

Warrant officer training concludes

Fort Lee, Va., the site for all future classes

By Skip Vaughn

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This ceremony marked the end of warrant officer training at Redstone Arsenal.

Six Soldiers graduated May 18 from Warrant Officer Basic Course 4E-890A, for ammunition technicians, at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. They completed 10 weeks of training in their specialty. Future training is moving to Fort Lee, Va., under the 2005 base realignment and closure decisions.

"This is the last warrant officer class ever graduating from Redstone Arsenal," Chief Warrant Officer 4 Miguel Santiagorodriguez, chief of the Warrant Officer Training Division, said.

It concluded more than 41 years of training for warrant officers at Redstone in ammunition, missile systems and electronics.

The first class at Fort Lee is scheduled for July with approximately seven students.

The guest speaker, retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Juan Convers, shared advice for the six new warrant officers.

"Today it should serve to remind you that hard work and diligence pays off," Convers said. He recalled his own graduation at Redstone in the summer of 1989. Since 1952, OMEMS has graduated 190,000 Soldiers, including this group.

"For us old-timers, it's a sad day but it's also a great day for the warrant officers of the future," Convers said.

The six graduates, all warrant officer ones, included Marquita Adams, Jason Huffman, Jason Latulip, Jeremy Mickelson, Scott Paulsen and Kittrell Powell.

Mickelson, 34, from St. Cloud, Minn., recalled that Redstone was the site of all the ammunition training he has received during his 10 years in the Army.

"It's monumental to be here and be the last class to graduate at Redstone Arsenal," he said. "It's really kind of sad that we're going to leave here."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

From left, the graduates include WO 1 Jason Huffman, WO 1 Marquita Adams, WO 1 Jason Latulip, WO 1 Jeremy Mickelson, WO 1 Scott Paulsen and WO 1 Kittrell Powell.

Area school children learn about post careers

Variety of programs reach out, spur interest in science, math

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One activity required choosing the site for a new Redstone Arsenal building and then providing the reasoning behind the choice.

Another activity involved taking a flight helmet apart and then rebuilding it while also correcting errors in the helmet's technical manual.

Other activities focused on developing a foreign military sales case, flying a Kiowa helicopter simulation and calibrating the weights of a bathroom scale. ...**School Programs** continued on page 3 ...



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"I hope that everyone can take days like Memorial Day and Veterans Day and definitely give credit where credit is due.

Servicemembers, including the fallen, have deserved a lot of the rights that they've fought for that some people think they don't have."



Lisa Oliver

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"My Memorial Day message is thanks to all the troops serving and those that have served."



Vic Mosley

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"Just thank the Soldiers for Memorial Day. It's because of them that we have it."



Getting to know you

By Skip Vaughn

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Name: Johnny King

Job: Summer hire with Unmanned Aircraft Systems contracts and student at Alabama A&M University

Where do you call home?
Huntsville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

I like the environment. It's very friendly. And I also like the flexibility. I'm a student so my hours are a little crazy with class.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My hobbies include golf, lifting weights and reading books.

What are your goals?

Right now it's to graduate with my BS in management information systems and pursue a JD in law.

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

Just to be debt free, to have some sort of honor to pass on to the next generation.



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for May 12-18:

May 14: A Soldier was arrested by Huntsville Police at his off-post residence for domestic violence third-degree.

May 15: Someone stole a chain saw valued at \$700 from a government vehicle.

May 16: A Soldier tested positive for the use of dangerous drugs during a unit urinalysis inspection.

May 16: A civilian was found to be driving with a suspended license at Gate 8. It was also revealed that an arrest warrant was issued for the subject by Madison Police. The subject was issued a violation notice and released to Madison Police.

May 16: At Gate 1, an Army civilian received a violation notice for driving with a suspended license.

May 18: A Soldier tested positive for the use of dangerous drugs during a unit urinalysis inspection.

May 18: During a random inspection at Gate 1, a NASA employee was found to be driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was transported to the Redstone Police Station where he submitted to a Dreager Test with a result of .18 percent blood alcohol content. He was detained until his BAC reached an acceptable level and he was issued a violation notice.

May 18: During a random inspection at Gate 8, an Army employee received a violation notice for driving with a suspended license.

Traffic accidents reported: three without injury.

Violation notices issued: 12 speeding, 3 suspended license, 1 driving under the influence, 1 no insurance, 1 open container.

Soldier convicted for child pornography

Pfc. Derrick Johns, a Redstone Arsenal Soldier, appeared before a general court-martial May 17 and was found guilty of possession and distribution of child pornography.

A military judge sentenced Johns to reduction to the rank of E-1, confinement for 14 months and a bad-conduct discharge. The convictions came as a result of the Soldier's actions from March through May 2010, when he was discovered (by an Internet crimes against children task force) downloading and distributing more than 38 images of child pornography via Limewire from a barracks room at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Johns pleaded guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography.

He will serve his confinement at the Joint Regional Correctional Facility located at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Following his release, Johns will be required to register as a sex offender. (*Office of the Staff Judge Advocate release*)

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Students participating in the weeklong Adventures at AMCOM program get to experience the jobs that make Redstone Arsenal work – from the information technology specialist who ensures computers are operating to the logistician who must ensure the right helicopter and missile parts get where they are needed to the software engineer helping to design the next upgrade to America’s Army.

Adventures at AMCOM is one of several Arsenal and Armywide educational initiatives that reach out to local school systems and their students, providing opportunities to learn about Arsenal careers, explore the fields of science and technology, and understand what it takes to become an Army civilian. While many Arsenal educational initiatives are connected with a national Department of Defense program, Adventures at AMCOM is an example of an Arsenal-developed educational initiative designed to address Redstone’s future work force needs.

The newest aspect of AMCOM’s Army Educational Outreach Program, Adventures at AMCOM was developed several years ago by AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister to reach some of the younger members of the community and educate them concerning the importance of AMCOM’s role in supporting the war fighter.

“This program was implemented last year for the first time,” said AMCOM command group executive officer Tammy Haynes, who, along with executive officer Patrick Newbold, is coordinating Adventures at AMCOM this year.

“They start the week with an AMCOM 101 overview of the Arsenal that includes a top-level, exciting visualization of what we do here and how it relates back to the mission of supporting the war fighter. The activities they are involved in encourage teamwork, and a lot of creativity and imagination.”

During the week of June 20-24, the group of about 18 high school students will spend their time in activities that will involve AMCOM organizations in coordination with the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, and the Garrison.

Besides a week of hands-on activities, simulated experiences with Army hardware and exposure to the Army’s success stories, the students will participate in lunch programs where they will learn about job interviewing, resume writing and Army culture.

“The direction to each participating organization is to get the students involved,” Haynes said “The requirement is to make this extremely hands-on.”

The students were nominated through their local high school counselor’s office. The applicants were then selected by AMCOM based upon certain criteria. Numerous schools from the surrounding counties will be represented.

“This is an extremely motivated, diverse and intelligent group of kids. They are not all necessarily strong in math and science. Although we have numerous engineering driven areas, we want these kids to know that no matter what they want to do in their career we have a place for them here,” Haynes said.

“We are trying to plant a seed of realization that the Army is here and that we have all these wonderful opportunities. We want to tell them ‘Look at some of the cool things we do out here in support of the war fighter. If this interests you, keep that in mind as you go through college.’ Hopefully, we will be able to lure in the best and brightest in the future so we can continue to be the best in support of the war fighter.”

Community outreach, role modeling and professional development are all goals of the Adventures at AMCOM program.

“The ultimate goal is we want to encourage awareness of what we do here and how we support the war fighter,” Haynes said. “If they’ve never been through the gate, they have no idea how vast and diverse the organizations are here. And, if they are willing to work hard, hopefully there will be an opportunity for them eventually.”

Those goals are shared by all Arsenal organizations as they focus on cultivating the future work force.

“Scientists and engineers are a big part of everything we do here,” said Gayla Turner McMichael, the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education and Outreach manager for AMRDEC as well as the Army program lead for the National Defense Education Program.

“Our footprint here is so large in terms of the increasing number of scientists and engineers for our future work force. We need a work force locally that will meet the needs of a demanding future. We have to draw in a work force that will meet our mission of providing the best in aviation and missiles. Right now, in our graduates, the work force of the future is not there. And that’s why we need to participate and encourage involvement in genuine educational programs that are strictly mapped to state standards for science and math.”

All Army programs – developed through NDEP or the Army Educational Outreach Program – meet that criteria, McMichael said, making them popular in classrooms throughout the nation. AMRDEC also participates in locally developed programs, such as Girls in Engineering, job shadow events and Adventures at AMCOM.

“Whatever anybody is doing out there to excite students about science and technology, we want to do our part to be a part of that,” McMichael said.

“We especially want to be involved in programs that encourage innovation, discovery and creative thinking in science and research and development. We are happy to partner with a school to offer significant programs to teachers and students that benefit us by allowing us to make a contribution and to develop the future work force.”

Growing the future work force is twofold – one, developing interest and capabilities within the area’s student population that will lead to Arsenal-related careers, and, two, working with both elementary and secondary schools on offering programs that excite and involve students in science and math.

“There are many, many partnerships between the Redstone community and the local schools,” said Barbara Williams, school liaison officer for the Garrison.

In early March, the Garrison hosted a Huntsville City Schools principal’s meeting on post, providing the group with information on educational outreach programs. The meeting was so successful that plans include expanding next year.

“We want them to understand what the resources are at Redstone. We want to encourage relationships between the Arsenal and principals, directors and superintendents,” Williams said.

“Those relationships are important for developing our future work force and sharing our opportunities for students. But they are also important so that we can learn about their struggles and challenges, and work with them for the success of students. We want parents and students to know we are not just separate behind the gates. We’re part of this community and we want to work together to solve problems and issues, and to be a partner.”

Today’s students are our future, Williams said, and it is the responsibility of the entire community to show them what the future can look like.

“Through the partnerships we are involved in I hope students have gotten the exposure they need so they can make good decisions about their careers,” she said. “If children aren’t exposed to the different careers at Redstone Arsenal, then how will they know that they may want to come out here someday to be an engineer or to work in acquisition or logistics? How will they know what we have to offer if we don’t show them?”

Educational outreach programs on the Arsenal range from the science-oriented programs sponsored by AMRDEC to actual employment through the Garrison’s student program. In addition, the Army Materiel Command’s Band provides band programs for local schools, Fox Army Health Center opens its personal development and health programs to those of all ages, the Garrison’s Child and Youth Services offers after school, holiday and summer activities to enhance the educational experiences of Arsenal-connected students and, chances are, any extracurricular science, math or career development activity in the area’s schools have been influenced by Arsenal employees.

Here is a listing of some of the educational outreach programs offered by Arsenal organizations:

AMRDEC STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Outreach Activities – AMRDEC is a participant in the Army Educational Outreach Program, which is comprised of Army-sponsored research, education, competitions, internships and practical experiences designed to engage and guide students and teachers in science, mathematics, engineering and technology. Through the Army program, AMRDEC employees can volunteer with such programs as eCybermission, a web-based science, math and technology competition mentored and judged by Army employees; Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science, a

one-week summer program that allows students to work in Army labs at Redstone to explore physics, optics, robotics and other engineering fields; and the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program, an eight-week summer program designed to engage high school students in hands-on activities and student/mentor relationships that encourage careers in science and engineering. AMRDEC engineers also participate in such programs as local science club activities, job shadow programs and diversity programs. For more information on the AMRDEC programs, contact AMRDEC STEM education and outreach manager Gayla Turner McMichael at gayla.turner.mcmichael@us.army.mil or 876-2789. Information is also available at AMRDEC-Outreach@amrdec.army.mil.

AMCOM Army Education Outreach

Program – This program began about three years ago to increase understanding and interest among students and teachers in AMCOM’s roles within the Army. This endeavor is a means to grow and sustain a future work force from youth within the local community while also providing leader development opportunities for AMCOM employees. The main objectives of this program include: Enhance student’s interest in lifecycle management by demonstrating real-world applications of the various career fields; provide students with an understanding of the kind of work and skills required within these fields; encourage students to consider business and technical careers at an early age; provide opportunities for AMCOM employees to hone their leader and communication skills; and establish and nurture relations between AMCOM and the local community. The program is comprised of three major activities – an annual job shadowing event for students from two local high schools; speaker’s bureau for AMCOM volunteers speaking in the community; and a weeklong summer program called Adventures at AMCOM – that encourage interaction between students and teachers, and AMCOM employees.

Army Materiel Command and Alabama A&M University Minority College Relations Program (MCRP) Partnership Agreement

– AMC’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office is in the midst of developing this partnership between AMC EEO and Alabama A&M University. AMC will collaborate with Alabama A&M on initiatives that will prepare students to compete in the work force. For more information, contact Karen Stradford-Wright, 450-9077, karen.stradfordwright@us.army.mil.

NASA taps Bob Jones teachers for space experience

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While Redstone organizations work to make a difference with school children through educational outreach programs, local schools are also doing what counts in encouraging interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Case in point is the recent announcement that a team of teachers from Bob Jones High School and Providence Classical School have been chosen by NASA to participate in the 2011 Teaching from Space Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program. The group of engineering and physics teachers will attend flight training at Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston July 22-30 to test a three-dimensional printer in NASA’s microgravity comet, which simulates the zero gravity environment of space. The printer was built by Bob Jones Engineering for Tomorrow students.

The group, which includes chemistry and physics teacher Carol Bohatch, engineering teacher Jeremy Raper, and engineering and math teacher Jessye Gessner Gaines from Bob Jones’ Engineering for Tomorrow Academy, won the chance to teach from space by proposing a teacher-led experiment that involved their students in a variety of science classes at both Bob Jones and Providence Classical.

Students at the two schools have put the printer experiment through a series of tests in the classroom, and will submit the findings of those tests to NASA in a Test Equipment Data Package. During the week at Johnson, the teacher group will prepare to fly their reduced gravity experiment and, during the actual flight, they will conduct research in the microgravity environment, evaluate the results of the experiment, and then use the experiment for lessons in the classroom in the fall.

Army Materiel Command Adopt-A-School Program, University Place Elementary, Huntsville – Every year AMC’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office sponsors an Adopt-A-School program wherein they provide tutoring and mentoring to students. The program runs all school year. For fiscal year 2011, AMC adopted University Place Elementary. AMC requested eight volunteers from its staff for the school year to mentor and tutor 52 students in reading and math. For more information, contact Horace Wilson, 450-9088, horace.wilson@us.army.mil.

Missile Defense Agency – The goal of MDA’s Educational Engineering and Science Student Outreach is to expose, encourage and ignite interest in K-12 students in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields and to increase the STEM pipeline through work force development. Activities involve students, school site personnel, parents and others involved in educational and career decision processes. To date, MDA’s program has serviced thousands of students, either by developing new activities and programs or supporting area programs already in place. The program’s signature outreach activity is MDA’s Math Challenge Week, which challenges middle school students to apply mathematical skills in order to win a team-based competition. MDA also offers subject matter experts to serve as classroom speakers and share their experiences from college to careers. In a bimonthly, roundtable format, MDA’s program shares information with parents, educators, school counselors, community service and public services working with or supporting middle school and high school students regarding STEM education, college preparation, careers and related topics. In addition to providing direct services and activities, MDA’s program provides volunteer support to agencies, organizations and schools, including Boosting Engineering Science and Technology Robotics, IEEE Alabama Regional Future City Competition, Sci-Quest’s Expanding Your Horizons and UAHuntsville’s Innovative Student Project for the Increased Recruitment of Engineering and Science Students. For more information, email educationaloutreach@mda.mil.

NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center – MSFC employees participate in a wide variety of Marshall-inspired and national NASA education programs to nurture student interest in mathematics and science from elementary school through the college years, and encourage young people to consider careers in engineering and the aerospace industry. Those programs include HUNCH: High Schools United with NASA to Create Hardware, which provides “work-world” experiences for students by engaging them in the design, fabrication and rapid prototyping of flight hardware; the Marshall Space Grant Research Internship Program, a 10-week summer research project to support Marshall’s workforce development and research needs; and the Marshall Space Flight Center Robotics Academy, a 10-week summer internship for students specifically interested in robotics. For information, visit their website at <http://www.nasa.gov> or contact MSFC Academic Affairs Office at 961-0954 or tammy.rowan@nasa.gov.

Garrison Student Program – This program currently includes about 80 students participating in the Summer Hire Program, Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) and Student Career Experience Program (SCEP). Students in the program range from high school students to students seeking their graduate degree. The program exposes students to a professional work environment and provides them with the tools to be successful in any work environment. The SCEP program allows students the opportunity to have a true work experience in their chosen major. The program also benefits the Garrison by serving as a pipeline for identifying employees for permanent positions. The Garrison’s student program allows Garrison employees to perform educational outreach in the community and to be involved in multiple career events at various community colleges and universities. In addition, Garrison employees have visited regional high schools to expose students to the opportunities that Redstone Arsenal has to offer. Many of the students in the Garrison program go on to become interns and successful employees within the Garrison and other government agencies as well as private industry. For more information regarding the Garrison Student Program, contact Stacy Hull, the Garrison’s Student Program coordinator at stacy.m.hull@us.army.mil.

Test center receives last aircraft from Rucker

By Dan O'Boyle

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“Army 357, clear for left base final on 35.”

From the Redstone Airfield control tower Friday, nine helicopters migrated north to their new nest as the Redstone Test Center welcomed the last aircraft from Fort Rucker to complete their base realignment and closure move.

In ‘V’ formation at 500-foot altitude, Maj. Greg Fortier and Jerry Gearhart were flight leads in the Huey which touched down at 3 p.m.

“Not only is this event today noteworthy in and of itself, but it also signifies that we have completed our BRAC actions ahead of schedule,” RTC technical director David Byrd said. “Today marks the end of an era at Fort Rucker and the beginning of another within the Army's Developmental Flight Test history.

“This also symbolizes the culmination of years of BRAC planning to establish the Redstone Test Center as an integrated aviation, missile and sensor test organization here at Redstone Arsenal. With 1,200 expert personnel, 14,000 acres of test ranges, and over 1 million square feet of test facilities, RTC is proud member of Team Redstone and looking forward to the future.

“BRAC may have changed the location and reshaped our organization, but RTC will continue the test and evaluation tradition of excellence to ensure we provide the very best to our Soldiers.”

The arriving aircraft included OH-58D, Kiowa Warrior; UH-1H, Huey; AH-64D, Apache; CH-47D, Chinook; CH-47F, Chinook; UH-60L, Black Hawk; UH-60M, Black Hawk; T-34, Mentor; and C-12, Huron.



Photo by Sofia Bledsoe

Maj. Greg Fortier, director, Aviation Flight Test Directorate, lands a 1974 UH-1H Friday at Redstone Airfield. Fortier flew with Huey from Cairns Airfield at Fort Rucker as flight lead in a nine-aircraft, ‘V’ formation.

SMDC workers help community in aftermath of storms

By Jason Cutshaw

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

In the aftermath of the April 27 tornado outbreak, two members of SMDC/ARSTRAT spent time with local, state and national authorities in efforts to save lives.

Justin Novak and Drew Ballance, both of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Future Warfare Center Innovative Ventures Office, processed commercial satellite imagery and provided updated tornado-damaged areas imagery to the Madison County Emergency Management Agency, Madison County Incident Command Post, Alabama State Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies using the Eagle Vision and Rover Responsive Exploitation of Space Products for Tactical Use initiative.

EVR2EST is an FWC system developed for Air Force systems to disseminate Eagle Vision Commercial Satellite imagery to remote locations in a timely, bandwidth-efficient manner.

“Our mission was to support emergency agencies by providing aerial photos of grid searches to help first responders and workers clean up after the tornadoes,” Novak said. “We used Virtual Alabama to help plot the path of the tornadoes and with that we could direct rescue crews to hard-hit areas and not have them either go to unaffected areas or to areas which already have units there.”

From April 27 through May 2, Ballance and Novak facilitated the dissemination of tornado damage imagery, enabled data sharing and provided communication to various agencies, which saved time and manpower during the critical hours after the storms had passed.

They coordinated regional information awareness and assessments with subject matter experts in various areas of interest with the use of geographic information systems associated with Virtual Alabama.

Virtual Alabama is a program Novak aided the state of Alabama in developing since working at SMDC/ARSTRAT. It was designed on the Google Earth enterprise, a geographical information systems visualization system, and provides access for federal, state and local authorities to public service data, most of which aides first responders and emergency workers during disasters.

Safety Day

Fire prevention inspector Robert Johnson demonstrates to Yolanda Ellison how to aim a fire extinguisher during a joint command Safety Day on May 11 between the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and the Missile Defense Agency. Ellison works with the G6-Chief Information Officer for SMDC/ARSTRAT.

Photo by Carrie E. David, SMDC/ARSTRAT



Holocaust survivor thankful for new family and friends

By Skip Vaughn

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Holocaust survivor Max Herzel calmly recounted the tragic events of 1933-45 that helped shape today's world.

And the approximately 250 people in Bob Jones Auditorium listened in hushed silence as he traced his experience for Team Redstone's Days of Remembrance program May 17. And they stood and applauded when he finished.

"Even though it has been a hectic life, life since coming to the United States has been a blessing," Herzel said. "I do not carry any bitterness. I have no hate. And I am thankful for the new family and friends I have gotten in the United States."

Herzel, born in 1930 in Belgium, described one of history's darkest periods when Belgium was invaded by the Germans on May 10, 1940. After traveling seven days and nights in a crowded boxcar, Max, his parents, and older brother, Harry, found refuge in southern France. Soon after, France was invaded by Germany, and the Herzels



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Max Herzel describes one of history's darkest periods for Team Redstone's Days of Remembrance program May 17 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

were moved to the internment camp of Agde in southern France. When Agde burned down, they were transported to Rivesaltes, a pipeline to the concentration camps.

Eventually he and his brother immigrated to the United States in 1948 and settled in New York. His mother arrived five years later. His father died in Buchenwald at age 44, just six weeks short of liberation.

Herzel served four years in the U.S. Air Force, married Cecille Herman in 1955, and had two children. Job opportunities brought Herzel to Birmingham where he was an executive with the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Birmingham and a past Lions Club district governor. He is an active member of the Alabama Holocaust Commission and the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center.

“I carry new life in this country for which I am most grateful,” Herzel said.

Winners of Team Redstone’s essay contest for this observance included first place, Jonathan Hardage of AMCOM Legal Office; second, Staff Sgt. April Brown of HHC 59th; and third, K.C. Bertling of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. The display contest winners were first place, Garrison; and second, HHC 59th.

Commentary: Let’s honor Asian/Pacific Americans

By Kelly T. Whatley

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Our nation has a longstanding tradition of showing appreciation to individuals and also groups. Team Redstone would like to take timeout and show our appreciation to this group of individuals. During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we honor the accomplishments of Asian/Pacific Americans and the many ways they have enriched our society and shaped the character of our nation through their diverse languages, cultures and religious beliefs.

Today, Asian/Pacific Americans are leaders in public service, business, government, science, law, education, athletics, the arts and many other areas. Their love of family, community and hard work has helped to uphold our nation for many generations. Asian/Pacific American entrepreneurs are helping to strengthen our economy and our communities through their hard work and resourcefulness, and they inspire a new generation of American innovation through their example.

Throughout our history, Asian/Pacific Americans have been patriots, answering the call to defend our nation and to protect the blessings of liberty and democracy.

Today, in the war on terror, Asian/Pacific Americans serve proudly as they carry on our nation’s noble tradition of advancing the cause of freedom around the world. We are grateful for the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform and those who love and support them as we fight to protect our homeland and make the world safe for democracy.

All over this great nation, we see the accomplishments that they have contributed to the foundation of our country. They have created works of art and literature, as American athletes in various sports, in the economic and financial world and constantly improving our technological growth by establishing successful businesses and stretching the limits of science. Even though vast numbers of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have achieved success, far too many still struggle to overcome obstacles of unemployment, poverty and language barriers or face significant education, economic and health issues. Looking back in American history, they are identified with the Gold Rush, coal mines, railroads, orange and apple fields, and unjust working conditions, prejudice and discrimination.

Today, the more than 13 million Americans of Asian or Pacific Island heritage contributed to the vitality, success and prosperity of our nation. To honor the achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress by Public Law 102-450 as amended, has designated May as Asian/Pacific American Month.

Editor’s note: The Team Redstone program for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is Thursday at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Marilyn Tam, corporate leader, speaker, corporate consultant, author and humanitarian.



AER gift baskets

Members of the Integrated Materiel Management Center's Depot Maintenance Division conduct a gift basket auction Thursday for Army Emergency Relief. From left are Roy Miller, Rhonda Keck, Jody Denney, Geneva Archable, Doris Triplett, Pam Dykema and Deborah Asberry. The AER campaign continues through May 31. For more information about Army Emergency Relief call Kathleen Riester, the acting AER officer at Army Community Service, at 876-5397.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

Jeep tool kits arrive on time for Haiti relief

USASAC serves as middleman in foreign military sales case

By Kim Gillespie

USASAC Public Affairs

A tool kit to repair a jeep may not be the first image that comes to mind for humanitarian relief efforts, but it is a critical part of the logistical support needed to sustain recovery efforts in countries such as Haiti. One of the many aspects of the Army Security Assistance Command's foreign military sales program is providing equipment and support to international partners' humanitarian relief efforts. Uruguay recently purchased not only 24 jeeps, but tool kits that were essential to keep the jeeps running as it began its role as part of the United Nations assistance program in Haiti.

"The tool kits were not included as part of the original FMS purchase for the jeeps, but Uruguay realized they were essential and Uruguay wanted them included with the jeeps when they were delivered," Carol Heisey, a supply technician with USASAC's New Cumberland, Pa., office, said.

The window for Heisey to ensure requirements were met to purchase and deliver the tool kits to accompany the jeeps was very small – less than three weeks. "You have to have the funding and then the paperwork to get the requisition moving," Heisey explained. "We're



Photo by Michelle Harlan

USASAC commander Brig. Gen. Chris Tucker recognizes Carol Heisey for her support on the foreign military sales case of jeep tool kits to Haiti for the Uruguay army.

the middleman (supply technicians), but we are a critical middleman for the (FMS) process. If it doesn't get processed in the system, it doesn't get done.”

Heisey also provided coordination between the Defense Contract Management Agency and USASAC.

Heisey's supervisor, Cynthia Morgan, said Heisey not only met the challenge, but demonstrated the type of professionalism and experience USASAC's customers expect.

“Carol was extremely effective in ensuring that the tool kits for the Uruguay jeeps were prioritized to ship with the jeeps to Haiti for their troops,” Morgan said. “Carol's exhaustive work and troubleshooting were essential to getting this requisition into the system to get the assets released as quickly as possible. USASAC was able to meet the deadline, and the jeeps are now in Haiti.”

USASAC directorates are based on support to the combatant commands; and Heisey, who joined USASAC in 1984, supports SOUTHCOM. “I've been in supply my whole career,” Heisey said.

Heisey was recognized by USASAC commander Brig. Gen. Chris Tucker with a commander's coin for her work. He noted that USASAC employees are the “Army's face to the world,” and the countries appreciate and know employees by name.

For Heisey, the satisfaction of completing a job that helped others is reward in itself. “Despite some challenges, we met the deadline and got Uruguay what they needed,” she said.

Space warriors build skills, morale in field exercise

By Dottie White

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

STUTTGART, Germany – Space warriors train in the dirt to prepare for future contingencies.

Soldiers of Alpha Detachment, 1st Space Company (Joint Tactical Ground Station), Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, conducted a field training exercise here April 11-15.

Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Hart, detachment sergeant, said he wanted to host an exercise to build a stronger team and to build unity. So when he assumed responsibility in December, he began the planning phase.

“In order for us to pull off the FTX of a lifetime, we would have to coordinate many resources by use of training aids,” Hart said. “We did this by utilizing the Training Aids, Devices, Simulators and Simulations Warehouse near Panzer Kaserne to include simulation ammunition from the Ammo Supply Point 9 near Heidelberg.”

On April 11, the planning phase was over, and it was time to execute.

As the exercise got under way, Alpha Detachment Soldiers moved to a remote location away from Kelley Barracks where they performed land navigation while ruck marching into their training area for the week.

After successfully completing the land navigation portion, the senior leaders immediately began teaching the Soldiers of Alpha Detachment how to move as a small fire team during urban operations.

Over the course of the next two and a half days, they conducted missions that included every warrior task and battle drill for evaluation. This included, but was not limited to, medical tasks, incoming mortar attacks, small unit movement techniques and close-quarters combat training.

The detachment finished the exercise portion with a visit to the gas chamber, so the Soldiers could be more accustomed to wearing their assigned mask and understanding the importance of how to properly don their protective mask under a nuclear, biological and chemical environment.



Army photo

Sgt. Mark Hathazi provides cover fire during Alpha Detachment's field training exercise in Stuttgart, Germany, April 11-15.

As the exercise came to a close, the Soldiers underwent a uniform inspection and leadership hosted a barbecue for the entire detachment as a reward for all the Soldiers' efforts and hard work throughout the course.

"The intent was not solely on building a stronger team but also to complete Army Warrior Tasks training in accordance with AR 350-1 to meet the yearly requirements for all Soldiers," Hart said. "The event was a huge success in the eyes of the Soldiers of Alpha Detachment and ended with morale higher than ever."



Final flight

As part of the aviator tradition, newly-retired Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury flew his final flight May 18 as he concluded 38 years of service. "Any time you get to fly is the best day in the Army," Pillsbury, who served as deputy commander of the Army Materiel Command, said.

Photo by Cherish Washington/AMC Public Affairs

Wheelchair sports a longtime hobby for new worker

Wins national rugby title with Birmingham team

By Skip Vaughn

AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs

Wheelchair rugby player Willard Brooks has won national championships before but this year's was extra special.



He didn't have as much time to train with his Birmingham-based team because of his new job with the Missile Defense Agency. And the team had lost four starters from last year's runner-up finisher. And its coach of 18 years had left to coach the Canadian Paralympics Team.

But the Lakeshore Demolition overcame all these challenges and beat the Frazier TNT team from Louisville, Ky., for their sixth national title in the past 12 years and first since 2005.

"It was an accomplishment because our team wasn't expected to win," said Brooks, who joined MDA in October as a logistics management specialist in the career development program. "Everybody stepped up their game. It was very, very gratifying. With all those years of losing the championship game, this really made it a lot sweeter."

Willard Brooks, a logistics management specialist in the Missile Defense Agency's career development program, has won six national titles in 19 years of competing in wheelchair rugby.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

This year Brooks served as assistant coach in addition to playing. The Lakeshore Demolition finished 42-4, including six straight wins in the national tournament April 22-24.

Brooks scored seven points as the tournament host Demolition beat Frazier TNT 58-49 for the division-two title, avenging three losses to Frazier during the season.

Wheelchair rugby is competed on a basketball court with four players on each side. Brooks, injured in a 1985 car accident in Huntsville that left him a quadriplegic, has competed in wheelchair sports 22 years and in rugby the past 19. He has won championships in basketball, rugby, and track and field. He competed in the Paralympics as a member of the U.S. team and has won four gold medals, six silvers and nine bronze. He was a world record holder in the shot put.

Brooks, 43, originally from Centerville, Iowa, has lived in Huntsville for 30 years. The Alabama A&M University graduate was an Army intern at Redstone in 1991 before leaving to travel the world in wheelchair sports. He worked 11 years at Home Depot which sponsored his Paralympics career in track and field.

“I’ve been to Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Japan, all parts of Europe competing and all over the United States,” he said. “Wheelchair sports has been a passion that has moved me a long time.”

At the beginning of their season, the Lakeshore Demolition set a goal to just win their last game. “And we took it all the way to the championship,” Brooks said.

Scam artists take advantage of disaster victims

Keep eye on the horizon for unsavory contractors

By Capt. J. Caleb Smith

Legal assistance attorney

Area residents are beginning to pick up themselves and their lives after Alabama’s worst tornado outbreak in recorded history. Now that power has been restored to most of the area, homeowners and their neighbors are seeking to clean up. Unfortunately, scam artists are looking to “clean up” as well.

While most contractors are legitimate and honest people, major disasters attract unsavory individuals who employ questionable business practices. Such scam artists cost consumers and the insurance industry about \$30 billion a year, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Here are six tips on how to avoid being scammed by a storm-chasing contractor.

- Be cautious of any unsolicited contractors.
- Ask contractors for their license and proof of insurance before they perform any necessary work to your house or property. Check out their credentials with the Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board at 1-800-304-0853 or go to <http://www.hblb.state.al.us/> to check a license.
- Investigate the contractor’s work performance with the Better Business Bureau. Phone numbers for BBB offices include Huntsville 533-1640, Shoals/Florence 740-8224, Cullman 775-2917, Decatur 355-2226 and Northeast Region/Boaz 840-3888.
- Be suspicious of any contractor who demands full payment up front or tells you that you will not have to pay an insurance deductible. It is best to pay after the job is completed to your satisfaction.
- Always consult your insurance company before allowing a contractor to perform work he said will be covered by your insurance.
- Before any work is performed, insist on having a written contract that binds both you and the contractor. Also, make sure to obtain a copy of the final, signed contract. And remember, federal law gives a consumer a three-day “cooling-off” period to reconsider or cancel an unsolicited door-to-door sale of more than \$25.

If you believe you’ve been a victim of fraud, call the Alabama Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Affairs at (334) 242-7335 or 1-800-392-5658 or the Federal Trade Commission’s Consumer Response Center at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sports/recreation

Women's fitness

Huntsville Adventure Boot Camp for Women is a four-week outdoor program of fitness instruction, nutritional counseling and motivational training. "You will be inspired and have fun while participating in a fantastic workout led by certified adventure fitness trainer Joe Martin," a prepared release said. The camp is May 30 to July 1. The morning class is 5:30-6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; and the evening class is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. All military spouses get \$50 off of their camp fee. To register or for more information, call 468-7146 or visit www.HuntsvilleBootCamp.com.

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 meet each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel for friendship, fellowship and Bible study. The lunchtime Bible study meets at 11:30 a.m. The Korean sisters begin their study at 10:30 a.m. There is some child-care available. For more information, call Laura Coffey 585-2547.

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 425-5307 – at 9 a.m. at the Redstone Links golf clubhouse. Breakfast is served for \$5. For more information, call Hobbs 425-5307.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at the Community Activity Center. Breakfast is available at the Java Cafe. The Sergeants Major Association meetings are open to all E-9 ranks, from all services – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard. Membership into the association is a one-time lifetime fee of \$30. "We encourage all active, retired, reserve and National Guard senior Soldiers to come out and join us," a prepared release said. "Let's try and make a difference in the lives of the Soldiers, families and retirees in the Tennessee Valley area." For information call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle 859-3784.

Aviation conference

The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement's "Army Aviation Exhibition and Conference" is scheduled June 6-8 at the Community Activity Center. It will bring together Army leaders and aviation experts to address program updates including Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Attack Scout, Apache, Cargo, Utility and Fixed Wing. Register for free exhibit hall and expo passes. For more information, call Alexa Deaton 1-212-885-2725, email alexa.deaton@idga.org and visit www.ArmyAviationEvent.com.

Test week

Test Week 2011 will launch June 13-17 at the Von Braun Center's South Hall. This DoD-sponsored forum focuses on the issues of Test and Evaluation. Information can be found on www.testweek.org. Registration fee is \$425; visit Course Catalog F113TW in TIP. The conference will hold tutorials, technical program, TST 303 certification, exhibits and other events. For more information, call event coordinator Sherry Hilley 842-6715 or e-mail sherry.hilley@us.army.mil.

Information systems summit

The North Alabama Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association will hold its third annual Cyber Security Summit on June 9 at the Jackson Center, 600 Genome Way. More than 250 of the area's leading information systems security professionals from both the private and public sector and 25 vendors are expected. For more information or to register, visit <http://northalabama.issa.org/>.

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.

Air defenders

Air Defense Artillery Association, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will hold a spring social June 7 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub (Skybox). This event is free to corporate and individual ADA members. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. For more information, email corby.dellarocco@smdc.army.mil.

Miscellaneous

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 New Dawn. 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.

Fraud hotline

The Huntsville Fraud Resident Agency (USACIDC) has implemented a fraud hotline. It is designed to help you, the taxpayer, to report incidents of suspected fraud involving government contract companies, government employees or government agencies. If you suspect or know someone who either is committing, or has committed any type of fraud against the government on Redstone Arsenal, or surrounding area, report it by calling 876-9457. You do not have to leave your name -- all information will remain confidential and anonymous. Please leave enough information so any follow-up investigation can be completed.

NCO Academy finale

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy will hold a Colors Casing Ceremony on June 2 at 10 a.m. at the NCOA field directly behind Woodyard Hall, building 3329 on Mauler Road. The Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Sultan A. Muhammad will be the guest of honor as the NCO Academy bids farewell to Redstone Arsenal after more than 24 years of training NCOs. Graduation Hall will be open for all attendees to view a unique piece of history, as the walls of the hall are adorned with hundreds of class pictures, plaques and creative sculptures that student NCOs have donated to the academy over the many years of training there. If you know an active or retired Soldier that holds or held the MOS 89D, 89B, or any of the CMF94/63 specialties, chances are they have come through the NCO Academy at some point in their career, and their picture may still be hanging up in Graduation Hall. The Army Materiel Command Ceremonial Band is scheduled to provide musical support. Also in attendance will be retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas M. Young, the first commandant who stood up the academy in 1987. As part of Base Realignment and Closure, the NCO Academy will be moving to the Army Logistics University at Fort Lee, Va. Training for the CMF 94 Senior Leaders

Course is already being conducted at Fort Lee, and remaining courses are now or will soon be in their last iteration on Redstone Arsenal.

Summer reading

The Summer Reading Program for youngsters through age 18 will begin June 1 at the Post Library. Pick up your reading log at the library or at Child Youth and School Services. Participants get credit for 25 free pages each time they check a book out from the library, and incentives will be given out throughout the summer. All reading logs must be turned in by 6:30 p.m. July 21 to the library or CYSS. Garrison commander Col. John Hamilton will present awards at a special recognition ceremony July 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the School Age Services building. Call the library 876-4741 for more information.

Employment overview

Need help understanding how to apply for federal jobs? Reserve a seat for the Federal Employment Process overview June 2 from 9-11 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct this session. Topics will cover various recruitment sources, application procedures, how candidates are evaluated and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID and Common Access Card holders and their spouses. To reserve a seat, call ACS at 876-5397 or email debra.d.jefferson@us.army.mil.



Education test center

Taking online college courses? Need a proctor for your exams? If so, call the Redstone Arsenal Testing Center 876-9764 for an appointment. They can proctor exams for most colleges. Proctoring services are free and available to the Redstone Arsenal community.

Asian/Pacific American event

The Team Redstone program for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is Thursday at 1 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Marilyn Tam, corporate leader, speaker, author and humanitarian.

Auto service

Auto Service is a full service garage available to anyone with access to Redstone Arsenal. To get there, take Martin Road toward the airport, turn south on Dodd Road (near the International Space Station Operations Center), go past the blinking red light (Fowler Road) and take the second right; there's a sign on Dodd for the garage. For an appointment, call Terry or Dan 881-7640.

Toby Keith concert

Army Entertainment and Redstone FMWR will present Toby Keith with special guest Gloriana and Mockingbird Sun on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Redstone Activity Field. Tickets are on sale and the cost is \$35 for advance tickets, \$40 day of show. Tickets are available at Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation ticket offices, phone 313-5224, Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com, or charge by phone, 800-745-3000. Gates 1, 8 and 10 will open at 2 p.m. for the concert. For more information, call FMWR at 313-5224 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.