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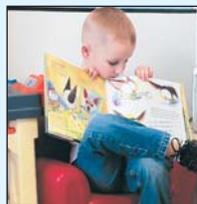
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Post paves way to future growth

Garrison commander eager to show
plans to visiting three-star general

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In a little less than a week, Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli will be showing his boss — the commander of the Army's Installation Management Command — why Redstone Arsenal and its Garrison employees are among the best in the Army.

And, oh, what a show he will be able to present.

From the new Army Materiel Command headquarters under construction to the spacious and kid-friendly School Age Services building, from the modernized guard gates to the new Child Development Center being built on Mills Road, from the expanding and state-of-the-art bowling center to airfield upgrades, Garrison employees are indeed shaping the future look, capabilities and services of Redstone Arsenal. About 2,000 Garrison workers provide services for a community of about 33,000 employees, 3,287 active duty Sol-

diers with 8,218 family members and 78,843 retirees with 157,686 family members.

Topics like Enhanced Use Lease, family readiness groups, road upgrades, expanding on-post shopping and dining offerings, community-related activities and providing the best services possible for the Arsenal's growing community will likely be reviewed and discussed during the Feb. 22-23 visit of IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch.

And, hosting Lynch's visiting agenda will be Pastorelli, who serves as the unofficial mayor of Redstone Arsenal.

"Lt. Gen. Lynch is currently working on his campaign plan (that will guide IMCOM's mission focus during the next few years)," Pastorelli said of the new IMCOM commander.

"He has given us his commander's intent for IMCOM (to be 'The Sustainable Army Community of Excellence') with guiding principles in four areas — installation readiness, Soldier and family well-being, leader and work force development, and Soldier and family readiness. And we've been given the initial guidance to go forward with that as we transform the Army and its installations into what they need to be for the future."

For Pastorelli, sharing with Lynch what Redstone Arsenal is all about will be an opportunity showcase what the Garrison work force has



Photo by Kari Hawkins

FRONT OFFICE— Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli is looking forward to showing Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of the Installation Management Command, why Redstone Arsenal and the Garrison are among the best in the Army.

accomplished and the goals it is focused on for the future.

"2009 was an outstanding year for the Garrison," said Pastorelli, who relies on an 18-member management team to coordinate Garrison programs.

"We were able to accomplish many goals and objectives, and those accomplishments are carrying over into 2010 to make this a good year, also. In everything we do, we want to be the
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Photo by Kari Hawkins

EXPANDING CAPABILITIES— Visitors to Redstone Arsenal — including next week's visit by Installation Management Command commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch — often see the physical signs of the Arsenal's growing work force and command footprint. This is the construction work site for the new Redstone Test Center. In the background is the new Army Materiel Command headquarters, which is nearing completion.

An open lane random survey

What's the answer to school violence?

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Michael Edwards
 Retired sergeant first class
 "My answer to school violence is that parents need to be more involved with their kids' day-to-day activities. Most of the parents I've seen here in a school environment put the

schools off as babysitting to take care of their kids and that way they don't know their kids. They don't see themselves in a school environment."

Gaylene Wilson
 Sports and Fitness

"I think a lot of it starts at home with not only education about violence but also instilling values. It seems like a lot of people don't have values about life anymore. Instead of going outside and beating somebody up they take a life — not in every case, but each case is different. But I think some type of outreach for kids, who just need an out, might take the next step instead of violence."



Lana Lacey
 Valley Fellowship Christian Academy kindergarten (K3) teacher

"I believe Jesus is the answer. And our children today are not taught who they are, who God has created them to be. And I believe a healthy self-esteem comes from knowing

who we are in Christ Jesus. I believe the breakdown comes when youth are told who they are from counterfeit sources — such as when the media tells a young lady or a young man that you have to look a certain way to be beautiful and accepted, to be valuable. And Jesus teaches us that we're all special and wonderfully created in his image, and we are valuable, loved and accepted."

Sgt. Tim Gorman
 Headquarters & Alpha Company

"I would say it starts at the home. And parents just need to talk to their children and just be more a part of their life, in whatever situation might arise — because it should never come to stabbing or shooting someone. It can always be done with your mouths or books. If people would just give a little time and love to their children it's always worth it."



Letters to the Editor

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Feb. 4-10:

Feb. 4: Someone passed a counterfeit five dollar bill at the cafeteria in building 4708.

Feb. 4: A contractor suffered serious injury when the ground caved in resulting in his foot being entangled in an auger bit. The incident occurred at a worksite on Mercury Road.

Feb. 5: Redstone Law Enforcement observed a vehicle being operated at excessive speed on Martin Road. When a traffic stop was initiated, the driver pulled off the road before slowing down. This resulted in the vehicle sliding over 150 feet before striking a metal sign. There was no report of injury and the driver was issued a violation notice.

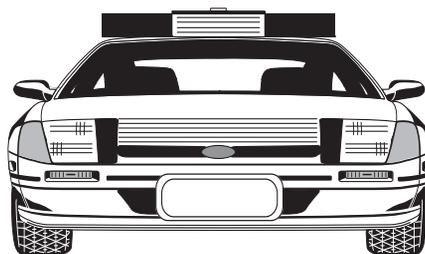
Feb. 9: A subject was operating his vehicle with a suspended driver license at Gate 9. He received a violation notice.

Feb. 9: Someone passed a counterfeit 20 dollar bill at the Post Exchange.

Feb. 9: Two Soldiers tested positive for THC during a command directive urinalysis test.

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

Violation notices issued: 21 speeding, 1 suspended license, 1 no insurance.



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Chili cookoff winners named

Who won the Chili Cookoff at the Wild Game night at the Officers and Civilians Club on Feb. 5?

David Bennett

Editor's note: Bill Moreland won first place and Mike Chemsak took both second and third.

Getting to know you

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Name: Sgt. Andrew Rogers

Job: Student in 89-Delta (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Headquarters & Alpha Company

Where do you call home?
 Colorado Springs, Colo.

What do you like about your job?
 The course is challenging. I'm always up for a challenge.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 Play videogames. Watch movies. Go to the gym.

What are your goals?
 Complete the 89-Delta school (38 weeks) and become an EOD technician.

What's at the top of your "bucket list" of things you want to do before you kick the bucket?
 Take my wife (J'ana) on a honeymoon to Italy. And take my kids (3-year-old daughter Mya with a second child on the way) to Disney World.

Quote of the week

'Writing saved me from the sin and inconvenience of violence.'

— Alice Walker

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Aviation engineering team cited for work force development

The Aviation Engineering Directorate was one seven organizations that received the 2009 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Workforce Development Award in recognition of their accomplishments in developing innovative, comprehensive learning and development programs for their work forces.

The competition is in categories: Large Organizations with 500 or more employees and Small Organizations with fewer than 500 employees.

The Gold Award in the Small Organization Category was presented to Dr. William Lewis, Director of the Aviation Engineering Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"The AED leadership and staff have performed yeoman's work to ensure the appropriate development of their individual teams," Lewis said. "Personnel development is a team effort and AED has a great team; caring and dedicated to mentoring. This award was earned by every member of the directorate. We will continue to excel and improve."

Shay Assad, acting deputy under secretary of defense for acquisition and

technology, presented the awards to the winners at a luncheon held in conjunction with the Program Executive Officers'/Systems Command Commanders' Conference at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"This award provides a positive affirmation from our leadership that the work force development efforts of the Aviation Engineering Directorate are in consonance with those of the Army and Army aviation," Lewis said. "One of our mission statements is personnel development. We emphasize both the Defense Acquisition University and aviation mission requirements. It is critical that we develop a comprehensive engineering work force that understands aviation engineering from the Soldier's perspective to the technical engineering challenges of our fleet."

Applicants spanned the entire country, the services and defense agencies, and many different areas of mission. Organizations ranged from as few as 13 people to more than 17,000 employees. A record 42 nominations were received, and the judges reported the quality of submissions was outstanding and competition for the awards was fierce.

Organizations reported establishing

numerous effective best practices to recruit, train and develop, and retain their work forces, including in the areas of internships, succession planning, continuous learning, job rotation, job shadowing, leadership development, mentoring, executive coaching, organization-unique training, assessment and evaluation, tuition reimbursement, performance management, knowledge sharing, and partnerships with other government agencies, academic institutions, and industry.

"The RDEC leadership has fostered

an environment of continuous learning. Each directorate is provided the flexibility to tailor appropriate training in support of their war-fighting mission," Lewis said,

The USD (AT&L) Workforce Development Award program was established in 2004 to recognize organizations that are achieving excellence in learning and development for their employees. Additionally, the program identifies best practices for other USD (AT&L) organizations to consider. (AMRDEC release)



Courtesy photo

GOLD AWARD— Presenting the 2009 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Workforce Development Gold Award in the Small Organization Category to Dr. William Lewis, director of the Aviation Engineering Directorate (holding the award) are, from left, Frank Anderson, director of acquisition, technology and logistics human capital initiatives; Shay Assad, acting deputy under secretary of defense for acquisition and technology; and David Ahern, director for portfolio systems acquisition, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

Job Shadow Day deemed success for students

Youngsters learn about workplace

Students from Columbia High and Hazel Green High have experienced the world of work at Redstone Arsenal.

The Aviation and Missile Command, in collaboration with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, held the second annual Job Shadow Day on Jan. 28.

Job Shadow Day is an AMCOM Army Educational Outreach Program activity that introduces students to the workplace environment and the many career opportunities available at Redstone. It allows them to see, touch and ask questions about the mysterious "Willy Wonka Factory" of Huntsville.

The more than 50 students who participated were made aware of the skills and qualifications needed to perform various jobs at AMCOM and AMRDEC. The students were intrigued to hear that you don't have to be an engineer to work on Redstone Arsenal. The value of continuing their education past the high school level was highlighted throughout the day's events. The value of the math and physics

that they learn in high school was also proven important.

Students and faculty were led on various tours and engaged in hands-on exercises with the experts from Weapons Development and Integration Directorate, and Software Engineering Directorate laboratories. They realized that they don't have to wait until after college to get involved in various programs on the Arsenal and can apply for the many summer hire, intern and co-op positions available.

At the close of the program, AMCOM chief of staff Col. Jeff Young presented a Certificate of Participation to each student and faculty member; and the program received excellent ratings from both the students and faculty.

"The program and tours were well-organized and informative," Columbia High counselor Ruthie Whitman said. "I sincerely hope that it will continue and more students are invited to participate. It was very beneficial for the younger tour guides and panelists to share the importance of their professional and educational experience and knowledge of becoming employed with the government."

Editor's note: Carla Landers and Georgia Valrie contributed this article.

Summer hire positions to open for applicants

Three Student Temporary Employment Program Summer Hire announcements will open Feb. 22 and close March 5.

The following announcements will be listed on the Army Civilian Personnel website at www.cpol.army.mil:

- SCBK100326SH — Office Automation Clerk, DK-326-01 and GS-326-01/02/03/04
- SCBK100303SH — General Clerk, DK-303-01 and GS-303-01/02/03/04
- SCBK100802SH — Engineering Aide/DE-802-01 and GS-802-01/02/03/04

In order to be considered, the applicants must be students who are at least 16 years old and accepted for enrollment or currently enrolled in school.

Applications will only be accepted through the electronic Resumix system. To apply, students must complete an electronic resume that contains required information plus self-nominate for desired announcements.

Students who are selected will be contacted by phone or e-mail. Those not selected will continue to be referred as summer vacancies become available.

Questions can be directed to your servicing CPAC civilian personnel specialists or points of contact Brenda Latson at 876-1867 or Shirley Lewis at 876-1741. (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center release)

Wild game event exceeds 'all expectations'

Annual night at club delivers exotic tastes

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Every year, organizers of the Wild Game Cookout try to bring new tastes to the Redstone community. With nearly 300 attendees, this year was no exception.

The Officers and Civilians Club was packed Feb. 5 with people of all ages.

"This year's event exceeded all of our expectations," club manager Robert Schumann said. "We're already looking forward to doing it again next year."

Diners were able to mingle freely, sampling exotic fare prepared by executive chef Ben Howard's team. The menu included some game classics prepared in new ways, such as venison burgers and roasts. There was even a whole roasted wild boar, complete with an apple in its mouth.

For the truly adventurous, stations offered selections not readily available locally. Patrons could try crocodile, python nuggets, antelope and even yak. But not all of the wild game was on the menu.

Snake expert William Cruger brought a variety of no-footed friends to look at and learn about. Some were even available for

gentle caresses from excited children.

The entire location was decked out in the latest gear for outdoor sportsmen. From duck decoys and tents within the ballroom itself to ATVs and trucks outside, it was a celebration of sportsmen.

Throughout the evening, prizes were given away from local sponsors by hosts from WFFF-93.3 The Wolf, a local country music station. Prizes included fishing and camping gear and gift certificates for local retailers. Some sponsors offered coupons for big discounts at their stores to all attendees.

The chili competition, open to all of Redstone, is always a hit. Attendees are able to sample competitors' entries before judges make the final determination. At the end of the night, tasters and judges agreed – Bill Moreland would take home top honors. Both second and third place went to Mike Chemsak for his two distinctive entries. They took home the trophies and bragging rights until next year.

While a lot of work goes into the event from employees of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, the club and Outdoor Recreation, Schumann said the unsung heroes of the Wild Game Cookout are the local sportsmen, who both help with preparation and turn out to participate.

"We need to give a big thank you to all of our local hunters who contributed to the event," he said.



Photo by Kelley Lane-Sivley

OK TO TOUCH— Snake expert William Cruger shows Emma Pyburn some of the wild game not on the menu.

Post-wide family readiness effort expanding

Community group grows
to more than 30 members

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A family readiness group for the entire Redstone community has grown in its first year of existence.

Thirty-four of the 64 tenant agencies on post are now represented by the organization which serves family members of deploying civilians and contractors as well as military. This is up from the original 21 a year ago. Redstone's large non-military population creates non-traditional family readiness needs compared to most installations.

"AMCOM alone has got a thousand Soldiers, Department of Army civilians and contractors that are deployed supporting the AMCOM mission," Maj. Gen. Jim Myles, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said.

He addressed Thursday's quarterly meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Community Family Readiness Group held at Army Community Service.

"We're a unique installation," Myles said, referring to the 64 tenant units and organizations on post.

He complimented the group on its creation of a Redstone Arsenal Civilian Family Checklist, a 75-page document which has been through three revisions. A subcommittee will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 25 to go over additional suggestions on the document. The checklist will serve as a guide to organizing personal affairs for deployments, separations, long-term training and TDY.

"You all have put together a checklist that's incredible," Myles said.

Kathleen Riester serves as Army Community Service's program manager for the Redstone Arsenal Family Readiness Group. Upcoming quarterly meetings include 1-3 p.m. April 8, July 1 and Oct. 7.

"We're very excited about this program," Riester said. "We're only a year old."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RECOGNITION— Committee members who helped create a Redstone Arsenal Civilian Family Checklist are thanked by Maj. Gen. Jim Myles. From left are Myles, his wife Alice, Kathy Biddlecombe, Angela Williams, Audrey Osterndorf, Kathleen Riester and Don Dixon, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Three members of Dixon's staff have participated in this effort.

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:

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: Framing and Matting Class, Feb. 18; Introduction to Wood Turning, Feb. 22-23; Framing and Matting Class, Feb. 23.

Building Army family

Army Family Team Building Level III: Upper Management helps connect families to the Army – one class at a time. The upcoming session is Feb. 23-26 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. In these free classes, participants acquire knowledge, skills and abilities to become leaders in their organizations. Classes offered are Communication Skills for leaders, Understanding Needs, Leadership Styles, Building Cohesive Teams, Coaching and Mentoring, and more. Childcare is available with advanced registration, and food will be provided each night. To register or for more information, call ACS at 876-5397.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FOR THOSE WHO SERVE— Post commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles addresses Thursday's quarterly meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Community Family Readiness Group.

Army aircraft pestered by corrosion

Preventive measures, controls among topics during summit

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No matter how advanced the technology gets, there's one hardware issue that product developers, engineers and maintenance technicians have to struggle with on a daily basis.

And that's corrosion.

Whether the working environment is arid and sandy, or humid and windy, whether the extreme temperatures are hot or cold, corrosion eventually works its way into the body and working systems of every piece of hardware built by the military. The effects of corrosion can make aircraft systems inoperable.

The only way to stop it is with preventive measures and control initiatives.

The problems with corrosion on aviation systems was one of several topics discussed during the Army Corrosion Summit, held for the first time in Huntsville on Feb. 9-11. The theme of the summit was "Corrosion Impacts the Warfighter – When Corrosion Wins the Mission Ends."

Corrosion in itself can be easily addressed, said Layne Merritt, assistant



Photo by Kari Hawkins

CORROSION WORRIES— Layne Merritt of the Program Executive Office for Aviation speaks to an audience of defense civilians and contractors working together to prevent the problems with corrosion on military systems. The Army Corrosion Summit was held for the first time in Huntsville on Feb. 9-11.

program executive officer for engineering and technology, Program Executive Office for Aviation.

"People in the field actually implement the procedures we put in place to combat

corrosion," he said. "But there are a lot of competing demands like policies, environment, funding, manpower, readiness and service life. If all we had to worry about is corrosion, life would be good. But we have all these competing demands."

When designing aviation systems, developers, engineers and technicians consider all these demands, with the most significant demand being environment.

"We have to operate in harsh environments, but also in different harsh environments that affect our platforms in different ways," Merritt said.

For instance, helicopters – Black Hawks, Apaches, Chinooks, Kiowas – must be able to operate in the extreme conditions of both Alaska and Iraq.

Those differences in environment "compound the problem of finding a good solution because some things work especially good when it's hot, some when it's cold, dusty or humid," he said. "We have to find that balance between requirements to make a helicopter work in all those conditions."

In addition, enemies can cause issues that lead to more problems with corrosion.

Corrosion issues can cause significant losses in terms of time, money and readiness, Merritt said.

"Over time, there's always going to be corrosion," he said. "It's impossible to eliminate it. Corrosion is a long-term problem. Fix it today and you will have it again tomorrow."

But it can be managed and controlled through investments during system development, preventative maintenance, proper training and policy enforcement.

"We've got to train guys in the field so they can conduct inspections properly," Merritt said.

Those inspections and the resulting maintenance are essential for aviation systems that are operating in an up-tempo environment.

"We design aircraft for a 20-year lifespan at a certain tempo," Merritt said. "We are flying four or five times up-tempo right now. The result is they need extensive maintenance out of theater. Things don't last forever at the rate we use them and in the harsh conditions we use them."

Reset programs, depot maintenance and building new systems are all options for maintaining a full fleet of aircraft. Merritt said the Army relies on its contractors to provide assistance in keeping helicopters in the mission.

"We're a team and we are working together in the life cycle management puzzle," he said.

Parents have home-like alternative for childcare

Certified providers serve in their quarters on post

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“I love you, Miss Jamie.”

They are the tender words of a 2-year-old, but to the providers of Redstone Arsenal’s Family Child Care those three little words speak volumes.

On the outside, Jamie Grimes’ home looks like any other on post, but a peek inside finds little minds are at work, reading, singing, counting and playing, just another day at the office for Grimes in her career as a family child care provider.

FCC, similar to the Child Development Center, provides parents on post with options for their children, placing them into a smaller, more home-like atmosphere for childcare. Rather than going to a larger center for daily care, like the CDC, children go the childcare provider’s home, located on post, where they develop motor, cognitive, social and emotional skills through learning activities, planned curriculum and one-on-one time.

“It’s fun,” Grimes said. “We get to go on field trips, go to the library. Because you have a smaller group you have a closer relationship with the kids and it gives you more leeway for activities.”

For Tina Abel, moving her daughter Alexis, 2, from the CDC to an FCC home was a matter of keeping her health in check by exposing her to fewer children. Not only has Alexis spent less time coughing and sneezing since she transitioned to an FCC home,

she’s also had more one-on-one time with her FCC provider, Marlene Burnette, and mom can always drop by to say hello.

“It’s a home atmosphere and I love that,” Abel said. “It’s a smaller number of children and more one on one.”

The general ratio for an FCC home is six children, said Linda Smith, FCC director and assistant director of the CDC, including the provider’s own children. Smaller numbers transform an FCC home from a classroom to a family.

“This is low scale for the kids,” Burnette said. “They don’t have to compete for attention. We can give them that extra attention in the home.”

“Having more one-on-one times makes a huge difference,” Grimes agreed. “Providers aren’t changing. It’s me. They’re like my children.”

While the home environment makes some parents leery, Smith and Andre Terry, chief of Child Youth and School Services, guarantee that an FCC home is not only just as safe, but equally educational when compared to the CDC.

“One of the misconceptions is that if it’s in someone’s home, it is not safe,” Terry said. “Although the FCC is in a person’s home, they have to go through the same requirements. There is that safeguard and that security. The



Photo by Amy Guckeen

LITTLE HELPER— Trent Grimes, 4, turns the page for the rest of his Family Child Care friends. Grimes’ mother Jamie is an FCC provider, who chose the profession as a way to be home with Trent.

only difference is the building. Everything is done seamlessly between the two.”

FCC providers go through a series of requirements to ensure that both they and their home is a safe environment for children. Providers undergo a physical and background check, all members of the home over 12 years old also undergo a background check. Twenty hours of training in topics such as first aid, nutrition and safety is completed, as well as inspections by the fire marshal, safety officer and community

health nurse. Smith regularly makes random visits to the homes.

“You want parents to be able to come and know it is safe,” Grimes said of the safety requirements. “It’s that reassurance to parents.”

In addition to the safety and training requirements, parents, providers and children also interview with each other prior to placement to make sure that the relationship is the best match for all parties involved.

FCC not only allows growth for the children, but also for the provider, who is able to not only work out of her home, but also grow in her education in childcare.

Burnette turned to providing childcare out of her home to reduce costs when she was a single mom and stay close to her son, but over 20 years and several installations later, has found FCC to be her calling.

“This is my passion,” Burnette said. “I’m still able to be a mother.”

FCC is also used for overflow for the Child Development Center. If placement with the CDC is not available, Smith said, parents have the option of placing their child in an FCC home in the meantime.

“The standards are high,” Terry said of childcare available to parents on Redstone. “When you look at Redstone childcare criteria, not only are we competitive in price, it’s that convenience of having your child on post.”

Four FCCs are in place on Redstone, but with the expected growth in the coming years, Child Youth and School Services is seeking more providers. If you are interested in becoming a provider, call Smith at 682-3275.

Logistics commander says goodbye to 'dream job'

Colonel's lifelong passion for Army will continue even after retirement

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It's difficult for Col. James Rentz to talk about his impending retirement.

After 30 years of challenging assignments, engaging command opportunities and rewarding professional relationships, trading in the green suit for civilian attire can seem rather daunting for a career Soldier.

But, for Rentz, it's not so much a change in careers that is stressful and worrisome. Rather, it's saying farewell to an Army that has been pretty much his life since graduating as a Quartermaster Corps officer from the Citadel in 1980 and to an organization — the Logistics Support Activity — that has provided him the opportunity to work in his "dream job." On Friday, he will officially retire during a 1 p.m. ceremony in Bob Jones Auditorium.

"It's the job of all jobs," Rentz said of commanding LOGSA, an Army Materiel Command organization that is the keeper of the Army's logistics information for worldwide equipment readiness, distribution analysis and asset visibility.

"This is a dream job for a colonel who has been in command of Soldiers in the field. It is at an absolutely wonderful post. I wish I could do this job for 100 years. I could not have asked for a better final 3 1/2 years. Team LOGSA is an amazing organization. There's not been a single challenge that this organization hasn't stepped up to the plate and hit it out of the ballpark."

Rentz is the first to admit he is emotional about his mandatory career transition. But, though he hopes the processes that have been put in place at LOGSA under his watch will remain for years, he said he expects his personal presence within the organization to be forgotten as new leadership takes the helm.

"My hope is that it won't be long before people will be asking 'Colonel who?' I don't want employees to say 'We didn't do things like this when Col. Rentz was here.' I want them to put their loyalty with the next leader," he said.

"What I do hope remains is the processes that we built as a team across the organization and that those processes will live forever. What matters is making a difference for the Soldier at the tip of the spear that's being shot at. What are we doing to make life easier for that Soldier who is fighting for your freedom and my freedom, and for our right to sleep in the house we do, to watch the TV shows we want to watch, to go to church where we want to go to church and to drive the kind



Photo by Kari Hawkins

PREPARING FOR CHANGE— Col. James Rentz's passion for Soldiers and the Army will remain with him long after the retirement ceremony on Friday that will officially end his 30 years of military service. As the commander of AMC's Logistics Support Activity, Rentz has led a worldwide organization that provides support in maintaining the Army's equipment readiness. It has been a "dream job" for a Soldier whose logistics career has included several command positions.

of car we want to drive?"

No matter how many years he serves, no matter where his second career as a civilian will take him, Rentz is passionate about Soldiers. He himself has been one for 51 years, his entire life.

"My dad served for 33 years. Ever since I was little I've wanted to be a Soldier like my dad. I've lived that dream," said Rentz, whose twin brother is a retired Navy chief and who has another brother who is in the Army Reserves.

"The reason I loved the Army and what kept me in the Army so long is that every day when I went to work I knew I could talk to Soldiers and help them become proficient in their careers and make a difference. Where else can a high school graduate or a college graduate go get a job where they are in charge of 50 people, where they're responsible for making sure 25 to 30 pieces of equipment are combat ready and where they have to balance all that against their mission requirements? The reason that works in the Army is Soldiers bond and build a team."

His quartermaster (now the logistics branch) assignments have included serv-

ing at the Army's Logistic Center; as an operations officer in Kitzengen, Ga.; as chief of the Division Materiel Management Center at Fort Riley, Kan.; as commander of the 701st Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division; as senior logistics writer for the School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and

as assistant chief of staff at Fort Hood, Texas. The decorated veteran deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as commander of the 4th Infantry Division Support Command. He has been awarded with the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among others.

Yet, with all his honors, Rentz says the real heroes are the young Soldiers today who sign up to serve despite knowing they will deploy to a war zone.

"They are making a decision at a time that I can't even understand. When I joined, we were a peacetime Army," he said. "But they are joining, knowing they will get trained and deployed. I think these young kids signing on the dotted line today are heroes. Every single one is going to deploy. We still have an all-volunteer Army and it's because of these young heroes."

Serving in the Army has reinforced the values Rentz was raised with. It's also taught him "to never take the easy right. Take the hard left, and do what's right for the organization and the Army. You need

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Young teeth get their brushing orders

Army dentist visits youngsters at Child Development Center

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The Tooth Fairy got a makeover when he visited Redstone Arsenal last week – armed not with a wand and wings, but camo and toothbrushes.

Staff Sgt. Charles Hollingshed, dentist at Fox Army Health Center, visited the Child Development Center last week to teach children the basics of taking care of their teeth.

“You’ve got some really pretty teeth,” Hollingshed said as he traveled from classroom to classroom, handing out toothbrushes and debating which tooth-

paste is tastier – SpongeBob or Spider-Man.

Together, Hollingshed and the students took turns counting and brushing the teeth of a model mouth. Choruses of “Me! Me!” followed every time Hollingshed looked for volunteers to brush the tongue.

“You’ve got to get all of them bad germs, that candy and sugar off of your teeth,” Hollingshed told the children. “It’ll do bad things to your teeth. So you’ve got to brush your teeth every morning when you get up, and every evening before you go to bed.”

Children also get the opportunity every day at the CDC to brush their teeth. The annual dentist visit is just another way the center reinforces good dental hygiene.

“Even though they’re young they get an idea,” CDC director Deborah Nickles said of Hollingshed’s lessons. “The earlier the better.”



Photo by Amy Guckeen

PROPER TECHNIQUE— Carson Tinsley shows off his teeth brushing skills to Staff Sgt. Charles Hollingshed during the dentist’s visit to the Child Development Center.

Tricare gives resources for around-the-clock care

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

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

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

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

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

Tricare Standard/Extra: If you have Tricare Standard/Extra, you manage your own care. However, you should contact your regional contractor if you are admitted due to a psychiatric emergency. The notification should be made within 24 hours of admission or the next business day. In general, the admission should be reported within 72 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It’s also important for you to understand the type of provider you are seeing. You can

visit any Tricare-authorized provider, network or non-network, but the type of provider you see determines your out-of-pocket costs.

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

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

If you are away from home, contact your regional contractor for assistance in obtaining urgent care: West Region, TriWest, 1-888-874-9378; North Region, Health Net, 1-877-TRICARE; and South Region, Humana, 1-800-444-5445.

Fox Army Health Center enrollees can call 1-800-223-9531 or 955-8888. If you are enrolled to Fox Army Health Center and need a same-day appointment, you must call the above numbers for assistance. These lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

If you require a same-day appointment Monday through Friday and no appointment is available at Fox, a staff member will direct you to one of our two “Overflow Clinics” and notify your PCM.

If you require an urgent appointment after hours, weekends or holidays, a nurse will direct you to the most appropriate level of care and notify your PCM.

This process must be followed prior to care to avoid point-of-service. All calls are documented and referrals are entered to ensure the POS option is avoided. Point-of-service gives you the freedom to seek non-emergency care with a Tricare authorized provider without a referral from your PCM. By using the POS option you will incur higher out-of-pocket costs. POS deductible is \$300 per individual and \$600 per family. The cost-share will be 50 percent after the deductible is met.

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

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

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

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

Logistics Soldiers provide unique capability in Haiti

By 7TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Army News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Approximately 900 Soldiers assigned to the 7th Sustainment Brigade, based at Fort Eustis, Va., are deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Unified Response with the first wave of Soldiers having literally hit the ground running in mid-January to provide critical logistical support to the region.

“The 7th Sustainment Brigade is already establishing itself as a first-class outfit within the Joint Humanitarian Area of Operations,” said Col. Chuck Maskell, brigade commander. “The first units to make an impact were the 97th Transportation Company, Heavy Boat, which brought in the first of the port opening equipment last month and have since moved hundreds of containers and pieces of rolling stock from ships as far away as 10 miles off-shore to the beach.”

Moving rolling stock off Army vessels is nothing new for the brigade. Their unique Logistics-Over-The-Shore capability keep their many boat companies continuously on the move supporting a wide-variety of global missions.

“Soon, after the port was reopened the 492nd Harbor Master Detachment assumed the role as the Joint Lighterage Control Center,” said Maskell. “They provide direction and control for all U.S. Army, Navy and civilian vessels working the inner harbor.”

Clearing the port and getting military units and humanitarian aid on its way is the responsibility of the 119th Inland Cargo Transfer Company and the 10th Transportation Company, a newly assigned truck unit belonging to the 10th Transportation Battalion.

“The 119th ICTC is responsible for re-configuring and issuing over 450 tons of rice each day to either units of the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, or to UN forces in charge of distributing the desperately needed food to the hungry people of Port au Prince,” Maskell explained.

Deploying is nothing new for the brigade’s Soldiers. The headquarters company deployed to Iraq in October 2007 for 15 months. At any given time several units within the brigade are currently deployed, will be deploying or are returning from a deployment. The Soldiers of the 7th are constantly answering the call to provide support where it’s needed most.

“I have been amazed at how quickly our Soldiers have adapted to their new role with this deployment,” Maskell said. “Their dedication and hard work are effectively providing humanitarian aid to the people that need it the most.

“Travelling around Port au Prince quickly gives one an understanding of how import humanitarian aid is for the people of Haiti,” he said. “We have a big job to do and a long way to go, but I am very proud of how our Soldiers have set the conditions for future success.”

D.C. Guard completes 500 blizzard missions

WASHINGTON – Soldiers and airmen of the District of Columbia National Guard continue to help in the wake of back-to-back storms that dumped several feet of snow on the nation’s capital.

At times, blizzard conditions were so bad that even plows were advised to get off the roads. Meanwhile, Guard members were delivering police, firefighters, paramedics, doctors and nurses to work.

“We have completed more than 500 missions over the course of these two storms,” said Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz, commanding general of the D.C. National Guard. “We’ve been operating 12 Humvees stationed at all seven Metro Police precincts throughout the city, fire stations and the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. The missions have been nonstop.”

The D.C. Guard’s mission included 60 transportation personnel, along with additional Soldiers and airmen providing indirect support in the form of logistics, communications, administrative, maintenance and operational support. Guard personnel operated around the clock in 12-hour shifts.

With a possible third storm in the forecast, the D.C. Guard was prepared to continue its mission into next week.

“As long as the district requests our support, we will be there to do our job,” Schwartz said. “This is what we do. I’m very proud of our men and women who volunteered to come in and help the district despite the severe conditions, the danger of driving and in lieu of even taking care of their own circumstances.”

Guard families always are supportive when their spouses and loved ones are called to duty, the general noted, adding that they deserve just as much credit for supporting this mission.

Despite having two of its major units — the 547th Transportation Company and the 113th Wing — deployed in Iraq, and the 113th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Saudi Arabia, the D.C. Guard has been able to do everything district officials asked of it on the home front, Schwartz said.

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U.S. gains momentum destroying chemical weapon stockpiles

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The Army has destroyed more than 70-percent of its stockpiles of chemical weapons — some dating as far back as to the World War I era — as part of an elaborate, decades-long process slated to be largely completed by 2012.

“As of 26 January, 2010, the U.S. has destroyed a 22,322 tons of the original 31,500 tons,” said Greg Mahall, chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency.

The U.S. arsenal — which used to include 31,500 tons of chemical weapons such as Sarin, VX and Mustard agents — is systematically being destroyed at an increased pace, Mahall said.

“It is a tremendous success story. Not only is the U.S. doing all it can to meet its international commitments, but more importantly the Chemical Materials Agency is contributing to the national security of the United States in the process. These weapons in the wrong hands can do harm. They are safely and securely storing and destroying them while providing maximum protection to the public and environment,” said Carmen Spencer, deputy assistant Secretary of the Army (Elimination of Chemical Weapons).

The Army’s Chemical Stockpile Elimination

mission, which destroyed more than 3,084 tons of chemical weapons at four facilities during 2009, has been working since the early ‘90s — several years before the 1992 drafting of an international Chemical Weapons Convention arms control agreement calling for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and a prohibition on their use and production.

“Production went into a moratorium based on direction from President Nixon in the late ‘60s,” Mahall said.

Article I of the CWC treaty, initially signed in 1993 and now ratified by as many as 188 countries, states in part: “Each State Party undertakes to destroy chemical weapons it owns or possesses, or that are located in any place under its jurisdiction or control, in accordance with the provisions of this convention.”

Recognizing the weapons had become obsolete, the U.S. did not wait for ratification of the CWC Treaty, Mahall said.



Courtesy photo

SEPARATION— A chemical operations crew from the Umatilla Chemical Depot separate rocket motor and war-head sections on nine M55 rockets that were sent to an Army lab in Picatinny, N.J., for propellant sampling and analysis.

“We began destroying our agents at Johnston Atoll (a remote outpost in the central pacific 825 miles southwest of Hawaii) in 1990,” said Mahall. “The weapons had a limited tactical use and had been overcome in America’s arsenal by other more potent weapons in the nuclear age. The U.S. quit making them, which means stocks on hand sat in storage dete-

riorating.”

The Annual Status Report on the Disposal of Chemical Weapons and Materiel for Fiscal Year 2009 states that \$1,548 million was appropriated during the year for chemical agents and munitions destruction.

“CMA remains committed to our storage and destruction mission and remains vigilant to safely completing that mission while protecting the work force, the public, and the environment,” wrote CMA director Conrad F. Whyne in the report.

In addition to the weapons stored on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific, chemical weapons stockpiles were dispersed among eight locations within the continental U.S. at Army facilities in Anniston, Ala., Pine Bluff, Ark., Tooele, Utah, Umatilla, Ore., Aberdeen, Md., Newport, Ind., Blue Grass, Ky., and Pueblo, Colo.

Destruction of the stockpiles at Blue Grass, Ky., and Pueblo, Colo., now falls under Defense Department management with Army assistance; the remaining sites are currently part of the Army’s Chemical Stockpile elimination program.

“All of the nerve agent under CMA destruction has been destroyed with the exception of a small amount of GA (Tabun) in Utah. Comparatively small amounts remain in storage awaiting destruction in Kentucky,” Mahall said.

Aircraft soar with support from ground

Army Materiel Command deputy thanks workers for dedication

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Their efforts helped defeat more than 60 improvised explosive devices, transport dozens of critically wounded patients, move thousands of tons of equipment and fly more than 140,000 flight hours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

They are the 760 Soldiers of the 277th Aviation Support Battalion.

During a 2008-09 deployment, these battalion Soldiers performed more than 15,000 aircraft refuel and re-arming missions, completed more than 9,000 aviation maintenance work orders, participated in more than 160 phase maintenance inspections, dispensed more than 2.5 million gallons of fuel, delivered more than 1,000 tons of ammunition to more than seven locations in Iraq, conducted more than 300 mounted patrols with a land-based quick reaction force, and operated the first and third top-rated supply support activities in the U.S. Central Command.

And they did it all in support of the helicopter pilots and crews of the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The 277th Aviation Support Battalion was recognized as the Outstanding Logistics Unit of the Year by the Army Aviation Association of America at Thursday's 36th annual Aviation Product Symposium Awards Dinner at the Von Braun Center. The award was accepted on behalf of the battalion by Lt. Col. Albert Stiller and Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick McGuire.

"This award allows each Soldier and their families to

see that the aviation community understands and recognizes hard work, dedication and selfless service," Stiller said. "Thanks for your relentless support."

That "relentless support" goes both ways, said Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command, who was the event's guest speaker. Recalling a trip to Balad as the then commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, Pillsbury talked to the AAAA audience of Army civilians and contractors about the "single-mindedness of purpose" he has seen among the Soldiers supporting aviation systems in a wartime environment.

During that particular trip, Pillsbury said his convoy drove up to a huge aircraft hangar. Outside the hangar, a Soldier – shirtless in 120-degree weather — was supervising an Apache repair. Pillsbury walked up to the Soldier and asked him what he was doing.

"Sir, I'm supervising taking the head off this Apache," the Soldier said, going back to his work.

"Do you know who I am?" Pillsbury recalled asking.

"No," the Soldier said.

"Do you care who I am?" Pillsbury asked.

"No," the Soldier answered.

As the exchange was completed and Pillsbury began to go on his way, the Soldier's sergeant came up to the group. He told the Soldier that Pillsbury is the general who provides all the supplies and equipment so that maintenance and repairs can be completed on the Army's fleet of helicopters.

But the Soldier wasn't impressed, saying "No, sergeant. That's your job. I just want to get this head off this Apache."

With laughter from his audience, Pillsbury changed course, introducing the seriousness of the exchange.

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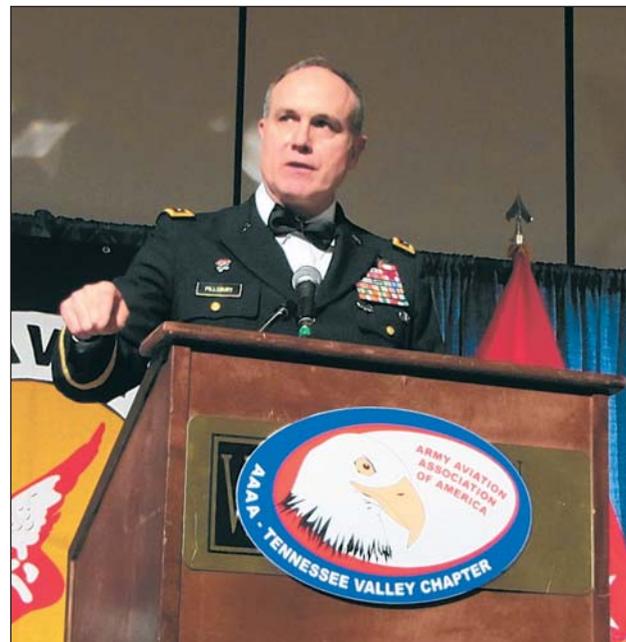


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BOTTOM LINE— Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command, recalls a humorous exchange with a Soldier in Balad, Iraq, that emphasizes the level of commitment and dedication that Soldiers exhibit on the front lines of war. He spoke at Thursday's 36th annual Aviation Product Symposium Awards Dinner hosted by the Army Aviation Association of America.

Buffalo Soldier now at home atop monument

Brick buying campaign to raise funds to finish memorial park

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The Buffalo Soldier sits proudly atop his cavalry mount, holding the regimental flag and glancing off into the distance over his shoulder.

Since 2005, the bronze statue of the Soldier and his horse have been hidden from public view, being locked behind a glass case in a hallway at the Academy for Academics and Arts, located in the Cavalry Hill Community just off University Drive. Although academy students enjoyed seeing the statue as they passed it going to and from the school's cafeteria, the statue was destined for a much wider audience.

It has found that audience atop a 10-foot tall granite base on the front lawn of the school, where it now serves as a sentinel to a period of black history that is unique to Huntsville.

Once lighting is installed, passersby will be able to see the statue — known as the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Monument — from University Drive. Once its cement base, brick walkway, benches, flagpoles and landscaping are in place, visitors will be able to enjoy an historical park dedicated to the contributions Buffalo Soldiers made in defense of the nation.

The placement of the statue atop its base in November 2009 represents a major accomplishment for the Buffalo Soldier Ad Hoc Committee, formed about five years ago when members of the local chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Alabama decided to make the statue and its

park their first community project. To the dismay of club members, the statue had been first in a warehouse and then at the school since it was commissioned in 2001. What the statue needed was a group to advocate for its permanent placement, and that group became the ad hoc committee.

"It was a long time coming," said Alex Harrison, the ad hoc committee's chairman and the president of the motorcycle club. "We coordinated all the logistics through the city, and the city arranged for the crane and made it happen. The City of Huntsville has been very

"The monument is dedicated to Buffalo Soldiers and all African-American servicemembers who have served with courage, dedication and honor."

— Alex Harrison
committee chairman

receptive and very helpful." The statue's placement is the first step toward the park's completion, with site preparation and placement provided as in-kind services from the City of Huntsville and the Madison County Commission. Through a Buy-A-Brick campaign, the ad hoc committee is raising funds to pay for the completion of the historical park that will surround the statue's base.

"We have done lots of things to raise the funds we need. We've had pancake breakfasts, a fund-raiser at the Huntsville Museum of Art and donations given to us from various people and businesses. Now, we are working to sell the bricks that will be placed around the statue," Harrison said. Donors to the Buy-A-Brick campaign will have their personalized information inscribed on a brick that will be placed in a walkway around the statue's base. A 4-inch by 4-inch brick inscribed with up to three lines costs \$100, an 8-inch by 8-inch brick with three lines costs \$250 and an 8-inch by 8-inch corporate brick with four lines costs \$500. Orders can



Photo by Kari Hawkins

MARK OF HISTORY— Veteran Alex Harrison stands in front of the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Monument, now in place on the front lawn of the Academy for Academics and Arts just off University Drive. The monument will include a park around its base that will feature a brick walkway made of bricks inscribed with the names of donors. The Buy-A-Brick campaign for the memorial will continue through the end of February.

be mailed to the Buffalo Soldier Ad Hoc Committee, P.O. Box 2292, Madison, AL 35758. All orders must be placed by Feb. 28.

"The proceeds will go toward paying for the entire project. It is an estimated \$300,000 project," Harrison said. "The city has partnered with us and provided us with legal advice, engineering advice and project management advice. The city as well as the state has contributed monetarily to this project, too. The county is providing landscaping, the brick and concrete work, and the irrigation work. But we still have a need to raise funds to bring this project to completion."

The bricks and other park features will be in place in time for an April 30 unveiling ceremony, which will include an official park opening and activities for the academy's students. That evening, a Buffalo Soldiers appreciation banquet will be held at EarlyWorks Museum.

Dr. John Cashin, whose grandfather wrote a history of the Buffalo Soldiers, conceived the idea of the memorial around 1996. The statue was commissioned by the City of Huntsville in 2001 at a cost of \$46,000. It was created by Mobile artist and sculptor Casey Downing. But, once it was delivered, the statue remained in a warehouse until it was moved to the academy in early 2005.

It is important to Huntsville's history and the history of all Soldiers to have the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Monument completed, Harrison said.

"This is another memorial to our American Soldiers," he said. "The Buffalo Soldiers — the 10th Cavalry — actually encamped on these grounds. It's really important that we never forget our history. The monument is dedicated to Buffalo Soldiers and all African-American servicemembers who have served with courage, dedication and honor."

After the Spanish-American War, during which Buffalo Soldiers participated in the battles of Las Guasimas, El Caney and San Juan Hill in Cuba, the 10th Cavalry was ordered to New York. Suffering from disease and battle exhaustion, they were then sent to Camp Albert G. Forse in Huntsville to spend three months in late 1898 and early 1899 recuperating. They encamped at the location where the academy — once known as Cavalry Hills School — is now located.

The statue's 10-foot-tall, 35,000-pound granite base is inscribed with the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and a listing of the Buffalo Soldiers who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor. The statue depicts 10th Cavalry Sgt. George Berry riding his horse up Cuba's San Juan Hill with the regimental flag.

There are only two other memorials dedicated to Buffalo Soldiers. One is in Junction City, Kan., and the other at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where the 19th Cavalry was formed. Huntsville's project is the only monument east of the Mississippi dedicated to Buffalo Soldiers.

Members of the Buffalo Soldier Ad Hoc Committee include Harrison, first vice chairman Sheila Anderson, second vice chairman Jeanette Alexander, secretary Glenda Fowler, treasurer Lester Byars, education consultant Sheree Humphries, researcher and historian Isaac Prentice, historians Gary Leopold and Bobby Hayden, chaplain Juan Maldonado, Patricia Ford and Eddie Glover. In addition, William Bell and Enger Taylor, of Huntsville's Facilities Project Management Office, have been instrumental in providing assistance with the project.

Harrison said that when he first got involved with the Buffalo Soldier statue project, he didn't realize how long it can take to get a project of this magnitude completed. But, standing near the statue, he said the effort was well worth it.

"The Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club made a commitment that we were going to see this statue put in place, one way or the other," he said. "I'm going to enjoy passing down University Drive every day and seeing the statue."

Afghan new strategy bears fruit, Iraq on track

By DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Noting signs that the new strategy in Afghanistan “is beginning to bear fruit,” Defense Secretary Robert Gates also said during an interview aired Feb. 8 that the effort to build up Iraq’s security forces and move forward with the U.S. drawdown plan there remains on track.

Gates spoke with Fox News Channel’s Greta Van Susteren while visiting Rome, also addressing issues ranging from the Pakistani military’s operations in South Waziristan to Iran’s uranium enrichment activities.

The secretary noted signs of a possible turnaround in Afghanistan, as expressed at the NATO Ministerial in Istanbul by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander on the ground. “He thought the situation was still serious, but no longer deteriorating,” Gates said.

“I think we are beginning to see the impact of the Marines going into Helmand province. We are beginning to see the impact of increased forces in other places,” Gates said. “I think part of what many of us are feeling is that there’s an intangible increase in confidence and hope, both on the part of the Afghans, but also on the part of the nations that are with us in there, trying to help.

“There are some small signs that the strategy that General McChrystal is following is beginning to bear fruit,” he added.

But Gates emphasized that the fight is far from over. “It is still going to be a hard fight.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gary Witte

OPERATIONS— Spc. Jesus B. Fernandez crosses a stream during a unit visit to Angla Kala village in Afghanistan’s Kunar province Feb. 6. Fernandez is an assistant team leader assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment.

There’s some very hard days ahead,” he said.

The new strategy measures success, not in how many Taliban are killed, but by how many Afghans are protected, the secretary noted. As the Taliban’s momentum begins to reverse, Gates said he expects more lower-level militants to put down their weapons and rejoin Afghan society through President Hamid Karzai’s reintegration effort.

Gates said he’s seeing initial indications that reintegration is working.

“We have to do two things: create conditions in which (former Taliban) can have a job and provide them security to protect them

and their families (from Taliban reprisals),” Gates said. “But the key is, it seems to me, is that reconciliation has to be on the terms of the Afghan government and consistent with the Afghan constitution.”

Turning to Iraq, Gates said Gen. Raymond Odierno, the top U.S. commander there, is “pretty comfortable” with the arrangements made to ensure a responsible drawdown of U.S. forces.

“The Iraqi security forces have continued to improve. We will continue that training role with them through 2011. We’ll continue to do counterterrorism operations with them,” Gates said. “But we are pretty much on schedule” with the drawdown plan.

Gates pointed to the recent, high-visibility attacks as al-Qaida’s desperation to inflict ethnic division and make a comeback. “All the information we have points to al-Qaida in this,” he said. “They are somewhat resurgent. That’s why we will continue to work with the Iraqi security forces in trying to take these guys out.”

Meanwhile, he said he’s reassured that the political process in Iraq, which, although not progressing as smoothly as hoped, is proceeding democratically. “When it comes to politics in Baghdad, reality is, these guys are trying to solve their problems politically rather than with guns,” he said.

Regarding Pakistan, Gates acknowledged the strong offensive the Pakistani military is conducting in South Waziristan and elsewhere around the country — one he said is exceeding all expectations.

“If you had told me 18 months or two years ago that the Pakistani army would be operating in South Waziristan, that they would have gone in the Bajaur Agency (within the Federally Administered Tribal Areas), that they had gone into Swat (Valley), I would have thought that would have been a miracle,” he said.

“We always want them to do more,” Gates said. “They push back. They are going to do it their own way. We will help as much as possible.”

He reiterated the message he delivered while visiting Islamabad last month. “We are in this car together, but we recognize on your side of the border (with Afghanistan), you are in the driver’s seat and you’ve got your foot on the accelerator,” he said.

“There has been improvement in coordination,” he continued. “And frankly, I think the Pakistanis have done a terrific job.”

Gates expressed concern about Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s defiance of the international community in moving forward with nuclear enrichment. The United States and the international community have given Iran ample opportunity to provide reassurances of its intentions, and that it will stop violating the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and U.N. resolutions, he said.

“The response has been consistently disappointing,” he said. “So now we are in a position to turn to the pressure track and get broad international support for serious sanctions in terms of trying to get the Iranian government to change its approach.”

Soldiers in Iraq prepare for stateside hurricanes

By 13TH SUSTAINMENT COMMAND EXPEDITIONARY
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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE TAJI, Iraq — While the 155th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), prepares to re-deploy in early March, it simultaneously prepares for its stateside mission should a hurricane hit the Mississippi gulf coast.

The unit hopes to have preparations complete by the end of February.

Lt. Col. John K. Harlan, the operations officer in charge for the 155th HBCT and a Jackson, Miss., native, said these plans are in preparation for a hurricane making landfall in the Mississippi gulf coast.

“We are planning our part of the overall Mississippi National Guard response to the hurricane, a yearly exercise that we conduct,” he said.

Harlan said they received the operations order in the first week of February from Joint Force Headquarters in Jackson.

“We have to plan for the movement of men and equipment from the Mississippi coastal areas and coordinate operations with local, state and federal agencies,” he said.

Those plans are further complicated by the unit’s deployment. Harlan said as a National Guard unit, they are required to take on a dual role here.

“That’s just the way we do business,” he said. “While we currently are concentrating on the federal mission, we still have to allow for planning for our state mission.”

Maj. Brent McCullouch, intelligence officer in charge with the 155th HBCT and a Jackson native, said the planning began immediately after the unit received the order.

“If we didn’t do it now, due to the redeployment, we wouldn’t have got it done in time,” he said.

McCullouch said his job is to look at and identify critical infrastructure in Mississippi and determine the impact the hurricane would have if it did hit land.

Maj. Rob Edwards, the provost marshal with the 155th HBCT and a Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., native, said the JFHQ plans the personnel distribution during hurricane season.

“Once the state determines which units are responsible for each county, they divide the units geographically,” he said. “Most of the concentration goes to the southern six counties, but during Hurricane Katrina, all of Mississippi was affected.”

Edwards said planning has definitely changed since Katrina.

“Now, we are in a proactive mode for responding to hurricanes; now we will go and set up our communications and police services before the hurricane hits,” he said. “We now execute our plan according to the worst-case scenario ... which is a Katrina-like hurricane.”

McCullouch said the planning process has also been improved since Katrina.

“The best improvement has to be our communications systems,” he said. “Now we have the equipment to talk to people, much better coordination for assets that can give us an awareness of where the damage is, and we can get that linked to us quickly so we can respond faster. Before Katrina, we just talked about it, but since Katrina, there is a lot more planning involved.”

Harlan said when Katrina hit, the unit was deployed here in Iraq.

“When we deployed last time, Katrina hit and we had to get a lot of National Guardsmen from other states,” he said.



Photo by Sgt. John Stimac

MAP OUT— Maj. Brent McCullouch, intelligence officer with the 155th Heavy Brigade Combat Team and a Jackson, Miss., native, and Lt. Col. John K. Harlan, the operations officer with the 155th HBCT, also a Jackson native, plan out their part in the hurricane evacuation plan for the Mississippi National Guard, Feb. 8, at Contingency Operating Site Taji. The brigade re-deploys in the beginning of March and was tasked to do their planning while still in theater.

Retiring colonel regards young Soldiers as real heroes

Goodbye

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to do what you think is right and then defend that decision.”

Coming to Redstone Arsenal in 2006 was definitely the right move for Rentz, even though it was down an unfamiliar path. Rentz knew very little about Redstone Arsenal when he took over command of LOGSA. And, he soon realized, he didn't know much about LOGSA itself.

“I didn't know Redstone had NASA and military on it. That's somewhat unusual for an installation,” he said. “The only thing I knew about Redstone was that explosive ordnance training was linked to the ordnance school here.

“But I was thrilled with the assignment. I thought I knew what LOGSA does when I got here. I found out I only knew about 10 percent of what this command does. There are so many things that LOGSA does that are linked to preventative maintenance that keeps our aviation systems and our combat systems from having a catastrophic accident that could cause the loss of a Soldier's life.”

Preventative maintenance isn't meant

to keep an Army vehicle or aircraft in “shiny new” pristine condition, and LOGSA's role in the preventative maintenance process isn't focused on sustaining hardware for hardware's sake. It's the human life inside the machine that makes preventative maintenance the top priority.

“I can explain to Congress why we need a new helicopter or tank,” Rentz said. “I can't explain to a mom and dad why I let their son or daughter operate an unsafe piece of equipment and then end up a fatality. Our work is all about doing things to take care of Soldiers.”

With missions in both Iraq and Afghanistan, preventative maintenance is particularly challenging because the environments are so different, requiring different techniques and procedures, and different equipment.

“The challenge is rocket science,” Rentz said. “It's not easy to outfit Soldiers with personal gear, combat systems and equipment they need to execute the mission anywhere in the world. We try to provide logistics tools and products that will make Soldiers' jobs easier.”

LOGSA responsibilities fall in the areas of supply, maintenance and transportation. The organization develops and supports data collection systems that allow Soldiers to analyze systems to ensure they are performing at the highest level. LOGSA employs 305 Army civil-

ians, 22 Soldiers and 450 contractors in its worldwide mission.

LOGSA relies on Soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Hood to help test the new logistics products being developed to address Soldier requirements. LOGSA also provides training teams that go to deployed units to provide training on new products. One challenge LOGSA employees face is the quick turnaround required by Soldiers in theater.

“Our tools are used throughout the Army. They are easy to learn and easy to use. They are designed for efficiency on the battlefield,” Rentz said. “Once we have efficiency, then we work to optimize cost. The challenge is providing the right tool that's easy to use in a short amount of time and that is cost effective and that can be used across the entire Army.”

Whether commanding Soldiers or managing civilian employees, Rentz said establishing good working relationships is essential in any organization.

“The secret to success is not how great you are but it's about surrounding yourself with great people. If you do that your organization will take care of itself,” he said. “Take care of your employees, take care of their families, and the mission takes care of itself because your employees will give you eight hard hours of work every day.

“Organizations come and go. But the

people and the camaraderie and teamwork put in day-to-day is what makes an organization that can produce and make a difference for our Army.”

Even with his impending retirement, Rentz remains passionate about Soldiers and the Army mission.

“When a Soldier makes a decision to come into the Army, they turn that decision into a passion,” he said. “This has been my passion. But nobody can do it alone. At my retirement ceremony, I will talk about some of those great people who have worked for me and with me throughout my career. I will talk about both of my families – my Army family and my personal family – and especially my wife, Melinda (a defense contractor), who is the rock of our marriage.”

Besides his wife, several other relatives will attend Rentz's retirement ceremony. Also in attendance will be fellow Soldiers from places like North Carolina, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command, will preside over the ceremony.

Rentz hopes to maintain his connection to Soldiers through his post-retirement career.

“I don't know what my next career will be,” he said. “But whatever it is I will still serve Soldiers in some fashion, and stay linked to the Army and the government in some way.”

Feeling the library love during February

Post Library a popular place for relaxing and learning

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If the parking lot just before 10 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday is any indication, there is plenty of love for the library at Redstone Arsenal.

The Post Library is celebrating that affection in February with the nationwide celebration, Library Lovers' Month. Whether library goers line up outside the library's doors before it opens in anticipation of checking out a new bestseller, getting the best spot on the carpet for story time, or to grab a quiet cup of coffee by the fireplace, there is no doubt that the calm that surrounds the library on Redeye Road serves as an oasis for members of Team Redstone.

"It's your neighborhood library," said Gail Alden, library director. "It does serve as a home away from home. It's a comforting spot."

Relax by the fireplace with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa, curl up with a book, challenge a friend to a game of chess,

study for an upcoming test, reconnect with friends online or grab a movie for the weekend. All services are free to all members of the Redstone community.

"It's a welcoming place where I can sit down, relax and catch up on articles after a busy day at work," said library patron Chief Warrant Officer 5 Juan Convers.

"It's fun to see the Soldiers come in here and relax," reference librarian Sara Roberts said. "It's like they take a deep breath."

Approximately 100 to 300 people find their way to building 3323 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday. Since fiscal 2005, the library has seen a 113 percent increase in circulation, and 145 percent increase in new patrons.

"We are busy," Alden said. "There is a great deal of vitality here. It really is a joy to see."

That vitality is thanks to the welcoming staff, relevant resources and renovations that have turned the library from a place to just check out books to a popular hangout. Instead of greeting patrons with a "Shhh!" librari-



Photo by Amy Guckeen

STORY TIME— Pam Causey brings to life "Big Red Barn," cockadoodle-dooing like a rooster for Jakob French, 3, during story hour Feb. 10 at the Post Library.

ans give everyone a hello. Food and drink is OK, as well as cell phones, as long as patrons are courteous. The collection, including DVDs, is kept up to date, and access to 39 databases, from the Auto Repair Reference Center to CountryWatch, is available through the Army Library Program for anyone looking for reliable and free information.

"We are here to help," said Roberts, who recalls helping someone search through the Auto Repair Reference Center to learn how to change a spark plug in a 1993 Jeep Cherokee.

"We give people a chance to come in and get materials to enrich their lives," Alden said.

Instilling a child's love for the library, and more importantly, for reading, is also a priority. Teaming with the Child Development Center, the library provides programming for children in addition to story time for preschool-aged children Wednesdays at 10 a.m., and the popular reading program Tales with Taka, where children over age 5 can read to Taka, a registered therapy dog.

"Everybody loves to see children lov-

ing books," Alden said. "It's one of the greatest gifts parents can give to their children, and it's a pleasure that people can have throughout life."

Signing up for a card is easy and takes only minutes. All those that have access to the Arsenal are eligible for a card. In 2010, the library will join the Worldwide U.S. Army Library so that if one registers at another installation, they will automatically be registered at Redstone Arsenal.

To celebrate Library Lovers' Month, the library will host an open house complete with refreshments and prizes Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A special grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the month. To be eligible for a chance to win grand prizes such as dinner for two at Soldatenstube, one free camper rental for a weekend, or two complimentary 18 holes at the golf course with cart, library goers simply need to check out any item during February. Library goers will receive one entry per visit. The grand prize drawing will be held March 1. Winners will be notified March 2.



Photo by Amy Guckeen

REGULAR CUSTOMER— Librarian Pam Causey assists frequent library goer Chief Warrant Officer 5 Juan Convers.

Charlie Company plays big against civilian team

Wolfpack improves to 4-1 with fourth straight win

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Here's a midseason report card on the unit-level basketball league.

Teams that have earned an "A" grade so far include Charlie Company, the Civilian Welfare Fund, the defending champion HHC 59th and the Marines.

Charlie reached the pinnacle last week by topping the previously-unbeaten CWF 71-58 on Feb. 8 at Pagano Gym. The Wolfpack improved to 4-1 with its fourth straight win while the civilians fell to 3-1.

"We had a lot of ball movement on the offensive end," Charlie point guard Desmond Williams said. "Luckily we have two extraordinary big men (Vincent Wilson and John Rankin) down low. We were getting easy baskets because of our two bigs. Because our big men were so effective in the second half, they were leaving our shooters like (Robert) Patter-

son open. They just couldn't defend all five players."

Wilson played his first game for the Wolfpack after arriving about two weeks ago. Rankin arrived late at this game and helped the rebounding.

"It was a big win for us against a CWF team," Charlie coach James Akers said. "Last year we lost to them pretty much by 15 points, I think. They were pretty big already. The size was a big issue. Those two guys (Wilson and Rankin) played big for us that game. Especially the rebounds, and Wilson getting the second and third offensive rebounds and putting them back in. On the defensive side, those two guys helped getting on the boards. That was a big momentum swing for us."

The Marines were 4-2 after losing to the Civilian Welfare Fund 68-43 on Feb. 11.

HHC 59th, the "Raise Up bunch," was 3-1 after beating Headquarters & Alpha 86-44 on Feb. 10.

The season continues through March 3, followed by the postseason tournament tentatively scheduled March 8-17 which will crown the champion.

Charlie 71, Civilian Welfare Fund

58: Wilson poured in 30 points to pace the streaking Wolfpack.

Patterson added 21, including five 3-pointers. Charlie led 42-32 at halftime.

Cody Flores and Rodney Steele scored 15 apiece for the civilians. Flores had three 3-pointers.

Bravo-1 51, Bravo-2 35: Nicholas Darby scored 11 points and Matthew Watkins had 10 in this intra-company scuffle among Bulldogs. Darby had three 3-pointers.

Bravo-1 led 28-18 at halftime en route to its first win after three losses.

Ellington Releford had a game-high 12, with two 3-pointers, for Bravo-2 (2-3). Brandon Jackson added 10.

On Feb. 10, the Marines won by forfeit over the National Guard; and HHC 59th beat Headquarters & Alpha 86-44.

On Feb. 11, Bravo-2 defeated 326th Chemical Company 57-49; and Civilian Welfare Fund stopped the Marines 68-43.

The standings entering this week had the Charlie (4-1), Civilian Welfare Fund (4-1), HHC 59th (3-1), Marines (4-2), Bravo-2 (3-3), 326th Chemical (2-3), Bravo-1 (1-3), Headquarters & Alpha (1-4) and National Guard (0-4).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIRED UP— Kenster Shannon of 326th Chemical Company goes for a layup during the Dragons' 51-43 win over Bravo-1 on Feb. 3 at Pagano Gym.

Growth

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Army premiere Garrison for customer service now and into the future.”

In 2009, much of the Garrison’s focus was on “maintaining visibility and tracking of BRAC (base realignment and closure) construction and the movement of people,” the colonel said. “Part of that means we must continue our success in building new and stronger relationships within Team Redstone and the community.”

Although the Arsenal’s Soldier population is relatively small and diminishing due to BRAC changes, Pastorelli said the Garrison’s support to the Arsenal’s civilian and contractor community has a positive effect on Soldiers Armywide who rely on Arsenal technology, products and services to be successful.

“We want to ensure that our tenants are successful in their mission. That is the key to our success,” he said. “We hope our customers see us as value added. We have their interests at heart. We want to be a force multiplier for all Garrison customers.”

Many of the Garrison’s goals are visible to the entire Arsenal community because they often involve brick and mortar. In 2009, the Garrison celebrated the opening of the 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion and the School Age Services building, upgrades to guard gates at several Arsenal entry points, the beginning of construction on the Redstone Test Center’s new airfield facility and headquarters, and completion of the initial development plan for the Arsenal’s privatized housing project.

Other goals that were less visible to the entire community – but that improved customer service and quality of life – included enhancing ICE (interactive customer evaluation) and other feedback mechanisms, putting extra guards on Gate 9 during early morning rush hour traffic, transitioning computer support services from the Garrison to the Army Network Enterprise Technology Command, conducting a full-scale force protection exercise, hosting several community, state and Army dignitaries, providing biodiesel fuel for government vehicles, hosting Retiree Appreciation Days, and offering several Family and Morale Recreation and Welfare activities, including the summer concert series with Sugarland and Oktoberfest.

In 2010, as construction continues on buildings for the Army Materiel Command, Missile Defense Agency and Red-

stone Test Center, among others; as older facilities, such as the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space headquarters, receive upgrades; and as other new tenants look for Arsenal locations for new facilities or expansions, Pastorelli’s staff will continue to provide support. The year will bring yet another tenant – the Army Contracting Command – moving from Fort Belvoir, Va., to the Arsenal.

“That means we will have the senior contracting headquarters for the Army right here at Redstone Arsenal,” Pastorelli said of the 300-employee command.

One top program for 2010 will be establishing the Enhanced Use Lease program, which will involve 470 acres of land near Gate 9 that will be converted to office space for administrative needs, educational programs and related businesses.

“We want to conduct a groundbreaking and the initiation of the construction effort on EUL this year,” Pastorelli said. “EUL is essential to our expansion in order to help with the over 1 million square-foot shortage we have for space requirements on the Arsenal. It will continue to build and enhance the Arsenal community.”

Also at the top of the list is the expansion of Martin Road, which will include upgrades to Gate 7, addressing the need for dining options along Martin Road and energy efficiency.

“Martin Road is the number one prior-

ity that is a challenge for us,” Pastorelli said. “As we expand so does the need for the Martin Road expansion. We also have to focus on cafeteria requirements for the Army Materiel Command, and enhancing efficiencies worldwide. Energy conservation has not yet come to the forefront of what we do.”

Last year, the Arsenal consumed \$62 million in energy usage. The Garrison must find ways to reduce energy consumption by 2 to 3 percent per year.

Other programs for 2010 include the transition of gate guards from contractor to Department of the Army civilians, the reorganization of the Garrison Directorate of Logistics with the Directorate of Materiel being aligned with AMC and the Directorate of Services remaining with the Garrison, supporting a growing list of programs for military families, increasing efforts in the area of work force revitalization, and working with community leaders on Arsenal-related road projects, educational initiatives and work force development programs.

“Community outreach is essential to our growth,” Pastorelli said. “We must work with local, state and federal representatives in addition to schools and other specific groups to bring improvements to Redstone Arsenal as well as to Madison County and North Alabama.”

In 2010, the Garrison will be involved in a community-wide recommitment to the Army Family Covenant and the Army Community Covenant.

Even as the Arsenal’s population grows – and with it the demand for Garrison services – Pastorelli said Garrison employees must keep a close eye on budget issues.

“We have to balance the cost culture versus the budget culture,” he said. “We have to continue to sustain quality services while also producing savings, avoiding extra costs and improving efficiencies.”

“The Garrison budget is our biggest challenge. We have to continue to look at ways to save money while still supporting customers at the level of support they expect. We’re still reviewing all segments of the Garrison budget. The Garrison mission is to provide services. But there may be a need to cut back on certain services.”

Even with budget concerns to address, Pastorelli remains confident the Garrison will continue to provide high quality services to the Arsenal’s tenants.

“I remain optimistic that the Garrison will indeed rise to the occasion in providing the best customer service on Redstone Arsenal,” he said. “The Garrison staff is second to none throughout IMCOM. Employees are fully focused on the customer and we are always looking introspectively to ensure we are always moving in the right direction to meet customer needs. We have some of the best professionals in the Army right here at the Garrison.”

Garrison wants to hear from customers postwide

Quality of life depends on community's input

By SHAREE MILLER
For the Rocket

Do you have something good to say about what's going on at Redstone? Are there areas you feel need improvement? You can help make Redstone an even nicer place to live and work by providing constructive feedback and information on areas you come across.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli met with representatives of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency Council last week to receive information and updates concerning the quality of life on Redstone.

This council was formed to get customer feedback on services provided at Redstone. It is made up of representatives from tenant organizations, Army units and Retirees. FMWR, AAFES, DeCA and Fox Army Health Center provide information relative to their operations. The Civilian Welfare Fund Council and NCO Association also provide information.

"This council is extremely important because we are only as good as our customers think," Pastorelli said. "This gives us a way to stay in touch with our customers and learn more about their needs."

Pastorelli also said this council is open to anyone that would like to attend.

Here are some of the projects going on across the post:

FMWR

- A new conference center is in design phase. The conference center will be constructed near the Officers and Civilians Club.
- The Recreation Center has been gutted and renovations are to begin next month.
- The Bowling Center renovations will include a new solarium,
- The Outdoor Recreation Center will get two new buildings; one a retail outlet and one to house their everyday operations.
- A new boat dock at Ester Posey recreation area is under construction.
- The Golf Course plans a grand opening of the new nine holes July 1. Renovations are set to begin on another nine holes July 6.
- The library is under renovation.
- Pools are getting new liners and repairs.
- The Youth Center is getting new ceiling and music room.
- The new Child Development Center on Mills Road is planned to open in March. There are two buildings that will hold a capacity of 160 and 124

children each.

Post Exchange

- There will be a new Optometrist and Eye Wear Center opening in mid-March in the old furniture building.
- The Firestone Tire Center is now open.
- Contracts are being sought for a coffee shop to be housed in the old Burger King facility. When an agreement has been reached, a remote shop will be located in Fox Army Health Center.
- The furniture store has moved to the back of the Post Exchange. There will be a furniture tent sale in mid-March in the parking lot that will include new items that have been stored in the warehouse.

Commissary

- The deli's new contract is complete. Customers will find it fully stocked and back to normal.

CWF Council

- Spring sports events are being planned.

Fox Army Health Center

- Renovations are ongoing.

Several questions or concerns were brought up as well, such as how expiration dates are checked at the Commissary. Alfred Crawford with the Commissary said there is an individual who checks dates daily to ensure items are being removed in a timely manner — at least a day ahead of the expiration date.

Concerns about the shelves being too tall were also raised. Pastorelli asked Crawford to check into the problem. It was reported that someone witnessed an individual climbing into a shopping cart to reach a top shelf. In order to put safety first, shoppers should ask for assistance when retrieving items from top shelves if they aren't tall enough themselves.

One organization had questions regarding the online prescription refill process.

If a patient loses the container their prescription comes in, there is no way online to look it up on their own. Staff Sgt. Timothy Stehle of Fox took that issue on and will be reporting back on what, if any, changes can be made.

FMWR director Derrick Gould said the number one question he receives is "Why can't we get an indoor pool?" Gould said that it was in a plan for a new fitness center but because of budget issues it will not become reality anytime soon.

These are only a few of the items discussed at last week's meeting. The council would like to encourage everyone to use the Interactive Customer Evaluation System to provide their comments and suggestions. Feedback will help to maintain the quality of excellence that Redstone customers expect. ICE is located at http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=513.

Some FMWR activities that might be of interest:

- Friday Night Movie — Heiser Hall, every Friday beginning at 6 p.m. This is a joint venture between the Post Exchange and FMWR. The Post Exchange provides the movies and FMWR provides someone to run the projector. Refreshments are available through BOSS at minimal costs.
- New Lunch Program — A new all-you-can-eat lunch buffet at the Officers and Civilians Club is now being offered with menus set on each day of the week. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are German fare, Thursdays is Mexican, Friday is Alabama Surf and Turf. Buffet cost \$8 and includes salad bar, drink and ice cream.

Anyone who would like to keep up with FMWR events can subscribe to E-Happenings by visiting the website www.redstonemwr.com and clicking News & Events, then clicking Subscribe.

■ Army aviation community cited for role in ongoing war

Support

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"He had a single-mindedness of purpose. He wanted to get the head off that Apache and get it repaired so that two warrant officers could strap that Apache onto their backs and kill the bad guys," Pillsbury said.

It is that commitment and dedication from Soldiers as well as from the Army civilians and contractors who support them that makes the Army and its Aviation and Missile Command a formidable force.

"3.7 million hours of combat time. That's what our combat pilots have flown in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," Pillsbury said. "The Aviation and Missile Command has got control of that mission because you know how to do your job so that our Soldiers can strap an Apache on their backs and go out and kill bad guys."

Eventually, the war will end. But until then, Pillsbury said, "the Aviation and Missile Command is there to support and you do it very well. I couldn't be prouder of the Aviation and Missile Command."

During his comments, Pillsbury also recognized employees from the Program Executive Offices of Aviation, and Missiles and Space for their exceptional service. He thanked local attorney and community leader Joe Ritch for his work as the chairman of the Tennessee Valley BRAC Committee.

"I miss this place almost as much as my wife misses this place," he said, introducing his wife Becky, and his two adult children and their guests.

During the dinner meeting, AAAA also presented awards to the following — VT Group, AAAA Materiel Readiness Award for a contribution by a major contractor; VT Group and Dale Technical Services, AAAA Army Aviation Materiel Readiness Award for contribution by an industry team; and Hontek Corp., AAAA Army Aviation Materiel Readiness Award for contribution by a small business.

Rocket Announcements



Sports & Recreation

Indoor flying

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

Babe Ruth baseball

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the spring season Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13 from 9 a.m. to noon; and players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2010 are invited. Age 12 players are eligible to sign up as well under the Local Swing Player Option. Registration forms will be accepted after March 15 on an individual basis upon park approval and team availability. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required for all new players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. For registration locations, call one of the following park representatives: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, Emile Jones 990-5902; Southern Division, Sandhurst Park, Tim Harrison 544-3180; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, T. Poe 527-8763.

Bicycle benefit

The American Diabetes Association is challenging bicycle riders to take part in its third annual Tour de Cure, a cycling event May 15 at McMullen Cove in Huntsville. Family, friends and co-workers biking individually and in teams are helping raise funds to help the nearly 24 million Americans living with diabetes. The event raises funds through a \$15 registration fee, and pledges collected by the cyclists. For more information, call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-

DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org.

Ladies golf group

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will have a signup coffee March 3 at 9 a.m. at the Links at Redstone. The ladies meet on Wednesday mornings from March through October at the Links to play golf. There are also opportunities to play in special tournaments. Membership fee for RSALGA is \$20 per year. If you need more information or plan to attend, e-mail katn@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. PWOC Bible Studies for the Spring Semester include: 9:30 a.m. "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed" by Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Kay Arthur, "7 Pillars of Health" by Don Colbert and "Prayer: More for the Day" (six weeks) by Christina Wood and "LoggingOnToCourage.Com" (six weeks) by Rebecca Shirer, Christina Wood; and 6:30 p.m. "Esther" by Beth Moore. The lunchtime Bible study meets at 11:30 a.m.; and the Korean sisters begin their study at 10:30 a.m. For more information call Judy Strange 430-3110, Karyn Wilson 837-7421, Mattie Jones (lunchtime group) 828-9890 or 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, 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.

Tricare briefings

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.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter, Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Doug Gooch, of River Country Development Corporation, will speak on "Light Rail Systems." The chapter's monthly breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Feb. 27 at Ryan's Family Steak House, South Memorial Parkway. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows are invited.

Women in defense

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Women in Defense will host a mentorship luncheon March 4 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SAIC, 6723 Odyssey Drive. Deborah Alderson, president of the Defense Solutions Group for SAIC, will be the featured speaker. The cost is \$10 for a box lunch and drink, payable at the door. For reservations, call Lynette Fife 319-8870 or 971-7271 or e-mail lynette.fife@saic.com.

Desert Storm veterans

VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association will hold its 19th annual memorial ceremony and reunion Feb. 27 at Fort Myer, Va. A chapel service will be held at 5 p.m. at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel. The "Jayhawk Time" reception is 6-8 p.m. at the Fort Myer Officers Club. Cost is \$25. For reservations call 800-506-2672, ext. 4163.

Submarine veterans

A group called Redstone Base invites submariners to its meetings the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at VFW Post 2702 on North Memorial Parkway. For more information, contact Ray at (315) 532-1978 or bmrcsr@aol.com; Jim at aholland57@mchsi.com; or Tony at 503-5374 or tonywilliams57@aol.com.

Government professionals

Rocket City Alabama Chapter, Society of Government Meeting Professionals will have a luncheon/program Feb. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holiday Inn Research Park. The speaker is Jeff Irons. Cost is \$10 for planners and \$20 for suppliers. RSVP/questions to Katie Smith 551-2237 or kmsmith@vonbrauncenter.com.

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

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Photo by Ashley Kalifeh

Length of service

Garrison commander Col. Bob Pastorelli pins an award on Don Dixon, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, for his 35 years of service. Other workers honored during the Garrison's length of service ceremony included Marie Adams, 30 years; Karen Bender, 35 years; Donna Colvin, 25 years; Dennis Fitzgibbons, 35 years; Elizabeth Hall, 35 years; Eduardo Hope, 30 years; Deborah Hunter, 20 years; Willie Jackson, 25 years; Timothy Smith, 20 years; and Roger Triplett, 30 years.

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.



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

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/>.

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.

Motorcycle safety

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

Reserve unit

If you have several years invested in your military career, you do not want conflicts

between Reserve duty and civilian life to keep you from earning 20 qualifying years. The 184th Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment affords you the opportunity to drill for retirement points on Tuesday evenings. You still earn pay and retirement points for IMA or IRR annual training and other tours, as well as your 15 automatic retirement points for being in the active Reserve. The unit meets at 5:30 p.m. most Tuesdays on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, e-mail Spc. Liddle at jennifer.liddle@us.army.mil or visit the website <http://imad.redstone.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 Friday 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.

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.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers, 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.

Community grants

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

Newly created command

The Army Reserve Sustainment Command is looking for Individual Ready Reserve, National Guard, and traditional Troop Program Unit Soldiers interested in serving in the newly created ARSC. It seeks logistics, acquisition, aviation and other MOS/branches/specialties E-6 through E-8 and first lieutenant to lieutenant colonel. The ARSC provides augmentation support to the Army Material Command and its major subordinate commands such as LOGSA, RDECOM, TACOM, CECOM, USASAC, JMC, etc. throughout the U.S. It also has opportunities for qualified Soldiers in the Defense Contract Management Agency. Potential voluntary mobilizations are possible/available subject to overseas contingency operations and CONUS requirements. It asks for the least three OERs/NCOERs and a current military bio/resume for placement. The contact is Col. Mario Aguirre at mario.aguirre@us.army.mil.

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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
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK10036508	Equipment Specialist	15-Feb-10	TMDE	GS-1670	12	12	69,930 - 90,907							X	X	X			
SCBK109527031	Safety Engineer	16-Feb-10	Safety Office	GS-0803	14	14	96,346 - 125,254	X											
SCBK10002801	Supv General Engineer	16-Feb-10	SMDC	YF-0801	3	3	92,277 - 157,779		X		X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10CRP80003	Interdisciplinary Engineers	16-Feb-10	USA Engr & Sup Center	YD-0800 Series	2	2	47,214 - 108,101						X	X	X	X			
SCBK10943350	Program Intergration Support Specialist	16-Feb-10	USA Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0301	14	14	98,265 - 127,743	X	X										
SCBK10045307	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	16-Feb-10	USASAC	YC-0346	3	3	98,265 - 127,743			X					X	X			
SCBK10040776	Product Integrator	16-Feb-10	USA Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0301	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X							X				
SCBK10007219	Aerospace Engineer	16-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	69,930 - 108,102				X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK10065412	Interdisciplinary Psychologist/Soc Work	17-Feb-10	USA Med Dprt Activity Cmd Grp	GS-185/180	12	12	69,930 - 90,907				X				X	X			
SCBK10066157	Contract Specialist	17-Feb-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907								X				
SCBK09783548OC	Supv, Contract Spec	18-Feb-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK10039012	HR Asst (Recruitment & Placement/OA)	18-Feb-10	G1 Civilian Human Res. Agency, SC	GS-0203	4	5	28,446 - 41,369						X	X	X	X			
SCBK10976176	Health Systems Specialist	19-Feb-10	USA Med Dprt Activity Cmd Grp	GS-0671	12	12	69,930 - 90,907						X	X	X	X			
SCBK10967614COE	Instructional Systems Specialist	19-Feb-10	59th Ordnance Brigade	GS-1750	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X	X					X	X				
SCBK10002804	System Management Analyst	19-Feb-10	G-8 (Resource Management)	GS-0501	13	13	83,156 - 108,102			X				X					
SCBK10039707	Procurement & Production Analyst	20-Feb-10	Competition Management Ofc	GS-1101	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK10005606	Logistics Management Specialist	22-Feb-10	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK09963658	Electronics Engineer	22-Feb-10	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X	X					X					
SCBK10003032	Logistics Management Specialist	23-Feb-10	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK10041050	Procurement Analyst	23-Feb-10	Lead AMC Integration Sup	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK10928437	Electronics Engineer	24-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-0855	3	3	69,930 - 108,102	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10928437D	Electronics Engineer	24-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-0855	3	3	69,930 - 108,102												X
SCBK10060280COE	Supv, Training Instructor	24-Feb-10	59th Ordnance Brigade	YC-1712	2	2	59,014 - 115,610		X	X				X	X				
SCBK10029241	Budget Analyst	24-Feb-10	USA Engr & Sup Center	YA-0560	1	2	39,422 - 54,649	X											
SCBK10061050	Logistics Management Specialist	24-Feb-10	Security Asst Mgmt Directorate	GS-0346	9	11	48,221 - 75,843				X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10056394	Resource Management Specialist	24-Feb-10	HQ, Brigade Support Group	YA-0501	2	2	47,214 - 62,687						X	X	X	X			
SCBK10002231	Aerospace Engineer	24-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	69,930 - 108,102	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10772297R1	Assistant Product Manager	25-Feb-10	USA Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0301	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK10053862	Traffic Management Specialist	25-Feb-10	IMMC	GS-2130	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK10975525	Supv, Nurse (Admin/Ambulatory)	25-Feb-10	USA Med Dprt Activity Cmd Grp	YH-0610	2	2	48,221 - 69,038				X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10001715	Aerospace Engineer	25-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-0861	3	3	69,930 - 108,102				X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10008837	Quality Assurance Assistant	26-Feb-10	RDECOM	DK-0303	3	3	45,923 - 66,111				X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10048426	Program Support Assistant (OA)	26-Feb-10	RDECOM	DK-0303	3	3	39,422 - 56,754	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10053824	Chemist	26-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-1320	3	3	69,930 - 108,102	X			X		X	X	X				
SCBK10041083	Logistics Management Specialist	26-Feb-10	Lead AMC Integration Sup	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK09908848R	Lead Aerospace Engineer	26-Feb-10	RDECOM	DB-0861	4	4	98,265 - 150,266		X		X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10002839	General Engineer	1-Mar-10	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	98,265 - 127,743	X											
SCBK10002839	General Engineer	1-Mar-10	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	98,265 - 127,743	X											
SCBK10045290	General Engineer	2-Mar-10	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	98,265 - 150,266	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10040100	Travel Management Specialist	5-Mar-10	USA Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0301	11	11	58,343 - 75,843			X				X					
SCBK10062747	Program Analyst	5-Mar-10	USA Acq Sup Ctn	GS-0343	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK09963666	Electronics Engineer	9-Mar-10	USADTC	GS-0855	13	13	81,532 - 105,993	X											
SCBK10044756	Electronics Engineer	13-Mar-10	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	98,265 - 150,266	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09783545OC	Contract Specialist	22-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	14	14	96,346 - 125,254		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK09783534OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	12	12	68,564 - 89,128		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK10048145	Security Asst Program Specialist	30-Sep-10	USASAC	GS-0301	11	13	58,343 - 108,102				X		X	X	X				
SCBK09783548OC	Supv Contract Specialist	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	YA-1102	3	3	96,346 - 147,332				X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK09783541OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-10	AMCOM Contracting CMD	GS-1102	13	13	81,532 - 105,993		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) (Copy of Orders from Spouse)
- 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.) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (Form 75 documenting service)
- 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 (Birth Certificate and other Documentation required)

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 web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone **876-7772**.

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 & NEAE04756647**, for more information.

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.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop says "the weather outside may be frightful, but our Easter display is delightful." It has knick knacks, eggs, baskets, stuffed toys and Easter dresses. Visit building 3209 on Hercules Road on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 9-4 or Thursday 9-5 and the first Saturday 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 continues 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 CFC office at 876-9143, the PCFO office at 536-0745 ext. 118 or by website <https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/cfcp>.

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/>.

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 "pawtographed" 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/tax-center.html.

Prayer luncheon

Team Redstone's National Prayer Luncheon is Feb. 26 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The guest speaker is Mike Durant, retired chief warrant officer 4 and president/chief executive officer of Pinnacle Solutions Inc. For more information, call the Chapel staff 842-2173/2176.

Deployed work force

The fifth in a series of AMCOM Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremonies is set for June 3 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Myles will recognize employees for their deployments to Iraq or Afghanistan during the time frame of January to May 2010. Additionally, those employees previously deployed who were not able to participate in one of the last four ceremonies are invited to participate in this ceremony. During the ceremony, Myles will present letters of recognition and command coins to AMCOM Soldiers, civilians and contractors who have deployed in support of Redstone Arsenal operations. To register, honorees should provide their name, contact information, name of organization or office which they deployed in support of, location of deployment, electronic or hard copy photograph and the names of any guests to one of the following: Jeanna Reit-

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meier, jeanna.k.reitmeier@us.army.mil, 876-5302; or William "Bruce" Cline, william.cline@us.army.mil, or 955-6925. Hard copies of photos should be sent to Jeanna Reitmeier, building 5300, room 5143, or mail to AMSAM-PC, building 5300, room 5143, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000.

Faculty recruiting

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Campus is seeking evening adjunct instructors for its growing graduate programs. Interested persons with doctoral degrees and professional experience in Management, Project Management, Business Administration, or Systems Engineering are encouraged to call the ERAU Huntsville campus 876-9763 for more information.

Open house at library

Celebrate "Library Lovers' Month" at the Post Library, building 3323 on Redeye Road. An open house will be held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded throughout February with a grand prize at month's end. Check out any item from the library throughout the month to be eligible to register for prizes. For more information, call 876-4741.

Acquisition fellowship

Applications are being accepted through March 24 for the 2010 Senior Service College Fellowship Program-Huntsville. Start date for the fellowship is July 27. Eligible applicants are Army civilian Acquisition Corps members who occupy permanent positions in grades GS-14 and 15 or broadband equivalent. Persons interested in applying for the 2010 SSCF Program

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Courtesy photo

Outreach volunteer

AMCOM's Lavern Spearman, a senior physicist in Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, engages students at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary during a celebration of African-American Heritage Month. Throughout February, volunteers from the Aviation and Missile Command will participate in a series of African-American heritage programs at local schools.



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Aviation overview

Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation, talks to a crowd of Soldiers, contractors and civilians at the AAAA Joseph Cribbins Symposium Feb. 11 at the Von Braun Center. Crosby provided an aviation update focusing on sustainment and fleet management and how his office is addressing challenges. He also stressed that all the work being done by the project offices — the "A" team of PEO Aviation — is devoted to supporting Soldiers in the field. All six PEO project managers also provided updates.

must respond under this announcement. The announcement can be accessed on the USAASC website under "Events" at http://asc.army.mil/docs/announcement/DAU_SSCF_2010.pdf. Application must be made through the Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System. Once in CAPPMS, you must apply under the Army Acquisition Professional Development System. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements stated in the announcement are complied with. Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact their acquisition career manager to assist with ensuring criteria is met prior to submitting an application. ACM contact information can be found at <http://asc.army.mil/organization/western/default.cfm>.

Flu vaccine

Fox Army Health Center has H1N1 injectable (shot) vaccine available for all beneficiaries, including current DoD civilian employees. DoD employees who wish to receive H1N1 vaccination may report to Occupational Health on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Active duty family members, military retirees and their family members may report to Immunization Clinic during regular duty hours. Active duty military requiring H1N1 immunization may report to Preventive Medicine during regular duty hours. As a reminder, H1N1 vaccination is mandatory for all active duty servicemembers. For more information, call Preventive Medicine 955-8888, ext. 1441 or 1026.

LOGSA commander

Logistics Support Activity commander Col. James Rentz will relinquish command and retire in a ceremony Friday at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command, will preside.

Print shop

Document Automation & Production Service, aka the Print Shop, will have an open house and 60th anniversary celebration

Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5688 on Wood Road. For information call 876-2759.

Tornado photos

Scientists at the University of Alabama-Huntsville are expanding their search for photographs and video showing the storm and tornado that went over Redstone Arsenal before hitting east Huntsville on Jan. 21. More than 525 photos of the storm have already been sent to UAH's Earth System Science Center by people in Huntsville and the surrounding area. Anyone with digital photos of the Jan. 21 storm is asked to e-mail them to Dr. Kevin Knupp, a professor of atmospheric science the leader of the university's severe weather research program, at pictures@nsstc.uah.edu. Anyone with video is asked to contact Knupp at the same e-mail address.

Paper airplane contest

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics presents the 16th annual Great Paper Airplane Contest today from 3:30-6 p.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, University Center Exhibit Hall. The AIAA Student Chapter at UAH is the host. Awards will be presented at 5:45. For more information, call Chrissi Hamilton 544-6911.

Relationships workshop

Bicentennial Chapel and the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program are hosting a one-day workshop designed to provide tips and techniques to enhance your relationship. "Building Better Relationships," led by Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Fisher, marriage and family counselor, will be held Saturday from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel Activity Room. The free event is open to all active, retired, Reserve and Guard military, Army civilians, contractors and their spouses or significant others. Participants will receive a continental breakfast, sandwich lunch and afternoon snack. Child-care will be provided at the Child Development Center, where lunch and snacks will be provided. You must pre-register. To register visit Army Community Service at building 3338 or call 876-5397.

Job vacancy

There is an opening for a program management specialist (instructor) at the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center, AAQC School Office in Huntsville. This YA-0301-02 position has an annual salary from \$71,771 to \$110,949. This is a permanent, full-time job. Feb. 21 is the closing date for vacancy announcement NCAS10951183R. To apply, visit the following: cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil/public/forward/VAB?id=applyInstruction&seIDoc=Resumix.

Wellness class

Learn about being a wise health consumer Feb. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Wellness Classroom at Fox Army Health Center. For more information or to register, call 955-1026 or 955-1440.

Asthma education

An Asthma Education Class will be held March 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Wellness Clinic at Fox Army Health Center. To sign up, call 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Recycling paper

For white office-paper recycling, please have your blue bins in place before 9 a.m. on the designated Tuesday, the Garrison said.

Fashion show

Caribbean Appeal Entertainment presents "More 2 Luv" Fashion Show (Plus Size) on Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. at 500 Gooch Lane in Madison. From University Drive, go to Highway 72, take a left on Wal-Triana, turn right on Gooch Lane and see the building on the left. Doors open at 7. You must be at least 21 to enter; and admission is \$15. Half the proceeds will go to the National Children Advocacy Center for children's therapy. For more information, visit www.facebook/caribbeanappeal.

Civilian of Year dinner

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award Dinner at 7 p.m. April 6 at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local Army civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. It will recognize nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award, and Supporting Staff Award. These outstanding civilians will be nominated by their commands or agencies in February. Individual ticket cost is \$34; and corporate tables of eight are \$272. Make your reservations by contacting the AUSA event coordinator Jerry Hamilton at AJH72USMA@mchsi.com or 652-7437.

Military family foundation

Saving tips and tools are just one aspect of a financial education program for military families provided by the FINRA Foundation. A partner in the Department of Defense Financial Readiness Campaign, the foundation also offers continuing education for on-post personal financial managers; publishes Money & Mobility, a publication with tools and resources to advance a military family's financial readiness; and provides free tools, resources and alerts at www.SaveAndInvest.org.

Black History Month event

The Team Redstone observance of Black History Month is Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The guest speaker is Brian Holloway, a former Stanford All-American football player and five-time NFL All-Pro. He was the captain of the 1985 New England Patriots' AFC championship team.

