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Redstone Rocket returns to full print publication

It has been an interesting three months, to say the least. Because of a contract dispute, the *Redstone Rocket* suspended publication in mid-May. We've been a mostly online, email newspaper – with some limited print copies – ever since. But that's history – as of today. Borrowing from a contemporary hit song, we're home again and it feels so good. Until May 25, the *Redstone Rocket* had been in full print weekly since 1952. It had become a staple of the Redstone community, distributed Wednesdays to offices, gathering spots and quarters on post. During this cyber era, it found its way to more readers through the Internet. We continued as a mostly online newsletter until a new contract could be awarded for resumption of our civilian enterprise publication. Now that this has happened, we can resume full publication effective today. The *Rocket* staff would like to thank the Redstone community – particularly the Garrison, the Aviation and Missile Command and the Army Contracting Command-Redstone – for its patience the

past few months and diligence in enabling the *Rocket* to return to full publication. Most of all we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to our readers, for not giving up on us. We've tried to serve you as best we could the past few months as an in-house production and you can be assured we'll give you our best every week from now on as a community-wide print newspaper. Since this issue launches our return to print, it is appropriate to reprise the comments of then-Redstone senior commander Col. Carroll D. Hudson, which appeared in the debut edition Feb. 5, 1952: "Experience has shown there is a marked increase in efficiency in an organization and a noticeable rise in personnel morale with the establishment of a plant newspaper," Hudson said. "Such publications repeatedly weld large and complex working groups into a single team, pulling for the same goals. "As such, I welcome the appearance of the *Redstone Rocket* to the Arsenal. This newspaper, appearing weekly, and written voluntarily by and for Arsenal personnel, can do much for the great defense missions of Redstone Arsenal." **Skip Vaughn**
Redstone Rocket editor

RocketViews

What's your favorite football team?

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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Matt Wade
 Garrison Environmental
 "I don't really watch football. I'd have to say Auburn just to annoy my office mate (Diane West) because she's a big Alabama fan."



Jodie Parker
 Garrison Command Group and Facilities
 "I would have to say the Auburn Tigers. I started out an Auburn fan by marriage because my husband (Michael) was from the South. But I love their never-say-die spirit."



John Johnston
 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office
 "University of Kentucky, even though they don't win too many games. But I'm more of a college basketball fan."



Johnny King
 Army Contracting Command-Redstone
 "Alabama. I like the tradition of winning that they have. They have 12 national championships."

Quote of the Week

"If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?"

— Vince Lombardi

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Letter to the editor

From the Garrison commander: Help feed families

During August, Redstone Arsenal is participating in a food drive campaign that will make a difference in our local communities. Feds Feed Families began at Redstone on Aug. 1 and extends through the end of the month. It is a national campaign taken on by the Department of Defense to address the needs of less fortunate families during the summer months. Locally, it is a campaign to provide food to families in need in the very communities we call home.

As an employee of Redstone Arsenal, I appeal to you to participate in this national food drive campaign. The goal for the federal-wide food drive this year is 2 million pounds of non-perishable food items. Last year, the food campaign set a goal of raising 1.2 million pounds of food and other essential goods, and eclipsed it by receiving 1.7 million pounds in donations. The Department of Defense hopes to contribute 733,800 pounds toward the overall federal goal, and we want our Redstone donations to be included in that overall goal. Because this is our first year to participate in Feds Feed Families, we do not have an official goal in mind for our Redstone campaign. But I hope that each of our Redstone employees – some 35,000 in all – will contribute at least one pound (or one 16-ounce can) of non-perishable food to this campaign.

How will your participation in this food drive campaign make a difference? Our donations, collected primarily by Army Community Service volunteers, will be donated to the Food Bank of North Alabama. Although local statistics are sketchy, nationwide, one in six Americans face the threat of hunger every day. Right now, millions of Americans are struggling with hunger. According to U.S. Census findings, there were 43.6 million people in poverty in 2009, up from 39.8 million in 2008. On average, one in six Americans are struggling

to get enough to eat. Here at home, that could be the child who sits next to our son or daughter every day in school, the elderly lady who lives on your block or someone you happen to come into contact with on a visit to the post office. Even hard-working adults can find themselves in situations where they simply can't make ends meet and are forced to go without food for themselves and their families.

This time of year, food banks across the nation are facing severe shortages of non-perishable food and life-sustaining items. Summer time and the early days of fall are not the normal time of year for food drives. Rather, they are more common in our community during the holiday seasons. So, this is a good time for us – the nation's federal employees at Redstone Arsenal – to step up to meet the challenge.

I appreciate your support in spreading the word about the Feds Feed Families food drive. Posters highlighting the program along with blue bins for donations are located at the following sites: Aviation and Missile Command Sparkman Center building 5300, Space and Missile Defense Command, Child Development Centers on Mills Road and Goss Road, Army Community Service, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Garrison headquarters building 4488, Fox Army Health Center, Bicentennial Chapel, Commissary, Missile Defense Agency and NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center.

Every Wednesday, these donations will be collected by Army Community Service and then given to the Food Bank of North Alabama so that families in need do not go hungry.

Col. John Hamilton
 Garrison commander

Getting to know you

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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Name: Jasmine Clay

Job: Summer hire, Garrison Command Group and Facilities

Where do you call home?
 Selma, Ala.

What do you like about your job?
 Everything – the work environment, the people, the sense of responsibility.

What do you like to do in your

spare time?
 In my spare time, I like to cook, hang out with friends and just have fun.

What are your goals?
 My goal is to graduate from college cum laude in May (from Alabama A&M University with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering). And I'm going to be commissioned as an officer (second lieutenant) in May as well, and hopefully obtain the rank of colonel before I retire from the Army.

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



To become successful enough to where I can financially take care of my family – whether I'm here or in the bucket.

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Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

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

Aug. 4: A housing resident reported that his vehicle was damaged by a fallen tree during an Aug. 3 storm.

Aug. 4: During an Aug. 3 storm, two government vehicles sustained minor damage when a portable toilet was blown across the parking lot of building 3623.

Aug. 6: A Soldier reported that the back glass was busted out while the vehicle was parked on Dyer Circle.

Aug. 6: A civilian not affiliated with the Arsenal received a violation notice for driving while suspended. Further checks revealed that the subject had two outstanding warrants issued by Alabama State Troopers. The subject was released to State Troopers.

Aug. 8: A family member received a violation notice for disorderly conduct in reference to an incident which occurred at the Exchange.

Aug. 8: During an Aug. 8 storm, a tree fell onto a contractor's vehicle while the vehicle was parked at build-

ing 3781.

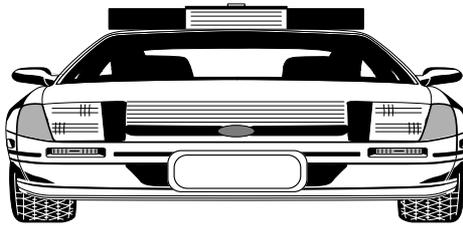
Aug. 9: Someone stole two programmable coffee makers from a common area of building 7612A.

Aug. 9: A government employee reported that his vehicle was damaged while parked at building 3623.

Aug. 10: A Soldier reported that his private vehicle was damaged by a tree during the Aug. 3 storm.

Traffic accidents reported: six without injury.

Violation notices issued: 29 speeding, 4 stop sign violations, 1 no insurance, 5 traffic control device, 1 suspended driver's license, 2 expired driver's license, 1 expired registration, 8 parking violations, 3 failure to maintain control, 1 following too close.



Redstone taxi service continues rolling



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Chugach taxi driver Norris Holley has been among the drivers since 1989.

The shuttle service on post has ended with the departure of the Ordnance school to Fort Lee, Va., but the taxi service continues.

"The shuttle service has been discontinued since Aug. 2 for the Soldiers," Charles Brown, lead dispatcher for contractor Chugach, said.

"The taxi service is still operational from the hours of 8-4 Monday through Friday. And the phone number is 876-

2261. We need some riders," he added.

This free service is available "anywhere on post as long as it's official business, from one government facility to another," Brown said.

Chugach taxi driver Norris Holley has been among the drivers since 1989.

"I really think it's vital to the community for moving people from building to building," Holley said of the service.

Online resources available for health care beneficiaries

By SHARON FOSTER

Tricare Management Activity

Beneficiaries have several ways to get information and assistance on their Tricare benefit, according to Fox Army Health Center.

They can start by accessing information from one of the many Tricare online resources.

The official website for Tricare, www.tricare.mil, is the best online resource for Tricare information. Redesigned last year, the improved profile feature makes it easier and faster for beneficiaries to answer three questions about status, location and health care plan to bring up information specifically tailored to them.

The patient portal, www.tricareonline.com, allows beneficiaries who get their care at a military treatment facility to schedule appointments, track their medications and order prescription refills. The new "blue button" feature is particularly helpful because it allows beneficiaries to view and download their personal health records. It also empowers beneficiaries to better partner with their providers about the treatment they receive.

Tricare manuals are the primary resource for locating official Tricare policy

and benefit information. Posted on <http://manuals.tricare.osd.mil>, these manuals incorporate all updated, published changes.

To locate online information in the policy manuals:

- Click the search link.
- Select the manuals to search.
- Enter the search title (for example, Tricare Assistance Program) in the text bar at the bottom of the page and click.
- Select the documents.

The website displays the PDF file of the selected manual section.

TRICARE4U (www.tricare4u.com) is the website through which registered users (beneficiaries, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators, debt collection assistance officers, physicians) can check the status of claims entered into the Wisconsin Physicians Service. WPS is the claims processing contractor for the West Region, Overseas Regions and Tricare for Life.

When using www.myTRICARE.com, registered users (beneficiaries, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators, debt collection assistance officers, physicians) can check the status of claims entered into the Palmetto Government Benefits Administration's



system. PGBA is the claims processing contractor for the North and South Regions.

Get "SMART" with Tricare Smart (www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart) is beneficiaries' source for Tricare products online. Beneficiaries can view, print or download copies of Tricare brochures, flyers, handbooks and other products.

The official website for the Military Health System is www.health.mil. The website features medical news from the: Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Tricare, Uniformed Services University for Health Sciences, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This is the official website of the Tricare Overseas Program is www.tricare-overseas.com. International SOS administers the Tricare Overseas Program for

uniformed servicemembers, retirees and families. The overseas region is divided into three geographic areas: Eurasia-Africa, Latin America/Canada and Pacific. Several links on the website include "Beneficiaries," "Providers" and "Government Users."

The official website for Health Net, Tricare's regional contractor for the North, is www.healthnet.com. Several links on the website include "provider search," "I'm a member" and "I'm shopping for coverage."

The official website for Humana Military, Tricare's regional contractor for the South, is www.humana-military.com. The website is divided into three sections: beneficiary, provider and government.

The official website for TRIWEST Healthcare Alliance, Tricare's regional contractor for the West, is www.triwest.com. Several links on the website include "beneficiary," "provider connection" and "find a provider."

And if beneficiaries can't find what they need on one of the aforementioned websites, they can still pick up the phone and talk to a person. The "Tricare Contacts" link (www.tricare.mil/contacts) has the telephone numbers beneficiaries need.

Redstone highlights from this summer

Key events since June at Redstone Arsenal have included several arrivals and departures of various organizations.

The NCO Academy cased its colors June 2 in preparation for the final months of its move to Fort Lee, Va., under the 2005 base realignment and closure decisions. This culminated the academy's 24-year history at Redstone.

On June 9, the 832nd Ordnance Battalion cased its colors for transfer to Fort Lee.

The Army Contracting Command and the Expeditionary Contracting Command uncased their colors June 16 in a ceremony symbolizing their move from Fort Belvoir, Va. The Army Contracting Command was activated in March 2008; and the ECC is one of its two subordinate commands.

The Army Materiel Command held

a ribbon cutting "touchdown" ceremony June 15 at the organization's new 300,000-square-foot-plus facility on Martin Road.

Ground was broken June 27 for a 70,000-square-foot Raytheon Redstone Missile Integration Facility which is under construction on 200 acres in the southeastern part of Redstone Arsenal near Gate 3.

The 2nd Recruiting Brigade entered a new era July 22 when Col. Michael Faruqi succeeded Col. Glenn Richie as commander of the Eagle Brigade in a change of command ceremony at the Activity Field. Richie, commander since July 2009, will deploy as the deputy J-3 chief of staff for United Security Forces, Iraq. Faruqi last served as the director of intelligence, J-2 for the Special Operations Command-Europe.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Getting their shovels ready to break ground for Raytheon's Standard Missile production facility at Redstone Arsenal are, from left, Missile Defense Agency commander Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, Rep. Robert Aderholt, Sen. Richard Shelby, Dr. Taylor Lawrence and William Swanson of Raytheon, Gov. Robert Bentley, Sen. Jeff Sessions, Rep. Mo Brooks and Arsenal senior commander and Aviation and Missile Command commander Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers. Ground was broken on the new facility June 27.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

NCO Academy deputy commandant 1st Sgt. Jason Walker, left, and commandant Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Blade case the academy's colors June 2.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Leaders of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion – outgoing 832nd Ordnance Battalion commander Lt. Col. Sean Cusker, incoming 832nd commander Lt. Col. Demetrius Jackson and 59th Ordnance Brigade commander Col. Lee Merritt – perform the final inspection of troops prior to the casing of the battalion's colors June 9. Cusker, who retired prior to the color casing, will remain in Huntsville with his family.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

From left are Eagle Brigade outgoing commander Col. Glenn Richie, Recruiting Command commander Maj. Gen. David Mann and the brigade's incoming commander Col. Michael Faruqi during the change of command ceremony July 22.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AMC commander Gen. Ann Dunwoody leads the "Hooah!" cheer after cutting the ribbon for the new Army Materiel Command headquarters and Security Assistance Command headquarters on June 15. With her, from left, are Joe Ritch, chairman of the Tennessee Valley BRAC Committee; AMC deputy commander Lt. Gen. Dennis Via, AMC Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Mellinger, AMC executive deputy to the commanding general John Nerger and Security Assistance Command commander Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Uncasing the colors of the Army Contracting Command on June 16 are, from left, Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Baker, Sgt. Eduardo Cervantes and executive director Jeffrey Parsons.

Original card game has educational quest



Photo by Megan Cotton

Jason Kirkpatrick, of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office, shows off his original card game, Quest for Arete.

By MEGAN COTTON

For the Rocket

Years of watching his kids play the Pokémon card game gave Jason Kirkpatrick an idea to create his own card game. A few years later when his two children, Will and Sara, started thinking the same thing he suggested adding a twist.

“I told them if they were going to make a game they might as well make it something useful, like chemistry,” Kirkpatrick, of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office, said.

“I bought my children Chemistry for Dummies and they never read it,” said Kirkpatrick, who had never taken a chemistry class before. “So I picked it up and started reading. As I was reading I started to see the bones of the game.”

It was there that Quest for Arete (pronounced Are-a-tay) was born. The card game is similar to games like Pokémon and Magic: The Gathering. But the Quest for Arete has a hidden agenda to provide educational content. All the cards are elements from the periodic table and the spells they make are actual chemical formulas like those you find in a textbook.

While he read, Kirkpatrick started doing additional research and stored the information in a database to keep track.

It was soon after that he printed out the first game on business card blanks and was doing test runs. After three years of making prototypes and testing, Quest for Arete is ready to go.

“I figured kids are going to play games. You might as well make it something useful,” Kirkpatrick said.

In its simplest form Quest for Arete can be played similar to Rummy. Players make spells, keep track of points and try to empty their hand. The more advanced battle game can evolve and become as complex as players want to make it.

Kirkpatrick is launching a fund-raising campaign to help produce Quest for Arete. The campaign is running on Kickstarter.com until the end of September. Along with helping to bring the game into mass production, contributors will receive gifts depending on the amount they donate. Kirkpatrick said all donations would be greatly appreciated and will help reach the minimum goal of \$10,000.

“The game has been very well-received by everyone who has played it,” he said. “My goal is for it to go viral so everyone can enjoy it and have a chance to play.”

For more information about Quest for Arete and Kickstarter, go to www.Kickstarter.com and search for “Arete.”

Transportation service handy for disabled workers

A Huntsville transportation service for handicapped persons extends to Redstone Arsenal workers.

In June, the Directorate of Emergency Services and Garrison leadership requested support from the Huntsville Public Transportation Service for Persons with Disabilities Office. The requested service, known as Handi-Ride, is designed to assist disabled persons with transportation to and from work.

Handi-Ride management agreed to serve Redstone employees living in the Huntsville City limits. DES personnel conducted background checks and issued installation access badges to six Handi-Ride drivers. Vehicle passes were issued for the vehicle fleet.

The badging process allows Handi-Ride the flexibility to meet customer transportation needs, while maintaining installation security requirements. When entering Redstone Arsenal, Handi-Ride vehicles will only carry persons with installation access credentials.

“One of the big ways it’s going to help them is with (transportation) cost,” Fred

Keith, access control officer for the Directorate of Emergency Services, said. “It’s going to cut the cost to our employees drastically. It’ll also cut down on the number of vehicles that will be required to come through (the gates).”

To request Handi-Ride services: Call 427-6811 for more information or to have an application sent to you. Hearing impaired may call the Alabama Relay Service at 1-800-548-2546 (TTY) or 1-800-548-2547 (voice).

Installation personnel in need of Handi-Ride services may apply online by following these steps:

Google HuntsvilleAL.gov

Click the tab titled “For Residents”

Click the drill down titled “Transportation Information”

Under the Handi-Rider Add, click on “ADA Partransit Service Application”

Click on “Application Form” to open a seven-page application that needs to be completed to qualify for the services.

Handi-Ride evaluates the applications and determines if services will be granted. (*Garrison release*)



Courtesy photo

Handi-Ride vehicles are available to transport disabled persons to and from work.

Madison Police to test Army technology

Research center signs agreement

By **RANDY SINIARD**
AMRDEC Public Affairs

The Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center has added a law enforcement partner.

AMRDEC's Strategic Development Office, the Von Braun Center for Science and Innovation and the Madison Police Department have signed a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement to allow AMRDEC to work with the Madison Police and share information. It allows the Madison Police to test and analyze new product designs for AMRDEC.

"A CRADA is a written agreement usually between a private company and a government agency to work together on a project," the U.S. Geological Survey's website said. "The CRADA allows the federal government and non-federal partner to optimize their resources, share technical expertise in a protected environment, share intellectual property emerging from the effort and speed the commercialization of federally developed technology."

The City of Madison has a population of more than 40,000 people and is just over 23 square miles.

"This CRADA is the first known partnership of its kind for the federal government and local law enforcement," Greg Pruitt, director of the VBCSI Stra-



Photo by Mervin Brokke

From left are Forrest Ruble, director of AMRDEC's Strategic Development Office; Greg Pruitt, director of Von Braun Center for Science and Innovation's Strategic Development Office; Eric Edwards, AMRDEC director; Madison police officer Danny Pettus; and Jenny Hess, program analyst at AMRDEC's Strategic Development Office.

tegic Development Office and technical point of contact for the CRADA, said.

Said Madison police chief Larry Muncey, "Obviously the partnership alone is phenomenal, but our collective thoughts are twofold: No. 1, develop wonderful cutting edge equipment for law enforcement agencies around the

world; and No. 2, pave the way for future, successful, partnerships with the federal government and local law enforcement agencies."

Forrest Ruble, director of AMRDEC's Strategic Development Office, agreed. "This CRADA was about first of all understanding that first responders in our

neighborhoods have needs that technology being developed by AMRDEC engineers could address those needs and then match those needs with the specific capabilities AMRDEC was developing," Ruble said.

If Jenny Hess had not acted on the potential she saw and ensured the first responders and AMRDEC technology developers met to determine where the common ground was, this CRADA may never have existed, according to Ruble.

One specific capability would be the test and analysis of the open architecture for semi-autonomous integrated sensors equipment, which is a miniature self-contained camera system that transmits a signal via a cell phone.

"The Madison police department will test our first 25 units and provide us with user feedback," Brian Harris, computer engineer with the Acquisition and Technology Division, Software Engineering Directorate at AMRDEC, said.

The other capability is the design and implementation of a "shoot-no shoot" virtual training scenario based on America's Army. It is hoped that eventually this training scenario could be implemented nationally.

AMRDEC will be able to obtain operational feedback on its existing technologies and work products by using Madison police department's defined test scenarios and locations.

"Both AMRDEC and the Madison PD will benefit from this partnership," Hess, a program analyst at AMRDEC's Strategic Development Office, said.

Air Warrior ensemble gets flight test from Army brass



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Brig. Gen. Camille Nichols, the program executive officer for Soldier, wears Air Warrior aviation life support equipment July 15 in the cockpit of a UH-60M Black Hawk at the Redstone Airfield. It's the same gear that the pilots wear in the war. Nichols visited Redstone July 14-15 from Fort Belvoir, Va.

Brig. Gen. Camille Nichols wanted to see for herself what combat aviators experience daily.

Brig. Gen. Camille Nichols, the program executive officer for Soldier, visited Redstone Arsenal for a demonstration of the Air Warrior Aviation Life Support Equipment while flying in a UH-60M Black Hawk at Redstone Airfield.

The Program Executive Office for Soldier, based at Fort Belvoir, Va., manages virtually everything a Soldier wears or carries. Air Warrior Product Office, under PEO Soldier, integrates all aviation life support and mission equipment into an ensemble that improves the combat effectiveness of the Army aircrew member.

"It is important for the Army's leaders to familiarize themselves with the products they manage," Nichols said. "I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to carry out some flight operations in a Black Hawk with the Air Warrior ensemble to get a better understanding of the space our Army aviators have to operate in."

During her flight July 15 with the crew from Redstone Test Center, she wore the Air Warrior Microclimate Cooling Garment, body armor, and Primary Survival Gear Carrier with associated survival equipment.

"It is important to get this firsthand experience to let the Soldiers know that we are

confident in the gear we are providing them," she said.

The Air Warrior ensemble provides a multitude of mission essential capabilities in an integrated package. This includes cooling vests to increase mission duration and comfort in high heat-stress environments, electronic kneeboards for mission planning, improved survival and first aid equipment, encrypted cordless communications and protection against chemical and biological threats.

Years of combat operations and demanding aviation mission profiles have validated that weight and bulk are of significant importance when operating within the confines of Army aviation platforms. Through systems integration, PEO Soldier and the Air Warrior Product Office team continue to make strides in reducing the weight and bulk on aircrews while simultaneously increasing their capability.

The next generation of aircrew equipment, the Air Soldier System, will focus on reductions in weight and bulk while enhancing capabilities, such as improvements to aircrew members' situational awareness.

"Our aviators are dominant and decisive on the battlefield," Nichols said. "At PEO Soldier, we make sure that we give them overmatch capability without hindering their freedom of movement."

Antiterrorism themes deployed for August



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

Installation and tenant organization antiterrorism officers and working group members gather around one of the antiterrorism banners posted at Garrison headquarters building 4488, kicking off the August observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month. From left are Curtis Elrod of NEC-R, Glen Burney of DOL; Mark Olson, Garrison antiterrorism officer; Billy Cooper of ACC, Philip Cook of PEO MS, James Williamson of SMDC/ARSTRAT, Eric Hertzog and Maurice Elliard of MDA/DSS, Philip Harrel of AMCOM, LiLi Gilbert and Mary Arbo of the Exchange, Kenneth Purdin of ECC; Dan Huber, Garrison installation antiterrorism program manager; Debbie Tipton and Steven Fisher of AMRDEC.

Team Redstone will undergo additional antiterrorism training and education in August in support of Antiterrorism Awareness Month.

Training will enhance the current level of antiterrorism awareness for Soldiers, civilians and family members.

The purpose of the AT awareness month is to instill and sustain heightened awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect the Team Redstone community and critical resources from acts of terrorism. Leaders, Soldiers, civilians and family members will better understand the key AT concepts, principles, roles, responsibilities and suspicious activity reporting procedures.

Additionally this campaign will strengthen relationships with local civilian emergency response agencies such as police, fire and medical emergency response agencies in order to enhance responses to acts of terrorism and other hazardous events.

Army headquarters has identified the following themes to be used during the AT awareness month and as quarterly themes throughout the year:

- Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity and indicators of high risk behaviors
 - Active shooter response procedures
 - Application of AT doctrinal principles
 - Integrating AT into the operations process
- Take a minute to review upcoming AT

awareness messages that will be published in the *Redstone Rocket*, Army awareness posters on bulletin boards, banners and iWATCH Army public service announcements being played on Channel 42 during August.

Antiterrorism awareness tools, videos and information are available through the OPMG-Army ATEP on AKO Page (www.army.mil/suite/page/605757).

Contact your organizational antiterrorism officer or Garrison AT reps for more information on AT awareness. They include the following:

Garrison – Daniel Huber 842-2182 or Mark Olsen 842-2186

LOGSA – Vickie Cooper 313-6701

ACC – Bill Cooper 955-8203

AMC – Joseph Barnes 450-8743

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Association chapter sets path for excellence

Pathfinder earns inaugural award

By MEGAN COTTON
For the Rocket

Huntsville's chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Pathfinder, is the best there is. Pathfinder was named the AUVSI Chapter of the Year.

This is the first time the international association has given the award, making Pathfinder the inaugural winner. The Chapter of the Year Award will be presented Aug. 17 during the morning general session of AUVSI's Unmanned Systems North America in Washington, D.C. Pathfinder was chosen based on criteria including chapter management, membership growth and retention, educational programming and community outreach.

"It's a great honor and exciting," chapter president Terry Griffin said about receiving the first award.

The Pathfinder chapter's objectives are to provide an organization for individuals who have a common interest in, and who wish to foster and expand, the domain of Unmanned Vehicle Systems.

They work to advance technology. They work to exchange ideas and information in the field of Unmanned Vehicle Systems and to promote the education of these systems.

When asked what makes Pathfinder stand out, Griffin talked about a core group of members who go above and beyond to make the chapter great.

"As in any organization there is a core of 10 percent that does 90 percent of the work," he said. "It's that 10 percent that attends everything and makes us stand out."

Andrew Ramsey, who served as president from March 2009 to March 2011, echoed that it is the dedication of the members that makes Pathfinder excel.

"We are a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization solely led by a group of outstanding and experienced volunteers dedicated to the continued growth of unmanned systems – specifically within the Tennessee Valley area," Ramsey said. "The commitment and support of the Army UAS Project Office has been critical to our success as a chapter."

Established in 1989 Pathfinder is the largest AUVSI chapter with 393 dues-paying members.

Its biggest event of every year is the

Pathfinder chapter's annual symposium named the Unmanned Systems Roadmap to the Future. This year's will be the 22nd annual and held in the Von Braun Center. The symposium will include speakers, exhibitors and industry participants from the unmanned systems community.

"Mr. Terry Griffin, the symposium chairman for the last two symposiums, has done an incredible job planning and organizing these events, and they continue to be larger and more popular every year," Ramsey said.

Along with the symposium the chapter works every year to provide funding and support to the local community, including grants and scholarships to Huntsville area elementary, middle and high school robotics and engineering clubs.

"We've raised over \$100,000 a year for K-12 grants and college scholarships," Griffin said.

Pathfinder is also looking into starting a tele-mentoring program with schools in



Photo by Megan Cotton

The Pathfinder chapter holds an early-morning board meeting Aug. 4 to discuss plans.

other parts of the state.

Griffin encouraged everyone who is interested in getting involved to join the international organization at www.AUVSI.org and select the Pathfinder chapter. They can also email him at tgriffin@calhoun.edu or attend the symposium to learn more about unmanned vehicle systems. He reminds all those who are already members of the chapter that board meetings are welcome to all members and the public.

Fly-by-wire technology joins Utility Helicopters

By RANDY SINIARD
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Fly-by-wire technology has found new life with Utility Helicopters.

In use in other Defense Department aircraft for years, fly-by-wire replaces the conventional manual flight controls with an electronic interface. The flight control movements are converted to electronic

Photo by Paul Langston

Maj. Carl Ott, of the Aeroflightdynamics Directorate, Moffett Field, Calif., stands with a Black Hawk helicopter which is integrated with the fly-by-wire technology prior to a flight test.



signals and sent to flight control computers that use them to determine how to move the aircraft.

This technology can automatically perform functions without input from the pilot, such as systems that automatically stabilize the aircraft.

"The fly-by-wire variant of the UH-60M Black Hawk offers increased handling capability, lower maintenance burden, decreased pilot work load, and full-authority digital engine control," Maj. Jeffrey Stvan, assistant program manager UH-60 Modernization, said.

This technology greatly decreases the workload of the pilot, allowing them to

focus on their surroundings and reduce fatigue, by permitting them to better control the loads.

"Fly-by-wire offers increased handling capabilities and decreased pilot workload. This allows the pilot to focus on his current mission," Stvan said. "One aim of the fly-by-wire system is to allow the pilot to keep more of his concentration outside the cockpit and on his surrounding environment."

Maj. Carl Ott, an Army experimental test pilot for the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Aeroflightdynamics Directorate

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SMDC supports Army modernization experiment

By JASON CUTSHAW

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

With a thousand miles between them, Army teams from Redstone Arsenal and Fort Dix, N.J., worked together to support the Army's Network Modernization strategy.

On July 28, team members of the Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center and the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance On-the-Move project manager completed this year's C4ISR capability assessment at Fort Dix.

On the final day of the exercise, the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's Simulation Center successfully ran a OneSemi Automated Force brigade scenario simulation with more than 3,000 entities on the High Performance Computer asset-Simulation Machine Queue, the backup machine for the exercise.

"We were supporting CERDEC for the event," Alesya Paschal, SMDC Future Warfare Center engineer, said. "They were using a high-performance computer to conduct the testing and we were their backup if Fort Dix had problems or issues with their high-performance com-

puter."

The SimCenter was created in 1981 for missile defense research design and analysis of missile defense systems. The SimCenter uses state-of-the-art computer and simulation resources and provides high-performance computer assets.

Its vision is to be the Army's premier center for air, space and missile defense high-performance computational support. The SimCenter works to provide the tools, technologies and expertise needed to realize both the SMDC and Missile Defense Agency vision for delivering air, space and missile defense.

"The tests were conducted in the July timeframe and the results should be due in September," Paschal said. "The outcome will help project where the Army needs to go for future C4ISR devices and that was our role in supporting the tests."

Since 2005, CERDEC and PM C4ISR OTM perform a yearly C4ISR experiment at Fort Dix. These exercises have been recently renamed C4ISR and Network Modernization to reflect the program's alignment with the Army's Network Modernization strategy.

The experiments are live test and evaluation events, assessing C4ISR system-of-systems configuration. They use a relevant environment to assess emerging

capabilities, depending on simulation to provide this environment.

Large numbers of simulated entities stimulate and stress battle command systems to depict ISR sensor assets. These simulated entities are inserted as battle command messages and sensor information at multiple echelon-specific "injection" points. Additionally, the simulated entities represent two brigade combat teams and provide scale that could not be achieved with live assets alone.

"This test was for assessing the C4I tools within the Army," Paschal said. "Space and Missile Defense Command was providing the ISR data that actually simulated the C4I devices at CER-

DEC to actually do their operations." The main simulation driver is the Army's OneSAF. OneSAF is the Army's entity-level simulation that provides a simulation of real-world battlefield situations



Courtesy photo

The High Performance Computer cluster is located within the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Simulation Center, which helped with this year's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance On-the-Move capability assessment at Fort Dix, N.J.

using validated physical models and doctrinally correct behavior models.

It can support analysis, acquisition, planning, testing, training and experimentation. OneSAF allows users to compose a wide range of complete simulation systems from a set of component-based tools, develop new or extend existing tools, as well as compose new single or multi-resolution entities, units and associated behaviors from existing physical and behavioral software components.

OneSAF also accurately and effectively represents activities that include: intelligence, movement and maneuver, fire support, protection, sustainment and command and control.

"One thing we want to give the average citizen is a better appreciation of how the Space and Missile Defense Command is actually impacting the Army as a whole," Paschal said.

Soldiers work with command to improve skills, learn mission

By JASON CUTSHAW

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

Local heroes step up and get just as much as they give.

From May to August, Soldiers from the Alabama National Guard's 142nd Battlefield Surveillance Brigade spent time at Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command to hone their skills as well as give much needed support to the command.

Earlier in the year, leaders from the Alabama National Guard and leaders from SMDC/ARSTRAT discussed ways to give the NG Soldiers real-world training as well as filling positions that were not filled at the time. This discussion led to a win-win position for both parties.

"We are finding ways to get the Soldiers' skill sets up so they can be better trained for their units," Maj. Brad Mechen, SMDC counterintelligence officer, said. "And because the National Guard paid for everything, we got the Soldiers working here at no cost to the command.

"They are doing very well and we couldn't ask for anything better. And now the memorandum of agreement we have with the Alabama National Guard has gone national so we are proud to be leading in this endeavor and it seems to



Photo by Jason Cutshaw

Staff Sgt. Travis Lopeman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 142nd Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, learns from Abe Borum III, SMDC G-2 command foreign disclosure officer, while attached to the command.

be catching on."

Soldiers assigned to SMDC worked alongside their military and civilian counterparts and learned from people with experience who can share in the knowledge of their chosen military career.

"This has been a very interesting and

a very educational experience for me," Staff Sgt. Travis Lopeman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 142nd BfSB, said. "Coming straight here from the military intelligence school, it allowed me to dive into the personnel security world and learn how it all functions.

"This is also going to allow me to help the unit become more proficient and maybe get rid of some of our errors. Being here has allowed me to see how current operations work and seeing it in real life, and not just being in a classroom, and that is one of the best things I could see happen."

In their normal duties, Soldiers assigned to battlefield surveillance brigades conduct intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations.

The brigades are meant to improve situational awareness for commanders at division or higher so they can focus joint combat power in current operations

while simultaneously preparing for future operations.

"It is nice to see how everything happens on the active side," Pfc. Dean Jordan, HHC, 142nd BfSB, said. "Also everyone here has been really nice and taken me under their wings, so that has been good. They have showed me a lot and treated me well and have been very helpful."

As they talked about how SMDC has treated them and the experiences gained, the Soldiers mentioned how they hoped they were helpful in their brief time at the command. They also talked about the chance for other Soldiers in their units to come back in the future to gain the experiences they were afforded.

"I like to think it has been a good experience for everyone involved," Staff Sgt. Oliver Ohrstrom, HHC, 142nd BfSB, said. "There has been a lot of on the job training and I think we have also eased the SMDC workload. We have a real blending of backgrounds and it has been a great help working with the force protection office here.

"This is a great program and there has been no shortage of respect for all of us. I am glad to have served here and look forward to coming back if given the opportunity."

Who's who on Redstone Arsenal

Some of Redstone Arsenal's leaders include the following:



Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers



Ronnie Chronister

Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers is commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and the senior commander of Redstone Arsenal. **Ronnie Chronister** is AMCOM's deputy commander; and its top enlisted Soldier is



Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates

Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates. AMCOM is a major subordinate command of the Army Materiel Command. It is part of the aviation and missile materiel enterprise which unites all of the organizations that work to design, acquire, integrate, field and sustain Army aviation, missile and unmanned aircraft weapon systems. The enterprise also includes the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, the Army Contracting Command-Redstone, the Program Executive Office for Aviation and the Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space.



Gen. Ann Dunwoody



Lt. Gen. Dennis Via

Gen. Ann Dunwoody commands the Army Materiel Command, which moved its headquarters here from Fort Belvoir, Va. **Lt. Gen. Dennis Via** is the deputy commander. Executive deputy to the commander is **John Nerger**; and **Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Mellinger** is AMC's top enlisted Soldier. AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness technology, acquisition support, materiel development,

logistics power projection and sustainment to the total force, across the spectrum of joint military operations. If a Soldier shoots it, drives it, flies it, wears it or eats it, AMC provides it.



Col. John Hamilton



Curtis Clark

Col. John Hamilton leads the Garrison, which provides support to all the organizations on Redstone Arsenal. **Curtis Clark** is the deputy commander;

and **Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper** is the Garrison's senior enlisted Soldier. The Garrison provides high-quality, cost-effective base operations support to its customers, tenants and other Defense Department and federal activities in the region similar in manner to a city government. The Garrison represents life support for Redstone Arsenal by providing for fire and emergency services, water, sewage, heating and cooling plant operations, grounds maintenance, and the maintenance and upkeep of facilities occupied by those who work, live and play within Redstone Arsenal.



Lt. Gen. Richard Formica



Steven Messervy

Lt. Gen. Richard Formica is commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. The deputy commander for research, development and acquisition is **Steven Messervy.** **Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Turner** is the top enlisted Soldier. SMDC/ARSTRAT serves as the Army service component command to the U.S. Strategic Command. It conducts space and missile defense operations and provides planning, integration, control and coordination of Army forces and capabilities in support of STRATCOM

missions, which include strategic deterrence, integrated missile defense, space operations and cyberspace operations. SMDC/ARSTRAT serves as the Army specified component for space, high altitude and ground-based midcourse defense, serves as the Army operational integrator for global missile defense, and conducts mission-related research and development in support of Army Title 10 responsibilities. SMDC/ARSTRAT partners with other government agencies to build a missile defense capability for this nation and takes pride in moving war fighting technologies from concept to combat.



Lt. Gen. Patrick J. O'Reilly



Air Force Maj. Gen. Terrence "Terry" Feehan

Brown is MDA's director for test. The Missile Defense Agency is developing a ballistic missile defense system to defend the United States, deployed forces over-



Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper

seas and allies against ballistic missile threats of all ranges – short, medium, intermediate and long range. The ballistic missile defense system will employ layered systems with integrated defensive architectures capable of intercepting and destroying hostile missiles through the use of interceptor missiles based on land and at sea.

The Army Security Assistance Command is led by **Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker.** Its deputy commander is **Robert Moore.** USASAC's mission is to implement approved Army security assistance programs, including foreign military sales of defense articles and services to eligible foreign governments. It is responsible for life cycle management of foreign military sales cases, from pre-letter of request, development, execution and closure. The command manages approximately 4,000 foreign military sales cases valued at more than \$60 billion. It also manages the Army's co-production program. USASAC is responsible for Army security assistance information management and financial policy, and provides policy, procedure and guidance to the Army security assistance community. The command is increasingly responding to the overseas contingency operations, support of U.S. government emergency assistance, humanitarian relief and United Nations peacekeeping operations.



Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker



Robert Moore

Maj. Gen. Tim Crosby is the program executive officer for aviation; and the deputy PEO is **Rusty Weiger.** The Program Executive Office for Aviation streamlines aircraft acquisitions and is a single direct reporting link to the Army acquisition executive. PEO Aviation's projects include Apache attack helicopter, Armed Scout Helicopter, Aviation Systems, Cargo Helicopter, Utility Helicopter, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and Non-Standard Rotary Wing Aircraft.



Maj. Gen. Tim Crosby



Rusty Weiger

Brig. Gen. Ole Knudson is the PEO for missiles and space; and the deputy is **Barry Pike.** The Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space provides centralized management for all Army tactical and air



Brig. Gen. Ole Knudson



Barry Pike

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defense missile programs and Army space programs. PEO programs include the Cruise Missile Defense Systems, Lower Tier Project, Joint Attack Munition Systems, and Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems.



Jeffrey Parsons



Carol Lowman

Jeffrey Parsons serves as the Army Contracting Command executive director. **Carol Lowman** is the ACC deputy director; and the command sergeant major is **Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Baker**. The Army Contracting Command's Soldiers, civilians and contractors support U.S. war fighters worldwide by acquiring equipment, supplies and services vital to the Soldiers' mission and daily needs. Purchases range from food, clothing, bullets and bombs, to tanks, trucks, helicopters and planes, to their weapons and the installations where they work and live with their families. ACC ensures that Soldiers have what they need to be successful at home and at work.



Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Baker

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Cathy Dickens

Cathy Dickens is the Army Contracting Command-Redstone executive director. Army Contracting Command-Redstone supports Joint war-fighters and allies, assuring aviation and missile readiness with seamless transition to combat operations. ACC-Redstone supports program executive officers and project managers to enable the development, acquisition and fielding of superior aviation and missile systems. And it assures the integration of aviation and missile technology in partnership with program executive officers and project managers. ACC-Redstone includes industrial operation centers of excellence for air defense and rotary wing aircraft at the Letterkenny and Corpus Christi Army Depots.



Brig. Gen. Joseph Bass



Command Sgt. Maj. John Murry

Brig. Gen. Joseph Bass is commander of the Expeditionary Contracting Command; and its top enlisted Soldier is **Command Sgt. Maj. John Murry**. The ECC is a subordinate command to the Army Contracting Command

and provides contracting support to Army and other federal organizations at installations outside the continental United States. Expeditionary contracting during military operations is also provided for Army service component commands and the joint war-fighter.

The Redstone Test Center is led by **Col. Steve Kihara**. RTC is the Army's premier tester of small rockets, missiles, aviation and sensor systems, subsystems and components. It provides life cycle support to programs from concept formulation through

research and development, production and post-production testing helping to ensure top quality systems are provided to the Soldier. Redstone Test Center is one of six test centers under the Army Test and Evaluation Command, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.



Col. Steve Kihara



Col. Robert "Pat" Sullivan

Col. Robert "Pat" Sullivan commands the Logistics Support Activity. A separate reporting activity to the Army Materiel Command, LOGSA is responsible for Army logistics information and analysis. Its mission is to provide critical integrated logistics information, services and analysis products to customers around the globe within the Army and joint community at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. LOGSA's key missions collectively and directly influence Army readiness as it supports all phases of weapon systems, from acquisition life cycle management to the sustainment of fielded systems.



Col. Elizabeth Johnson

Fox Army Health Center is commanded by **Col. Elizabeth Johnson**. The center provides health care services to a population that exceeds 60,000 beneficiaries in the Tennessee Valley. Services include outpatient care in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Wellness Clinic, Behavioral Medicine and Preventive Medicine. They also provide a robust Pharmacy Service and limited diagnostic services in Laboratory and Radiology. Additionally, Fox operates a Warrior Medicine Clinic, a Physical Exams Section, and an Aviation Medicine Clinic.



Col. Michael Faruqi



Command Sgt. Maj. Donnel Daniels

The 2nd Recruiting Brigade is commanded by **Col. Michael Faruqi**. The brigade manages active Army and Army Reserve recruiting operations throughout the eight Southeastern states – Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee – Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Eric Edwards

Eric Edwards is director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. AMRDEC manages and conducts research and advanced development and provides life cycle systems engineering for aviation, missile and unmanned systems. Defense Department and other federal agencies, as well as academia, corporate and industrial researchers and developers seek its science and technology expertise, which is characterized by its vast resources of talented and technically proficient personnel and unique world-class facilities and capabilities. AMRDEC is part of the Army Research Develop-

ment and Engineering Command, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and is a strategically and operationally aligned partner of AMCOM.

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center director is **Pam McCue**. A field production activity of the Defense Intelligence Agency, MSIC produces the intelligence community's most authoritative scientific and technical intelligence assessments of threat ground-based air and missile defense systems, ground-based anti-satellite systems, ground-based directed energy weapons, short range ballistic missiles, and their associated command, control and communications systems.



Pam McCue

Robert Lightfoot is the director of Marshall Space Flight Center. Marshall is focused on advancing technologies to create new opportunities in space. The center uses its talented team members and advanced facilities to serve the interests of both science and exploration. The result is powerful space transportation vehicles, groundbreaking scientific discoveries and an increased ability to live and work in space.



Robert Lightfoot

Carl Vasilko is director of the ATF National Center for Explosives Training and Research. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives maintains technical expertise, knowledge, experience and forensic capabilities related to explosives properties, mixtures, devices, products and forensics through the agency's National Center for Explosives Training and Research. The Department of Justice established NCETR as a division within ATF's Office of Training and Professional Development after Congress passed the 2002 Homeland Security Act to train federal, state, local and international law enforcement personnel and to facilitate the conduct of cutting-edge explosives related research.



Carl Vasilko

Paul M. Carter Jr. is chief of the Hazardous Devices School, Army. Programs within the Hazardous Devices Operations Section play a vital role in the bureau's strategic objective to prevent and effectively respond to terrorist or criminal use of hazardous devices explosives and weapons of mass destruction. Since 1971, the section has managed the nation's only facility to train and certify public safety bomb technicians to render safe hazardous devices. The FBI's Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal is often referred to as the National Academy for bomb technicians. HDS has provided training to over 20,000 state and local first responders. National standards published by the FBI for training state and local bomb squads provide the necessary foundation for an effective response to federal crimes involving hazardous devices, terrorist bombing campaigns, or use of a WMD. **Ed Marshman** serves as the supervisory special agent, FBI, Hazardous Devices School.



Paul M. Carter Jr.

Fox Army Health Center makes changes to improve care

Fox Army Health Center pronounces itself as healthier than ever.

Fox has implemented multiple changes and renovations to ensure military beneficiaries receive easy, accessible and quality health care. The staff is committed to improving the health and well-being of its beneficiary population. It is the center's vision and goal to inspire those who serve this nation, both past and present, and their families to live a lifetime of wellness.

The center has provided the following list of its services. Patients may be active duty military, retirees, and active duty and retiree family members who are Tricare Prime.

Behavioral Medicine, hours of operation from Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: mood disorders including depression and bipolar disorders; anxiety disorders; stress disorders; adjustment disorders; alcohol and substance abuse disorders; family advocacy issues (child, spouse, and when appropriate, elder abuse); some childhood disorders; disorders of attention; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

diagnosis and treatment program; and marital and family counseling.

Immunization, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.: allergy shots as prescribed by military or network allergists; and immunizations as part of health maintenance examinations, immunizations as part of PCS requirements.

Internal Medicine, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only: medical care for patients age 18 and older; management of hypertension; diabetes and other chronic health conditions; Coumadin; and electrocardiograms and stress testing.

Neuropsychology/Traumatic Brain Injury, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: comprehensive, outpatient screenings and evaluations for Soldiers who have incurred, or who may have incurred, a concussion or TBI. In addition, clinic providers are certified in the administration of NeuroPsychOnline, a cognitive retraining computer software program that is designed to improve cognitive functioning.

Optometry, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only: medical care for patients 6 months and older; emergency and primary eye care; disease consultation; and pediatric exams.

Pathology, hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.: The laboratory is accredited by the College of American Pathologists. The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is an internationally recognized program designed to help laboratories achieve the highest standards of excellence to positively impact patient care. Most routine specimens which are analyzed on site are completed within the normal duty day.

Pediatrics, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only: medical care is provided for newborn through age 17; physical examinations; well baby care; immunizations; and acute minor illnesses.

Pharmacy, hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (active duty have priority the first 30 minutes): Fox Army Health Center Phar-

macy Services processes an average of 649 new prescriptions as well as 557 refill prescriptions on a daily basis, with an average customer wait time of 10 minutes. By using the convenient Fox online or automated call-in refill system, beneficiaries contribute to shorter wait times and can simply walk in and pick up their completed prescriptions. The pharmacy is supported by six pharmacists, eight certified pharmacy technicians and 25 Red Cross volunteers to meet beneficiaries' needs. A formulary of medications available at Fox pharmacy is located on its Internet webpage, and is also available in hard copy form in the pharmacy lobby. The formulary is updated on a regular basis, so be sure to check back often for any changes.

Physical Therapy, hours Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and effective Sept. 1 the new hours will be 7:30-4: Rehabilitative medicine is to treat disease, injury and disability by assessment, examination and the use of rehabilitative procedures. Massage, exercise and physical agents, including but

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Marines make triumphant return to Sweet Home Alabama

Seven-month deployment ends for local Reserve unit

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For the past seven months, Alice Cothren has worn a dog tag with a picture of her grandson Lance Cpl. Jackson Freeman around her neck.

She has sent care packages filled with pillowcases and her husband's homemade beef jerky to Freeman and his buddies, carried a Flat Marine with her to important family events, like birthday parties, taking pictures of Flat Jackson at Chuck E. Cheese and in the pool with a Budweiser, while the real life Jackson was away serving his country. She has changed her Facebook picture to a picture of a T-shirt with the words, "Don't mess with me - I raised a Marine" and spent days and nights waiting, never knowing when a phone call from the grandson she raised would come.

And she has tried not to worry. "You take it one day at a time," Cothren, a moderator at MarineParents.com, said. "That's all you can do."

After seven months serving their country in Afghanistan, members of the Rocket Battery K, 2nd Battalion, 14 Marines returned home Friday to the cheers and hugs of family and friends waiting for them at the Marine Corps Reserve

Training Center in Huntsville. For Cothren, the long wait and worry is finally over.

"There were times when you didn't hear anything and you'd think no news is good news," Cothren said. "You have to trust them. Trust their leaders. Trust the Marines. Once they've gone through boot camp, they're prepared."

Excited wives, children, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters with balloons, red roses, cameras and signs reading "Welcome Home Daddy" and "Our prayers were answered - job well done" waited anxiously in the hot summer sun for word and sight that their loved ones had finally returned to Alabama soil. As the first strains of "Sweet Home Alabama" rang through the air and the Marines appeared, families and friends clamored to get the first glimpse of their Marine in formation before rushing for the first embrace after seven long months.

"I just want him home," said Cothren, who had bought her grandson a new bed, got his car ready and his cell phone reactivated and charged in anticipation of his homecoming.

The returning Marines needn't say a word as they reunited with their loved ones - their happiness to be home radiated in their faces, as well as the hugs, kisses and handshakes that followed.

"It's great to be home," said Cpl. Cory Pritchett, who gladly went from following the orders of the Marine Corps to



Photo by Ellen Hudson

The arriving Marines march toward waiting family members and friends Friday.

the orders of his exuberant wife Ashley's welcome sign, "Welcome home - now come here and kiss me."

"My life is back," Ashley said. "The dogs are out of the bed."

Amidst the embraces and tears of joy of families and friends reuniting stood

Carol Poland, who had no connection to any of the Marines, but as the daughter of a military man and widow whose husband had served in the Army, simply wanted to say thank you.

"They support us," Poland said. "It's the right thing to do. We owe it to them."



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Cpl. Cory Pritchett's wife, Ashley, and mother, Tonja Wallenstein, show support for their Marine.



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Staff Sgt Daniel Smartt is greeted by a family member while members of his Huntsville firefighter unit look on.

'I hit the jackpot at Redstone'

Garrison's top enlisted Soldier retiring to local community

By **KARI HAWKINS**
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Come Thursday, the Garrison's Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper will be joining a long list of military retirees who take on an assignment at Redstone Arsenal only to discover that Huntsville is the kind of place where they like to retire.

And that's a far cry from where this Soldier's Soldier was some three years ago when he couldn't even find it on a map.

"Redstone is a great place. But before I got here I couldn't even spell 'Redstone,'" he joked. "It wasn't even on the interstate (between Birmingham and Nashville). I didn't know where it was. I thought it was in the sticks."

Along the way to "discovering" Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville, Cooper also learned that this community has a heart for its Soldiers and military retirees.

"This community (of Huntsville and North Alabama) supports the military like I've never seen before," he said. "All through my Army career, I had heard about military support but I had never really seen it. You see it here."

That says a lot coming from a Soldier who during his 30-plus years in the Army has been stationed at a handful of good locales, including Germany, Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Rucker, Korea and Hawaii. He has shared those assignments with his wife, Mary, who enjoyed the opportunity to travel with her husband's work and who now looks forward to the couple's opportunity to buy their first home right here in North Alabama.

Cooper will retire from his Army career Thursday during a 3 p.m. ceremony



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper will soon be packing up the mementoes of a Soldier's career as he retires from military service, and settles in North Alabama to a post-retirement life filled with civilian work and golf. His retirement ceremony is 3 p.m. Aug. 18 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

in Bob Jones Auditorium. He will be honored at a farewell luncheon today at the Overlook beginning at 11 a.m. A retirement dinner will honor Cooper on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

His assignment as the command sergeant major of Redstone's Garrison was the first garrison position he has held.

"I took this assignment after Command Sgt. Maj. (Ricky) Yates (of the Aviation and Missile Command) called

me and asked if I would come here. I said 'Sure, I'll try anything once,'" Cooper recalled.

That's the way he was throughout his Army career. Cooper was a Soldier who would "try anything once" – including the Army.

"I graduated high school in Bellevue, Neb. I went through several jobs. I just wasn't a college kid," he said. "I wanted to try something different. I wanted to get away from Bellevue and try some-

thing new. I was a very easy sell for the recruiter. I will try anything once. So, I signed up for three years in 1981 and here I am today."

He went in as a 67 November, a military occupational specialty that put him in the high bay working maintenance on utility helicopters.

"I was a Huey helicopter crew chief when I changed to Black Hawk and Kiowa Warrior. By the time I was a first sergeant, I had worked all the aviation maintenance jobs from being a mechanic to being a sergeant major," he said.

"We had a good time. I liked what I was doing. I enjoyed the camaraderie of the Army, and the teamwork and the requirements. The Army opened my eyes to the world. I liked the adventurous part of the Army, and working on helicopters was great for someone who had always been mechanically inclined."

Cooper joined the Army at about the time that President Ronald Reagan began his build-up of the nation's armed forces. He served through the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War and through the days after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"9/11 was a long day," he recalled. "I was in Hawaii, and our commander was on leave and couldn't get back. We ended up guarding the airfield. We knew we were going to war. We knew what happened wasn't going unpunished."

Like most Soldiers these days, Cooper's service took him to Iraq. He deployed in 2005-06 and then again, for 15 months, in 2006-07. Both times he served as a command sergeant major at Contingency Operating Base Speicher. As a leader of aviation maintenance troops responsible for a fleet of more than 100 aircraft, he had a lot to contend with.

"Life in Iraq is just flat. We had to deal with what we had. We had to do the best with what we got," he said. "Iraq is the hottest, worst place I've ever been in my life. We had to work to keep morale

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LookingBack

Worker injured in 1995 terrorist bombing recalls incident

By KIM GILLESPIE
USASAC Public Affairs

The addition of the Army Materiel Command plaque recognizing Army civilian Purple Heart recipients in the new Army Security Assistance Command headquarters building has a very special meaning for the command and one of its employees.

The plaque is dedicated to AMC civilian employees who were killed or wounded in service of their country, includes 40 names, all employees of the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard who were victims of the 1995 terrorist bombing attack of their office building in Riyadh.

Gregg Turner, a division chief in the EUCOM/AFRICOM regional directorate, had joined USASAC's OPM-SANG as a lieutenant colonel in 1992. He retired in 1995 and remained with OPM-SANG as a civilian employee.

"It was a very special place to work," Turner said. "It was more like family because we all knew each other."

Turner remembers the day of the bombing being like any other, when around noon the glass windows were blown out by a jet of black wind.

"I remember thinking a bomb had exploded," he said. Turner was apparently knocked unconscious, and when he came to, he found he was bleeding from his neck and ear. "I crawled across some desks and made my way out on the third floor. Others had left, not realizing I was still in the office, but two majors found me in the hallway and helped me get out of the building," he said.

When he reached the street, a Saudi in an SUV offered to take Turner and others to the hospital. On arrival at the emergency room, he declined immediate attention, asking that the more severely injured be treated first.

"There were around 200 people in our building and many were seriously injured," Turner said.

When Turner finally saw a doctor around 6 p.m. that evening and went into surgery to remove the glass shard that had caused his head wound, the physician discovered the glass was embedded against his carotid artery.

"Just a fraction closer and I'd have never made it," he said. He spent more than five hours in surgery before it was successfully removed and a plastic surgeon reconstructed his ear.

Turner returned to duty in temporary facilities, as did most of the others with-

out critical injuries. Five of his co-workers died from the attack – a sixth passing on the first anniversary of the bombing.

"That made it a particularly hard day," he said. But Turner never considered not returning to his job in Riyadh, even returning to the bombed out building to retrieve some personal items and the briefing he was working on and still keeps, which was splattered with blood.

"I'm glad I went back because it gave me closure," he said. "There were two desks that had been blown together and blocking the door. I know I had to have climbed over those desks to get out but I didn't really remember doing it."

Turner remained at the relocated OPM SANG facility until December 1996, only returning to the OPM-SANG Washington Field Office at USASAC's headquarters in Virginia because U.S. dependents were evacuated following a second bombing at the AL Khobar Towers in June 1996.

"After 23 years in the Army, I didn't want to be separated from my family anymore. But it was hard to leave because after the bombing it brought the PM-SANG family even closer together," Turner said.

His commitment to the Army and USASAC's foreign military sales mission were also reaffirmed. Turner includes the George Orwell quote, "We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us wrong," with his email signature. He said it reflects his gratitude for an Army of Soldiers willing to risk everything to protect their fellow countrymen.

Turner also believes the security assistance USASAC provides to other countries is essential to the U.S. and the Army.

"Our job is to improve the readiness of partner nations so more of our Soldiers can come home," he said.

The AMC Purple Heart recipients' plaque was dedicated in 1996 at the AMC headquarters and was moved to the new USASAC headquarters at Redstone Arsenal when the command completed its Base Realignment and Closure relocation in June.

Turner is the only employee listed on the plaque who remains at USASAC.

"I had always hoped USASAC would get to display the plaque," he said.

Now Turner, USASAC personnel and visitors who see the plaque in the USASAC lobby each day are reminded of the sacrifices made by AMC civilians for freedom.



Photo by Melody Sandlin

Gregg Turner stands next to the AMC Civilian Purple Heart recipients' plaque in the Army Security Assistance Command's headquarters lobby. The plaque was previously displayed at headquarters Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. The plaque includes the names of more than 40 OPM-SANG employees, Turner included, injured or killed in the 1995 bombing of the OPM-SANG headquarters building in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Civilians were eligible for the Purple Heart from 1962-98.

Fox's pathology department earns accreditation

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists has awarded accreditation to Fox Army Health Center Department of Pathology, based on the results of a recent onsite inspection.

The laboratory's director, Michael Cooke, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. A UName is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited laboratories worldwide.

The federal government recognizes the CAP laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

During the CAP accreditation process, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control

of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, as well as the laboratory's equipment, facilities, safety program and record, in addition to the overall management of the laboratory. This stringent inspection program is designed to specifically ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society that serves more than 17,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of board-certified pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The college is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective patient care. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

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not limited to mechanical devices, heat, cold, air, water and electricity.

Preventive Medicine, hours Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: occupational medicine; community health nurse; environmental health; health promotions; and industrial hygiene.

Primary Care Clinic, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only: All Tricare Prime patients enrolled to Fox Army Health Center and assigned to this clinic will have a primary care manager. Tricare Prime patients will coordinate specialty care through their PCM thereby ensuring continuity, timeliness and appropriateness of primary care; comprehensive medical care to the beneficiaries of Fox; adult and family medicine as well as pediatrics and minor surgeries; and online appointment booking.

Radiology, hours Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.: provides comprehensive, high-quality

ity and high technical in-house resource for Digital Radiographic Imaging to the beneficiaries of Fox. The Radiology Department provides radiographic procedures for all DoD entitled patrons.

Warrior Medicine, hours Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and effective Sept. 1 the new hours will be 7-3:30; physical exams are by appointment only; provides comprehensive medical care to active duty patients; physical examination; aviation medicine; and electrocardiograms.

Wellness Clinic, hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: diabetes seminar; tobacco cessation; Welcome to Wellness classes; cholesterol classes; and weight management.

Fox Army Health Center will adjust the hours it offers some services. This is done in order to provide the most support during the hours that historically have the greatest demand for services.

On the first Thursdays, the Health Center will close at noon for an afternoon of mandatory training.

The Exchange Café, open daily at Fox from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., features healthy options – everything is made fresh to order. *(Fox Army Health Center release)*

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up, and to make sure we kept doing the right thing with planning and executing the mission. There were periods when we were extremely busy and other times when things were very calm."

While deployed, Cooper stayed focused on what every good first sergeant, sergeant major and command sergeant major knows – "A busy Soldier is a happy Soldier. The ones that have time to sit around and feel sorry for themselves are the ones that get in trouble."

Cooper especially enjoyed the time he served as a first sergeant, a job that allowed him to affect conditions for Soldiers while still being involved with the day-to-day aspects of Soldiering.

"As a first sergeant, you really get to touch the troops. The further you go from there, the further you get away from where the rubber meets the road," he said.

Yet, Cooper continued up the ladder, taking on the ultimate enlisted Soldier's job as a command sergeant major. It is a job that gave him the opportunity to still affect change for Soldiers, although on a more administrative level.

"I am here to advise the commander," he said. "Ultimately, he's the one that makes

the decision. But you try to give him your opinion so that he makes the best decision. You are the commander's sanity check and you try to provide sound advice. I am a pragmatist and I tell it like it is. You don't want to be a 'yes man' in this job."

Redstone-Garrison was a good last assignment for Cooper, making it easier for this Soldier to transition into the civilian world.

"For 27 years, I was in a troop unit. Here we have a Garrison environment with a very limited number of Soldiers," he said. "It has been a good eye opening experience to see how the Army works on the civilian side."

Even without Soldiers, Cooper has remained busy in his Garrison assignment.

"I had free rein to go out and be the eyes and ears of the commander on post. So, you rarely saw me in the office," he said. "I was always out checking on facilities or looking over what was going on at the gates. I was here to help during a time of change caused by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Act. I was always working to make things better, to try to improve things for the employees of Redstone. I enjoyed working at a post where everybody is working one way or another to support the Soldier."

Even with retirement imminent, Cooper likes talking to young people about the opportunities the Army can offer.

"If you're looking for something to help you mature, that can give you a career, and provide you with structured lifestyle, then I would try the Army," he said. "If you want to do something for your country other than yourself, I'd join the Army."

Cooper believes the Army will continue to be successful in its mission to provide the nation with the best Soldiers to defend peace.

"The Army's future is in very capable hands," he said. "Change is a constant in the Army, and it is always good. There is always a better way to do things, and you have to be able to adapt to change."

With retirement, Cooper's role will be taken over by Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark-Davis, previously of the 59th Ordnance Brigade.

"I know she will do a great job in this position," Cooper said. "Like me, she will come to know the Garrison work force. I appreciate all the friendships, guidance and tutelage I've received here. You meet a lot of great people working in this position."

Those great people have included three Garrison commanders – Col. John Olsheski, Col. Bob Pastorelli and current commander Col. John Hamilton – as well as deputy Garrison commander Curtis Clark.

"I was fortunate working for three great colonels with three different leadership styles, and working with a leader, mentor and friend like Mr. Clark who made working in the Garrison all that much easier. He knows everything about everything in the garrison world, and I learned so much from him," Cooper said.

"I hit the jackpot here. They do things right here at Redstone."

Rotary Wing Center lands with celebration

New hangar at Airfield enhances capabilities

By MEGAN COTTON
For the Rocket

Helicopters have a new home of their own at Redstone Airfield.

To celebrate the completion of the Rotary Wing Center, the Test and Evaluation Command held a grand opening celebration Aug. 9 at the new building 4880. The celebration included remarks from distinguished guests, the AMC Brass Quintet and tours of the Rotary Wing Center.

The center will be used by the Redstone Test Center. RTC was established two years ago when the Redstone Technical Test Center and the Aviation Technical Test Center, formerly of Fort Rucker, merged under BRAC 2005.

"I stand here in awe of this new facility," Maj. Greg Fortier, commander of the Aviation Flight Test Directorate,

said.

The 127,000 square foot building, which is about 60 percent hangar space and 40 percent office space, will bring enhanced aviation test and evaluation capabilities to Redstone Arsenal. The move brings testing capabilities closer to RTC's customers.

"This is all about bringing things together that make sense and this makes sense," Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, said. "This will allow us to develop it quicker, get it tested quicker, and then get it verified.

"We are all about supporting the Soldier the best we can. We've got all the pieces together so if there is an issue or a challenge they literally can walk down the road and solve it. So our turnaround should be much quicker, which allows us to get it to the hands of the user quicker."

The ground breaking for the center took place two years ago and the grand opening was a celebration to thank all those who made the move possible,

RTC commander Col. Steve Kihara said. "At the ground breaking we talked a lot about milestones, we talked about the merger of two great organizations, we talked about the synergy of people and the synergy of this community. This is one of the finest hangars I've ever seen and a lot of folks in this room made it happen.

"What the capabilities this facility brings, is for the first time in the history of Army aviation we co-locate both the test side of the house, with the science and technology side of the house, along with the AMCOM side of the house. We now have an entire commu-



Photo by Megan Cotton

Participants in the grand opening include, from left, Test and Evaluation Command deputy commander Brian Simmons, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers and Redstone Test Center commander Col. Steve Kihara.

nity of aviation co-located at Redstone. We can go from idea all the way to the field much quicker and more efficiently."

Letterkenny earns seventh Shingo Prize

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. – Letterkenny Army Depot has added to its impressive resume.

Letterkenny commander Col. Cheri Provancha informed the workers Aug. 9 that the Aviation Ground Power Unit rebuild program was selected to receive the Shingo prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, Bronze Medallion.

Provancha visited various buildings across the depot and personally thanked and congratulated the employees that had a direct hand in bringing the prestigious recognition to the depot.

"You guys did it. You pulled it off," she said. "The one thing they (Shingo auditors) walked away with was the heart and soul that was demonstrated down here."

The award is the first Shingo prize in which the cost center owned the entire process. Employees briefed the review team about their role in AGPU's continuous improvement process.

Electrical equipment repairer James



Letterkenny photo

Letterkenny Army Depot commander Col. Cheri Provancha congratulates the Aviation Ground Power Unit team on their reception of the Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence, Bronze Medallion, on Aug. 9. She thanked the employees for their hard work and contributions for making this award a team effort.

Ehrenreich demonstrated the AGPU harness test in building 51. "This test used to take four to five hours to run,"

he said. "Now the entire process is completed in less than three minutes."

The AGPU rebuild program was established in 2005 and has undergone various improvements and transitions to meet increasing production numbers.

Power support system mechanic leader Jeremy Crouse said the AGPU line has undergone restructuring approximately six times in order to accommodate production at the current area of 23,374 square feet.

The auditors were impressed by Letterkenny employees' alignment with the Soldier, the flexibility and adaptability of the work force and the workers pride in workmanship.

"What an amazing commitment at all levels. Very impressive," Shingo examiner Paul Terry said.

Provancha commended the employees on a job well done and encouraged them to go for a gold in the future.

The audit to examine the depot's

AGPU submission was conducted on July 26-27. Four individuals from Utah State University's Jon M. Huntsman School of Business evaluated the depot on criteria such as proving a lean business systems model with an emphasis on customer satisfaction and profitability; quality, cost and delivery; lean core operations as well as leadership and empowerment enablers.

The Shingo prize was established in 1988 to educate, assess and recognize world-class organizations for creating a culture of continuous improvement through employee-empowerment and effective leadership.

Letterkenny has received six Shingos in the past, the Silver Shingo in 2005 for the Patriot missile, the Silver Shingo in 2006 for the Humvee recap, the Bronze Shingo in 2007 for power generation and a Silver Shingo for Humvee, a Bronze Shingo in 2008 for biological integrated detection systems and a Bronze Shingo in 2010 for the Patriot missile.

A ceremony for the AGPU Bronze Shingo is scheduled Sept. 9. (*Letterkenny Army Depot release*)

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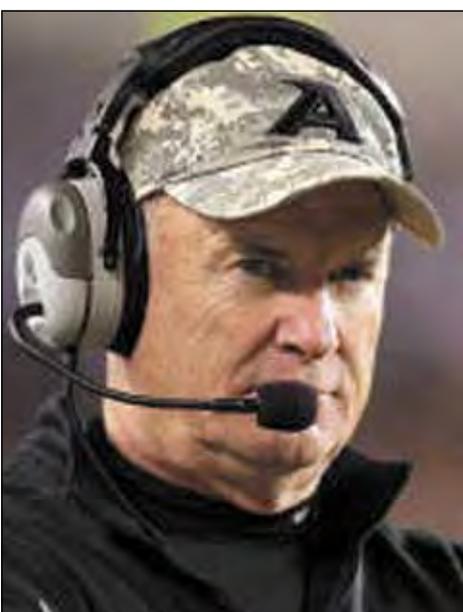
at Moffett Field, Calif., has done

testing for the Utility Project Office and Sikorsky, involving fly-by-wire technology. He said fly-by-wire technology is geared toward making the aircraft highly stable and more predictable.

This technology will also help troops on the ground, when a pilot can focus more on the surroundings and efficiently making deliveries and placing payloads that will be a great advantage.

"The fly-by-wire is an enabling technology that will allow for more advanced, adaptive, flight controls and sensors to be integrated into a helicopter making them easier and safer to fly," Ott said.

Army announces 2013 and 2014 football schedules



Army Athletic Communications photo

Rich Ellerson and the Black Knights will play three home games versus BCS conferences in 2013.

By Army Athletic Communications

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Home-and-home series versus Stanford and Wake Forest, and games with Boston College at Michie Stadium and Yankee Stadium highlight Army's 2013 and 2014 football schedules that were announced by director of athletics Boo Corrigan on Aug. 8.

Army will play 11 games at West Point during those two seasons, including six in 2013 and five in 2014. In addition, the Black Knights will host Boston College as part of the "Army at Yankee Stadium Series" on Nov. 8, 2014.

The 2013 slate features home games versus three teams from BCS automatic-qualifying conferences. The Black Knights will welcome Stanford (Pac-12), Wake Forest (ACC) and Boston College (ACC) to Michie Stadium. In addition, Army hosts Morgan State in the season opener, Eastern Michigan and Western Kentucky. The Morgan State contest is set for Aug. 31, marking only the second time the Black Knights have played in August. The 2008 season opener versus

Temple was played on Aug. 28. The 2013 opener is also the first time the Black Knights will open a campaign at Michie Stadium since the 2008 contest versus Temple.

The 2013 road slate is highlighted by a trip to service-academy rival Air Force and a Thanksgiving weekend visit to Hawaii. It is the Black Knights' first trip to Honolulu since 2003. Army will also play at Ball State, Louisiana Tech and Temple.

The 2013 Army-Navy Game presented by USAA will be played at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia on Dec. 14.

Army will play five games at West Point and the Boston College contest at Yankee Stadium during the 2014 season. The Black Knights begin the season by hosting Buffalo on Sept. 6. The rest of the home schedule includes Ball State, Rice, Air Force and Fordham. After the opener versus Buffalo, a challenging three-game road stretch awaits the Black Knights. Army will play at Stanford, at Wake Forest and at Yale to round out the September schedule. The trip to Stanford will mark Army's first time in Palo Alto since 1976. Army is also slated to play at Kent State and at Western Kentucky.

The regular-season finale versus Navy moves to Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium on Dec. 13, 2014.

"We are happy to once again be able to announce our future schedules so far in advance," Corrigan said. "Even with the challenges of scheduling as a Football Bowl Subdivision Independent, we have been able to put together schedules that are balanced, both competitively and geographically. We will be able to expose Army Football to all regions of the country, as well as playing some terrific opponents at Michie Stadium."

As previously announced, Army has an agreement with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl should the Black Knights be bowl eligible in 2013. The Army Athletic Association is working to finalize the Black Knights' postseason plans for the 2014 campaign.

The Black Knights begin their 122nd season on Sept. 3, 2011 at Northern Illinois. Army makes its home debut the following week when it hosts San Diego State.

Single-game and season tickets for the 2011 season are now on sale. Fans can secure their seats online, call the Army Athletics Ticket Office at 1-877-TIX-

ARMY or in-person by visiting the Army Box Office located in the lobby of the Hollender Center.

The 2011 season ticket packages start at just \$79 for the "Coach E's Army" section located in the southwest corner of Michie Stadium. A sideline season ticket is priced at \$128. Packages for the 2011 season include Army's four games at Michie Stadium. In addition, season-ticket holders will have priority to purchase seats for the Black Knights' game versus Rutgers at Yankee Stadium. The ticket price for individual seats for the San Diego State, Northwestern and Fordham games is \$32. The Tulane game, this year's homecoming contest, is priced at \$38.

When purchasing tickets, fans should also be aware of the adjustment to Army A Club giving levels for the 2011 football season. These updated tiers include new Michie Stadium parking guidelines designed to enhance parking efficiency and improve the game day experience for all fans attending games at West Point.

- **2011 schedule:** Sept. 3 at Northern Illinois; Sept. 10 vs. San Diego State; Sept. 17 vs. Northwestern; Sept. 24 at Ball State; Oct. 1 vs. Tulane; Oct. 8 vs. Miami (Ohio); Oct. 15 open; Oct. 22 at Vanderbilt; Oct. 29 vs. Fordham; Nov. 5 at Air Force; Nov. 12 vs. Rutgers (Yankee Stadium); Nov. 19 at Temple; Nov. 26 open; Dec. 3 open; Dec. 10 vs. Navy (FedEx Field in Landover, Md.).

- **2012:** Sept. 8 at San Diego State; Sept. 15 vs. Northern Illinois; Sept. 22 at Wake Forest; Sept. 29 vs. Stony Brook; Oct. 6 at Boston College; Oct. 13 vs. Kent State; Oct. 20 at Eastern Michigan; Oct. 27 vs. Ball State; Nov. 3 vs. Air Force (Yankee Stadium); Nov. 10 at Rutgers; Nov. 17 vs. Temple; Dec. 8 vs. Navy (Lincoln Financial Field).

- **2013:** Aug. 31 vs. Morgan State; Sept. 7 at Ball State; Sept. 14 vs. Stanford; Sept. 21 vs. Wake Forest; Sept. 28 at Louisiana Tech; Oct. 5 vs. Boston College; Oct. 12 vs. Eastern Michigan; Oct. 19 at Temple; Nov. 2 at Air Force; Nov. 9 vs. Western Kentucky; Nov. 30 at Hawaii; Dec. 14 vs. Navy (Lincoln Financial Field).

- **2014:** Sept. 6 vs. Buffalo; Sept. 13 at Stanford; Sept. 20 at Wake Forest; Sept. 27 at Yale; Oct. 4 vs. Ball State; Oct. 11 vs. Rice; Oct. 18 at Kent State; Nov. 1 vs. Air Force; Nov. 8 vs. Boston College (Yankee Stadium); Nov. 15 at Western Kentucky; Nov. 22 vs. Fordham; Dec. 13 vs. Navy (M&T Bank Stadium).

Sports & Recreation

Football officials

The North Alabama Football Officials Association is in search of new officials. If you are interested, visit the website <http://nafoa.biz/dnn/> or call Bob Arnone 763-1796. New officials can be accepted until the last two weeks of the regular season.

9.11K run

Runners can observe the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by participating in a road race Sept. 10 at Redstone. The 9.11K Run, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Sparkman Center building 5302, will be 9.11 kilometers in memory of that tragic day. Registration is under way through Aug. 26 at all the fitness centers and the cost is \$15. Runners can also register off-post at Fleet Feet on Carl T. Jones Drive in southeast Huntsville. Race-day registration for \$20 is available only to those who have Redstone access. Runners will check in from 6:30-7:15 that morning. The fitness centers and their phone numbers include Pagano Gym (876-2943), Sparkman Fitness Center (313-6091), Col. Stephen K. Scott Fitness Center (955-7508) and Redstone Fitness Center (313-1201). This event, sponsored by FMWR Sports and Fitness, is presented by Woody Anderson Ford.

Golf tournament

Strengthening Youth for the Next Generation is holding its second annual Golf Tournament, Aug. 27 at 8 a.m. at the Point Mallard Golf Course in Decatur. The \$65 registration fee includes green fees, cart and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded along with giveaways. SYNG is a non-profit, volunteer arm of the CG&FAR Investment Club LLC. Funds raised during the golf tournament will be used to provide college scholarships to youth throughout the community. For more information, call Cathy Scott 527-2345 or email cg_far@yahoo.com.

Women's fitness

Fitness Boot Camp for Women is under way; and all military spouses and government employees get a free gift when they sign up. The morning class is 5:30-6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday at Weatherly Elementary School. The evening class is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. "Nobody gets left behind and everybody gets results," a prepared release said. "This camp is truly for all shapes, sizes and abilities." For more information, call Joe Martin 468-7146, of Huntsville Adventure Boot Camp for Women, or visit www.HuntsvilleBootCamp.com.

Rocketman triathlon

The 18th annual Rocketman Triath-

lon will be held Aug. 28 at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. This Olympic Distance Triathlon will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a 1,500 meter swim in the Tennessee River, followed by a 40 kilometer bike and 10 kilometer run. This is the only Olympic distance triathlon in North Alabama, therefore some of the best triathletes in the Southeast will compete. The race is limited to 500 slots. To register, go to <http://www.imathlete.com/events/RocketmanTriathlon>.

Indoor flying

Grace United Methodist Church, 2113 Old Monrovia Road, welcomes pilots and spectators of all ages to its high-ceiling gym for indoor small electric radio-controlled airplane and helicopter flying from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 28. Bring your small electric R-C planes and helicopters and fly. For information call Jim Marconnet 772-3946 or email jmarconnet@gmail.com.

Babe Ruth baseball

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the fall season Saturday and Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2012 are invited; and 12-year-olds are eligible to sign up as well under the local swing player option. Registration forms will be accepted after Aug. 29 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. Contact one of these park representatives for registration locations and the park where the player is zoned to play: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, Emile Jones 990-5902, ejones@wilsonlumber.net; Southern Division, Sandharter Park, Tim Harrison, 544-3180, tth3180@bellsouth.net; and Eastern Division, Optimist Park, T. Poe 527-8763, wyatt.poe@gmail.com.

Benefit walk

The Alabama Chapter of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association will hold its seventh annual Walk to Defeat ALS on Aug. 27 at Joe Davis Stadium. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the walk at 11. Proceeds will benefit the Alabama Chapter of the ALS Association. To register, visit www.walktodefeatals.org.

Boating safety class

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety class, Boating Skills and Seamanship, began Aug. 11 and runs Thursdays from 6:30-9 p.m. at building 3687 on Neal Road. Cost is \$25 for the textbook. The course is to provide the boater with comprehensive understanding of safe boating operation and handling. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 830-6621 (home), 527-4475 (cell) or email tkunhart@knology.net.

Rocket Announcements

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.

Protestant women

Beginning on Aug. 25, you are invited to join the Protestant Women of the Chapel on Thursdays at Bicentennial Chapel as they meet for friendship, fellowship and Bible study. Choose from three sessions: morning from 9:30-11:30, lunch time from 11:30-12:30 and evening at 6. Some child care is available at the morning session, upon registration with Youth Services.

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.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Research Park Club 4838, which meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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 4488, room B-306. For information call Claudinette Purifoy 955-9422. 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 Dan Cutshall 684-2359.

Reserve officers association

The Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Department of Alabama Local Chapter 20 will meet Sept. 9 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Overlook Restau-

rant. The goal of the meeting is to reactivate Chapter 20. For more information, call Lt. Col. Ruby Lardent 799-1246 or email ruby.lardent@us.army.mil.

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.

Losing weight

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter AL 0047, Huntsville, invites all who are interested in losing weight the safe way to its weekly meetings at the First Christian Church, 3209 Whitesburg Drive, at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The purpose of TOPS is to help you follow your doctors' recommendations on losing weight through mutual help. For more information, visit <http://www.tops.org/default.aspx> and http://www.ehow.com/about_5415201_weight-loss-tops.html.

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.

Chapter meeting

The Huntsville SMTA will hold its chapter meeting Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. at Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. David Hillman Rockwell Collins Inc. will present "Impact of Lead-free Soldering Processes on Defense Industry Electronics Assembly Practices." There is no charge for members. Cost is \$10 for non-members. For more information, call Richard Henrick 882-4579 or email richard.henrick@sanmina-sci.com.

Reliability engineers

The Society of Reliability Engineers, Huntsville Chapter, invites you to its fourth annual RAM Workshop, Nov. 1-2 at the Holiday Inn Hotel Downtown, 401 Williams Ave. For more information and to register, call Anna Gamble 922-9300, ext. 100, email anna.gamble@irtc-hq.com or visit the website <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=46uhokgab&oeidk=a07e4acce3be6cc3c0d>.

Defense women

Women in Defense, Tennessee Valley Chapter, will present "Leadership Challenges in National Defense," a half day

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workshop on the afternoon of Oct. 27 at the Marriott in Huntsville. The event will include a luncheon (with keynote speaker), afternoon focus panels and an evening reception. Speaking invitations to high-level government leadership have been extended. Additional workshop details to include agenda, registration information and sponsorship opportunities will be announced soon.

Miscellaneous Items

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 Lisa Glenn 876-2082. Contractors and others interested can access www.wpol.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 remain confidential and anonymous. Please leave enough information so any followup investigation can be completed.

Education test center

Taking online courses? Need a proctor for your exams? If so, call the Army Education Center Testing Office 876-9764 for an appointment. They can proctor exams for most colleges. Proctoring services are free and available to the Redstone Arsenal community (military/government ID card holders).

Ride needed

Julie Jordan, a badge checker in building 5303, works 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and does not drive because of her disability.

She lives off Airport Road and is willing to pay. No handicap accessible equipment will be required. If interested call 604-8433.

Women's fellowship

The Women's Ministry at Cove United Methodist Church will hold its annual Girl's Night Out on Aug. 24. "This event is fun, food and fellowship to bring women together," a prepared release said. "Our special guest speaker this year is Pam Tebow. Yes, Tim's mom, mother of five, former missionary Pam is going to share with us some of her experiences and tips for raising godly children." Tickets are \$15 each. A limited number of tickets is available for a special meet and greet with Pam prior to the event. Those tickets are \$100 each. If interested call Amanda Medley 457-4703.

CFC 50th year

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting nominations for participation in the 2011 Campaign Associates Program. This year marks the 50th anniversary for CFC. Volunteers are needed to help ensure the overall success of the campaign. "This will be an opportunity for you to set an example of caring and concern, not only for your fellow employee, but for our community as well," a prepared release said. Volunteers must attend a four-day orientation in August and be available for up to 20 hours per week during the campaign period (Sept. 1 through Dec. 16). For more information or if interested in volunteering, call the CFC Office 876-9143. Supervisory concurrence is required.

Motorcycle poker run

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will have a Poker Run, Saturday at Rocket Harley-Davidson in Madison to help raise funds for "Operation Stand Down." Registration is from 8:30-10:30 a.m. with the first bike out at 10:30 and the last bike in at 3 p.m. The route starts at Rocket Harley-Davidson goes to Black Water Hattie's, Chips and Salsa, North Alabama Biker Supply, Big D's Cycle and ends at Rocket Harley-Davidson. There will be live music, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and food and drinks. Entry fee is \$10 per rider, \$5 extra hand, \$5 passenger and \$3 extra hand. Winnings include \$150 for best hand, \$75 for worst hand. For more information, call Tom Gerrish 313-0728 or 348-5898.

Blues festival

The "Blues, Brew and Barbecue Festival" is Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Redstone Activity Field. Gate 10 at Patton Road will open at noon; and the activity field gates open at 2. The entertainers include headliner Leela James; the Delta Guitar Slingers, featuring Michael Burks, Lurrie Bell and Sherman Robertson; opening act Rick Ward & Company, from Huntsville;

and Tinsley Ellis. Advance tickets are \$15; and the cost is \$20 on the day of show. Premium tickets cost \$60, which includes seating, separate restrooms, catered barbecue dinner, free domestic premium draft beer and wine. There will be a cash bar. Handicap seating will be available at the event. Tickets are on sale at the Redstone FMWR ticket offices, including building 3711, the Post Restaurant Fund at the Sparkman Center, the Post Exchange and the bowling center; and also through ticketmaster.com. Premium tickets can only be purchased at the Community Activity Center, building 3711. For more information, call 313-5224 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Logistics award nominations

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2011 "Ernie" format will include two awards: the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Nomination packages must have a cover memorandum signed by the nominee's director or deputy director. Nominations should be submitted by Aug. 31 to Barbara A. Harris, logistics management specialist, IMMC Business Management Directorate, at 876-3805.

Directory available

The 2011 Installation Guide and Telephone Directory is now available. The guide provides information about Redstone Arsenal and its missile, aviation and space programs as well as community information, phone number listings for on-post organizations and a yellow page directory for local businesses. Everyone on Redstone Arsenal is welcome to a copy of the new Installation Guide. If your command does not have copies of the Installation Guide, your organization should send a representative to the Sparkman Center mail room loading dock to obtain copies for their employees. In addition, new maps of the Arsenal are available for pickup at the reception areas near each Sparkman Center entrance door and from the AMCOM/Garrison Public and Congressional Affairs Office, room 5143, building 5300, Sparkman Center. If you have any questions about the Installation Guide, Kari Hawkins 876-4213 or email kari.hawkins@us.army.mil.

Huntsville youth event

The Huntsville Police Department will hold a citywide event for youth, ages 12-18, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jaycees building, parking lot at 2180 Airport Road. "The City of Huntsville cares about you!" a prepared release said.

There will be free admission, free food, fun activities for all to enjoy and free giveaways. The goal of Community Awareness For Youth is "to build relationships with our youth and foster a positive environment for their success"; and "to make our youth aware of their four pillars of success: health, physical fitness, education and careers." For more information, call Huntsville Police communications relations officer Harry Hobbs 427-7043 or 425-5307 or email harry.hobbs@huntsvilleal.gov.

Safety officer course

The Garrison Safety Office will hold a Collateral Duty Safety Officer Course on Sept. 27-29. Newly assigned CDSOs or personnel that will be conducting duties as a CDSO are encouraged to attend the classroom training. Before coming to the classroom training, personnel should first complete the CDSO online course at the Army Combat Readiness Center, <https://safety.army.mil>. Upon successful completion, personnel will print a copy of the training certificate and place it in their CDSO binder. The CDSOs should familiarize themselves with Army Safety Program references. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration provides safety standards in the Code of Federal Regulation 29 CFR 1910 and 29 CFR 1926 for CDSO use. Space is limited. Send the name, organization, phone number and email address of personnel that will attend the CDSO training to Ralph Langford, ralph.langford@us.army.mil, or Jonathan Niedergeses, jonathan.niedergeses@us.army.mil. Individuals will receive confirmation, time and place of training by email once the class roster is complete.

Quarterly retirements

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. All military personnel who are scheduled to retire within the next 3-6 months are encouraged to participate in one of the quarterly retirement ceremonies. Call Sgt. Steven Griffin 876-7969 or Staff Sgt. Marcus Holder 876-7969 to make arrangements for participation. Deadline for signing up is Sept. 1. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled Dec. 6. While it may be appropriate to notify your chain of command, you must notify Griffin or Holder in order to participate.

Women's equality event

Team Redstone's program for Women's Equality Heritage Month is Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The keynote speaker is Mary Wilson, former member of the legendary recording group The Supremes.

Training opportunity

The North Alabama Chapter of ASTD will present "The Bottom-Line on ROI (Return on Investment)," Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton, **See Announcements on page 27**

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Huntsville. Cost is \$145 per person. Register today at www.astdna.org.

Island style fund-raiser

The Rotary Club of Madison will hold its ninth annual Parrots of the Caribbean, an outdoor evening of live music, food and libations Aug. 27 from 6-11 p.m. at 58 Martin Street in downtown Madison. "Parrotheads and music lovers everywhere are invited to don their grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts and island wear to enjoy dancing, gift basket giveaways and a fabulous island theme," a prepared release said. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from Madison Rotarians or purchased over the phone with a credit card by calling 564-2075. All guests must be 21 or older and are encouraged to bring their IDs, blankets and lawn chairs. Coolers, pets, strollers, and outside food and drink are not permitted. This event is held rain or shine. For more information, call the Rotary Club of Madison 564-2075 or email madisonrotary@gmail.com.

Yard sale benefit

A local dog rescue group will have a fund-raiser yard sale Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at 213 Oakwood, Huntsville. It's a yellow house on the corner of Oakwood and Virginia, near Five Points. All proceeds from the sale will go to the vetting of adoptable dogs.

Education luncheon

Village of Promise presents lunch with Geoffrey Canada on Sept. 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. In his 20-plus years with Harlem Children's Zone, Canada has become nationally recognized for his pioneering work helping

children and families in Harlem and as a passionate advocate for education reform. Cost is \$50 per person. Reservations may be purchased online at VillageofPromise.com, by phone at 536-8052 or by mail with check made payable to Village of Promise, 200 Pratt Ave. Suite B-2, Huntsville, AL 35801. Reservations must be purchased by Sept. 14. Follow Village of Promise on Facebook and Twitter.

Gifts for needy children

As Huntsville schools opened another year of learning, most parents were shopping for back-to-school bargains using a school-issued supply list as their guide. But this year, Huntsville kids were thinking beyond their own backpacks and buying supplies for kids they had never met. Huntsville residents were stocking up on items for Operation Christmas Child – a massive year-round project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse – where participants fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items and letters of encouragement for kids overseas. You can help enlist families, churches, Scout troops, community groups and businesses to take advantage of back-to-school sales by collecting school supplies for shoe box gifts. Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items and a letter of encouragement and drop off the gift boxes at a collection site near you during National Collection Week. For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (770)777-9342 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week for gift-filled shoe boxes is Nov. 14-21; however, shoe box gifts are collected all year at the Samaritan's Purse headquarters in Boone, N.C.



ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF Aug 10 2011	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																			
SCBK11177532	Enterprise Management Officer	17-Aug-11	US Army Acquisition Spt Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	98,265 - 150,266								X				X
SCBK11183911	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	17-Aug-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK10444988OC	Contract Specialist	17-Aug-11	AMC	YA-1102	3	3	92,277 - 157,779	X	X						X	X			X
SCBK11233092	Contract Specialist	17-Aug-11	US Army Space & Mis Def Cmd	GS-1102	11	12	58,343 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11229975E	Enterprise Management Officer	17-Aug-11	US Army Acquisition Spt Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	98,265 - 150,266												X
SCBK11183911	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	17-Aug-11	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK11138708R	Operations Research Analyst	18-Aug-11	AMCOM	GS-1515	12	13	69,930 - 90,907			X									
SCBK11212598	Procurement & Production Systems Analyst	18-Aug-11	ACC	GS-1101	11	12	58,343 - 90,907	X											
SCBK1044488OC	Contract Specialist	18-Aug-11	AMC	YA-1102	2	2	47,215 - 108,102	X	X						X	X			X
SCBK11232084	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	19-Aug-11	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK11231601	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	19-Aug-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11254827	Program Analyst	19-Aug-11	AMCOM	GS-0343	13	13	83,156 - 108,102			X					X				X
SCBK11232758	Supervisory Business Mgt Officer	19-Aug-11	AMCOM	NH-0340	4	4	98,265 - 150,266	X											
SCBK11199272	Management Analyst	22-Aug-11	Army Corp of Engineers	GS-0343	9	9	48,221 - 62,683		X		X				X				X
SCBK10489686OCE	Contract Specialist	26-Aug-11	ACC	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102												X
FY-13-PM-01	Acquisition Key Billet - Product Mgr	2-Sep-11	Army Human Resources Cmd	GS-0340	14	14	84,697 - 110,104			X									
SCBK104828500C	Supv Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	AMCOM	YA-1102	3	3	98,265 - 127,743				X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK10482841OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	14	14	98,265 - 127,743		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK110852130C	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	14	14	98,265 - 127,743		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK11087400OC	Supv Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	ACC	NH-1102	4	4	98,265 - 150,266				X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK11084873OC	Contact Price/Cost Analyst	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102			X					X	X			X
SCBK11084897OCE	Contact Price/Cost Analyst	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102												X
SCBK11085704OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X	X
SCBK11085750OC	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907			X					X	X	X	X	X
SCBK11087482E	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907												x
SCBK11085766OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907				X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK11085691OCE	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907								X				X
SCBK1185766OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	ACC	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907				X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCBK10482823OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X
SCEG11MEPS10D	Test Administrator	30-Sep-11	US Military Entrance Processing Cmd	GS-0303	4	4	27,990 - 36,384												X
SWDL11116850D	Test Administrator	30-Sep-11	US Military Entrance Processing Cmd	GS-0303	4	4	27,990 - 36,384									X			X
FY-13-PM-02	Acquisition Key Billet - Product Mgr	7-Oct-11	Army Human Resources Cmd	GS-0340	14	14	84,697 - 110,104			X									
SCBK110099266	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	15-Dec-11	Army Corp of Engineers	GS-0018	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCNAFBK1105OC	Custodial Worker	31-Dec-11	Field Operating Agcy of Army Staff Resourced	NA-3566	2	2	8.15/hr												X
SCNAFBK11020OC	Food Service Worker	31-Dec-11	Field Operating Agcy of Army Staff Resourced	NA-7408	3	3	8.83/hr												X
SCNAFBK1104OC	Waiter	31-Dec-11	Field Operating Agcy of Army Staff Resourced	NA-7420	3	3	8.83/hr												X
SCBK118937660ER	Operations Research Analyst	14-Mar-12	US Army Res, Dev & Engring Cmd	DB-1515	12	13	66,809 - 106,369												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.