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Raven takes flight for North

TV host Oliver North sees unmanned aircraft system

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Test Area 3 became the scene of a popular Fox news show Jan. 19 during a visit by retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North.

The highly decorated and once controversial Marine officer is now a political commentator, bestselling author and television host of “War Stories with Oliver North” on the Fox News Channel. During his Redstone Arsenal visit, the Fox cameras were focused on the Raven unmanned aircraft system, and the Soldiers and Program Executive Office for Aviation employees behind its success on the battlefield.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to be with folks who have built these unmanned aircraft systems. I’ve seen them in action in Iraq and Afghanistan,” North said.

“I am a big believer in what these things can do and I find the science behind them phenomenal. This is where the science comes from that makes these systems work.”

During his show’s taping, North flew the Raven and interviewed Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation; Col. Gregory Gonzalez, project manager of Unmanned Aircraft Systems; Tim Owings, deputy project manager of Unmanned Aircraft Systems; Spc. T.J. Chartney of the 101st, 502nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky., and instructor/trainer John “Spike” Gardner of Raven contractor AeroVironment Inc.

Although the Raven is the Arsenal’s featured system for a War Stories show on unmanned systems, the show will also indirectly feature the Arsenal, and its research and development capabilities.

North said he was “awed” by the Arsenal’s scientific synergy.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AVIATION CREW— Retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North enjoys looking for feature material at Redstone Arsenal for his show, “War Stories with Oliver North.” Although the Raven unmanned aircraft system was the reason he visited Redstone Arsenal, North spent time talking with Army aviators before and during a flight on a CH-47F Chinook, looking over static aviation displays at the Redstone Airfield and flying an Apache simulator at Camber Corp. North’s flight crew included, from left, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Pratt of the Aviation Test and Evaluation Command; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Gary Newsom of the Cargo Project Office; Col. Newman Shufflebarger, cargo project manager; and Sgt. 1st Class Victor Estrada of the Aviation Test and Evaluation Command.

“This community has a scientific base, a technology base, that I don’t think you can replicate anywhere else,” he said.

“Because of the academia, military, industrial and scientific communities here, you can be very responsive to what the needs really are. No other place would be able to respond as quickly to the needs of the battlefield. Redstone Arsenal is a great tribute to what this community has built.”

War Stories will highlight Raven as the military’s most heavily used, easy-to-operate and very efficient unmanned aircraft system. The show will include references to combat situations in Iraq and Afghanistan where the Raven’s surveillance capabilities were used to pinpoint enemy targets and collect situational data.

Referring to his service in Vietnam, North said an unmanned

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

RAVEN GOES HOLLYWOOD— Redstone Arsenal’s most flexible, lightweight and in-demand unmanned aircraft system – the Raven – and the Soldiers and civilian and contractor employees behind its success will be featured during an upcoming episode of “War Stories with Oliver North” on the Fox News Channel. The Jan. 19 filming at Test Area 3 included an interview by North of Spc. T.J. Chartney, who used Raven for military intelligence gathering during his deployment in Iraq in 2007-08.

An open lane random survey

What is your most prized possession?

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Staff Sgt. Brian Postage
NCO Academy
"I would have to say my family. That's the right answer there. In light of what's recently been going on with the world, the devastation, I think it's even more time to reflect and cherish your relationships with family. That's what's really important."

Staff Sgt. Elliot Worel
NCO Academy
"Having family and friends. Having a good support structure of people that care about you. We do the things we do for the ones we love."



Staff Sgt. Lechelle Ford
HHC 59th
"I would have to say my children, because they're the reason I get up in the morning. They're what keeps me going. They're my motivation to excel in life to provide a better way for them in the future."

Dorothy Stevens
Retiree spouse
"My home, because it's the nicest one I've had over the years. And I like the area and it's close to everything."



Digesting food price increases

As the New Year approached, we could be assured of several things: Some people we know will retire, some people we know will die, and the prices in the Sparkman Cafeteria will go up. For the past four years, the prices have gone up an average of 14 percent – 18 percent per year, while the quality of the eating utensils and plates has gone down. Try cutting the meat with the knives they are dispensing from the push-and-take dispensers. Your knife usually breaks when a hole is cut in the bottom of your plate. I am not complaining about the food, because in most cases, it is OK.

If you check any of the local restaurants that serve "meat and potatoes" type meals (Blue Plate, Rolo's, Mullins, Piccadilly, Cracker Barrel), you will find that the cost in almost every case is less (even when you add the tax), and you are able to eat with real flatware and on real plates (we used to have them at the Sparkman Cafeteria). You are served by a waiter/waitress (which you pay for via your tip) and you are usually greeted by the manager at some point in your meal. When was the last time the Sparkman Cafeteria manager came around to thank you for eating there and to check to see if your meal was OK?

At the start of every year I have asked the servers if they received an 18 percent increase in their pay, and they give me a good laugh. They usually respond with "I wish." The restaurants mentioned above go up a little about every three to four years, but it is not as high as 14 percent.

Do you think that if they put out the food service for local bids that we might have a change where we receive our meal on real plates and had real flatware? I know that food prices go up each year, but not by 14-18 percent. Where does this extra money go? To the unseen and unheard cafeteria manager?

We will probably have all "finger food" next year so they can save money by not putting out picnic-plastic forks and knives. They will probably ask us to use our shirt or sleeve to wipe our mouths on in place of a pull-and-tear napkin.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. Please be assured Post Restaurant is not raising prices this year. In fact we now have many new offerings priced at under \$5. It is true that Post Restaurant prices have gone up in the past few years just as prices have increased in many other areas of our daily life. Many things have attributed to Post Restaurant increases. Things like gas prices, wholesale food costs, and even the cost of living increases all government employees get each year add to the cost of doing business. Please be assured we are doing everything we can to keep the food prices down while offering quality food and quality service."

Environment safe for security officers

Has anyone considered all the hazards that each guard goes through at every gate on post? All the exhaust fumes, gas and other pollutants they are exposed to daily? Are there any "fresh air" opportunities for them? Is this a safe working environment?

Giannina Brown

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Access Control Points construction standards are mandated by the Army Corps of Engineers. The ACPs are built with open/cross ventilation exposure to ensure car exhaust does not become an issue. Over an eight hour shift only a portion of the shift would be considered high volume; and the swing and night shifts, the volume is very low compared to the morning period. The security officers work in a safe environment."

Local teacher appreciates article

First of all, thank you so much for the wonderful article about my husband, Michael J. Murphy. Kari Hawkins did a great job.

My husband enjoyed working with the students and in challenging them to exceed their own expectations.

Since last week, my students started Project Haiti to help collect various food items, personal hygiene items and bottled water. Two of the students created a blog site (westlawn-forhaiti.blogspot.com) telling about what we are doing.

If anyone wishes to donate any of the articles listed in the blog, they can bring them to Westlawn Middle School, 4217 9th Ave. Huntsville, AL 35805. If anyone has questions, they can contact me at school at 428-7760.

Barbara A. Murphy

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Quote of the week

'E'ach person is born to one possession which out values all his others — his last breath.'

— Mark Twain

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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Central, S.C.

What do you like about your job?

So far it's pretty interesting. You get to blow stuff up. I haven't quite gotten there yet. But you get to identify (ammunition) rounds. It's a lot of hands-on. That's what I really like about it. I'm a hands-on type person. You get your hands dirty.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I talk to my family (wife Amanda, 2-year-old son Ashton and 13-month-old daughter Abigail). Other than that I like to bowl. Bowling is one of my niches; I like to do that. I go to the gym as well – shoot some hoops.

What are your goals?

I want to get back in school and I want to graduate with a bachelor's



degree in probably criminal justice or forensics. And get a house.

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

I want to travel. I want to tour Jerusalem – i.e., Bethlehem. That'll be one of the things I really want to do. I want to take my wife on a honeymoon, and that'll be a cruise at probably the five-year anniversary. Traveling would be the thing I really want to do. I want to go to Jerusalem and the French Alps. And I want to retire from the military, too, so that my wife and kids are taken care of.

Over there

Team Redstone honors deployed Soldiers, civilians

AMCOM commander thanks those who've stepped forward

By SKIP VAUGHN

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More than 70 people who have served in deployments in support of AMCOM operations in Iraq and Afghanistan were honored Thursday.

The fourth Aviation and Missile Command Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony was held in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"Thank you for what you've done," Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, said. "It makes a difference. It really does."

More than 1,100 Soldiers, civilians and contractors are doing the wartime mission of AMCOM, the Program Executive Office for Aviation, the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, and the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"It's about giving our Soldiers what they need every day to get it done," Myles said.

This includes sending aviation and missile system experts to war zones to support the



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN RECOGNITION— Among the honorees at the AMCOM Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony are, from left in front row, Fred Alcorn, Andrew Barrientez and Maj. Tom Barthel.

troops in the field against an adaptable enemy.

"They've said 'I will put myself in harm's way to help Soldiers,'" Myles said.

The program began with Army Strong videos which featured the seven Army values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

"It's one thing to say the Army's values and sprout them off," Myles said. "It's another thing to live it."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Jan. 14-20:

Jan. 14: Two Soldiers became involved in an argument which escalated when one of the Soldiers struck the other.

Jan. 16: A Team Redstone member attempted to access the installation with an invalid visitor's pass. When asked, he could not produce his driver's license. An NCIC check revealed his license was suspended. He was issued a citation and the vehicle was removed by a license driver.

Jan. 16: A civilian mistakenly entered Gate 9. When asked, he could not produce his driver's license. An NCIC check revealed his license was suspended. He was issued a citation and the vehicle was

removed by a licensed driver.

Jan. 17: A juvenile shoplifted several items from the Post Exchange. He was processed and released to his sponsor.

Jan. 18: A Team Redstone member reported her cell phone was stolen from her vehicle.

Jan. 19: A Team Redstone member reported his camera was stolen from his work area.

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

Violation notices issued: 7 speeding, 6 failure to obey a traffic control device, 2 failure to yield the right of way, 2 suspended driver's license, 1 driving under the influence, 1 improper backing.

Civilian convicted of vehicular assault

An Army civilian will serve probation and pay a fine for his involvement in a vehicular assault on a Soldier at Redstone Arsenal.

In a November federal court hearing, Joseph Latham of Huntsville was convicted of simple assault under 18 U.S. Code 113.

This conviction carries a maximum term of six months in prison. On Jan. 5, the federal magistrate ordered Latham to pay a \$2,500 fine and serve 12 months of probation.

Latham was charged with assault because he struck a Soldier with his vehicle during a physical training formation run. (Office of Staff Judge Advocate release)

Tax assistance center opens with new look



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ANNUAL RETURN— Cutting the ribbon are, from left, tax center manager Rachael Yeoman, Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, Garrison deputy commander Curtis Clark, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli, AMCOM chief counsel Fred Allen and tax center volunteer Kay Theodoss.

Renovated building serves military and their families

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Staff members of the Tax Assistance Center put a red ribbon across the walkway in their newly-renovated building Thursday.

They were soon joined by Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles and others in cutting the ribbon for their grand opening. The center serves active duty and their family members, retirees and their family members, and reservists and their family members if they are on active duty for 29 days or more. Its services are free.

“We provide complete e-file for all federal and state tax returns for the current year and we can paper file for prior years. And we also do amendments,” tax center manager Rachael Yeoman said.

“We have the same turnaround time for returns as commercial establishments. It’s 7-10 business days. And no commercial establishment can do it faster unless they’re offering a refund loan – in other words, an advance.”

She said the center’s goal this year is doing 4,000 returns. “We try to do one more than we did the year before.”

Capt. Derek Eichholz is the officer-in-

charge. The staff also includes 12 volunteers.

“Our volunteers, they’re amazing,” Eichholz said. “They’ve done this literally for years.”

Kay Theodoss, wife of Col. Michael Theodoss, is in her third year as a volunteer at the center. Her husband is attending the Senior Service College at the University of Texas on a fellowship; and he will become the director of the Defense Contracting Management Agency on July 22 in Tewksbury, Mass.

Asked why she volunteers at the center, Theodoss said: “I actually enjoy doing it. Kind of geeky but that’s what I do. It’s a great opportunity to help the community out. And my husband’s still active duty so that’s the other reason.”

Myles presented commander’s coins to the staff members and thanked them for their service. “We appreciate you all for doing this. Volunteers are special,” he said.

The general encourages members of the military community to use the center.

“I think it’s great,” Myles said. “It’s a tremendous support to our Soldiers and retirees and their families. And I encourage everybody to use it.”

Building 3489, at the corner of Ajax and Zeus roads, was renovated by the Garrison. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Its phone number is 842-1040.

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:

Spanish lessons

Learn Spanish with the SKIES Unlimited Program, pre-kindergarten through 12th grade Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register now. Group lessons are \$40 per student monthly or private lessons are \$50 per student monthly. For more information, call 876-6674 or 876-3704.

Arts/crafts center

The June M. Hughes Arts & Crafts Center, building 3615 on Vincent Drive, offers a variety of creative programming. For information call 876-7951. Upcoming classes include the following: Elements of Photoshop Class, Feb. 2 to

March 2; Beginner Google Sketch Up Class, Feb. 4 to March 4; Introduction to Wood Turning, Feb. 1-2; Introduction to Woodworking Class, Feb. 8; Framing and Matting Class, Feb. 9; Dovetail Box, Feb. 9-18; Framing and Matting Class, Feb. 18; Introduction to Wood Turning, Feb. 22-23; Framing and Matting Class, Feb. 23.

Fitness training

The "Braveheart Challenge" is Feb. 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Pagano Gym. Two hours of total body training. This is for the brave looking for a new workout. An alternative routine to your traditional workout, you will exercise both inside and outside the gym. This will kickoff a new program starting in March. For more information, call Angie at 313-1201 or 313-1200.

Flock of exotic meat eaters expected at Officers Club



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

HOT TIME— Sous chef Andy Kolankiewicz and chef Ben Howard are fired up before last year's Wild Game Cookout at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Wild Game Cookout on menu for Feb. 5

While they can't help anyone quit smoking or work out more, the Officers and Civilians Club and Outdoor Recreation can give those resolving to try new things a leg up for the new year. The fourth annual Wild Game Cookout promises to offer exotic tastes to the community Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. at the club.

This family event is brought to you by Cycle

Nation and presented by Woody Anderson Ford.

Sample favorites like venison and duck as well as exotic meats.

The special guest is reptile expert William Cruger.

For more information or tickets, call the club at 830-2582 or Outdoor Recreation at 876-4868. Tickets are on sale.

Outdoor Recreation will also be selling tickets at the Sparkman Center Cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 1.

Army family delegates choose top five issues

By **ROB McILVAINE**

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — On the final day of the 2010 Army Family Action Plan conference, delegates broke from their individual working groups and voted on their top five issues, three of which involve services for wounded or ill warriors.

The top five issues are:

- Provide a monthly stipend to ill/injured Soldiers for non-medical caregivers.
- Fund service dogs for wounded warriors.
- Provide for behavioral health services shortages by increasing the number of readily available behavioral health providers and services and the use of alternative methods of delivery

such as tele-medicine.

- Authorize Family Readiness Groups to fund-raise in public places external to National Guard armories, Reserve centers, and military installations.

- Authorize reserve-component Soldiers enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

The AFAP Conference, held Jan. 11-15, brought a total of 82 issues originating from AFAP installation conferences over the past year.

With these issues came nearly 100 delegates to whittle the 82 issues down to 16 considered to be of the highest priority to elevate the standard of living for Soldiers, family members, survivors and Army civilians.



Courtesy photo

Exchange coin

Maj. Gen. Keith Thurgood, commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, presents a commander's coin to Shoppette associate Maria Love during his visit Jan. 14 to the Redstone AAFES facilities. Sale associates Yong Truesdell and Martha Hall also received coins.

AMCOM Safety Office reaches out to those in need

Cleanup efforts at Head Start center like 'paying it forward,' chief says

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For the AMCOM Safety Office, the spirit of the Combined Federal Campaign didn't end Dec. 11. It's a work in progress.

"We hear a lot about it, and then CFC ends," said Pat Vittitow, chief of the Safety Office. "They need help far more than just a couple of months during the CFC campaign."

This year Vittitow and her staff decided to make the CFC a yearlong outreach, adopting the Toney-Harvest Head Start Center, a service of Community Action Partnership. The center provides education, health, nutrition and other social services to 35 three-to-five-year-olds from low-income families in a double-wide trailer on Wall Triana Highway. Despite their good work, the center has not been exempt from painful budget cuts, which AMCOM Safety is determined to help ease.

"How much more can you cut?" Vittitow said. "They really need some help here. What that center could do with the price of one missile."

This fall, members of the office grabbed their toolboxes and set out to make a difference at the center, one washed window at a time. Their to-do list ran the gamut from washing windows and walls, repairing toilets and sinks, to replacing floor tiles. Some 18 volunteers from the AMCOM Safety Office, including wives and friends, transformed themselves into carpenters, plumbers and electricians, spending 10 hours of their Saturday making sure the school was clean and polished, and of course, safe. In addition to the staff's own donations, Jimmy's Green House in East Limestone and the Huntsville Botanical Gardens also donated goods to help beautify the school.

"The greatest part of the experience was how much of a difference we made in just a day," said Jeff Smith, a retired explosive ordnance technician. "You start out with the goal to give back to the community, and the whole experience ends up giving back to you."

The office's outreach brought Toney-Harvest Head Start director Carolyn Townsend to tears.

"I don't have the words, thank you is not enough," Townsend said. "Just knowing that the community of Redstone cared enough to render the services that they rendered. There were things that needed to be done to beautify the place to help us get away from the stigma of us being a Head Start facility. Even though we service the economically deprived, we don't look economically deprived."

Townsend's tears and the children's smiles when they saw their new and improved school was enough thank you for Vittitow's volunteers.

"The reactions of the Head Start coordinator and the children are better than



Courtesy photo

STARTING HARVEST— Jeff Smith, a retired EOD technician, pours potting soil into a custom-made planter the AMCOM Safety Office made just for the school in preparation of planting flowers at the Toney-Harvest Head Start Oct. 24.

any form of thank you or recognition," Smith said. "I can still picture the woman at Head Start in tears as we charged through her wish list with a vengeance, and I can still feel the genuine hug she gave us all as we left that evening."

Nationally, Head Start has enrolled more than 25 million students since it began in 1965, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In fiscal year 2007, some 16,734 students were enrolled in a Head Start school in Alabama.

"These children are our future, and it is our job as Americans to make sure they have a good environment to learn and grow," said Glenanne Johnson, a safety engineer who helped coordinate and plant gardens around the school's storm shelter. "The only way that our country will grow and continue to prosper is by providing education to everyone, regardless of their income level or social status. Knowledge passed along is something that no one can ever take away from you – it will guide your life and your family forever. Programs like Head Start take the time to teach underprivileged children, keep our country strong and pave the way for our future."

The Safety Office's work didn't end with their fall cleaning day. The staff continues to dialogue with the center on a regular basis, collecting basic everyday items they may need, such as notebooks, markers or crayons. Vittitow and Soldiers regularly

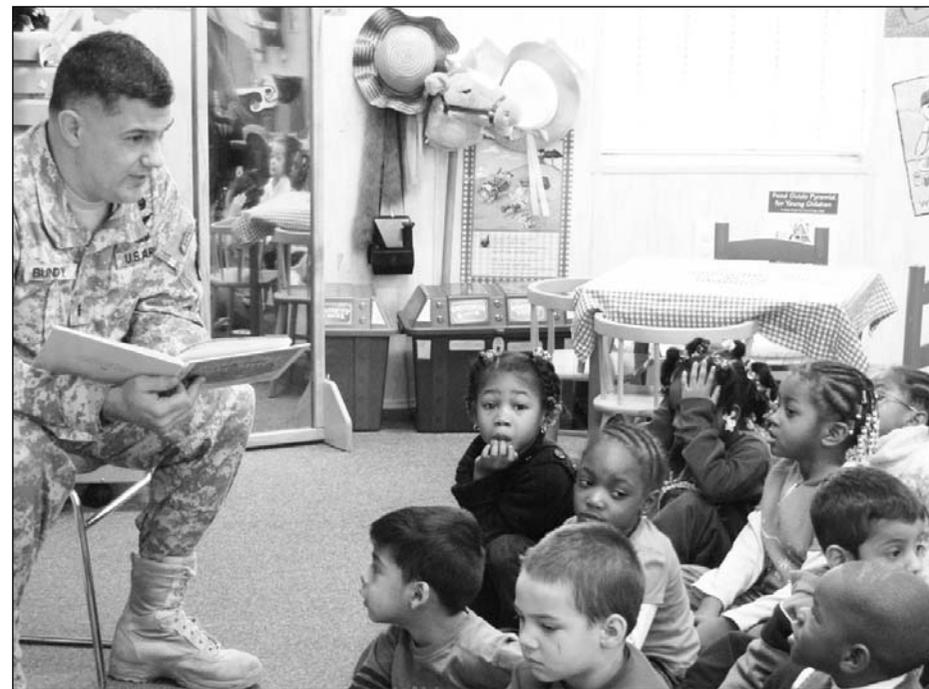


Photo by Amy Guckeen

STORY TIME— Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred Bundy reads to the class at Toney-Harvest Head Start the book "Where do bears sleep?" Jan. 6.

visit the school to read to the children. This spring, the office plans to make a second visit to finish up any repairs and beautification they were unable to complete in the fall.

"It's almost like paying it forward," Vittitow said. "You never know what it's going to start. They always had enough to do the minimum, but that's all they had. It's just amazing."

Marines draw out Taliban in Helmand Province

By Marine Corps Lance Cpl. JAMES W. CLARK
Special to American Forces Press Service

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Stepping gingerly over rocks and uneven ground, Marines from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and the Afghan National Army soldiers attached to them, patrolled to the north of Observation Post Huskars here Jan. 18.

The patrol stalked through a small, barren crop, just large enough to sustain the inhabitants of a nearby compound, which now lay abandoned. As the column made its way past homes and farms, there was a rising sense that something was amiss; there wasn't a villager in sight.

Passing through a small archway in a mud wall and out across an open plateau, the Marines' suspicions were realized as several flat and hollow cracks rang out. Dust kicked up around ankles, and clumps of dirt flew from the walls as bullets struck all around the patrol. Sprinting to get behind cover to return fire, the Marines had achieved their objective. They had located the Taliban.

For the next five hours, Marines and Afghan soldiers traded fire with insurgents. The sun had set by the time the patrol withdrew, and they had uncovered a cache of about 1,300 pounds of ammonium nitrate, which is a prime ingredient in homemade explosives and against Afghan



Photo by Lance Cpl. James W. Clark

OPEN FIRE— Marines with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, open fire on enemy insurgents taking cover in an abandoned compound during a firefight in Afghanistan's Helmand province Jan. 18.

law to own. One suspect was detained, several insurgents were wounded or killed, and there were no Afghan army or Marine casualties.

"The original goal of the patrol was to do (census operations) and see who was living in the buildings," explained Marine Corps 1st Lt. Shaun Miller, the company's executive officer. "We wanted to get the lay of the land and interact with local leaders and elders."

Although the initial plan was to interact with villagers in the north, each time the Marines pushed beyond the walls of Observation Post Huskars, they took fire from insurgents.

"Every time we've gone out on patrol we've gotten into firefights," said Miller, who paused for a moment to speak over a radio to a Marine on patrol who had reported seeing a rocket-propelled grenade gunner. "We've been here for five

days and have launched over 20 patrols, and as soon as we go more than one mile outside of the wire, we encounter heavy enemy resistance. It's like (the Taliban) are drawn to us."

The increase in patrols and subsequent engagements with insurgents serves to buffer friendly villages to the south of Observation Post Huskars from the Taliban north of the Marines' position.

"To the north, the majority of the compounds are abandoned and are being used by insurgents," explained Miller. "However, in the south, villagers have asked for our help, (and have) even led us to where improvised explosive devices were planted so that we could destroy them."

As the light began to fade and the Marines switched to night vision, infrequent tracer rounds and pop shots would clip and skim over the compound where the patrol had taken refuge. Meanwhile, they waited for explosive ordnance disposal Marines to arrive and destroy the homemade explosive ingredients found earlier in the day.

With the events of the day behind them and the bomb ingredients destroyed, the patrol set off toward its camp to catch a few hours of rest before going out again the following morning.

Editor's note: Marine Corps Lance Cpl. James W. Clark serves with the 1st Marine Division's Regimental Combat Team 7 public affairs office.

Second place isn't second best for this cadet

One of West Point's first female graduates shares stories of following her own path

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For Gail O'Sullivan Dwyer, there is no escaping second place.

Despite being among some 60 women to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy in the early years of women's acceptance at West Point, despite going on to have a successful career both on active duty and in the Reserves, and despite being married to a fellow West Point graduate and raising four successful children, Dwyer still thinks of herself as being in second place.

But it is an honorable place to be.

Dwyer was in the second West Point graduating class that included women. While the first female West Point graduates were commissioned in 1980, Dwyer was destined to follow in their footsteps in women's second year at the academy. And, with her graduation, she also became the second sibling in her family to graduate from West Point, with her brother Paul beating her to those bragging rights in 1974.

"My older brother graduated in 1974. Paul is eight years older than me. He was my idol when we were going up, but he wouldn't give me the time of day," Dwyer recalled.

"So, when I was in fifth-grade and Paul was going off to West Point, I decided I would go to West Point, too. I didn't know anything about West Point or the military, but I was determined to go to West Point."

Dwyer did just that, with the help of Congress, which passed a bill in 1976 that allowed women to attend West Point. During her four years at the military academy, she faced prejudices and discrimination. But Dwyer also experienced the joy of great accomplishments, of meeting seemingly insurmountable goals and of knowing she was walking a new path that other women would follow.

She shares her experiences in a book that mixes her personal experiences with the traditions of West Point. "Tough As Nails – One Woman's Journey Through West Point" is an endearing, humorous and inspiring account of a woman who comes of age while attending the nation's top military college.

The book follows her as a high school student, waiting for her West Point acceptance letter, and as a plebe and an upperclassman as she learns the responsibility of leadership and meets her future husband, Steve Dwyer. It ends with her graduation and her gratitude for taking the path less traveled.

Dwyer's journey through West Point began with an adolescent, wishy-washy fascination that eventually bloomed into a confident, disciplined, proud and accomplished second lieutenant.

"I did have mixed feelings about going to West Point and I did get mixed signals from my family," Dwyer said. "In 1976, I called my brother to see what he thought about women at West Point. At the time, he didn't think women should go there. And my father thought the same thing.

"But, later, my father and brother both said if women can apply, then I should apply and see if I can get in. We were all surprised in our own ways when I did get in. But then my dad asked me 'Do you think you should start running or something?'"



Photo by Kari Hawkins

TELLING HER STORY— Gail O'Sullivan Dwyer, a member of the second graduating class at the U.S. Military Academy to include women, shares her stories of determination and inspiration in her book "Tough As Nails – One Woman's Journey Through West Point." Profits from the book are going to fund cadet activities at West Point and to provide scholarships for the academy's summer leadership program.

Although Dwyer was physically in shape at only 5-foot-3 and 99 pounds, being physically fit didn't get her into West Point. It was her academics and extracurricular activities that made her a good candidate.

"I got in because I was a nerd in high school," she said. "I wasn't gifted. But I worked really hard and so I got good grades. I was also in tons of clubs and activities (including varsity cheerleading). But with athletics, I fell woefully short. I was told I would be back home within a year, that I would not be able to hang physically."

That estimation didn't take into account Dwyer's strong work ethic, persistence or determination.

"I was willing to work really hard. I was willing to practice and do whatever I had to do to make it at West Point," she said. "It was challenging. But I did everything that I had to do. Everyone expected me to fail. But I didn't."

There were 120 women in Dwyer's West Point class as first-year plebes. By the time she graduated, 50 percent had dropped out.

"I was at an advantage because I understood where my brother and father were coming from with their doubts about women at West Point. I knew there was a tradition that we were going against," Dwyer said. "Our reception at West Point was not great. They didn't greet us with the welcome wagon."

Her book is filled with accounts of her experiences at West Point – both good and bad, challenging and inspiring. Throughout her West Point experience, Dwyer tried to take into consideration the feelings her male counterparts were struggling with at a time of transition for the school.

"I felt bad for guys who thought we were ruining their school," she said. "My thinking was to quietly do this and show them that women do have a place at West Point. I think that attitude really helped as opposed to 'I am

woman. Hear me roar.' A quiet professionalism helped me to not meet as much resistance."

Although Dwyer is aware of the stories of sexual harassment and assault that have been told by women in the first class at West Point, she said she didn't experience anything like that. It's those accounts that drove Dwyer to share her more positive experiences through her own book.

"I wanted to tell the positive story because West Point was a positive experience in my life," she said. "Yes, I experienced some resistance. There were some who didn't want us there and let us know that. But most just didn't care or decided to accept the decision of women at West Point and be professional about it."

When she graduated from West Point, Dwyer carried with her the values and beliefs shared by all West Point graduates – the concepts of duty, honor and country, the honor code and the commitment to leadership. And she completed the experience with many long-lasting friendships.

Yet, upon graduation, Dwyer nearly wasn't commissioned because of a long undiagnosed hearing problem.

"My hearing problem never affected me at West Point," said Dwyer. "We didn't have a phone in our dorm room until we were seniors. And I thought everyone had problems hearing the instructors in the classrooms. Because of my hearing, I had to fight for my commission. But I got it and served in military intelligence. I got my first hearing aid during my first assignment. Three years after graduation, I had two hearing aids."

Dwyer served five years in military intelligence and then later joined the Reserves as an admissions representative. She retired as a Reserve lieutenant colonel in 2005. Along the way, she and her West Point sweetheart, Steve Dwyer, got married – three days after her graduation, in fact — and had four children. Dwyer returned to West Point in 2000 when her husband was assigned there, and she coached the women's marathon team.

"I would tell the girls stories during our runs. I would encourage them," she said. "In turn, they encouraged me to write down my stories and to share them. I tried to get them published in 2002, but my book was rejected."

At an anniversary celebration of women at West Point in 2006, Dwyer sat in the audience, listening to a lot of negative stories from other female graduates. Their stories inspired Dwyer to find a way to share hers and in September 2009 her book was finally published by Helix Press. Profits from the book are going to fund cadet activities at West Point and scholarships for the academy's summer leadership seminar.

Besides writing, Dwyer is an active member of the West Point Society and serves as Alabama's admissions representative for West Point. Her husband retired in 2009 as a colonel and the family moved to Huntsville, where he works for a defense contractor.

The Dwyer's oldest son — 2nd Lt. Stephen Dwyer — is a 2009 West Point graduate now stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., while son Tim is a junior cadet at West Point. Son Chris graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in 2009 and is an elementary physical education teacher. Daughter Maria is now a senior at Bob Jones High School. In 2009, Dwyer's husband retired as a colonel, and the family moved to Huntsville, where he works in industry.

"I wouldn't have a story to tell if it wasn't for West Point," Dwyer said. "And writing my story so much later after graduation, I can see the humor in it. Now, I have one son who graduated from West Point and one that is attending West Point. They are using West Point in the right way as a vehicle to be an Army officer. I went to West Point just for West Point, and came out an officer."



Photo by Matthew Troxell

Funnel cloud

Matthew Troxell, of the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, took this picture of Thursday night's tornado in Huntsville. The mid-winter storm struck the Five Points and Old Town neighborhoods during rush hour, snapping trees and tossing cars but fortunately causing no major injuries.

Columbia High School honors Eagle Battalion cadets

JROTC students recognized in fourth annual ceremony

By KARA WALL
For the Rocket

“Welcome to the fourth annual JROTC awards day ceremony,” cadet Lt. Col. Adam McMurray said, his face gleaming with pride over his Eagle Battalion.

The auditorium at Columbia High School was filled Thursday with 180 cadets, their parents, friends and other supporters including Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli and Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper.

“The Eagle Battalion gives students an excellent opportunity to mature as individuals and as a unit. The awards ceremony gives leadership a chance to reward them for their efforts,” McMurray said.

Thirty-eight awards were given, eight of which were presented by Pastorelli and Cooper.

Pastorelli presented the Garrison Commander Award to cadet Capt. Linda Hernandez and cadet 1st. Sgt. Michael Rayburn. Both Hernandez and Rayburn won the award based on their connection to the Garrison family, their leadership skills and their ability to accomplish tasks given by retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, senior Army instructor at Columbia.

McMurray, the cadet battalion commander, received the Redstone Arsenal CG Top Cadet Award. McMurray received other awards including the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the National Sojourner (Redstone Chapter 353).

“My favorite aspect of being a cadet battalion com-



Photo by Kara Wall

HAIL COLUMBIA— Participating in the JROTC awards day ceremony are, from left, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli, Columbia High cadet Lt. Col. Adam McMurray; retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs, senior Army instructor; retired Command Sgt. Maj. Marion Mike, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper.

mander is the interaction I get with the students,” McMurray said. “I enjoy teaching them lessons about everything from drilling ceremonies to how to take care of their body. Most of all, I enjoy giving them a positive experience in high school. I try to be the best role model I can be both on and off campus.”

McMurray also won the first ever Huntsville Police Department Chief of Police Award based on community service. He received the honor because of his work at the Big Cove Fire Rescue volunteer fire department.

McMurray, a senior at New Century Technology High School, plans to attend the University of Alabama next fall.

Defense group represents model chapter

Tennessee Valley NDIA stays at top with support

By KARI HAWKINS

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This year could be a benchmark for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association.

In 2010, the chapter leadership hopes to reach its 10-year anniversary as one of NDIA's model chapters.

And the leader making the biggest push toward that goal is chapter president Ed Stone.

Now embarking on his second year in his term as chapter president, Stone said the local NDIA chapter has celebrated nine years as a model chapter, reaching that pinnacle with a slate of activities that includes its annual awards program, the Space and Missile Defense Conference, donations for various science and math education programs, and a variety of seminars, conferences and meetings focused on building the working relationship between industry and government.

Stone, a retired colonel whose last assignment was as chief of staff at the Aviation and Missile Command, said reaching and maintaining the chapter's model status is all about improving and expanding its programs in support of the nation's defense.

"The national organization puts out a set of guidelines for competing for model chapter recognition," he said. "They want to judge the chapters for continued improvements and for meeting NDIA's international goals."

In 2009, the Tennessee Valley Chapter was one of 10 NDIA chapters to obtain model chapter status. But, even more impressive, the chapter has won model chapter status every year since the recognition program began in 2001.

"We have been successful in that regard," Stone said. "Next year, our 10th year, we fully intend to capture model chapter."

"But it's not about who's the best. It's all about how the organization engages the various chapters to help them all achieve the common goal of supporting national defense. We stand ready and prepared to support the government's requirements in ensuring the national defense."

Stone joined NDIA in 2003 soon after retiring from 30 years in the Army, and quickly became involved in its leadership. The chapter's success, he said, is made possible because of the community in which it is established.

"We are in a very engaging community. So the environment is ripe for doing well," he said.

"The character of our Tennessee Valley community and the relationship of industry with government agencies that



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CHAPTER PRESIDENT— Retired Col. Ed Stone, who served as the chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command before his retirement in 2003, hopes to lead the Tennessee Valley chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association to its 10th win as model chapter of the national organization.

are all about readiness, and the development of new technologies right here that make our world a better place all contribute to our success. So, too, do the board members and officers who are committed individuals, who are leaders of substance from industry and government, and who are concerned and dedicated toward solving problems and making things better."

Stone said board members are instrumental, also, because of their "important links between professional organizations and industry and government."

And, lastly, the chapter's membership – now at 2,427 members including 50 corporate members – wants to "contribute to national defense preparedness and develop innovative technologies that contribute to that. We are interested in national defense not just of this country, but of everything American, everything that America represents and what we are committed to with our allies," he added.

Becoming active in the local NDIA chapter was a natural for a Soldier who learned activism while wearing the uniform.

"There are three kinds of people – leaders, doers and spectators," Stone said. "All of us who have served and who continue to serve in a different capacity want to be doers and, in many cases, leaders who work to make the community better. I was invited to join the NDIA board to help with the relationship with the Army and with Redstone."

Once on the board, Stone became focused on the NDIA mission, and growing and expanding the local chapter and its activities.

"We have a great chapter. But I'm never satisfied on staying where I am," he said. "We need to move forward, and become better."

In 2009, the local chapter's membership grew by 16.9 percent. The chapter's list of conferences, meetings and activities in support of national defense grew as did its contributions to local groups encouraging interests in science and math in the area's children. The chapter donated \$58,000 to science, technology and math-related student development programs, including Science, Technology, Education and Training program, the Alabama Council for Technology in Education Science Fair, Adventures in Engineering and the Military Order of the World Wars Youth Leadership Program.

"We want to help create interest in studies in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math with the hope that at some point students will become tomorrow's engineers, scientists and technical leaders in this community," Stone said.

The local chapter's 28-member board is representative of local industry and government activities, socially diverse, and self-initiated, committed and dedicated.

The NDIA chapter as well as the other organizations Stone has become involved with since his military retirement share

the same attributes. He is active in the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, the Air, Space and Missile Defense Association and the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville. He has been named Rotarian of the Year twice.

"It's important to me to serve within these types of organizations," Stone said.

But his career of service began long before his days as a defense and space contractor, first with SRS Technology, which is now part of NeXolve. He attended college on an ROTC scholarship, planning to be a reservist upon graduation.

"But at Officer Basic Course I realized I loved being in the Army and that active duty was for me," he said. "I liked the camaraderie, the challenge and the people. I liked the Army mission, and the sense of doing something that was more important than doing for me."

An infantry officer, Stone served in Germany when the wall came down and as Soldier units were preparing for Operation Desert Storm.

"My best assignment was as battalion commander in Germany," he said. "I commanded a multi-faceted battalion. I knew many of the officers and most of the senior leadership in the battalion. I only needed to learn the junior leadership."

"It was a comfortable role for me. I was high enough so that I could really make things happen for Soldiers. But I was low enough where I could relate to Soldiers every day."

Yet, it was his assignment in Huntsville that finally brought Stone to a place where he could enjoy service long after his military years.

"My first public event here was at the Von Braun Center, North Hall," he recalled. "I met then Mayor Loretta Spencer that night."

"Back then, we had to retire after 30 years, and I had 27 and one half years in. She asked me what my plans were going to be after retirement. I told her I had a home in Virginia Beach and I'd probably go there."

"She said 'No. I think you will fall in love with Huntsville, retire and get a great job and stay here.' And she was exactly right. Huntsville has everything good that a big city has to offer. I love it here, and my family loves it here. My house in Virginia Beach is for sale."

The Army taught Stone about selfless service and working for the common good – two philosophies that he has carried with him into the civilian world and into his leadership role with NDIA, and that he continues to see in today's military.

"Young people who make the commitment to serve their country are truly those to be honored and respected," Stone said. "They represent this nation and what we stand for and everything we do. I have great confidence in our military."

Early morning aftershock shakes Haiti

By FRED W. BAKER III
American Forces Press Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — An early morning aftershock Jan. 20 shook the sleeping Soldiers here from their bags as the building swayed and creaked for a few seconds.

“It was like: ‘Whoah! Is somebody shaking me awake or was the ground moving?’” said Maj. J.T. Eldridge, the squadron operations officer for the 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

Local reports put the aftershock at magnitude 6.1, but it lasted only a few seconds just after 6 a.m. According to reports it was centered about 35 miles northwest here. No damage was apparent here.

This aftershock follows the magnitude

7.0 earthquake that rocked Haiti’s capital city Jan. 12. That quake prompted a massive international humanitarian relief effort, including assistance provided by the U.S. military.

About 300 Soldiers work out of this abandoned and damaged golf course estate that the squadron uses as a forward operating base.

Some of the troops sleep under the cover of awnings and in some of the larger rooms of the facility. Others bed down by the debris-filled swimming pool or spread out on the tennis courts.

Moments after the aftershock, you could hear the cries rising from the survivor camp adjacent to the base. Sirens followed shortly.

According to Eldridge, while the aftershock was definitely disconcerting for

some, it remains business as usual for the squadron, as it passes out food and water for those left homeless by the earthquake.

“It’s a concern. But there’s not a lot about that concern we can do. We have a plan in place to get everybody outside the buildings. The guys understand what they’re supposed to do when that happens,” Eldridge said.

“I don’t really think it affects our distribution efforts,” he said. “Unfortunately it’s just something we’re going to have to deal with.”

Still, the early morning aftershock gave those Soldiers working here just a little taste of why many in the camps are hesitant to return indoors.

“It was kind of like standing on a board on top of a ball,” said Staff Sgt. Steven Payne.

■ Unmanned aircraft system featured on television show

Raven

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aircraft system like the Raven would have been of tremendous benefit during combat and would have proven its worth in Vietnam just like it has in combat situations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“This is such a functional system for the war fighter. To be able to see beyond a tree line or hill and to know what was out there would have been invaluable in Vietnam. The American people are going to be impressed with what they see,” he said.

Lightweight and easy to disassemble and assemble, the Raven is being used by Army and Marine units of all sizes. Since 2003, there has been a “huge growth in unmanned aircraft use in the Army. We had a slow start. But once the Soldier got the system, we saw new applications, increased capabilities and new platforms,” Gonzalez said.

The self-contained, rucksack portable Raven provides company level and below commanders a surveillance asset that increases situational awareness, enhances force protection, and secures routes, points and areas.

Chartney, who flew the Raven in com-

bat in Iraq in 2007-08, said he was able to put the Raven “right in my rucksack and move out. It’s designed to take all the force of impact on the ground and come apart. We would assemble it, fly it for reconnaissance, crash it and it would fall apart, we’d pick up the pieces and drive on. When we needed it, we’d put it back together and use it all over again.”

Chartney said every Soldier company in combat has a Raven, and a Soldier trained to use it.

“I am a forward observer. And I can do that better with the Raven,” Chartney said. “I can fly it behind enemy lines and use it to find the bad guys so they can be neutralized. The Raven plays a key part in providing information for forward observers. It has definitely proved itself useful at war. The Raven is definitely something every company should have.”

Filming the Raven at Redstone Arsenal will give War Stories viewers a chance to see where one of the Army’s best unmanned systems is managed.

“Redstone Arsenal is where we are responsible for developing, fielding and sustaining these systems,” Gonzalez said. “This is a tremendous opportunity for us to show firsthand what one of our systems – the Raven – can do.”

Besides the Raven, the Unmanned Aircraft Systems project office also manages the Shadow, Hunter and other unmanned aircraft, and develops ground control stations and products that allow Soldiers to collect video from all aircraft, and to communicate data between unmanned aircraft, manned aircraft and ground stations.

“We’ve fielded every echelon as part of a seamless integration,” Owings said. “We are disseminating the Raven in the most forward points of battle. Most people don’t understand the scope of unmanned aircraft systems and the contributions they make to the war fight.”

Since 9/11 unmanned aircraft systems have flown 950,000 hours in direct support of combat operations. The Raven has completed 230,000 sorties in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“The Raven is critical to the war fight,” Gonzalez said. “It is the most prolific unmanned system. It is the smallest and least expensive. Right now, we have 950 Ravens in theater in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is used at the very lowest echelon.

“In the past, Soldiers on the battlefield were the least informed. Now, we have empowered them with a tool” that provides situational awareness in theater.

About 350 employees work on unmanned aircraft systems at Redstone



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Haiti helper

Huntsville native and Navy doctor Lt. Jerri Gram provides medical care to an infant onboard the USNS Comfort in Haiti.

Arsenal. Those employees come from all fields – infantry, military intelligence and aviation, among others.

“This isn’t just about aviation,” Gonzalez said. “It’s about providing capabilities to Soldiers and you need a variety of backgrounds to do that.”

Comparing Vietnam to today’s combat, Gonzalez described Vietnam as a helicopter war. He said today’s conflicts are unmanned aircraft wars, with unmanned aircraft augmenting what manned aircraft and ground forces can do.

For the employees who work with unmanned aircraft systems, the stories of the Raven’s capabilities are inspiring. Owings hopes that inspiration comes across in the War Stories segment.

“Soldiers coming back from the war keep telling us they have guys in their units that are able to come home because of the Raven,” Owings said. “As we see the Soldiers come back with those kinds of stories, it encourages us to develop new technologies.”

Veterans coalition reviews packed year of support

Military families seen benefiting from programs by volunteers

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An honor roll of volunteers, businesses and organizations who are dedicated to assisting Soldiers, veterans, retirees and their families were called out for recognition Jan. 20 during the annual meeting of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition.

The meeting, held at the Veterans Memorial Museum, was a chance for coalition board members to say "thank you" to the individuals and groups that donate time, money and other resources to make the coalition's programs successful.

And those programs are many, indeed. Blue Star Service Banner programs, Memorial Day ceremonies, Veterans Day week activities, and deployment and welcome home ceremonies are just some of coalition programs. But the program that took most of the limelight at the annual meeting was one designed to share love, concern and a little bit of fun with the youngest members of the military family — Operation Christmas Bear.

The December 2009 event was the sixth annual Operation Christmas Bear. It was estimated that between 900 and 1,000 people attended. About 200 volunteers assisted in the afternoon's festivities at the Cahaba Shrine Lodge.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

SWEARING IN— Board members of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition are sworn in during their annual meeting Jan. 20 at the Veterans Memorial Museum. From left, are, **Dave Seay, vice president for corporate and military affairs; Max Bennett, vice president for finance; Bob Wilkes, vice president for membership; Joe Paddock, treasurer; Steve Mozian, executive vice president; and John Perry, president.** Conducting the ceremony was retired Brig. Gen. **Bob Drolet.**

"It was packed this year," coalition president John Perry said. "It was just about a near record breaker."

Sponsors who were thanked for their donations to Operation Christmas Bear included Kroger's, Regions Bank, Semper Fi Community Task Force, Quad A, Brett and Laura Ayers; Optimist Club; InfoPro;

"The Toy Makers;" du Midi Woman's Club; Crisis Center of North Alabama; Domino's Pizza; Mullins Rentals; Bill Hogan; Cahaba Shrine; Berney Office Solutions; Inergi; Office Furniture Outlet; Home Depot; YMCA; H.H. Gregg; Redstone Recognitions; Lockheed Martin; and WZYP.

Volunteer groups that were thanked for their efforts included NCO Academy; Army Community Service; Warrant Officers Association; Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army; Young Rotarians; Military Order of World Wars; WZYP; Madison County Sheriff's Department; Huntsville Fire and Rescue; Huntsville Police Department; HEMSI; Cahaba Shrine Clowns and Huntsville Hospital Clowns.

Perry especially thanked the 21-member Operation Christmas Bear Committee.

During the meeting, the coalition board members were sworn in for the 2010 term. They are: Perry, president; Steve Mozian, executive vice president; Joe Paddock, treasurer; Bob Wilkie, vice president for membership; Max Bennett, vice president for finance; and Dave Seay, vice president for corporate and military affairs. The coalition's new secretary, Valerie Coffey, was unable to attend the meeting.

Outgoing officers recognized at the meeting were Beverly Lowe, Russell Kimball and Jeff Owens.

"This organization cannot operate without the leadership and commitment of our officers," Perry said. "I ask God to help them make the right decisions in the execution of their duties."

In other matters, coalition executive vice president Steve Mozian said the coalition now has a website, navfoc.org, and that work is being done to include information on the site about military-related events in the community.

Raising red flag about women's heart disease

Awareness campaign scheduled Feb. 5

By **RICK STOCK**
 Health promotion educator

National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 5 is a day when Fox Army Health Center, Redstone Arsenal and Americans nationwide will take women's health to heart by wearing red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness.

The sixth anniversary of this event dawns on American women who are aware that heart disease is their No. 1 killer, regardless of race or ethnicity. They are wearing the Red Dress Pin, sharing the Heart Truth with loved ones and friends and taking charge of their health. The good news is that women are living longer, healthier lives, and fewer are dying of heart disease.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute started The Heart Truth national awareness campaign in 2002, when one in

three women were dying of heart disease. Data collection from 2000-06 reveals that women's awareness of the connection between risk factors and their personal risk of developing heart disease has increased from 34 percent to 57 percent.

Recent statistics

The most recent statistics reflect a decrease in female heart-related deaths of nearly 17,000, with a decline seen each year since 2000. One in four women currently dies of heart disease. It strikes at younger ages than most people realize and the risk rises in middle age. Two-thirds of women who have heart attacks never fully recover.

Sadly, one-third of the female population still does not understand the connection between risk factors and heart disease, reflecting many challenges to be conquered in getting the information to women and their families.

An astonishing 80 percent of mid-life women, age 40-60, have one or more risk factors for heart disease.



Dangerous habits

Risk factors are habits or conditions that increase the chance of developing the disease. Some risk factors, such as age (55 or older for women) and family history of heart disease cannot be changed. The modifiable risk factors for the prevention of heart disease include high blood pressure/hypertension, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, tobacco use, and being overweight, obese or physically inactive.

Most women are unaware of the "multiplier effect" that risk factors have on heart disease. One risk factor can increase a woman's chance of developing heart dis-

ease two-fold. Two risk factors increase the chances four-fold, and three or more risk factors increase a woman's chance of developing heart disease 10-fold.

Although heart disease is not curable, it is never too late to take action to prevent it. Often, in conjunction with professional healthcare, modifying risk factors is all that is needed to significantly reduce one's risk. Americans can lower their risk by as much as 82 percent just by leading a heart healthy lifestyle.

Fox Army Health Center, in its Preventive Medicine, Wellness and Health Promotion branches, can assist you with all of the aforementioned risk factors as classes and information are made available to you. From an activity standpoint, Redstone Arsenal's three FMWR gym locations can assist you along with the volunteer-led Nordic Walking group, Wanderfreund.

Talk to your doctor and then call Fox Army Health Center Preventive Medicine at 955-8888, ext. 1026 for assistance. For more information, call Rick Stock at 955-8888, ext. 1443.

Launch system on target in flight test series

By Maj. JON SHEPARD
NLOS-LS Project Office

The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System has continued its successful flight test series and demonstrated the Semi-Active Laser-Anoint engagement mode against a moving target with its most recent flight test — GTV-17.

NLOS-LS launched one Precision Attack Missile directed against a moving target array Dec. 18 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The missile successfully engaged the T-72 target utilizing its SAL-A engagement mode at a range of 25 kilometers. This flight test marks the first SAL-A engagement against a moving target and the first utilizing Advanced Field Artillery Targeting Data System tactical network to initiate the fire mission.

The missile, launched from the NLOS-LS Container Launch Unit, used the on-board dual-mode, uncooled imaging infrared and semi-active laser seeker to acquire the laser designated T-72 moving target resulting in a direct hit at a range of 25 kilometers. While guiding to the designated target, the missile joined the network with its onboard radio and operated as a node on the network throughout the flight. The missile also sent back terminal target images to the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System prior to impact.

“The technological advances associat-



Courtesy photo

LINE OF FIRE— The Precision Attack Missile engages a moving target array Dec. 18 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

ed the dual mode UCIR/SAL seeker on the PAM will provide our Soldiers in the field with the decisive force to prevail against our enemies,” Blake Haynes, PAM product director at NLOS-LS Project Office, said.

NLOS-LS takes targeting information via AFATDS from the command and control center and sends the info to the NLOS-LS CLU’s computer and communications system for initial missile targeting. The missile also receives real-time targeting information from the command and control center for in-flight tar-

get updates. This network capability will provide the Brigade Combat Team with unprecedented beyond line-of-sight target lethality.

The GTV-17 missile test is the latest in a series of 18 flight tests. The final series of guided test flights will occur at the Cold Regions Test Center in Fort Greely, Alaska. These tests are a critical step in preparation for the upcoming Flight Lim-

Federal retirement question answered

The following question and answer originally appeared in the NARFE Magazine and is reprinted with permission from the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association.

Question: I retired under the Federal Employees Retirement System at age 59. I took a 15-percent reduction – 5 percent for each year under age 62. When I turn 62, do I get my 15 percent back?

Answer: If you start receiving your FERS benefits prior to age 62, the age reduction of five-twelfths of 1 percent for each full month you were under age 62 does not end when you reach age 62. It is a permanent reduction.

ited User Test to be conducted in January-February at White Sands Missile Range employing Soldiers from the Army Experimental Task Force.

The emerging capabilities being tested by the NLOS-LS Project Office as part of the Army Brigade Combat Team Modernization Increment 1 will bring a much needed capability to the Army. The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System provides networked, responsive and rapidly deployable precision strike capability against moving and stationary targets, land and sea, for the Army’s modular and future force and Navy’s Littoral Combat Ship. It is platform-independent, self-contained and compatible with current and future command and control systems. NLOS-LS is planned for initial fielding to the Infantry Brigade Combat Teams and the Navy’s Littoral Combat Ships.

Editor’s note: Maj. Jon Shepard is the assistant product manager for the Precision Attack Missile at NLOS-LS Project Office.

Paint training campus arrives with splash

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Letterkenny Army Depot’s Paint Division, in cooperation with the Program of the University of Northern Iowa, the Iowa Waste Water Reduction Center, and Tiburon Associates held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday to introduce an advanced, efficient and environmentally conscious training curriculum.

Spray Technique Analysis and Research for Defense now has a satellite campus on site providing the Department of Defense with an exceptional, one of a kind school strictly devoted to paint knowledge and skill. This certification course enables military facilities to enhance the quality of work, reduce material waste, and make extreme reductions in air emissions. *(Letterkenny release)*

Intern gets lift from engineering experience

Research development center provides outreach programs

By MERV BROKKE
AMRDEC public affairs

The Army has long recognized that a scientifically and technologically literate citizenry is the nation's best hope for a secure, rewarding and successful future.

For this reason, the Army has created the Army Education Outreach Program, which greatly expands and integrates an array of Army educational opportunities for the future generations of America's work force and their teachers.

Matthew Elder from the University of Tennessee is one of many college and high school students who participate in the various programs at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center who are given real-world tasks and responsibility to do work that supports the war fighter and helps prepare them for their future career.

"On the first day of my internship at Redstone I was told by Doug Felker, (aviation branch chief in the AMRDEC Engineering Directorate, Reliability, Availability and Maintainability Engineering and System Assessment Division), that the sole job of the aviation RAM department is to 'keep boys in the air.' Over the course of the summer I learned how all different aspects of the department work towards that goal," Elder said.

One of Elder's most rewarding tasks was to participate in the RAM Division's "Engineer on the Flight Line," a two-week on-the-job training program conducted at the Alabama Army National Guard Fort Whiting Armory in Mobile.

"Before, the helicopter was just something that you learned about while in graduate school but my experience showed me how the pieces fit together. I learned how the Army manages its maintenance strategies," he said. "Over the course of two weeks I saw and learned more about the Black Hawk helicopter than could have been taught in the classroom over a much longer period. Another



Photo by Merv Brokke

HELICOPTER SIMULATOR— Matthew Elder, left, from the University of Tennessee, sits in the co-pilot seat of the Software Engineering Directorate's UH-60M Black Hawk Baseline System Integration Lab. Sitting in the pilot's seat is Paul Kosinski, computer engineer in the SED's Acquisition and Technology Engineering Division. Kosinski is demonstrating the simulator and showing Elder how the SIL is used as a test asset. This SIL is a refurbished UH-60A cockpit that has been cut off behind the cabin windows and employs all of the actual flight controls, grips, linkages and actuators used in the actual aircraft with the exception of the longitudinal cyclic actuator.

er intern and I helped with oil changes, rotor balances, and a 120-hour inspection over the course of the two-week period."

Performing maintenance on helicopters to keep them flying is vital and experiencing what they were designed to do is worth the long hours of work.

"Although the work was very exciting in itself, the coolest part of the trip was a test flight that I was able to sit in on. I was given a grand tour of Mobile and the Gulf Coast from 3,000 feet above in a

Black Hawk helicopter," Elder said.

His work with the RAM Division employees showed him a new side of engineering not experienced much in the classroom and helped him to make a big step to his future career — to specialize in aerospace engineering.

"Overall, I found the summer to be very rewarding and it has sparked my interest in the field of rotorcraft," Elder said. "I decided this late last semester when I decided that I was for sure going

to graduate school. I would suggest this internship program to any college engineering student, especially those in both aerospace and mechanical engineering. The program allows students to get hands-on experience with their items of study."

Editor's note: For more information about the Educational Outreach programs sponsored by AMRDEC, visit the website at www.redstone.army.mil/amrdec/CareerOpp/outreachprograms.html#army_outreach.

Standardized rifle marksmanship program could go Armywide

By VINCE LITTLE
The Bayonet

FORT BENNING, Ga. — An advanced rifle marksmanship concept developed at Fort Benning based on “lessons learned” in Iraq and Afghanistan might be instituted across all Army training centers later this year, officials said.

Col. Terry Sellers, operations officer for the Maneuver Center of Excellence, said Combat Familiarization Fire, or ARM 6, has not been formally added to the Army program of instruction, but that could happen around May as part of an overall POI review. New lesson plans are being drafted for the marksmanship field manual to include the CFF version standardized here.

“Some leaders have been taking different variations of this initiative and philosophy to operational units elsewhere for the past year-and-a-half,” he said. “The goal is to make it one standard for all the training centers ... A lot of people want to help make the strategy better, but we’re making sure the formal lesson plans match what’s being done.”

CFF is the culmination of a Soldier’s marksmanship training from basic to advanced, said Capt. Ron Reed, the 198th Infantry Brigade’s operations officer. For about a year, it’s been taught to infantry Soldiers in one-station unit training and basic training with the 198th and 192nd Infantry brigades.

“It was implemented in response to lessons learned in theater,” Reed said. “It’s intended to give a realistic experience for a Soldier deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan ... (Soldiers) learn the fundamentals and apply them. They are thinking about their next firing position, how many rounds they have to fire and time management under the stress factor of a full-combat load. Plus, the training factors in the weapon malfunction.”

Within the program, Soldiers fire from behind barriers at pop-up targets 50 to 300 meters away, Reed said. They have 30 rounds, and a dummy round is inserted into each of the three magazines to simulate a malfunction. Shooters must hit 16 of 26 targets.

In normal rifle qualification, Soldiers fire from a known distance in various



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TRAINING— Pvt. Bryce Boyer of D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, takes part in combat familiarization training Jan. 12 on Fort Benning, Ga.

predetermined positions. During CFF, they qualify in full combat gear using the barriers to move to and from different points. The Soldiers also choose the position — prone, kneeling, sitting or standing — they want to fire from based on where the target appears.

Before CFF’s inception, basic trainees and infantry OSUT Soldiers were not exposed to advanced rifle marksmanship, said Staff Sgt. Adolfo Adame, a drill sergeant with D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, which recently completed the training. They only had to go through M-4 qualifications.

“This style is much better because it’s what they’ll see in an urban environment like Afghanistan or Iraq,” Adame said.

“It’s going to take more than one round to take down an individual that’s coming at them or shooting at them ... Now, you got a thinking Soldier on the ground who understands, ‘I need some kind of cover to engage the enemy and not just stand out in the open and get hit.’”

Pvt. Brian Jackson of D Company said CFF was beneficial as he learned about the firing tactics used in combat.

“The drill sergeants are giving us a lot of knowledge about their experiences overseas. What we’re doing here is what it’s like ... so I feel I’ll be prepared when I leave,” he said.

“The other firing experiences we had were getting us used to the weapons. Here, you’re actually having to take

cover and pop up, with targets coming back up after firing.”

Sellers said CFF emphasizes improvisation while building agile, adaptable, flexible Soldiers. The strategy speeds their development ahead of a combat deployment by mixing complexities with existing standards, he said.

“We got feedback from the field in Iraq and Afghanistan that the training centers needed to do a better job training Soldiers so they can integrate immediately upon arrival and have some idea of what they’ll see in a combat environment,” Sellers said. “We’re now getting benefits from the confidence and competence of these kids being able to use their weapons more effectively.”

Army Secretary directs Fort Hood accountability review

By GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Army will conduct a review to determine if leaders were negligent in their supervision of accused Fort Hood shooter Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, Defense Department officials announced Jan. 21.

Army Secretary John McHugh has directed Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, “to conduct an accountability review to identify whether any personnel were responsible for failures or deficiencies in applying Army programs, policies, and procedures to the alleged assailant,” according to a Defense

Department news release.

McHugh also has tasked Ham to provide personal observations he may have developed as a senior Army leader and as a member of the independent panel that investigated the shooting that he believes may be of help to the Army in charting a way ahead.

The independent panel — co-chaired by former Army Secretary Togo D. West Jr. and retired Navy Adm. Vernon E. Clark, a former chief of naval operations — provided its report to Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates on Jan. 15.

Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, is charged with killing 13 people, 12 military and one civilian, and wounding 43 others during a Nov. 5 shooting rampage at Fort Hood,

Texas. The alleged assailant was shot and disabled by a Fort Hood civilian police officer, who also was wounded in an exchange of gunfire.

Still hospitalized and under detention, Hasan has been charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 specifications of attempted premeditated murder under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The UCMJ is the U.S. military’s legal system for servicemembers.

Hasan, a Muslim, allegedly became radicalized and complained to colleagues about his role as a U.S. military officer when he was posted at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here before being assigned to Fort Hood in July 2009.

Headquarters & Alpha takes advantage of roster depth

Gators outlast National Guard in basketball season opener

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Headquarters & Alpha basketball team wanted to keep its preseason intensity on opening night of the regular season Jan. 20 at Pagano Gym.

In December's holiday tournament, the Gators had beaten the National Guard and Charlie Company before falling to eventual champion HHC 59th and Bravo-2, the runner-up.

Headquarters & Alpha showed the same fire in last week's opener by beating the National Guard 69-52.

"Basically the same way we left off in the preseason tournament, just kept that intensity in order to get the win today," Gators player/coach Reggie LeDay said. "We played unselfishly today, gave everybody a chance to play in order to get that first 'w' of the season."

LeDay, the point guard, scored 10 points and made two assists. Malcolm Robertson had a game-high 26. Jared Little got a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Gators used all eight of their players while the National Guard only had six available.

"I guess they didn't have enough players to keep fresh players in," said Little, a 6-foot forward. "We were able to take advantage of them getting tired."

The Gators trailed 30-29 at halftime before outscoring the National Guard 40-22.

"We're tired," confirmed National Guard player/coach Bryan Christa, who led his team with 24 points. "We only had six people."

Rodney Henshaw added 11 points for the National Guard.

Gators center Lamar Moultrie credited the victory to listening to LeDay, who will leave Feb. 17 for Korea.

"We played good," Moultrie said. "Everybody was on the same page."

Marines 54, Bravo-1 38: Point guard Justin Billings scored a game-high 21 as the Marines made a strong debut.

"It's the first game. You're going to play sloppy at first," Billings said. "The important thing is tightening up,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ROAD BLOCK— Headquarters & Alpha forward Malcolm Robertson drives to the basket in the second half of the Gators' 69-52 win over the National Guard. Rodney Henshaw got called for a blocking foul. Robertson made one of two ensuing free throws and finished with 26 points.

making adjustments and coming out finishing strong."

The Marines led 30-19 at halftime and kept command after intermission.

"We played awesome," Marines coach Montrice Bethea said. "We played like a team that's been playing together for a year or two, and we're just getting started."

Roderick Matthews led Bravo-1 with nine points.

"It was lack of confidence and not working together," Bulldogs coach Roosevelt Jackson said. "We have to find our identity. We have four guys that never played the game before with referees. So we've still got a lot of work to do."

In Thursday night's games, the Civilian Welfare Fund beat Bravo-2 67-55 and 326th Chemical Company defeated Charlie 47-43.

West Point grad grabs Guinness record, joins EOD

Finishes marathon in combat uniform

By ROGER TEEL
Army News Service

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Second Lt. Sophie Hilaire does not particularly fit the general image of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Warrior.

Weighing a mere 120 pounds, one wonders how she could possibly be strong enough to function in an 85-pound bomb suit, handling the physical and mental demands of defusing improvised explosive devices.

But Hilaire is strong enough to run a marathon in full battle armor, and in fact, she holds a world record for it.

After graduating from an all-girls Catholic school in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Hilaire was accepted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. She graduated last spring with degrees in management and environmental engineering, making her parents, Vincent and Sung-Suk Hilaire, of Longmont, Colo., proud.

She was also a member of the Army Women's Fencing Team at West Point.

"My dad's uncle was in the Army, a warrant officer, but we really didn't have anyone particularly pushing us to go to West Point," Hilaire said.

She used the collective "we" because her younger sister and brother both attend the U.S. Military Academy. Her sister Nicole is in her junior year, and her brother Philip, is a plebe (freshman) this year.

"We all had to work for it," Hilaire said. "We all had the same values. My mom is Korean and really stressed values in our family, and a sense of service, you know, of giving something back."

Hilaire said she started a running regimen out of necessity during her junior year.

"After a summer of not running, I was worried about an Army Physical Fitness Test I had coming up. I ended up performing better than I expected, and was motivated to continue running afterwards.

"I started running with a friend who helped me develop a training plan. My idea at that time was to train for a half marathon."

Her running "just took off" from there, she said.

Hilaire ran her first marathon



Courtesy Island Photography

HOME STRETCH— 2nd Lt. Sophie Hilaire sprints to the finish of the Philadelphia Marathon, setting a Guinness World Record for women by running the Nov. 22 race in 4 hours 54 minutes wearing full battle rattle.

at Virginia Beach, Va., in 2008, followed by the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., later that year. In May 2009, she ran the New Jersey Marathon at Long Branch/Monmouth Beach in 3 hours and 37 minutes, qualifying (by three minutes) for the 2010 Boston Marathon.

By the time she was in training for her fourth marathon in Philadelphia in November, she was looking for additional motivation.

"I was just killing time until Boston next April, so I started looking for a cause. After a Google search, I chose to run for the American Veterans with Brain Injuries (www.AVBI.org).

"I read about the founder's son, Pfc. Chris Lynch, a runner who suffered a brain injury which

caused a lack of coordination to the point that he could no longer run. Since his injury, he has relentlessly trained and competed in marathons on a hand cycle.

"After reading about courageous servicemen like Chris, I felt humbled and inspired to do something for this organization.

"I was also looking for ways to increase my fund-raising. I ran the 2008 Marine Corps Marathon for charity. My goal was to raise \$1,000 and I raised more than \$1,500," she said.

"I just happened to look at the Guinness Book of World Records for marathons and saw an entry for the fastest time with full battle rattle — Army Combat Uniform, boots, Army Combat Helmet, and the protective vest with full body armor. A British

soldier owned the record with a time of 5 hours, 11 minutes.

"This was the goal I intended to beat, but they opened a separate category for me, one for females. And before I ran the Philly marathon, the Brit's record was beaten. I think the current men's record is three hours and change," she added.

Weighing down her slight frame with 30 pounds of additional gear, she focused on her goal.

"It made sense to me to raise funds for AVBI while embracing the challenge of running in combat gear to generate awareness of this noteworthy cause," she said.

As she trained, she also engaged social media, notifying her friends by e-mail what she was doing and establishing a

Facebook group to collect donations for her cause. She raised more than \$4,000 for the AVBI, exceeding her goal of \$2,000.

"They were overwhelmed," Hilaire explained of the donation to AVBI. "They were down to their last \$200 when they received my sponsors' donation, so they were just elated."

She also added her name to the Guinness Book of World Records, finishing the marathon (26.2 miles) in 4 hours and 54 minutes.

"I joined a five-hour pace group and stayed with them until I pulled away at the end," she said, explaining her race tactics.

"I ran the final 6.2 miles for seven different individuals," Hilaire added. "The first few I texted during the race to let them know; the final few I was too exhausted. I ran for veterans like Pfc. Lynch and Capt. Sam Brown, a personal hero and friend who was severely burned by an IED."

She explained that her name is not officially in the Guinness Book yet.

"I haven't received the certificate. I'm waiting for them to process it," she said.

"I trained with my friend, Second Lieutenant Courtney Miller. She ran with me for the first half of the marathon, despite an injury. She carried my Gatorade and took pictures to document the venture for Guinness."

"It's hard to put into words what running a marathon does for me," Hilaire added. "At heart, I'm a long-distance runner. It gives me a reason to work out and train, but I had never pushed myself before."

"The feeling of being just a couple miles out from the finish line, knowing that you won't hit the wall and are about to meet this goal or time that you've dedicated every day of the last six months to, is incredibly emotional. Crossing the finish line is even better."

"Everything became easier after I started running. Basic Army requirements, like the semi-annual physical fitness test, became so much easier after I started training for marathons."

"I'm not a natural runner — I've got flat feet, knock-knees and one leg is shorter than the other," she said, laughing.

"It's just fun to set and meet goals along the way," she added.

Would she run in battle-rattle again?

"Only if someone beats my record," she said.



Sports & Recreation

Boating safety

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Redstone is offering five sessions of a comprehensive boating safety class called "Boating Skills and Seamanship" for 2010. The classes are taught at the Garrison Safety Office, building 3687. Classes start at 6:30 p.m. and normally run to 9 every Thursday night of the scheduled session. The sessions include Feb. 11 through March 25, April 8 through May 20, June 10 through July 22, Aug. 12 through Sept. 23, and Oct. 14 through Nov. 24. The only cost to the student is for the textbook which is \$25 per student. To register call Thomas Kunhart 527-4475 (cell), 830-6621 (home) or e-mail tkunhart@knology.net.



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

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

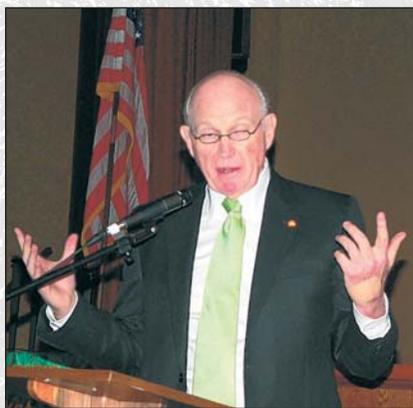
come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Mike McSwain 842-7910.

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.

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.



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Financial talk

AI Tucker, national executive director of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, speaks on the future of financial management Jan. 14 to the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter.

Training event

Humana Military Healthcare Services, the Tricare managed care support contractor for the South Region, holds informational briefings on Tricare every Monday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Tricare Service Center, Fox Army Health Center, second floor.

Aviation symposium

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle will be on hand to declare Feb. 11 as "Joseph P. Cribbins Day" as the Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor the 36th annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Symposium. The symposium is for interested members of industry and the aviation logistics and acquisition communities. It will be held Feb. 10-11 at the Von Braun Center with the theme "Sustaining Operations While Recovering." For more information, call David Kather 539-1700, ext. 104 or 617-3771.

Kansas club

"Iron Rails to the Pacific: How Kansas Finally Connected to the Coast" will be presented by David Lady at the Kansas Day Celebration dinner meeting of the Kansas Club, where everyone is welcome. He is a student of Civil War era history with a particular interest in the Heartland and Tran-Mississippi Regions. He recently retired after 33 years as a Soldier and works at the Space and Missile Defense Command. The Kansas Day celebration is Saturday at the Tai Pan Chinese Restaurant, 2012 Memorial Parkway, southwest. Social starts at 6 p.m., and dinner at 6:30. Please call ahead at 883-0080 or 722-4798.

Civil War discussion

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. southeast. "Misery Unparalleled: The Confederate Retreat From Nashville, Tenn., December 1864" will be presented by David Fraley, historian and interim executive director for the Carter House. Visitors are welcome. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

Training seminar

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 15th annual seminar, "Pathways to Professional Excellence," Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. A luncheon, continental breakfast and snacks along with Office Expo booths will be provided to attendees. The course is in TIPS by the course number PPE; and the vendor name is IAAP. Tuition fees are \$125 and student rates are \$50. You do not have to be in the administrative career field to attend the

training event. For more information or to register, call Susan Douglas 313-2079.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is Feb. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. The program will be a Health Fair event conducted by Huntsville Hospital. For ticket information, call Kim Ouattara 876-6163 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Space society

HAL5 (local chapter of the National Space Society) presents Audra Herriges, graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, speaking on "Next L.E.A.P. to the Future! Lunar Explorational Architecture Possibilities," on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Public Library. Les Johnson, co-author of "Paradise Regained, The Re Greening of the Earth," will speak March 4 at 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, go to HAL5.org or hal5.help@gmail.com.

Professional development

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor its annual Mini-Professional Development Institute Training Sessions on Feb. 3 and 4 at Trinity United Methodist Church new room auditorium on Airport Road. This is a one day training session; and participants can pick which day to attend. Lunch is included. Deadline to register is Jan. 29. Registration/doors open at 7:30 a.m.; and the Mini-PDI begins at 8:30. Cost is \$100 for members, \$125 for non-members. On Feb. 3, retired Brig. Gen. Sandra Gregory will present an update on financial management work force initiatives. On Feb. 4, Sandra Richardson, a member of the Senior Executive Service, will discuss key issues in the DoD comptroller world. Dr. John Kline will present soft skill management topics and will do a lunch presentation on both days. Participants can earn up to seven Continuous Learning Points. Enter into TIP System; catalog F102MPDI, course title ASMC MINI-PDI 2010. Call in reservation with IMPAC credit card to Dee Kowallik 313-4020, Dana Wilbanks 876-4283, Sandy Brock 313-4494, Theresa McBride 842-9272 or Freida Waits 313-4986.

Technical symposium

Huntsville Chapter 198, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association presents a classified one-day Technical Symposium that will explore the topic "Force Protection Systems" on Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Raytheon Company, 401 Jan Davis Drive. Presentations

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will include C-RAM, EAPS, Directed Energy, APS, RAID, and ATIRCM Systems. Make reservations online at www.conferencesbysigma.com/all/index.php?groupid=23, call Nancy Herthum 425-2158 or e-mail nherthum@dcscorp.com. Transmit clearance information to: Raytheon Company, ATTN: Visitor Control (SeKitha Nunn), 401 Jan Davis Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806, phone 542-4200, fax 542-4115, SMO Code: OHG555.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Chuck Bailey, former systems engineer and program manager on several high profile projects for Rockwell International and the Boeing Company. The chapter's monthly breakfast is Saturday at 8 a.m. at Ryan's Steak House, South Memorial Parkway. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women at Redstone Arsenal invites all women with a civilian, retiree or military ID to its first Friday program, Feb. 5 at Bicentennial Chapel. Social starts at 9 a.m. in the conference room followed by a short business agenda at 9:30 and "Ask a Priest," a question-and-answer period with Father Ray Kopec. There will be an optional Holy Hour at 11 and Mass at noon. For information call Phyllis 842-2175 or Diana 852-5519.

Federal employees

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter

443 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet Feb. 9 at the Thomas Davidson Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. Refreshments and social time will start at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting at 10. The speaker, Dr. Michael Pugh, will address dental concerns and procedures unique to elder dental care. He will also provide preventive steps needed to assure good elder dental health. For more information, call 519-3327 or 539-1333.

Test/evaluation week

Test Week 2010, "The Impact of Defense Acquisition Reform on T&E: One Year Later — Policies, Programs, People, Resources" will convene June 14-17 at the Von Braun Center. Keynote speakers retired Gen. Paul Kern and Dr. T. Michael Gilmore, director of DOT&E, will attend as well as other senior leadership for the armed services. Registration fee is \$425. Catalog number in TIP is F103TSTW, vendor name Trideum Corporation. For information call Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The website is www.testweek.org.

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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/experi-



ence 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

DA civilian volunteers are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, operations, logistics and automation, among others. The new personnel deployment website is at the AMCOM homepage or <https://apdw.redstone.army.mil> for your use. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM or AMC. Contractors cannot be considered. Department of Army civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and visit the deployment website or call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Nicole Massey 876-2082. Contractors and others interested can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

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 Spc. Liddle at jennifer.liddle@us.army.mil or visit the website <http://imad.redstone.army.mil/>.

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.

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.

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 post-marked or received by the deadline. Requests

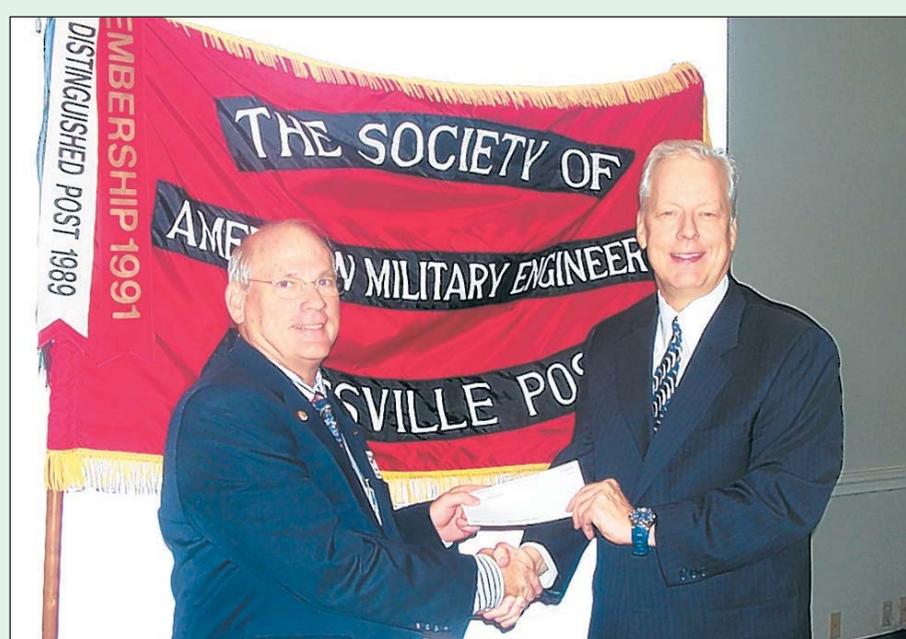


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Scholarship gift

Eugene Yerkes, left, vice president of PBS&J of Jacksonville, Fla., presents a \$500 scholarship fund contribution to the Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers. Accepting the contribution is Phil Loftis of Parsons, SAME Huntsville Post president.

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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.

Thrift Shop grants

The Thrift Shop Welfare Committee announces its annual grant program. This program is designed to assist local organizations with funds for 2010. This grant program is awarded only to organizations, not individuals. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. Requests will be reviewed and awarded in April. For an application, call Jennifer Kennedy 682-6981 or e-mail jkhunter_1999@hotmail.com.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting applications for Merit Awards. These awards are available to graduating high school seniors, college students and spouses that are U.S. military and DoD civilian family members whose primary residence is within the Redstone Arsenal community and meet the eligibility criteria. The deadline for applying is Feb. 2 and the application is available online.

For more information and to download the application, visit www.redstoneocwc.org or contact the Merit Awards chairs at meritawards@redstoneocwc.org. The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is a non-profit, private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter is accepting applications for its 2010 Scholarship Program. Scholarship applications are due by Feb. 28. The ASMC Scholarship Program's purpose is to provide financial assistance to ASMC members and their immediate family in continuing their educational endeavors. Applicants must be either a current ASMC member or high school senior/college student who is directly related to a current ASMC member. Applicants must also have at least a 3.0 gpa. For more information, call Cody Swinford 842-9492, Lisa Lowry at 876-7086 or Jessica Dunaway 313-0533.

Buffalo Soldiers monument

A fund-raiser to preserve part of history is under way locally. You can participate by buying one of the first 300 bricks to be laid at the site of the "Buffalo Soldiers"

Memorial Monument in Huntsville. For more information or to request an order form, call 325-0979. Orders must be submitted by Feb. 15.

Science/engineering apprentices

The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens, with a Social Security card, and at least 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 1. The apprentice program is divided into periods of eight, 10 and 12 weeks. The points of contact for application information are senior counselors at high schools and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at Redstone Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The application deadline is Jan. 29. For application information, call Angela Jefferson 313-3198 or Tiffany Tiller 842-6784 of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center or visit www.gwseap.net or www.usaeop.com.

Thrift shop

Going overseas? The Thrift Shop says it has just put out a "plethora" of appliances with foreign plugs. Included are a fan, heater, curling iron, coffee pot and lots of individual adapters. "Of course we have lots of 'U.S.' items, too," a prepared release says. Stop in building 3209 on Hercules Road on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 9-5 and the first Saturday of the month from 10-2.

Quarterly retirements

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is March 18 at 4 p.m. at Heiser Hall. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are required to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Call Sgt. Sheena Kershaw 842-3032 or Sgt. 1st Class Steven Walker 876-7969 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up to participate is March 8. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled June 22.

Charitable applications

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human health and welfare organizations for 2010. Under federal law, the charitable organization must be a current 501(c) (3) organization. The open period for accepting applications is Feb. 15 through March 26. On behalf of federal donors, the CFC is responsible for overall management, collection and disbursements of donor designations from federal, military and postal personnel within the Tennessee Valley area. The Tennessee Valley CFC serves charitable agencies in Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. A copy of the 2010 CFC package may be acquired by calling the

PCFO office at 876-9143, the PCFO office at 536-0745 ext. 118 or by website <https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/cfcf>.

Family focus group

Installation Management Command has established a Customer Management Services office at each Army Installation. Customer Management Services utilize a three-tiered feedback system to determine the satisfaction of the Soldiers, family members, teens, retirees, veterans and civilians who work, play and live on Redstone Arsenal. The input mechanisms for feedback come from multiple sources such as online submission of comments, annual leadership and constituent assessments and community forums/town halls. All family members (parents or civilians) who would like to participate in the Family Focus Group are invited to a meeting Thursday from 5-9 p.m. in building 302 (Redstone Communities Clubhouse) on Hughes Road. Light refreshments will be served. This will be the time to share concerns, hear and possibly solve issues and communicate with each other. Anyone wishing to participate may call customer service officer Steve McFadden 876-3294 or e-mail rsacms@conus.army.mil.

New employee orientation

The next New Employee Orientation for civilian employees will be held Feb. 23 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, Employee Payroll, Equal Employment Opportunity, Legal, Communication Security, Defense Acquisition University, Employee Assistance Program, Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, and Safety. For more information on how to participate in NEO, call LaToya Davis Ragan 313-0286 or Jessie McCray 876-4803. To obtain a space in this course, you must register by Feb. 23 in TIP at <https://tip.redstone.army.mil/>.

Scholarship fund-raiser

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, Council and Court 286, St. Joseph Catholic Community, Huntsville, will hold its seventh annual Scholarship Valentine-Champagne Luncheon fund-raiser Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. For ticket information, Booker Terry 617-0137.

A&M alumni association

January kicks off the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association Inc. annual membership drive. "The alumni association and its committees advance the welfare of Alabama A&M University by establishing, encouraging and maintaining a mutually beneficial relationship between the university, alumni, students and friends," a prepared release said. For



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Health center holiday

Fox Army Health Center will close Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents 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.

Wine tasting

A wine tasting will be held Feb. 2 from 5-7 p.m. at Kalou's Corner Market, 445 Providence Main St., Suite 102. Cham-

Reading with Taka

The Post Library presents the "Tales with Taka" reading program on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Children age 5 and older are encouraged to read to Taka, a registered therapy and Reading Education Assistance Dog. The program is available to anyone who has access to the Post Library. All children who participate in the program will receive a gift bag from Taka. New for 2010 is "Taka's Frequent Reader Program." Children who read to Taka five times will receive their own "paw-tographed" copy of one of Taka's favorite books. Sign up to read to Taka at the library's front desk. For more information call the Post Library 876-4741 or

Jamie Ward, Taka's owner and handler, 233-3962.

Tax assistance center

Free tax preparation is now available for all active duty Soldiers, reservists on active duty for more than 29 days, retired military personnel, and their dependents at the Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center. The center is located at building 3489, on Ajax Road southwest of the intersection of Ajax and Aerobee. The center has been recently renovated and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. All tax preparation is performed by IRS certified tax preparers and is by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment,

call 842-1040 during hours of operation. For more information on the center as well as necessary documentation for the completion of a return, visit the website at www.redstone.army.mil/legal/taxcenter.html.

Book signing

Redstone's Marc Lacy and co-author Assuanta Fay Howard will celebrate their book of fictional short stories, "The Wretched Saints - When the Righteous Path Leads to Hell's Doorsteps," at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at J's Special Occasions, 5080 Meridian St. There will be a book discussion, signing, appetizers and music. For more information, call AVO Publishing 721-1600.

**ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA**

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK10955603	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	21-Jan-10	IMMC	YC-0346	2	2	67,130 - 131,518	X						X				X	
SCBK10963164	Accountant	21-Jan-10	Security Asst Command	GS-0501	7	11	39,422 - 75,843				X	X		X	X			X	
SCBK10704039E	Enterprise Business Analyst	21-Jan-10	Lead AMC Integration Spt Ofc	GS-0301	14	14	98,265 - 127,743												X
SCBK10975449	Logistics Management Specialist	22-Jan-10	Security Dir	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907					X		X				X	
SCBK10975509	Logistics Management Specialist	22-Jan-10	Security Dir	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102					X		X				X	
SCBK10926682	Logistics Management Specialist	22-Jan-10	G3 (Operations)	GS-0346	9	12	41,563 - 54,028	X											
SCBK10973917	Dental Hygienist	23-Jan-10	Dental Clinic	GS-0682	6	6	35,475 - 46,116			X				X	X			X	
SCBK10985375E	Graphics Management Specialist	23-Jan-10	Cmd Grp	GS-0301	12	12	68,564 - 89,129							X					X
SCBK10803869	APM for Strategic Initiatives	25-Jan-10	Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0301	14	14	98,265 - 127,743	X	X										
SCBK10024042	Human Resources Specialist	25-Jan-10	CPOC Dir Ofc	YA-0201	2	2	47,214 - 108,102							X					
SCBK10936413	Budget Analyst	26-Jan-10	RDECOM	DE-0560	3	3	53,104 - 90,907	X				X		X	X			X	
SCBK10936413D	Budget Analyst	26-Jan-10	RDECOM	DE-0560	3	3	53,104 - 90,907												X
SCBK10976766	Practical Nurse	27-Jan-10	Redstone Clinical Services	GS-0620	5	5	31,825 - 41,369			X				X	X			X	
SCBK10952895	Financial Systems Specialist	27-Jan-10	G8 (Resource Management)	GS-0501	11	11	58,343 - 75,843	X	X					X				X	
SCBK10961382	Contract Specialist	28-Jan-10	USA Engr & Sup Center	YA-1102	2	2	69,930 - 108,102					X		X	X			X	
SCBK10791203R	Program Analyst	28-Jan-10	Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0343	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X	X										
SCBK10956538	Logistics Management Specialist	29-Jan-10	Lead AMC Integration Spt Ofc	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X						X	X			X	
SCBK10795138R	Military Analyst	1-Feb-10	SMDC	GS-0301	13	13	81,532 - 105,993							X				X	
SCBK10915354	Deputy Product Director	1-Feb-10	Acq Sup Ctn	YA-0301	3	3	92,277 - 157,779	X		X				X				X	
SCBK10906923	Engineers	2-Feb-10	USA Engr & Sup Center	YD-0800 Series	2	2	83,156 - 108,102					X		X				X	
SCBK09916393E	Facility Operations Specialist	2-Feb-10	Redstone Test Center	GS-1640	13	13	83,156 - 108,102							X					X
SCBK09819351	Human Resources Assistant	2-Feb-10	CPOC ISD	GS-0203	5	7	31,825 - 51,253			X									
SCBK10990652	Contract Specialist	2-Feb-10	Acq Mgt Office	GS-1102	12	12	68,809 - 89,450	X											
SCBK10985006	Army Oil Analysis Program Res Spec	3-Feb-10	USA MAT CMD LOG SPT ACTY	GS-0301	13	13	83,156 - 108,012	X											
SCBK10938230	Program Analyst	3-Feb-10	Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0343	14	14	98,265 - 127,743	X	X										
SCBK10964619	Logistics Management Specialist	4-Feb-10	IMMC	GS-0346	11	12	58,343 - 90,907	X											
SCBK09880481	Administrative Specialist	4-Feb-10	RDECOM	DE-0301	2	2	31,825 - 62,683	X											
SCBK097835480C	Supv, Contract Spec	18-Feb-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
SCBK097835480C	Supv, Contract Spec	18-Feb-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
SCBK097835450C	Contract Specialist	22-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
SCBK097835340C	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
SCBK097835410C	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	

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

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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.
NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the 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 &