080OC	Police Officer	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK09408461OC	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK09408461	Human Resource Asst (Mil/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567						X		X			X	
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X			X		X			X	
SCBK09408461	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X			X	
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X			X	
SCBK09408461OC	Human Res Asst (Military/OA)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0203	5	5	31,204 - 40,567					X			X			X	
SCBK09416326OC	Firefighters (HazMat Tech/Basic Life Spt)	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0081	7	7	38,653 - 50,249		X	X		X			X			X	
SCBK09417590OC	Security Guard	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	GS-0085	5	5	31,204 - 40,567			X					X	X		X	
SCBK09419080OC	Police Ofcr	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-0083	6	6	34,782 - 45,215		X	X		X			X			X	
SCBK08151777OC1	Elec Integ sys Mech	31-Dec-09	GARRISON	WG-2610	13	13	23.06 -26.87	X							X			X	
SCBK09457856OC	IT Spec (PlcyPln)	31-Dec-09	Installation Mgmt Cmd	GS-2210	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X										
SCBK09783548OC	Supv, Contract Spec	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK09783541OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
SCBK09783534OC	Contract Spec	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	

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

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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be
Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee,. Visit **www.amccareers.com** or **www.cpol.army.mil**, search for **Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 &**

Rocket Announcements

$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.

Benefit sale

The North Alabama and Southern Tennessee Humane Organization Coalition will hold a "Plea Market" fund-raiser sale of hundreds of household items, furniture, jewelry and designer clothing. The goal is to help raise the remaining funds needed to open the spay/neuter clinic which will begin in February. The Preview Sale and Silent Auction is Nov. 20 from 5-8 p.m. at the Jaycees Building at John Hunt Park. "For a $10 donation, enjoy coffee and pastries while bidding and shopping," a prepared release said. The public shopping day is Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 534-4566.

Fox Army Health Center

Fox Army Health Center will be closed on Wednesday in observance of Veterans Day. As a reminder, the health center is closed on the first Thursday afternoon of every month, Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

Veterans Day parade

Huntsville's annual Veterans Day Parade is Wednesday downtown. The parade begins at 11 a.m. on Clinton Avenue, extends through downtown on Monroe Street, 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."

Skating show

The Huntsville Skating School and the Skating Club of Huntsville present "Nutcracker on Ice 2009" featuring more than 40 local skaters including Redstone Arsenal employees and their children. The shows are Dec. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and Dec.13 at 2 p.m. at the Municipal Ice Complex on Leeman Ferry Road. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for children/seniors. There will also be a school performance at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 11; all seats $5. For more information, call artistic director Dita Bowser 883-3773 or e-mail dita@iceskate.org.

Women's worship

Moms in Touch International has its 25th anniversary this year and all ladies are invited to a nationwide event to be held locally Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church contemporary worship center on Airport Road . "The event is a day of prayer and praise for children and the schools they attend," a prepared release said. "No matter if you have a child in kindergarten or college you are encouraged to attend this event being held nationwide in 600 cities." For more information, call Area Coordinator Marilyn Merkel at 325-1800. This event is for women only; and you do not have to be a mom to attend.

Weather radios

In conjunction with the Ready Army Community Awareness Program, the DPTMS Plans and Operations Division will team up with WAFF Channel-48 News chief meteorologist Brad Travis and Post Exchange personnel on Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to program weather alert radios in support of National Winter Weather Preparedness Month. "Please plan on attending this personal safety awareness event and bring your weather radio or purchase one in the Post Exchange and have it programmed while you wait," a prepared release said. For more information, call the Installation Operations Center 842-2215 or Kim Sumpter 883-6100.

Instructor of Year luncheon

OMEMS and 59th Ordnance Brigade "Instructor of the Year" awards ceremony luncheon is Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are $10. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Rob Coppage 876-7417.

Community grants

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club, which distributes money to nonprofit groups each year, is now accepting applications for grants. To receive a copy of the application form, go to the OCWC website www.redstoneocwc.org (click on community assistance). The deadline for submission is Feb. 27. All requests must conform to the OCWC Community Assistance Request Form and must be postmarked or received by the deadline. Requests received after the deadline will not be considered. For more information call Demy Robley, OCWC community assistance chair, 882-6064 or e-mail her at communityassistance@redstoneocwc.org. OCWC is a private, non-profit organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

Parenting class

"How to Get Your Child to Mind Without Losing Yours" is a fun, interactive DVD based three-session parenting class being offered at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, on Nov. 17-19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. "It is a lunch and learn class," a prepared release said. "You bring your lunch and we provide the cookies for dessert. It is free and open to the Redstone community." The presenters are Claudia Smith and Vickie Goodman from Family Services Center. To register call Army Community Service 876-5397 and ask for Cindra Ewings or e-mail her at cindra.ewings@conus.army.mil. Attend any or all of the three-day classes for fresh ideas on how to handle your child.