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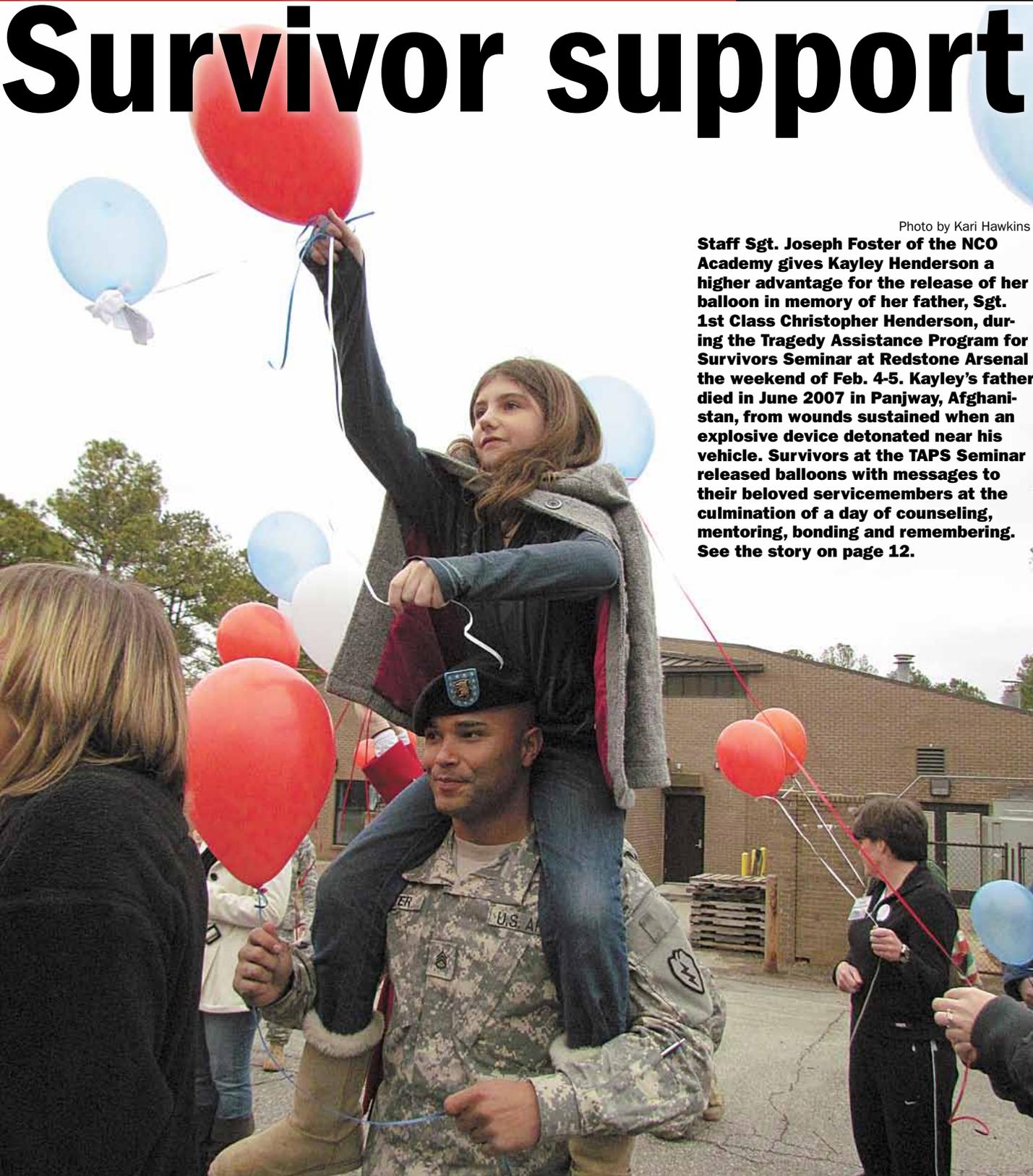


Photo by Kari Hawkins

Staff Sgt. Joseph Foster of the NCO Academy gives Kayley Henderson a higher advantage for the release of her balloon in memory of her father, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Henderson, during the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Seminar at Redstone Arsenal the weekend of Feb. 4-5. Kayley's father died in June 2007 in Panjway, Afghanistan, from wounds sustained when an explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Survivors at the TAPS Seminar released balloons with messages to their beloved servicemembers at the culmination of a day of counseling, mentoring, bonding and remembering. See the story on page 12.

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Retired Gen. Colin Powell is among the inspirational speakers during a Feb. 7 "Get Motivated" event at the Birmingham-Jefferson County Convention Complex.

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Children ages 6 to 17 are invited to join the Child Youth and School Services Inline Hockey League this spring.

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Redstone's presidential past includes visits by four commanders in chief.

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Headquarters & Alpha Company gets hot and neutralizes 326th Chemical on the basketball court.

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Who is the greatest president in American history?

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Lisa Oliver
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“George Washington comes to mind first. But I think that George W. Bush probably had the hardest job as a president with 9/11 and all the heat he took because of it. I wouldn’t say he’s the greatest but I think he had the hardest task as a president.”



Tom Newman
 AMCOM Command Group (contractor) “Abraham Lincoln. Because he saved the nation and allowed the country to survive and grow and prosper to the country we know today.”



Spc. Jordan Roberts
 AMC Band “I’d say FDR. A lot of people don’t think of him as the best, but he did a heck of a lot. He got us out of the Depression and got us through probably the greatest war in history.”



Felicia Brown-Clay
 Community Activity Center “I think for me it would be Obama. Because he’s helped college students out a lot on grants and loans with the interest rates.”

Letters to the Editor

Take advantage of opportunities to explore

By **RICHARD WALKER**
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MANNHEIM, Germany — Opportunities can come in many different forms; at the time you may not see them as opportunities.

Because of one such opportunity that emerged in my junior year of high school, I’ve learned to seize every opportunity. Now, opportunity fuels nearly every decision I make.

My life is based on opportunity; it is the reason I am in college. It is the reason I’m writing this article.

In fact, if you’re reading this, you’ve been blessed with the same opportunity as me — the most defining opportunity of my life.

I found out that my father had been requested to rejoin the Army and that he would return to my birthplace and his former duty station: Germany.

Emotions flooded my mind, some that I had never felt before.

It was exciting and terrifying.

However, living in Germany for a year opened my eyes to culture and even to life itself.

To know what good means requires the knowledge of bad; such was the case with virtually everything I had known in the past.

I relearned everything by seeing it

from another perspective.

I was unaware of my own culture until I saw another, and I became enthralled by it.

I was somewhat interested in the concept of learning a new language before we moved, but it wasn’t until I was immersed in it that I became fascinated.

Just as I learned about my own culture through comparison, I learned more about English than I thought was possible, and it yielded a new appreciation for every sound that my lips make and every mark that my pen leaves behind.

My experience in Germany persuaded me to pursue a double major — German and engineering — at Penn State, a sizeable undertaking.

Now I’m in my third year of Ger-

man and the vast dimensions of a new language still lay before me.

The thought is exciting and frightening, just as the opportunity that led to it was.

With this undertaking, though, comes countless other opportunities, each leading to others like a branch consisting of hundreds of leaves.

You might know one of those Soldiers on a base in Germany counting the days until he returns to the states. Meanwhile, I’m in Pennsylvania working day and night for the opportunity to return to Germany.

Outside your window in Germany lies a sight that most Americans won’t ever have the privilege of seeing: an entire forest of opportunities. My advice... is to climb a tree.

Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Feb. 3-9:

Feb. 3: An Army officer reported that her private vehicle was damaged while parked at building 3334.

Feb. 3: During a random inspection at Gate 10, an illegal knife was found in the door panel of a Soldier’s vehicle. The knife was confiscated and the Soldier was released to his unit.

Feb. 5: At Gate 10, a contractor reported that another contractor is using her Redstone Arsenal badge to enter the installation. The subject was located by Redstone Police at a construction site in possession of the badge. The subject received violation notices for security violation, trespass and fraudu-

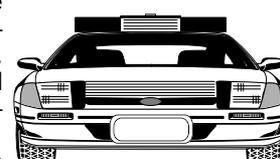
lent use of a government ID.

Feb. 5: In the Post Exchange, a civilian was observed by PX Security shoplifting cosmetic items valued at \$180. The subject received a violation notice.

Feb. 8: When a visitor stopped at Gate 10 to obtain a visitor pass, a Springfield XD .40-caliber pistol and six rounds were found in the front console of his vehicle. The weapon and rounds were confiscated and he received a violation notice.

Traffic accidents reported: six without injury.

Violation notices issued: 16 speeding, 1 illegal weapon, 1 trespass, 1 security violation, 1 fraudulent use of government ID, 1 shoplifting, 5 failure to obey traffic control device.



Quote of the Week

‘Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.’

— John F. Kennedy
(speech prepared for delivery in Dallas the day of his assassination, Nov. 22, 1963)

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Gate 7 construction to begin this month

Expect traffic delays until project ends

Redstone drivers who use Gate 7 on west Martin Road might want to use another route starting the week of Feb. 21.

The Gate 7 construction contractor will set up temporary identification checkpoints and temporary traffic lanes west of the existing Gate 7 structure. This will enable construction activities on the new Gate 7 facility.

"The project is to upgrade the access control point to meet Army ACP standards," engineer Brendan Bennick, of Garrison Master Planning, said.

The Garrison plans to keep Gate 7 open during the construction with the hours and days of operation remaining unchanged.

Traffic flow will be monitored to ensure the temporary lane configuration operates as smooth as possible. Minor lane adjustments aimed at improving the traffic flow will be made if necessary.

"The ending date of this project is contractually going to be in mid-October of this year," Bennick said.

The construction contractor will build three new ID check lanes and a new gate house, and install some new asphalt and also a new popup barrier.

Although construction has been planned to ensure continued support to the Team Redstone mission and its communities, motorists using Gate 7 can expect significant traffic delays at times. The Garrison recommends people use alternate gates when possible.

Gate 7 is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and closed weekends and holidays.

Summer hire jobs await applicants

Three student temporary employment program summer hire announcements will open Feb. 22 and close March 8.

The following announcements will be listed on the Army Civilian Personnel website at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com>:

- SCBK110802SH – Engineering aid/engineering tech
- SCBK110326SH – Office automation clerk
- SCBK110303SH – General clerk

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

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

are selected will be contacted by phone or e-mail. Those not selected will continue to be referred as summer vacancies become available. Questions can be directed to your Redstone Arsenal civilian personnel specialists or points of contact Sandra Drinkard at 876-7401 or Tammy Bourgeois at 842-7733. (*Civilian Personnel Advisory Center release*)



Courtesy photo

Two-star ceremony

Then Brig. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation, receives the insignia for his new rank of major general in a ceremony Feb. 5 in Summerall Chapel at the Citadel. Pinning on the insignia are retired Gen. Tom Schwartz and Janice Crosby. The South Carolina venue enabled attendance by Crosby's family, particularly his mother who cannot travel long distances. A reception and open house will be held on Redstone Arsenal in building 5667, the new PEO Aviation headquarters building, from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday.

Getting to know you

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Job: Maintenance subject matter expert, SAVA Solutions, a contractor for Army Materiel Command

Where do you call home?

I was born in Luverne, Ala., Crenshaw County. And I just recently retired out of the military and took this contract at AMC.

What do you like about your job?

The biggest thing is it's basically the same thing I did in the military. And I get a lot of involvement — it's not just the maintenance of equipment and helping the Soldiers. I get to meet a lot of people at different levels that actually make the maintenance decisions that are going to reshape the Army, the way they do maintenance. It's been very educational, sometimes frustrating.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I'm an avid sports fan. And I draw and paint when I have the time.

What are your goals?

My immediate goal is to get my youngest son (Marcell) launched in college and put him on his way. And my wife (Kathy) and I hope to make this area



home. They're currently in Texas. And my long term goal is to hopefully be retired by 55 and we can just hit the road and vacation the rest of our lives.

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

The top of my bucket list — they just discouraged me from it — was to go to Egypt to see the Pyramids. But there's so much going over there right now that might have to be pushed off. And my second one was to buy a Harley-Davidson Fat Boy and ride across country with it. But my wife discouraged me from it. She said no you don't need to do that. She said leave that to those single guys.

Officers and Civilians Club closes for renovations

*Last lunch
set today*

By **AMY GUCKEEN TOLSON**

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Diners at the Officers and Civilians Club will soon have to drive just a little bit farther to get their German food fix – a mere 358 feet up Golf Course Road to be exact.

The club closes its doors today to the Redstone community to begin extensive renovations. Over the next several months, the club will undergo a facelift aimed to provide a better atmosphere for the community and more spacious area for functions.

“Our current construction plan is to reopen in July,” executive chef Ben Howard said.

The club serves its last lunch today. Soldatenstube German Restaurant dining operations will be moved to the Overlook, building 150, Golf Course Road while the club is under construction. Dinner operations will resume this Saturday, with lunch operations resuming on Monday, Feb. 21. Dining hours will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Cost for the German buffet will be \$7, beverage not included.

“We can assure our customers that when the club reopens it will be well worth the wait they have to endure,” Howard said.

Renovations to the club will include a hardwood laminate floor in the ballrooms, additional restrooms, larger foyer and a new, efficiently designed kitchen that will help Howard to even better feed the Redstone community.

“It’s going to be a nicer club,” Howard said. “I’m real excited about the opportunity of it.”

Other FMWR dining options remain available while the club is under construction, including Strike Zone, located at the Redstone Lanes Bowling Center, which offers a lunch pizza buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, in addition to burgers, sandwiches and other appetizers. The new Java Café is also open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers sandwiches, salads and pastries, in the Community Activity Center. The Links at Redstone also offers a lunch menu seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For a full listing of FMWR dining options, visit www.redstonemwr.com/clubs_&_dining.



Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

The doors of the Officers and Civilians Club will close today until July for renovations. While the club is closed, Soldatenstube German Restaurant will open temporarily at the Overlook, building 150, on Golf Course Road.

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UAH remembrance

Retired Maj. Gen. Jim Myles embraces University of Alabama-Huntsville president Dr. David Williams during Saturday's "Day of Remembrance and Renewal" ceremony at UAH. On Feb. 12, 2010, three professors were killed and three other people wounded in a shooting during a routine meeting of the biology department attended by approximately 12 people. A professor stood up and began shooting those closest to her with a handgun. Amy Bishop, a biology professor at the university and the sole suspect, has been charged with one count of capital murder and three counts of attempted murder.

Mechanization to boost Afghan food production

By Air National Guard Staff Sgt. JORDAN JONES
ISAF HQ Public Affairs

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan farmers were tearing up the dirt Feb. 6 as they received the keys to 50 two-wheeled tractors.

Afghanistan currently produces less food than its people need. The 50 tractors are the continuation of an effort to mechanize Afghanistan and increase the productivity of mid-sized farms that grow produce for the Afghan market.

The joint effort between Afghanistan's Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; the U.S. Agency for International Development; and International Relief and Development is working to provide up to 6,000 tractors to Afghan farmers by March.

Many Afghan farmers use oxen and human labor to plow land and plant seed. These tractors will increase efficiency of farms that use them.

"In an hour spent working on the farm you can harvest and plow more land," said Suzanne Poland, food security team leader, USAID. "There are also seed drills so you can plant faster."

Only 12 percent of Afghanistan's land is suitable for growing produce and most mid-sized Afghan farms work small, fragmented, hilly fields where the smaller, two-wheel tractors are more effective than four-wheel tractors.

The two-wheel tractors cost almost \$4,000 each compared to \$8,000 for the cheapest four-wheel tractor. But even at this price, the two-wheel tractors were unaffordable for those with mid-sized farms.

"The agriculture mechanization (of Afghanistan) was completely destroyed. It needed some renovation and reactivation," said Kasim Rahamy, owner of the company that imported the tractors.

Part of that reactivation was to sell the tractors to the farmers at a subsidized price.

"The U.S. Government funded this project as a grant to the Afghan government; 35 percent of the cost will be paid by Afghan farmers," said Agricultural Minister Mohammad Asif Rahimi.

But the farmers were not just handed a set of keys to a new tractor. Before the farmers received the tractors, they had to qualify for the program and attend a training course.

To be eligible, the farmers had to agree not to resell the tractor, reside in one of 18 central and western provinces, own or rent one to 25 hectares of land, and be willing to pay 65,000 Afghani, approximately \$1,400, for the tractor and attachments.

"The farmers who are purchasing these tractors received five days training on these tractors as part of the program," said Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan.



Photo by Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Jordan Jones

An Afghan demonstrates the new two-wheel tractors at a mechanization ceremony Feb. 6. The program's end goal is to get 6,000 tractors into the hands of farmers by the end of March.

Even after purchase, the farmers will receive support for their new tractors.

"They (the farmers) will be buying local parts from local dealers. There are 250 mechanics trained now, and they all have access to spare parts," Poland said.

"Our mechanics can work with the farmers and they will import tools and spare parts. These tractors are guaranteed for one year," Rahimi said.

As part of the training, each farmer was also provided with a tool kit.

"If the farmers have any technical difficulties they will be able to repair their tractors," Rahimi said.

As part of the sustainability of this program, the long-term goal is to make it where Afghanistan farmers won't need the help of government subsidies to purchase tractors in the future.

"Once we have spare parts and tools in our country, the people will be able to purchase these tractors," Rahimi said.

"We are linking the farmers up with these dealerships so it will be sustainable," Poland said.

The two-wheel tractors are expected to help farmers plant and harvest multiple crops per year, reduce labor required, and reduce production costs to generate more income for farmers.

The end result is expected to be a sustainable system where Afghan farmers can purchase and maintain their own tractors without government intervention or subsidies.

While the tractors will significantly increase the ability of farmers to till land, the tractors also serve a variety of uses including transporting up to 1.5 tons in the accompanying trailer and reaping crops.

"These tractors can also be used for irrigation pumps, for flour mills, and for mobile electric generators," Eikenberry said. "These tractors are one more concrete example of America's long-term commitment, to a partnership with the Government of Afghanistan and eternal friendship with the Afghan people."

Mullen talks changing world, challenges ahead

Joint chiefs leader visits war college

By **THOMAS ZIMMERMAN**

Training and Doctrine Command

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. — The tremendous sacrifice of servicemembers and their families, the changing and challenging nature of warfare and the ability to attract and retain quality military and civilian leadership were all topics discussed by the military's top officer during a talk in Bliss Hall Feb. 10.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the 17th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke to the Army War College student body as part of the Commandant's Lecture Series, which this year is focused on officership and the profession.

"This is an extraordinarily difficult time to lead and serve," he said. "What our country has asked us to do and, by virtue of that, what we have asked our families to do, is a tremendous sacrifice. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of you and your families. This is the greatest military."

Mullen said that, for the last 10 years the military has been faced with a rapidly changing environment that places an emphasis on international, interagency and joint operations.

"We have moved far beyond the U.S. being able to do it all alone," he said. "The interconnectivity of the world has changed how we must adapt and operate. We must fully leverage what the last 10 years of fighting wars has taught us. We are now truly a joint and international force. We need to make sure we don't lose those skills."

Just as important, according to Mullen, is to remain connected to those we serve.

"We can't drift away from the American people," he said. "We just can't keep talking to ourselves. We have to tell them who we are and what we are doing. They want to know us better. How we make that connection is key."

He said that current relationships by members of the Guard and Reserve may show a path to success.

"We have to leverage our great Guard and Reserve forces who know how to make these connections," he said. "They know how to connect with our communities and their leaders. We wouldn't be where we are today without them."

He also spoke of the importance of attracting and retaining quality talent, whether military or civilian.

"We need great talent," he said. "The missions and equipment we have don't



Photo by Megan Clugh

Adm. Mike Mullen, the 17th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks in Bliss Hall at the Army War College Feb. 10 as part of the Commandant's Lecture Series, which this year is focused on officership and the profession.

matter if we don't keep the right people. We are going to have an even more difficult time if we don't."

Part of retaining those quality junior officers and NCOs Mullen said was making sure that their families are being taken care of.

"Many of our families today don't know what it's like to serve in a time other than war," he said. "We don't really know how this has fully affected our families. All we know is that it's our duty to do whatever it takes to give them what they need."

Mullen reaffirmed his commitment to funding family programs and initiatives like family readiness groups, counseling and post-traumatic stress services.

"Every dollar must be spent well," he said. "It has to go to our people."

Mullen also spoke briefly on the current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You should be proud of what you have accomplished in Iraq," he said. "Challenges remain, but every time I go there the changes are night and day."

In Afghanistan, he said, the key to stability is legitimacy in the government.

"It's not just about security there," he said. "This year will be different from last year, just as the year before that was different, but we have the forces in place to help achieve stability," he said, adding that nearly 35,000 Afghan trainees are preparing to safeguard their own nation.

"We have been there a long time, but now we have the resources," he said. "Stability in the region will continue to be a challenge but change is coming."

The instruments of change include those gathered in Bliss Hall.

"I hang my hat on the leadership of people like you," he said of the students. "We're going through some difficult times, but will be successful because of you."

Touching the heartbeat of America



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Retired Gen. Colin Powell, one of America's foremost military leaders and statesmen, believes America is still number one despite the political, economic and foreign policy issues it faces today. He shared his beliefs on leadership during the "Get Motivated" Business Seminar in Birmingham on Feb. 7.

Retired top general officer finds optimism on travels

By KARI HAWKINS

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BIRMINGHAM — Despite the political, economic and foreign policy issues facing the nation today, one of America's foremost military leaders and statesmen still finds optimism and confidence in the Americans he meets while traveling on speaking engagements.

From a New York City hot dog vendor to the employees working on digital communications for a Silicon Valley, Calif., company, retired Gen. Colin Powell has witnessed the same beliefs and hopes that his parents brought with them when they immigrated to America from Jamaica.

During a Feb. 7 "Get Motivated" event at the Birmingham-Jefferson County Convention Complex, Powell described a recent visit to his hometown of New York City when he stopped at a street vendor to buy a New York hot dog. The vendor, who recognized Powell, would not allow the former statesman to pay for his hot dog.

"He told me 'You can't pay me. I've already been paid. America has paid me. I'm an American,'" Powell recalled, adding that the vendor's comments reiterated his belief that "this is still the same country that welcomed my parents 90 years ago. It is an open, welcoming, democratic country. Let's never forget that."

Powell, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran, served as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush and President Bill Clinton, and as the secretary of state for President George W. Bush. He was among a high-hitting list of speakers for the "Get Mo-

tivated" event that included former first lady Laura Bush, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Microsoft president Rick Belluzzo, University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban and Auburn University coach Gene Chizik. But, it was Powell's words that came across as being the most universal in their reflection of the American spirit.

"In many ways, I am busier now than ever before. I am not in politics or diplomacy. I am into traveling and talking to wonderful audiences. It gets me out in the country. It gives me an opportunity to meet people and see what's going on in our country," he said.

"Even though we have economic problems and foreign policy issues, I still find in audiences like this that we still have a belief in America and an optimism."

Powell said he wishes he could bottle the optimism and enthusiasm of his audiences and take it to Washington, D.C., where he would pour it over the heads of the nation's congressional leaders.

"And I would tell them 'Get on with it. The people are waiting for you to lead,'" he said.

Describing the drive and motivation of Silicon Valley employees working in digital communications, and the way the nation's freedoms have allowed his own grandchildren to have access to all the benefits of that digital technology, Powell said three simple principles — believing in America, studying and working hard — are still the nation's keys to success for all its people.

Even as the international climate changes and other nations grow in their economic capabilities, it is American democracy and determination that has the widest impact around the world, he said. The world's most powerful nations can only remain strong if they grow

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economically, control their energy resources, protect their environment and educate their children, he said.

“Too many of our kids are dropping out,” Powell said. “We need to mentor our kids, not just be pointing fingers at who to blame. America still has so much potential. I still see America in the lead. Immigrants still say ‘I want to go to America.’ It is still the land of hope and dreams and opportunities.”

Powell, now 73, recalled his own childhood growing up in the South Bronx and his years at The City College of New York, where he was a C-student, couldn't decide on a major and had difficulties with the administration.

“But, I made straight As in ROTC, and now I am one of the greatest sons of City College,” he said. “I tell my kids that it isn't where you started in life. It's where you ended up and what you did in between.”

His affinity with ROTC led Powell on a journey that took him from the familiarity of the South Bronx to the infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., and the life of an active duty officer. The Army is where he learned the many lessons of leadership.

“Everything they taught me was to put followers in the best possible environment to get the job done,” he said. “Leaders give a sense of mission and goals. They give a sense of passion and a sense of intensity. They believe in what they are doing. They believe in themselves. They are selfless, always being for the organization and never for themselves.”

Leaders want their followers to be self-motivated and inspired toward accomplishing the goal, and that is why leaders must “always try to communicate to every person in the organization the purpose you are trying to serve,” Powell said.

That includes employees from the

highest level manager to the janitor, the statesman said, recalling that, during his years as secretary of state, he couldn't set the scene for a visit from a foreign dignitary without the help of the janitor and the cleaning service.

Essential to the success of any organization are three aspects – leaders who inspire their people, leaders who ensure that employees have the tools and equipment they need to do the job, and leaders who recognize performance.

“These aspects will move an organization,” Powell said. “Getting people to believe in you means caring about them. Human interaction is what leadership is all about.”

The strength of a leader is also found in what that leader does when employees are not performing.

“A good leader senses a problem, identifies it and does something about it, even if that means moving an employee, retraining them or firing them,” he said. “And, if you can't fire an employee that needs to be fired, then you are hurting your organization and you are not being an effective leader.”

Among his post-retirement activities, Powell is working to raise funds for a Martin Luther King Memorial and a Vietnam Wall Education Center, both in Washington, D.C.

Concerning the education center, he said “we want to make sure these names (of those servicemembers who died in Vietnam) never become anonymous. We want you to know they lived and loved America.”

The sacrifices of America's military and military families continue, and the nation's tradition of greatness carries on in today's servicemembers.

“America has been blessed at having greatness in every generation,” Powell said. “But there is not a generation greater than those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.”



Photo by Kari Hawkins

One of the biggest draws to the “Get Motivated” Business Seminar in Birmingham was a speech on leadership given by retired Gen. Colin Powell. About 18,000 people attended the seminar at the Birmingham-Jefferson County Convention Complex.

Since 9/11, Powell said the nation has done a better job at “defending ourselves, deterring the enemy and going after the enemy. We are safer after 9/11 because of the policies put in place. But the enemy is still out there and we have to go after them.”

Though some terrorists have been discovered in recent years traveling under the claim of being foreign students, Powell said the nation must continue to

encourage foreign students to get their education in the U.S. with the hopes they will take what they learn back to their own countries to help grow democracy and economic wellbeing.

And, though terrorism will continue to occur around the world and there could very well be other terrorist attacks on U.S. soil, Powell said “we can't allow them to change who we are and what we are as a free people.”

The general mentioned his own adjustments in life, going from the high of national service to the anonymity of public life.

“One day I'm the number one diplomat in the whole world. The next, I am nothing. It was a transformation from the highest to the lowest ... I had to get back to normal,” he said.

Joking about missing the 757 airplane he used as secretary of state, and the red carpet treatment he received wherever he went during those years, Powell said he would rather look ahead to new possibilities than pine after what he no longer has.

“I don't miss anything in life. I want to go through life looking through the front window,” he said. “I don't want to look out the sides or out the rear window to the past. I want to look ahead.”

AtEase

Hockey finds home on Redstone Arsenal

*Youth, adult leagues
drop puck in spring*

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When people think Alabama, hockey may not be the first thing that comes to mind. But come this spring that mindset may change a little bit on Redstone Arsenal.

Children ages 6 to 17 are invited to join the Child Youth and School Services Inline Hockey League this spring, the South's take on hockey – only without the ice.

“A lot of the kids in the northern states grow up playing hockey,” Mike Gates, CYSS sports and fitness director, said. “This is an opportunity to give kids that don't have ice to play hockey.”

Registration for the CYSS Inline

Hockey League is now through March 7. To register, visit CYSS Central Enrollment, building 1500, Weeden Mountain Road, or call 876-3704. Cost for the league is \$65, which includes uniform shirt and shorts, mouthpiece and goalie equipment. Mandatory equipment not provided includes hockey helmet with face protection, elbow pads, gloves, shin pads, stick and skates.

Practices will be held through March with league play running from April 2 through June 4 at the hockey rink located near Hotel Redstone off Goss Road. Through skill building and drills, youth will be able to discover both the fun and fundamentals of hockey.

“It's more about hockey skills vs. crashing into each other and fighting,” Gates said.

But the kids don't get to have all the fun. Adults will also be gearing up for their own inline hockey games, also

held at the Arsenal's hockey rink. Adult league will run from March 12 to June 4, with one pickup game and one league game played a week.

“I want to bring hockey to people who don't typically fit the hockey demographic,” said Robbie Robinson, who is helping Gates bring the youth and adult league to the Arsenal. “I'm trying to bring it to a level that anyone can play.”

Registration for the adult league is open to anyone 18 and over. To sign up or for more information, call Robinson at 417-1012 or e-mail rrobinson314159@yahoo.com. Registration is open through March 7.



Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

The empty goals of the hockey rink on Redstone Arsenal will soon be filled with goalies and flying pucks as the Child Youth and School Services Inline Hockey League skates into action this spring.

Balloons fly with messages of love

Surviving family members recall fallen during weekend of healing

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Hanging onto Beth Allmandinger's balloon was a message that said simply "Love ya, Bubba."

That love, still very much alive and hopeful, was sent to her son, Cpl. Aaron Allmandinger, who earned the Combat Action Badge, two Army Commendation Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star and Global War on Terrorism Medal, among other medals, for his 15 months of deployed service during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2006-08. While deployed, Allmandinger conducted patrols from Combat Outpost X-Ray in Taji, Iraq, and survived a large, well-organized enemy ambush in Falahat, Iraq, during which his actions contributed to the survival of his squad.

Sadly, the Indiana native was killed on U.S. soil on Sept. 11, 2008, while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. After returning from a one-month training mission, his truck caught on fire and exploded in his carport. Poisonous gases from the explosion killed the 22-year-old Soldier.

On Feb. 5, Beth Allmandinger along with her husband Terry and their 5-year-old granddaughter – their Soldier's



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Red, white and blue balloons soar at the Balloon Lift-Off as part of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Seminar held the weekend of Feb. 4-6 at Bicentennial Chapel.

daughter – Taylor released balloons for Allmandinger in the parking lot adjacent to Bicentennial Chapel. Their balloons were among about 140 red, white and blue balloons released in memory of the military's fallen. The Balloon Lift-Off culminated a day of survivor mentoring and bonding that was part of the Tragedy Assistance

Program for Survivors Seminar brought to Redstone Arsenal for the weekend by Army Community Service's Survivor Outreach Services.

"This is such a great program for us," said Beth Allmandinger, who attends several TAPS events every year. "It's good for us to be around people in the same situation that we are in. It's family to us. We've grown to be a family with

other survivors."

Each family represented at the TAPS event had their own story of loss, many associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. Family members met in small groups to learn from each other on living and coping with that loss. Children were assigned Soldier mentors from the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the NCO Academy to spend the day together as they remembered their beloved Soldier, and had fun hanging out, playing together and just being kids.

"It was a wonderful weekend for these survivors," said Emily McFall, the coordinator for SOS who had set a goal last year to bring TAPS to Redstone in early 2011. "I hope this is a beginning of healing for those who hadn't already had something like this. Hopefully, it's a starting point for opening up and sharing with others, and making connections."

"For those who have been to other TAPS events, I hope this is another stepping stone that is helping them to process through their journey of grief. I hope it leads them closer to a more accepting place, a more tolerating place, so they are able to live with the death."

McFall, whose own husband Sgt. Tom McFall died May 28, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his position during a dismounted patrol, and the couple's three children have participated in TAPS events offered at other installations. This time, she was a participant while also making sure the Redstone TAPS event went smoothly for other survivors. Every time she attends a TAPS event, McFall learns more about living with her own loss. This event was no different.

"Your loved one is dead. Nothing can change that. But he also lived. It's important to remember your loved one and what he brought to your life when he was here. It's important to remember the hope, the smiles and the little things while they were here," she said.

For the Balloon Lift-Off, children and adults were encouraged to write whatever they wanted to say to their lost Soldier.

"Think of a message that you would like to send to whoever brought you here today," Darcie Sims of TAPS told adult family members. "We know these messages get there. As a family, we will send these messages skyward. It's an awesome time for us."

Sims recounted one Memorial Day weekend in Washington, D.C., when hundreds of balloons were released in memory of lost servicemembers as part

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Staff Sgt. Rob Molina and his charge, survivor Hannah Reid, take turns signing photo pages during the Good Grief Camp for children and teens brought to Bicentennial Chapel by the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Seminar. The photo shows all the children and Soldier mentors attending the TAPS event; and the words "We Are Not Alone" are inscribed at the top of the photo page.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Survivor Jackson Roy writes a letter to his dad that will be attached to a balloon and released during the Balloon Lift-Off that culminated the Good Grief Camp for children and teens.

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of an annual TAPS event. Following the release, Sims happened to meet a passenger of an airplane that was flying in the D.C. airspace above Reagan National Airport at the time of the balloon release.

“We always have to ask permission to do the release because of the airport,” Sims said. “The man told me ‘I was in a plane earlier today circling Reagan National Airport. I was in a hurry and I wanted to get home. But we had to circle the airport. We were delayed. It made me angry.

“But, then the pilot explained that the airport was closed for five minutes so these balloons can make their way on this journey. The whole plane just broke out in applause as we saw the balloons rising.’ That is the power of your love. Your love stopped a national airport.”

The theme of the TAPS event was “We are not alone.” TAPS conducts regional seminars across the country with a national event each Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. The Redstone TAPS event invited survivors from a 250-mile radius of the Arsenal. It is hoped by organizers to make TAPS an annual regional event at Redstone.

TAPS has become well-known in the military survivor community as a veterans service organization providing peer-based

emotional support, grief and trauma resources and information, casualty case-work assistance and crisis intervention for all those affected by the death of a loved one serving in, or in support of, the armed forces. Giving survivors a sense of community, a sense of togetherness with other survivors, is a main focus of a TAPS Seminar.

“It’s awesome to be able to relate to other spouses,” said Trina Bishop, widow of Sgt. 1st Class Jason Bishop, who lives in Louisville, Ky.

“This is the fourth TAPS I’ve attended. It helps you to start learning ways to cope with this sadness and to know there are others who understand what you are going through.”

Bishop brought her young son, Matthew, with her to the TAPS event. Michele Buzzard, widow of Sgt. Jason Buzzard, brought her two teenage children, Machala and Tristen. It was the third TAPS event for her children and the second for her.

“When they are having difficulties, they can relate to some of the things they’ve learned at these events,” Buzzard said.

The Buzzard family, which has grown especially close since their Soldier’s death in Iraq in June 2006, now lives in Kentucky near Fort Knox.

“Three years ago we picked a spot on the map and started over there,” Buzzard said. “We wanted to be close to a military base because we found comfort from the

military. My children have learned they are not the only children in the world who has lost someone they love. They’re not alone.”

Buzzard and her children are active with the SOS at Fort Knox. In fact, Buzzard feels so strongly about the value of the relationships and associations built among survivor family members that she goes out of her way to convince survivors to become active in SOS and events such as TAPS.

“I’ve been known to chase a few Gold Star families down,” she said, referring to survivor families.

While the TAPS event is a step in the healing process for survivors, the event at Redstone was also a cathartic experience for many of the Soldiers who volunteered to mentor the children.

“I lost my mom and dad when I was 5 years old,” Sgt. Rodney Beaty of the NCO Academy said. “Today, I heard from these children things like what I went through and I heard the kinds of questions I always had when I was growing up. Questions like: ‘Why did they leave? What if they were here now?’ It was a comparison for me.

“It’s kind of touching. But I’m 31 years old now. I showed the kids today that I was able to cope and I got through it. My siblings and I grew up, and we made it. It was good to be able to reach out to these kids for a whole day and show them that we care.”



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Sgt. Daniel Montijo gives survivor Taylor Allmandinger, 5, a hug while waiting for the Balloon Lift-Off in the parking lot of Bicentennial Chapel. Montijo served as a Soldier mentor during the Feb. 5 Good Grief Camp for children and teens.

Making a choice to serve troops

*Redstone public affairs specialist
to deploy in support of Soldiers*

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Summer Barkley is making a repeat performance in the field.

This Army Materiel Command public affairs specialist is now on her way to assume responsibilities as the public affairs officer for the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. This week, she will complete training at the Army Corps of Engineers in Winchester, Va., and deploy to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, via Kuwait.

Just two years ago, Barkley deployed to a similar post with the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade in Iraq.

“I really enjoyed the deployment and, when the opportunity came up, I applied to do the same job with the 401st,” Barkley said.

The job carries the responsibilities of any public affairs office – writing stories and taking pictures for Army.mil, managing any internal publications within the command, handling public affairs requests from media and other external sources, and supporting the commander and senior leadership in communicating the command messages. For the next 13 months, Barkley will manage the responsibilities as an office of one.

Both the 401st and the 402nd are made up primarily of Department of the Army civilians and contractors who have deployed voluntarily in support of the war fighter.

“I am really passionate about supporting the war fighter and telling the story of Soldiers and civilians who are deployed,” she said. “I don’t directly

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Summer Barkley of the Army Materiel Command is leaving this week to join the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in Afghanistan as their public affairs officer. This is her second time to volunteer for a deployment.

New helicopter on Army horizon

Aviation leader calls for focus to shift to future aviation needs

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While most of the focus in today's Army is on the war fighter and how best to support current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, a leader in military aviation is calling for some of that focus to shift to the equipment needs of the future.

And, in the Army's aviation arena, that future focus should aim on a new rotary wing platform, said Maj. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, Army Aviation branch chief

and commander of the Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker.

Speaking at the Army Aviation Association of America's 37th annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Support Symposium at the Von Braun Center on Thursday, Crutchfield said the symposium's theme – "Army Aviation: The New Challenge" – emphasizes the need for planning for future systems that will continue to grow the Army's aviation mission.

"We'll not begin the next fight the way we end this one," Crutchfield said, referring to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. "The aviators of today were trained by Vietnam veterans, but this war is not Vietnam. We have to prepare for a 21st century fight Our greatest challenge lies beyond the horizon, beyond Iraq

and Afghanistan."

The future security environment will be built on Army needs and capability assessments, he said, but, to get to that, Army aviation leaders must "go to a 20-foot hover and start looking past Iraq and Afghanistan."

Crutchfield centered many of his comments on comparing two aviation systems – the highly successful Huey helicopter and the failed attempts to build the Comanche helicopter.

Huey (UH-1) helicopters have been in the Army's aviation arsenal since Vietnam. The Huey took four years to go from requirement to first flight, and eight years from requirement to full production. More than 7,000 Hueys flew in Vietnam and 16,000 were built, providing a proven helicopter system that has been used worldwide. Just two weeks ago, the Yakima Training Center in Washington state retired their Huey as the unit's Medevac

helicopter.

"That's one of the last Army units to have UH-1s. That's 51 years of service," Crutchfield said. "It lasted 51 years for us."

In contrast, it took eight years of

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Maj. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, Army Aviation branch chief and commander of the Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, emphasizes the need for a new Army airframe during his comments at the Army Aviation Association of America's 37th annual Joseph P. Cribbins Aviation Product Support Symposium at the Von Braun Center Feb. 9-10.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Garry Bass of FLIR Extraordinary Vision explains to Tim Crawford how the Talon multi-sensor thermal imaging system represents a reduction in size, weight and cost, and an increase in performance over current thermal imaging systems being used by Army aviation. The Talon will be installed on Army Medevac aircraft in the near future.

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Jim Gibson of RIM Laser puts hardware into a portable laser system to demonstrate high-speed laser marking at the Cribbins Symposium. Gibson engraved flashlights and other hardware for visitors to his display at the Cribbins Symposium.

new aviation system development just to come up with the name “Comanche.” It took 22 years to build two Comanches, now museum pieces. The program was canceled, with much of its resources being rerouted to modify the Army’s proven aviation systems.

“I don’t think we can continue that way ... The Huey wasn’t perfect, but we’ve modernized it along the way,” Crutchfield said. “I don’t want to offend anyone with the Comanche and UH-1 analogy. I just want to drive home the point that we can’t expect to get it all right, but we also can’t afford to get it all wrong.”

With the Huey, the Army determined the requirement, developed a solution, procured and fielded a quality airframe, and adapted that airframe through modernization. With the Comanche, the Army and its industry partners kept searching for the perfect platform and never got it within its grasp, he said.

Today’s challenge is that the Army must find replacements for an aviation fleet that does not have an infinite lifespan, even with modernization taken into account. Crutchfield said the Apache and Black Hawk lifespans end in 2040, the Chinook’s lifespan ends in 2035 and the Kiowa’s lifespan ends in 2025.

“We’ve got to set an aim point for a future level and then we need to develop a new airframe by 2025,” he said. “We’re not going to field the perfect solution, the holy grail. If we try for the holy grail,

then we will cancel the next thing and we won’t be flying anything.”

The role of the next airframe – lift, attack or utility – has not yet been determined. But, Crutchfield said the Army and industry partners must look out beyond current needs and determine requirements based on “our best assessment of the future.”

That “best assessment” means synchronizing needs across the aviation enterprise and the war fighting functions to include movement and maneuver, fire systems, intelligence, sustainment, command and control, and protection. It also means realizing that changes in science and technology, Army doctrines and tactics, force structure and the enemy will have to be considered.

Other factors to consider is that aviation systems must be able to operate in a collaborative environment of networks and a mix of ground and air capabilities; that funding will be limited; that new airframes must perform, be available, increase in range, speed, payload, survivability and reliability, and reduce in logistical footprint; and that aviators can’t expect to always operate from fixed bases.

The Army’s new airframe can be available by the 2030 timeframe if the aim point is kept stationary and if the Army is willing to accept “good enough” based on assessments and analysis, Crutchfield said.

“This is revolutionary, not evolutionary,” the major general said. “I feel pas-



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While visiting the exhibit area of the Cribbins Symposium, Maj. Gen. Tim Crosby, program executive officer for aviation, checks out how a helmet-mounted display is integrated with an F-16 simulator with the help of retired Lt. Col. Todd Lovell, who works for Raytheon. Helmet-mounted technology is now being considered for integration on rotary wing platforms.

sionately about this because the men and women who trained me handed off to me a mantle. I feel like they have entrusted in me something that is very valuable. I do not want to let you down, our Soldiers down, our Army down or our nation down.

“I feel, finally, in my heart, that if we can set an aim point, stick to it, develop a product and make tradeoffs based on what’s good enough, then we will have a new airframe.”

West Point cadets join NYC volunteers

By JONATHAN SEATON

West Point Class of 2011

WEST POINT, N.Y. — On the evening of Jan. 31, some 65 West Point cadets piled into a waiting bus and several vans while the majority of their fellow classmates prepared for classes the next day or went to sleep.

They were on their way to be a part of a volunteer event known as HOPE (Homeless Outreach Population Estimate). HOPE is an annual event that began in New York City in 2005 with the purpose of estimating the number of unsheltered people living on city streets, subway platforms, parks and other public places.

Ultimately the project, which is coordinated and executed by the Department of Homeless Services, aims to help gauge the success of outreach strategies against street homelessness.

The cadets participating in the trip piled on layers of extra clothing in preparation for a long, cold night of trekking through the streets of New York City. The preparation was warranted due to the well below freezing temperatures in NYC on this particular night.

Upon departure from West Point the cadets split into two groups with about half going to the Washington Heights area and the other half going to the midtown

area. When they reached their respective destinations they were placed into groups of 4-6 people which included civilians from all walks of life who had also volunteered for HOPE. Each small group received an area in which to conduct their surveys and an overview from the district captain about techniques for conducting the survey.

After receiving the briefing from the district captain the small groups spent time planning their routes and strategies for completing their tasks. Additionally, each team had to select a team leader who was responsible for leading the small group throughout the night and certifying that the survey was properly executed. Many of the cadets volunteered to take these positions.

Just after midnight on Feb. 1, the cadets and approximately 2,000 other volunteers stepped out on to the streets of New York City to begin the administering the HOPE survey.

The task was simple: approach everyone on the streets and ask them a few questions; Do you have a place to stay tonight? What kind of place is it? However, many of the cadets learned firsthand how hard it is to get people to participate in this type of research.

Although some New Yorkers refused



Photo by U.S. Corps of Cadets

More than 60 West Point cadets join members of the New York Police Department during the HOPE event Jan. 31 in New York City. The cadets, from left, are Cadets Charles Cannon and Kasandra Clark from the Class of 2011 and Cadet Miguel Moyeno, Class of 2012.

to answer the survey questions, many were accommodating and appreciated the fact that volunteers would consider being on the streets of New York in the freezing cold at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning to help the homeless.

During the course of the survey the cadets had many opportunities to help the homeless as well. For example, if a person did not have anywhere to go in response to the survey, the volunteers could provide them with a ride to

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Light of freedom to spotlight unknown Soldier tomb

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — On the streets where George Washington often could be seen dining, discussing business, and attending church, a group of Revolutionary War reenactors will soon pay tribute to a long lost brother in arms.

Forgotten for years following his death and by many ever since, this Soldier who fought for American independence and the light of freedom will see his memory lit up again this Presidents Day, Feb. 21, when the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line lays a wreath at the final resting place of this now-unknown Soldier in Old Town, Alexandria.

In 1826, he was unearthed, still wearing his uniform, by workers expanding the sanctuary of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The body was reinterred within the current burial ground of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, just next door, where Washington often prayed when the streets were too muddy to make it another eight blocks to Christ Church.

The grave of the unknown Soldier is surrounded by about 300 people he must have known about when he died.

There's John Carlyle, a founding trustee and first overseer of Alexandria; William Hunter Jr., mayor of Alexandria and founder of the St. Andrew's Society; Lewis Nicola, colonel in the Corps of Invalids of the Continental Army; Dr. James Craik, surgeon general in the Continental Army and close friend and physician to Washington; many other veterans of the Revolutionary War and of the French and Indian War; and many founding members of Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge No. 22, where the first president served as master.

After 1809, the town banned burials within the city limits.

"The main reason burials were no longer allowed," said Don Dahmann, historian for the meeting house, "was because the well and privy were in the same area as the buried bodies, just outside of the pastor's home."

The meeting house, named as such because the only church in 1775 was the Church of England, is located on South Fairfax Street in



Photo by Rob McIlvaine

Dr. James Craik, surgeon general of the Continental Army and close friend and physician of George Washington, lies buried not far from the unknown Soldier.

Old Town Alexandria. The Episcopal Church was organized shortly after the American Revolution when it was forced to separate from the Church of England.

"The memory of the unknown Soldier was kept alive by a young girl whose family were all active members of the meeting house," Dahmann said.

"Mary Gregory Powell, born in 1837, regularly placed flowers on his grave into the 20th century. And then because the Tomb to the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery was dedicated a year after Armistice Day in 1921, and a surge of interest in preserving and honoring our colonial heritage, John Gordon contacted Mary to ask about the gravesite," Dahmann said.

A member of the Second Presbyterian and American Legion Post 24, Gordon initiated one of Alexandria's earliest historic preservation efforts at the meeting house. At the completion of the project, a decision was made to formally mark the gravesite of the unknown Soldier.

Led by the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, a temporary marker was placed at the gravesite in conjunction with the town's celebration of

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Redstone Arsenal has presidential past

Four chief executives visited installation

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While the airspace of the Arsenal is most accustomed to the sight of helicopters, over the post's 70-year history, Air Force One has found its way to the Redstone Airfield more than once – but rather, five times in fact – with four commanders in chief on board.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower made the first presidential trip to the Arsenal in September 1960 to dedicate the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center. Greeted on the Redstone airstrip by Dr. Wernher von Braun, Eisenhower spoke of the amazing strides for humanity accomplished on post.

“All that we have already accomplished, and all in the future that we shall achieve, is the outgrowth not of a soulless, barren technology, nor of a grasping state imperialism,” Eisenhower said. “Rather it is the product of unrestrained human talents and energy restlessly probing for the betterment of humanity, by courage to overcome disappointment and failure, by free ranging imagination, by insistence upon excellence, with none of it ordered by a domineering bureaucracy.

“In this fact is proof once again of that hard work, toughness of spirit, and self-reliant enterprise are not mere catchwords of an era dead and gone. They remain the imperatives for the fulfillment of America’s dream.”

Less than two years after Eisenhower’s visit, President John F. Kennedy, accompanied by vice president Lyndon B. Johnson, arrived at the Arsenal to check on the status of the space program in September 1962. As the only Army post with a NASA facility located on it, according to Kaylene Hughes, historian in the AMCOM Historical Office, the Arsenal was a draw, especially as the space program began to build steam. The following May Kennedy returned to the Arsenal for a public address for Armed Forces Day. The address was the first presidential speech made at the Arsenal.

“All of us, whether we are doing one thing or the other, whether we are in Huntsville, Washington, D.C., wherever we may be, all of us are committed to a great objective, and that is to see the United States of America, of which we are proud, not only meet its responsibilities here at home, not only provide a better life for its people, but also continue to be, as it has been since 1945, the keystone of the arch of freedom all around the world,” Kennedy said.

It was a full decade before Air Force One once again landed on post. President Richard Nixon spoke to 30,000 attendees at the February 1974 Honor America Day sponsored by the Serton Club at Huntsville Big Spring International Park. Declaring Huntsville the “first city in America devoted to America,” Nixon commended the city and the event, which emphasized not what was wrong with America, but what was right with it.

“We live in one of those periods of American history where the trend is toward



Courtesy photo

President Kennedy and vice president Johnson arrive at Redstone in September 1962.

pessimism and division,” Nixon said. “That often occurs at the end of a war. We have a lot to be thankful for. For the first time in 12 years, this country is at peace, with the world and our prisoners are at home where they belong.”

President George H.W. Bush was the next and last to pay post a visit on June 20, 1990. After attending a Republican campaign luncheon, Bush stopped at the Arsenal briefly to speak to Marshall Space Flight Center. Calling on Congress to provide the necessary funds for future space exploration, Bush challenged America to plant an American flag on Mars by 2019.

“Being first in space is not just America’s dream, it is indeed our destiny,” Bush said. “Let us continue to dream, for our children, for ourselves and for all mankind.”

While it has been more than 20 years since a president has paid a visit to post, the four that made the journey are a testament to the importance of the Arsenal’s contribution to both space and the Army, Hughes said.

“When they came here they acknowledged the important kind of missions that are assigned here,” Hughes said. “Without the kinds of things are carried out here on post, those Soldiers that carry out the mission would not have what they need.”

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George Washington's birthday on Feb. 22, 1928, just months before Mary Powell died.

In accordance with the unknown Soldier's days when he was alive, participants in the dedication services held that day began at Gadsby's Tavern, followed by a walk through the city's streets to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, where a service was conducted. Mary Powell dedicated the initial gravesite marker.

Presidents Day has a triple meaning at the meeting house.

At the time of Washington's death on Dec. 14, 1799, Christ Church

was still "in the woods" because settlement took place going inland from the Potomac River, making the roads too muddy and snowy. So they held his memorial services here.

His friend, Dr. James Craik, later buried here, was the attending physician at Washington's death bed, and Pastor James Muir, also buried here, was a member of the Masonic Lodge and close friend of Washington.

It's also a day when all Americans pay tribute to those who risked everything to secure freedom from British rule with the rallying cry of "no taxation without representation," a slogan originating during the 1750s and 1760s in the Thirteen Colonies.

Some of those who risked all

were forgotten until unearthed by more "modern" explorers. Once the tombs were erected to their memory, though, they were all but forgotten, in large part, once again. Not many even know that there's another tomb of an unknown Soldier.

"I've been down to talk with some people at the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, and it seems they are more interested in guiding visitors to places where they can spend money," Dahmann said.

"But I told them that they should promote all the walking tours because people get hungry and thirsty and want to relax while shopping after a good walk where they learn interesting and fun facts about our history," he said.

Although the original meeting house

was destroyed by fire in 1835 and rebuilt two years later, about 1,000 members still worship in this area of Old Town that's like stepping back into time.

Halfway between the two entrances is the tabletop memorial that was dedicated on April 19, 1929. The epitaph, slightly faded, reads: "His was an idealism that recognized a Supreme Being, that planted religious liberty on our shores, that overthrew despotism, that established a people's government, that wrote a Constitution setting metes and bounds of delegated authority, that fixed a standard of value upon men above gold and lifted high the torch of civil liberty along the pathway of mankind. In ourselves this soul exists as part of ours, his memory's mansion."

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a local shelter for the night if they so desired. Some groups came across only a few people bundled up and asleep on the streets, while other groups interviewed dozens of people on subway platforms.

According to a 2008 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report, an estimated 671,888 people experienced homelessness in one night in January 2007. The 2010 HOPE in New York City determined there were just more than 3,111 unsheltered people living in the five boroughs, which was a 29 percent decrease since 2005. The 2011 results have not been published.

Many of the cadet volunteers said that they learned a great deal during the trip.

"You always see the homeless out there in the city, but it was nice to finally have the chance to actually help improve the situation," Class of 2011 Cadet Brandon Tuell said.

"Though I didn't get to help anyone directly, I know that my participation in administering the survey will lead to good things down the road," said Cadet Preston Horejsi, Class of 2013.

The trip was organized through the West Point Sociology Program to allow the cadets to not only support the community but help them experience a part of America that is often hidden from view or shunned into the dark recesses of the modern world.

"Homelessness is a problem that affects

somewhere between one or two percent of the U.S. population at any given time and statistics from HUD suggest that 40 percent of all homeless men are veterans," explained Col. Irving Smith, the West Point Sociology Program director.

"Cadet participation in HOPE has several purposes," Smith said. "First it provides cadets an opportunity to see how homelessness affects people we can discuss it in the classroom all

day but seeing it up close really leaves an impression on cadets. Second, participation allows cadets to give back to the community. Third, participating in the survey allows cadets to evaluate the methods used by a particular organization to understand a research question."

More information about homelessness and how to participate in next year's HOPE can be found at www.nyc.gov/dhs.

Civilian

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tell the Soldier story, either when I was with the 402nd or when I am with the 401st. But I do tell the story of how Army Sustainment Command and the Army Materiel Command civilians and contractors do work that directly supports the war fighter.

“And, I know, that with either the 402nd or the 401st, the civilians and contractors are 1,000 percent mission dedicated to supporting the war fighters.”

Many of those she will work with will be experienced veterans.

“A lot of the civilians and contractors are retired military,” Barkley said. “The level of commitment and the level of support they provide are just outstanding. A lot of these people are very, very skilled. Some of them – such as the LARs (Logistics Assistance Representatives) – have deployed six, eight, 10 times.”

While with the 402nd in Iraq, Barkley supported DA civilians and contractors headquartered at Joint Base Balad to provide acquisition, logistics and technology-related sustainment support to Army, joint, and multinational forces, as well as other government agencies as directed by the Army Sustainment Command and senior Army sustainment commanders in its area of operations. Besides public affairs support, she also was the command’s historian.

“We had people in various forward operating bases, contingency operating bases, outposts, wherever there were Soldiers,” Barkley said. “Army Sustainment Command provided the civilians needed to support the war fighter.”

“I would travel to some of the locations and write articles on how the Army Sustainment Command and the Army Materiel Command was supporting the warfighter.”

During that deployment, she wrote several technical stories on a variety of subjects, including how Humvees were upgraded with improved armor; how Stryker vehicles were repaired nearly on the battlefield; how the efforts of the Army oil analysis program extended equipment life; and how the small arms support center trained Soldiers, repaired weapons and issued replacement weapons when repairs couldn’t be made in the field.

“I wrote stories on whatever the battalion commanders and the senior leadership wanted me to focus on,” she said.

She also published a monthly newsletter for the brigade, and worked with the battalion commander when he was asked to talk to the national media about equipment reset.

“I covered Gen. (Ann) Dunwoody’s first visit to Iraq,” Barkley said. “Command Sgt. Maj. (Jeff) Mellinger was also with her. And Lt. Gen. (Jim) Pillsbury came over twice while I was there.”

Although she lived and worked at an established base, like all those who deploy to a war zone, Barkley did take some risk. Mortar rounds often were fired into the grounds of the Joint Base Balad, and she frequently flew in helicopters outside the wire to interview brigade employees.

“Balad had a fairly mature infrastructure. There were good living conditions. There were hard-stand barracks and CHUs (container housing units),” Barkley said. “There was MWR, two PXs, fast food restaurants and a bazaar. Balad had the only indoor movie theater, and there was an indoor and an outdoor pool.”

“I think Afghanistan will be a lot different experience. I don’t think they have the mature infrastructure. I could be living in a tent or an open bay barrack or a CHU.”

The 401st in Afghanistan executes theater wide logistics operations and provides technical support to sustain readiness and improve combat capability of U.S. and coalition forces in Southwest Asia (Afghanistan, Kuwait and Qatar) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. It provides the strategic logistics link from the national industrial base to the tactical commander and Soldier in the field as directed by the Army Sustainment Command.

Barkley assumed her position with AMC at Redstone in August, only to learn about six weeks later that she had been accepted for the deployment to Afghanistan.

“My first thought was ‘I just got here.’ But my leadership here supported the deployment 100 percent,” she said.

Her husband, who had been living in Indiana to care for his now deceased mother, will continue to live close to family while his wife is deployed. The couple will settle in Huntsville once Barkley returns to her job with AMC.

“Of course, there is that sacrifice when you don’t have your family there with you,” she said. “But, it’s a choice a lot of people make voluntarily or it was made for them. I was able to make this choice.”

“I’d like to think my father would be proud of what I am doing.”

Barkley’s father, now deceased,

was drafted into the Army during World War II and served in Europe.

Barkley’s husband served in the Navy for 23 years. During his service, Barkley began taking jobs at the various locations they were stationed, working at a post library and an elementary school. She managed the Navy’s third largest child care program at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; managed a family child care program in Key West, Fla., and re-established the child care program in 1995 at Guantanamo Bay.

In 2000, Barkley began her public affairs career at the Naval Air Station, Key West.

“It was an opportunity to really learn more about the mission for training air combat crews and how the installation supports the war fighter,” she said.

In 2002, she worked in Army Garrison public affairs in Korea at Camp Humphreys.

“It was a chance to learn about the Army and Korean history,” she said. “I participated in a fabulous community relations program there. We put the program in place and it won first-place awards Armywide.”

“Our community relations program was important because with units changing every year it was difficult to maintain a relationship

with community groups. We started signing agreements with community groups that continued even when units were replaced. When a new unit came in, the relationship was already in place for the new commander and new sergeant major. This arrangement continued to build the program instead of having to start over again with each new unit.”

Her public affairs career took her to the Garrison at Fort Meade, Maryland. After her first deployment, she joined AMC.

“I wanted the opportunity to work at a major Army command,” she said. “I was familiar with AMC from my first deployment. So, I was really excited about the opportunity to join AMC and come to Redstone Arsenal. It’s a different experience, a different job and a different location.”

“I have really enjoyed my career with the Army because there are such a wide variety of missions. Every day is different.”

Barkley is looking forward to the challenge and “differences” of her Afghanistan deployment.

“If you are in a situation that allows for it, it’s a life changing experience,” she said. “It’s great personally and professionally. On a personal note, this is an opportunity to touch history.”



Courtesy photo

New helicopter

Fielding of the H-60M helicopter is under way with New Equipment Training for crewmembers and maintainers. The 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade’s training is scheduled to be finished by early spring, followed by the 101st CAB later this year, according to the Utility Helicopter Project Office.

Win or Lose

Headquarters & Alpha runs past 326th Chemical

Gators get job done on basketball court

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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The Headquarters & Alpha Company basketball team got warmed up after falling behind 5-0 against 326th Chemical.

The Gators answered with an 18-0 run and rolled to a 52-40 win Feb. 9 at the Redstone Fitness Center. Headquarters & Alpha evened its record at 3-3.

“We had good ball movement out there on the court, a lot of chemistry,” forward Tobias Hall said. “We knew what we had to do out there today. We went out there and got it done.”

Hall had 12 points and seven rebounds. Lawrence Scott added 10 points, six rebounds and three assists. Marcus Talley also made three assists.

Said Talley, “We moved the ball around. Everybody

was talking out there. Everybody knew what they had to do and we went out there and got it done.”

Keith Peoples had 10 points and 13 rebounds for 326th Chemical (1-2).

“We let them get out to an early lead and could never recover from that,” Dragons center Larry Tharps said.

Headquarters & Alpha led 26-16 at halftime. In the second half, the 326th could get no closer than 30-23 with 14:30 left. Scott’s layup pushed the lead to 46-26 with eight minutes remaining.

In other games last week, the National Guard beat Headquarters & Alpha 61-49 and NCO Academy defeated 375th Engineer 52-49 on Feb. 7; and HHC 59th stopped Charlie Company 61-45 on Feb. 9.

Standings after week four had HHC 59th (4-1), NCO Academy (3-1), National Guard (3-2), Headquarters & Alpha (3-3), 375th Engineer (2-2), Charlie Company (2-2), 326th Chemical (1-2), Bravo Company (1-2) and Marines (0-4).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Headquarters & Alpha’s Marcus Talley dribbles against 326th Chemical defenders Travis McReynolds (1) and Frank Stafford (4).

Army wrestlers take tumble at Bucknell

By **Army Athletic Communications**

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Army sophomore Jordan Thome pinned his opponent at 133 pounds, but it was Bucknell rallying for a 25-12 victory over the Black Knights in an EIWA dual match Thursday evening at Davis Gym.

Bucknell (6-10, 1-4 EIWA) won the final seven bouts of the contest to erase an early 12-3 deficit and defeat Army (7-7, 2-5 EIWA) for the second straight season.

Bucknell’s Derek Reber put the host Bison on the scoreboard first as he took a 5-2 overtime decision from Army freshman David White in the 125-pound bout.

The Bison lead was short-lived, however, as Army jumped in front, 6-3, after Thome pinned Alex Pellicciotti in 4 minutes, 44 seconds. The Troy, Ohio, native trailed 2-0 as the match moved into the second period, but he took Pellicciotti to the mat late in the middle stanza to secure the pin.

The Black Knights made it 12-3 as senior Casey Thome picked up a win by forfeit at 141 pounds. Thome’s opponent Zac Hancock was knocked out of the bout with 55 seconds remaining in the first period and the referee awarded Army with the forfeit and six points.

Bucknell trimmed Army’s lead to 12-7 as Kevin LeValley posted a 12-3 major decision opposite Army sophomore Daniel Young in the 149-pound bout. LeValley, who entered the evening



Army Athletic Communications photo

Sophomore Jordan Thome recorded his eighth pin of the season on Thursday night.

ranked sixth in the nation, piled up three takedowns and one near fall en route to the victory.

LeValley’s win turned the match in Bucknell’s favor as the Bison won the next six bouts to account for the final margin. Four of those six setbacks were one-point decisions, while another was decided in the first sudden victory period.

The Black Knights return to action on Saturday, Feb. 19, when they host arch-rival Navy at Christl Arena.

Match notes: Army is now 8-2 all-time versus Bucknell ... Jordan Thome ranks second on the team with eight pins, while his 22 victories list third on the squad ... Casey Thome improves to 25-9 overall and 12-2 in dual matches ... both marks lead the team ... Casey Thome’s 108 career victories are just two shy of cracking the Black Knights’ all-

time top five.

Bucknell 25, Army 12

125: Derek Reber (B) dec. David White, 5-2 (TB2)

133: Jordan Thome (A) pinned Alex Pellicciotti, 4:44

141: Casey Thome (A) wins by forfeit Zac Hancock

149: No. 6 Kevin LeValley (B) maj. dec. Daniel Young, 12-3

157: Brantley Hooks (B) dec. Jimmy Rafferty, 3-2

165: Corey Lear (B) dec. Jake Vetter, 1-0

174: David Thompson (B) dec. Ryan Tompkins, 4-2 (SV)

184: Rob Waltko (B) dec. Wil Brown, 8-7

197: Jay Hahn (B) dec. Daniel Mills, 10-4

285: Joe MacMullan (B) dec. Christian Botero, 4-3

Courtesy photo

Golf ladies

Board members of the Redstone Ladies Golf Association include, from left, president Jean Summers, play day chair Linda Jones, secretary Carol Darden, vice president Peggy Stanley and treasurer Betty Yamashita. The association will kick off its 2011 golf season with a welcome coffee March 2 at 9 a.m. at the Links. For more information, call the golf course at 883-7977 or Summers at 772-2030.



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Sports & Recreation

Family indoor flying

Grace United Methodist Church welcomes pilots and spectators of all ages to its new full-court, high-ceiling gym for indoor small electric radio-controlled airplane and helicopter flying Feb. 27 from 1-4 p.m. at 2113 Old Monrovia Road in Huntsville. For more information, call Jim Marconnet 772-3946, e-mail jmarconnet@gmail.com or visit <http://tinyurl.com/GFFF2011>.

Wounded Warrior 5K

Grissom High School's Army JROTC will present the Wounded Warrior 5K on Feb. 26 at 8 a.m. at McGucken Park on Bailey Cove Road. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Entry fee is \$24. For information or a registration form, call Stefanie Armstrong 883-4735 or e-mail stefanie-payne@bellsouth.net.

Golf tournament

Redstone Test Center will hold its annual Commander's Cup Golf Tournament on May 13 at the Links. Sign up your team now with Sherry Hilley 842-6715, e-mail sherry.hilley@us.army.mil, or Mike Krause, mike.krauseSR@us.army.mil.

Lady golfers

The Redstone Ladies Golf Association will kick off its 2011 golf season with a welcome coffee March 2 at 9 a.m. at the Links at Redstone restaurant. "Having

fun, making friends and playing golf are what RSALGA is all about, so lady golfers of all abilities come and join the fun," a prepared release said. For more information, call the golf course 883-7977 or Jean Summers 772-2030.

Tennis club

MARS Tennis Club is holding its annual membership drive/renewal for this season through Feb. 27. Eligible membership includes NASA/Army/DoD civilians, NASA retirees, on-site and off-site NASA/Army/DoD contractors. Membership includes use of the MARS Tennis Club courts, participation in monthly doubles tournaments, various club activities, and eligibility for the singles and doubles leagues. Annual dues for single membership are \$25 and \$30 for family membership. For more information, visit <http://home.comcast.net/~mtc120>.

Bass tournament

The second annual Homeland Security Bass Tournament is April 23 at Ingalls Boat Harbor in Decatur. First place is \$1,000. Retirees and veterans are also invited and may sign up now. For more information, call David Whitman or Ed Whitman at The Boathouse 652-3446 or 337-0909.

Babe Ruth baseball

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registrations for the 2011 spring season on March 5 and March 12 from 9 a.m. to noon; and players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2011 are invited. Players age 12 are eligible to sign up as well under the Local Swing Player

Option. Registration forms will be accepted after March 12 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 the park representatives for registration locations. The Babe Ruth parks and their primary contacts are: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, Emile Jones 990-5902, e-mail ejones@wilsonlumber.net; Southern Division, Sandhurst Park, Tim Harrison 544-3180, e-mail timothy.t.harrison@nasa.gov; Eastern Division, Optimist Park, T. Poe 527-8763, e-mail wyatt.poe@gmail.com.

Senior baseball league

A Huntsville/Decatur men's recreational baseball organization, the Southern Senior Baseball League, is looking for new players for its upcoming season. The SSBL seeks players age 25 and older, with a special emphasis on players 40 and over. Weekly spring training practices will begin March 13 and be held each Sunday into late April. The practice field location/schedule is being finalized. The league plays a 20-game season (from mid-May through August), normally with two games per week (one weeknight and one Sunday afternoon or evening game). Games are played in the Huntsville/Decatur area. For more information contact either the Over-45 Division commissioner Bill McArdle at SSBL48s@comcast.net, the 25-35 Division commissioner Jim Crum at JimCrum10@yahoo.com, or e-mail joinssbl@comcast.net.

Conferences & Meetings

Security awareness

AMCOM's annual Security Awareness Week and training for 2011 will be held Feb. 22-28 in Bob Jones Auditorium. This training is mandatory for all AMCOM, PEO Aviation, and PEO Missiles and Space military and civilian personnel. It will satisfy annual security refresher training requirements for Security Awareness/Refresher training and OPSEC training. This year's agenda will include several security briefings and a Family Feud themed game show. The emphasis of the briefings will be protecting Soldiers and Soldier's systems as well as cyber security. All AMCOM and Program Executive Office employees are encouraged to look in TIP for training session times as well as upcoming articles in the Redstone Rocket. For more information, call the AMCOM G-2 Security Division 842-6552 or contact your assigned security manager.

Weekly worship

The Contemporary Christian Worship Service is held each Sunday night at Bicentennial Chapel. Fellowship begins at 5 p.m. followed by Bible study at 5:30. The actual service starts at 6:15. Bicentennial Chapel is located on Goss Road, building 376. For

more information, call the Garrison Unit Ministry Team 842-2176.

Bible studies

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

Sergeants major

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

Men's ministries

Men's Ministries, "addressing the needs of men and planting seeds for spiritual growth in Christ Jesus," meets every second or third Saturday — for exact monthly date, call Harry Hobbs at 682-4010 — at 8 a.m. at the Redstone Links golf clubhouse. Breakfast is served for \$5. For more information, call Hobbs 425-5307.

Test week

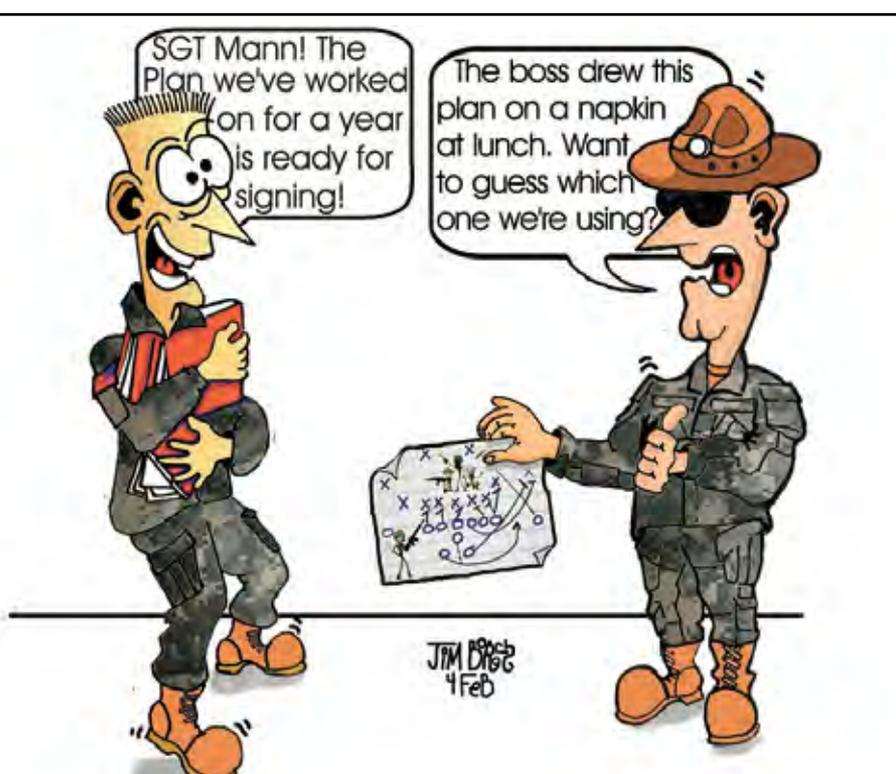
Test Week 2011 will launch June 13-17 at the Von Braun Center's South Hall. This DoD-sponsored forum focuses on the issues of Test and Evaluation. Information can be found on www.testweek.org. Registration fee is \$425; visit Course Catalog F113TW in TIP. The conference will hold tutorials, technical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

Admin professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its 16th annual seminar March 7 at the Holiday Inn Research Park. The keynote speaker is John Croyle of Big Oak Ranch. Choose from afternoon sessions on: Communication in the Workplace, Interviewing Tips and Techniques, Women's Health, and Home Computer Maintenance. Registration form can be found at www.iaapra.org or by calling Alpha McRae 313-1957 or Gala Horry 842-8389.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking skills should contact the Toastmasters Club. **See Announcements on page 25**



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 5301, second floor, in room 1217. For information call Caville Blake 876-7351. The Redstone Toastmasters Club 1932 meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 8721 Madison Boulevard in Madison. For information call Margrit Carr 313-1952.

Tricare briefings

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

Young women

Executive Women International of Huntsville will hold "Cruisin' the Road to Success," its fifth annual Executive Women of Tomorrow Conference, on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Mark Smith Conference Center at ADTRAN Inc. Three-time Olympic medalist in swimming and world record holder Margaret Hoelzer is the keynote speaker. Sponsors for the event include ADTRAN Inc. and Wells Fargo Advisers. The conference is for young women in grades 8 through 12. For details or to register for the conference, visit www.ewihsv.org/ewtc.html. To more information, call Colleen Cain Buckner, conference chair, at 837-1017 or e-mail ewtc@ewihsv.org.

Space development

The National Space Society and its host chapter, the Huntsville Alabama L5 Society, are bringing the 30th International Space Development Conference to Huntsville May 18-22 at the Von Braun Center and Embassy Suites. The annual event invites entrepreneurs, engineers, scientists, politicians and private citizens who are interested in creating a space-faring civilization "From the Ground Up," which is the theme of the conference. For more information on calls for papers or sponsorship, volunteer, or trade show opportunities, contact ISDC2011@gmail.com. The conference website is www.isdc2011.org.

Deployed work force ceremony

In appreciation and recognition of Team Redstone's service and sacrifice, AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers would like to honor those who are serving or who have served in deployments in support of Team Redstone operations for OIF/OEF. The Team Redstone Deployed Workforce Recognition Ceremony is March 3 at 8:30 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The ceremony will recognize honorees for their deployments during June to Decem-

ber. For more information, call Carla Landers 876-2612 or Bruce Cline 955-6925.

Acquisition work force

The South Region Alumni Association of Defense Acquisition University will hold its seventh annual DAU South Conference on Feb. 22-23 at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. For information call Helen Purcell 922-8771 or e-mail helen.purcell@dau.mil. To sign up, visit www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=883797.

Weight watchers

Weight Watchers at Work meetings are held Thursdays at the Sparkman Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Weight Watchers new PointsPlus program makes it easy to lose weight without that dreaded four letter word 'diet,'" a prepared release said. "The Weight Watchers PointsPlus program works because it's not a diet. You'll learn how to eat right and live healthy. The PointsPlus program is based on the latest nutritional science, and factors in the way your body actually processes food. Combined with the proven advantages of the Weight Watchers approach, the program helps you make healthy choices for long term success." For more information, call Pat Sandy 313-5655 or e-mail pat.sandy@us.army.mil.

Engineer society

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers, meets Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park, adjacent to Madison Square Mall. Debra Wymer is the keynote speaker. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 payable at the door. For reservations, e-mail dbacon@shearerassociates.us.

Lunch and learn

Blacks In Government, Huntsville-Madison County Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. in the Sparkman Center Executive Dining Room. There will be a panel of speakers and a mystery guest to discuss and speak on Affirmative Employment Program and Equal Employment Opportunity. The public is invited. For those eating lunch, you need to arrive early and go through the lunch line and return to the meeting room for lunch. For more information, call Ronnie Hawkins 876-8810 or Angela Jones 955-2494.

War fighter's perspective

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, the National Military Intelligence Association, the Air Force Association, and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of NDIA have joined together to bring retired Air Force Lt. Gen. David Deptula to Huntsville to discuss the current and future challenges in Joint ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance). Deptula was the first deputy chief

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of staff for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance at headquarters Air Force. The luncheon will be held March 10 at Von Braun Center North Hall. Corporate tables (eight) are \$300 and individual seating is available for \$30. The doors will open at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at 11:30. You can register and pay through PayPal at <http://www.hsv-afa.org/index.php/component/content/article/25-huntsville-afa-chapter/109-admin1980>.

Fellowship program

The Senior Service College Fellowship at Huntsville is accepting applications through March 15 for the 2011-12 class. This 10-month resident program provides acquisition and senior leadership training to prepare civilian senior leaders for key leadership positions within the DoD acquisition community. Applicants must be Acquisition Corps members and be on track for executive level service. Applicants must submit their application online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System within the Career Acquisition Management Portal/Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management Information System at the following website: <https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/>. For more information, contact SSCFS@dau.mil.

Meeting planners

The Rocket City-Alabama Chapter of Society of Government Meeting Planners will hold monthly luncheon meetings/programs through 2011. The next scheduled meeting is Feb. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. This will be a "CEU Program: 10 Excel Secrets Every Planner Should Know." Cost is \$10 for planners, \$20 for supplies. Sign up by calling Katie Smith 551-2237 or e-mailing kmsmith@vonbrauncenter.com. For future monthly events, visit www.rocketcity-alabamachapter.org.

Luncheon canceled

The International Society of Logistics, Tennessee Valley Chapter, has canceled today's luncheon at Trinity United Methodist Church because of circumstances impacting attendance. "We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may have caused," a prepared release said.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will meet March 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. The feature is "Scrapbooking" by Lora Washburn. Music will be provided by community vocalist John Sudduth. Traveling missionaries Phil and Carol Bailey, from McCormick, S.C., will speak on "A Journey of Two Hearts."

Free child care for age 6 and younger is offered off-site. Reservations for lunch or child care are due by Feb. 28. Call Betty at 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339. HCWC is an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, www.stonecroftministries.org, a support ministry for military wives and other women.

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 Nicole Massey 876-2082. Contractors and others interested can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Motorcycle safety

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

Reading with Taka

The Post Library presents the "Tales with Taka" reading program on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Children age 5 and older are encouraged to read to Taka, a registered therapy and Reading Education Assistance Dog. The program is available to anyone who has access to the Post Library. All children who participate in the program will receive a gift bag from Taka. Under "Taka's Frequent Reader Program," children who read to Taka five times will receive their own "pawtographed" copy of one of Taka's favorite books. Sign up to read to Taka at the library's front desk. For more information call the Post Library 876-4741 or Jamie Ward, Taka's owner and handler, 233-3962.

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Surplus sale

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

Officer recruitment

Interested in being an Army officer? If you have completed a four-year college degree and are interested in the opportunities being an Army officer can provide, call 539-6511.

Flight training

If you're interested in becoming an Army aviator, you can apply for the Warrant Officer Flight Training Program by calling 539-6511.

Vintage record sale

The WLRH Great Record Sale returns this weekend. Vinyl junkies can scarf up LPs, CDs and 45s at the WLRH studios on the UAH campus. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Treasures in all categories, including classical, jazz, pop, new age, and spoken word will be available. For more information, call 895-9574.

Fraud hotline

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

Education test center

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

Thrift Shop grants

Does your organization or group directly affect the Redstone community? Last year the Thrift Shop gave out \$15,000 in grants to organizations like yours. It is that time again; and they are

now accepting applications for 2011. The committee will meet in March and funds will be distributed by June 1. All applications will be considered and reviewed. If your company or group (no individuals please) is interested in applying, call the community assistance chairperson Jennifer Kennedy 682-6981 or e-mail jkhunter_1999@hotmail.com.

Prior service military

If you are prior service military without any military service obligation and are interested in joining the Army Reserve, call 1st Sgt. Brian May or Capt. Stacy Hopwood 539-6511.

Tax assistance center

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is now open and accepting appointments. You may call 842-1040 to schedule an appointment. Federal and state returns are prepared and e-filed free of charge. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Its location is building 3489 at the corner of Zeus Road and Ajax Road. Visit <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/taxcenter.html>.

Scholarship resource

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to aid ASMC members and/or their immediate family in continuing their educational endeavors. Applications should be received by Feb. 28. Applications may be submitted to scholarship committee chairperson Lindsey Harper 876-8361, Michelle Cobb 842-0228, Jessica Dunaway 313-0533, Cheryl Richmond 955-0066, Judy Smith 876-6163, Kathy Buford 842-6289, Dr. Beth Hodges 313-7013, Ann Bransford 876-3599, Rob Archer 313-8137, Michele Olney 876-7971 and Debbie O'Neal 723-2314.

Art auction benefit

The Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club invites you to its annual "Evening on the Bayou" Art Auction event Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Forest Club House (on Martin Road outside of Gate 7). This event is the club's main fund-raiser for the year. Proceeds will go toward the club's various Community Assistance requests and its Merit Awards/Scholarship program. There will be a silent auction, giveaway gift tables, food and beverages, and a special appearance by Perry Berns Gallery. For tickets and more information, visit their website at www.rsacwc.org. RSA CWC is a private, nonprofit organization.

CFC agencies

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human

health and welfare organizations for 2011. Under federal law, the charitable organization must be a current 501(c)(3) organization. The open period for accepting applications continues through March 24. On behalf of federal donors, the CFC is responsible for overall management, collection and disbursements of donor designations from federal, military and postal personnel within the Tennessee Valley area. The Tennessee Valley CFC serves charitable agencies in Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties. A copy of the 2011 CFC package may be acquired by calling the CFC office 876-9143, the PCFO office 518-8214 or by visiting the website <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil>.

Battalion reunion

279th Signal Battalion (Alabama Army National Guard) Reunion Dinner is Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at Los Arcos, 326 N. Brindlee Mountain Parkway in Arab. Any members of the 279th Signal Battalion, as well as spouses, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Robin Grubis 256-603-3201 for details.

Circus tickets

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus will come to town with "Barnum's FUNundrum" March 3-6 at the Von Braun Center. Active duty, retired, Reserve and Guard personnel, and Department of Defense employees, and their family members are eligible for a \$12 ticket in two price levels at six performances. The \$12 ticket is good for 300-level seating at the following performances: March 3 at 7:30 p.m.; March 4 at 7:30 p.m.; March 5 at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and March 6 at 1 and 5 p.m. Here are the three ways to purchase tickets: Show your government identification at the VBC box office; visit www.ticketmaster.com; or call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000. Use promotional code, "MIL," for online and phone orders. A convenience charge per ticket and handling fee per order will be added to Ticketmaster orders. For more information on military tickets, call Group Tickets USA at 776-1876.

Science/engineering apprentices

The Defense Department initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens, with a Social Security card, and at least 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 1, 2011. The apprentice program is divided into eight, 10

and 12 weeks. The contacts for application information are senior counselors at all public, private and parochial high schools and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at Redstone Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The application deadline is Feb. 25. If students are unsuccessful in receiving application information from high school senior counselors or college placement services, call Angela Jefferson 313-3198 or Darlene Milam 876-9541, at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in building 5308, or visit www.gwseap.net or www.usaeop.com.

Health fair/forum

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. will sponsor the North Alabama Community-wide Health Fair and Forum on April 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Alabama-Huntsville, University Center Exhibit Hall. This public event is free. For more information, call 656-7797.

Army civilian of year

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will sponsor the Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award Dinner at 7 p.m. April 5 at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. This award and dinner recognizes local Army civilians who have demonstrated exceptional performance as members of the Army team. AUSA will recognize nominees from three groups: Management/Executive Award, Professional/Technical Award and Supporting Staff Award. These outstanding civilians will be nominated by their commands or agencies in February. "Plan to support these outstanding civilian nominees by attending the award dinner," a prepared release said. Individual ticket cost is \$35; corporate tables of eight are \$280. For more information, call AUSA event coordinator Jerry Hamilton 652-7437 or e-mail AJH72USMA@mchsi.com. For reservations, due by March 29, visit www.ausaredstone.org/Events.aspx.

Quarterly retirements

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is scheduled March 24 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. To arrange to participate, call Sgt. Steven Griffin 876-7969 or Staff Sgt. Marcus Holder 876-7969 by Feb. 28. A retirement ceremony is also scheduled June 28. "Please make special note of the following: While it may be appropriate to notify your chain of command that you plan to participate in this retirement ceremony, you must notify HHC Garrison (Griffin or Holder) by the stated deadline in order to participate in this event," a prepared release said.

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Education summit

The University of Alabama-Huntsville has been chosen as the venue for a Model Based Enterprise Supplier Education and Training Summit on Feb. 22 in Huntsville. This MBE Summit is being organized by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with coordination assistance from several affiliate MEP centers in Alabama, the Gulf Coast Region and elsewhere around the country. The summit is being co-sponsored and led by the Army Manufacturing Technology Program and the Marshall Space Flight Center. UAH has been chosen as the venue for the summit in conjunction with a meeting of the Manufacturing Division of the National Defense Industrial Association also being held at UAH on Feb. 23-24. To register visit <http://model-based-enterprise.org/MBE-Events>.

Shredding service

Effective April 1, the Garrison will discontinue the mobile shredding service for the destruction of sensitive and classified information. Mobile shredding service for the destruction of sensitive and classified materials will become the responsibility of each Garrison tenant after April 1. Tenant organizations are encouraged to make other arrangements for proper destruction of sensitive and classified materials. Tenant organization S2/G2/Security Offices should be consulted to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements concerning the proper destruction of sensitive or classified information. Ruby Childers, chief of the Security Division, DPTMS, is available at 876-1345 to address questions related to the destruction of sensitive or classified information. Bert Rivera, chief of DOL Transportation Division, can be reached at 876-1718 for questions related to the current destruction services contract.

Rocket day for kids

Join Sci-Quest, Hands-on Science Center on Feb. 26 for Rocket Day, a celebration of National Engineering Week with rockets. Children will discover how rockets work by building and launching their own rocket at Sci-Quest. With assistance from Boeing engineers, children ages 5 and older will learn the basic principles of rockets and safety, by building and launching their own water rocket at Sci-Quest. Water rockets, powered only by water and compressed gas, can reach altitudes of more than 50 feet and accelerate to speeds approaching 200 mph. Children can even make their own air-powered bottle rocket at home, with instructions on the Sci-Quest website, and bring it to the launch. Rocket Day is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is free with general admission to Sci-Quest. For more information about this event, visit www.sci-quest.org or call 837-0606. This event is made possible by the Boeing Company.

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Kindergarten orientation

Holy Family School, 2300 Beasley Ave., will hold "Kindergarten Step-Up Day" on Feb. 22 at 8 a.m. "Entering kindergarten next year? Spend some time with us," a prepared release said. The fun event concludes at 11 a.m. with snacks and a goody bag. Parent reception is from 10-11 a.m. No fee required. Call the school office 539-5221 or register online at www.holy-family-school.com.

Pipe organ workshop

The Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present its annual "Pedals, Pipes & Pizza" workshop Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road in the sanctuary. Doors will open at 9 a.m. The organ program will begin at 9:30 and finish with pizza by noon. This program is designed primarily for students but is open to anyone who is interested in learning how a pipe organ works. Those who participate in the workshop will have an opportunity to play on the pipe organ that morning. Pre-register by calling 489-7437 or by e-mailing ppp@huntsvilleago.org.

Health center closings

Fox Army Health Center will close Friday and Monday in observance of Presidents Day and a training holiday. On Friday, the Primary Care Clinic will open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The Pharmacy, Medical Records Window, and the Tricare Service Center will be open until noon. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. On Monday, the entire facility will be closed. As a reminder, the health center is closed on the first Thursday afternoon of every month, Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

Women's health

Learn more about how to prevent heart disease by attending the following lunchtime learning opportunity at Fox Army Health Center's Wellness Clinic: Feb. 24 from 12-1 p.m., "Gear Up for Walking" by Cheryl Michael from Fleet Feet. For more information, call the Wellness Clinic 955-8888, ext. 1026.

Microsoft certification courses

Oakwood University Technology Certification Program announces the start of its 2011 Microsoft Certification courses. MCITP classes begin March 1, and students have the potential of receiving full MCITP Certification in as little as eight months. For more information, e-mail Patricia Beale at pbeale@oakwood.edu or leave a message at 726-8284.

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Black history month

"African Americans and the Civil War" is the theme for February's observance of Black History Month. Team Redstone's annual celebration will be held today at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The guest speaker is 1999 Gabriel Award winner Tonia Stewart, a native of Greenwood, Miss., who has lived in Montgomery since 1990. She is a tenured professor and the director of theatre arts at Alabama State University. She is also a professional actress, perhaps best known for her reoccurring role in television's "In the Heat of the Night."

Arts update

The new musical "Standing by Tammy Wynette" is playing through Saturday at Renaissance Theatre; featuring Erin Johnson as Tammy, and Barry Norwood as George Jones. Several songs made famous by Tammy Wynette and George Jones will be performed. The show contains about 28 songs. The Renaissance Theatre is at 1216 Meridian St. (main stage). Cost starts at \$14 per ticket. For more information on this, and other art oriented events, visit www.ourvalleyevents.com or www.artshuntsville.org.

Paper airplane contest

The 17th annual Great Paper Airplane Contest, sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, will be held Feb. 23 from 3:30-6 p.m. at the UAH University Center exhibit hall. For more information, call Chrissi Hamilton 955-9400 or e-mail christianne.hamilton.ctr@mda.mil.

Thrift shop

The seasonal room is now part of the 50 percent off area. The last day to consign winter items will be this Thursday. The shop has begun taking Easter and St. Patrick's Day items for consignment. Donations are welcome anytime. Consignments are taken from 9-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. "Please call the No-List number at 881-6915 before coming in," a prepared release said. The shop's hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 to 5. The shop is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 to 2 for shopping or volunteering. The Thrift Shop is in building 3209 on Hercules Road.

Naval Academy seminar

The Naval Academy has begun its Summer Seminar application process. The seminar provides an opportunity for upcoming high school seniors to visit the Naval Academy and get to know all aspects of the institution. During their time at the academy, they live in the dorms, learn about the academic programs and experience midshipman

life firsthand. For more information, visit <http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/nass>.

Photography exhibit

Discover north Alabama's wildlife through the nature photography of Joe Romans in an exhibit of his works at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N. Water St., Tusculumbia, through March 11. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1-3 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 adults and \$3 students, with Sundays free and group rates available. Romans, a Shoals native and lifelong wildlife enthusiast, photographs Shoals and North Alabama wildlife with his wife, Valerie. For details, visit tva.net or call 383-0533.

Bluegrass concert

Alabama native and bluegrass great Jake Landers brings his band and other performers to the Ritz Theatre for "Bluegrass at the Ritz with Jake Landers and Friends," on Saturday with performances at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Ritz Theatre is at 111 W. Third St., Sheffield. Tickets are \$7 for one show and \$12 for both in advance at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, phone 383-0533, or online at www.ritztheatre.ticketleap.com. Cost is \$8 for one show and \$14 for both at the door. The performances are part of the Tennessee Valley Art Association's New Stage concert series.

Life saving skills

More than 300,000 Americans of all ages die each year from sudden cardiac arrest. Almost 20 percent of these deaths could have been prevented if someone on the scene had initiated the cardiac chain of survival. Learn skills to be trained, empowered and prepared to save a life. The Madison-Marshall County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Health Care Provider class Feb. 23 and 24 from 5:30-10 p.m. This course teaches infant, child and adult CPR skills, along with two-person CPR and the use of resuscitation devices. The cost of the course is \$80 per person. This course is required for American Red Cross lifeguard certification. Nursing CEUs are available. Participants are required to pre-register and prepay. Find enrollment information at www.redcross.org or call 536-0084, ext. 210.

Black history luncheon

The Redstone community is invited to a Black History Luncheon, sponsored by the South Central Regional Civilian Human Resource Agency, on Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. The speaker is Dr. Harry Hobbs, communications relations officer at Huntsville Police Department. For tickets, which cost \$10, call Bernice Collins 955-6571.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEB 11 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
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																		
SCBK11763686R	Supervisory Logistics Mgt Specialist	9-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	15	15	115,588 -							X	X	X	X	
SCBK11792948	Secretary (Office Automation)	10-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0318	7	9	39,422 - 62,683	X							X	X	X	
SCBK11822563	Supervisory International Program Management Spec	11-Feb-11	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	95,211 - 157,779								X	X	X	
SCBK11840064	Supervisory Human Resources Specialist (Mil)	11-Feb-11	US Army Space & Missile Def Cmd	GS-0201	14	14	98,285 - 127,743			X					X	X	X	
SCBK11695287	Continuous Process Improvement Specialist	11-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0301	14	14	98,265 - 127,743								X	X	X	
SCBK11822563	Supervisory Int Prog Mgt Spec	11-Feb-11	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	95,211 - 157,779		X	X					X	X	X	
SCBK11840064	Supervisory Human Resources Specialist (Military)	11-Feb-11	US Army Space & Mis Def Cmd	GS-0201	14	14	98,285 - 127,743			X					X	X	X	
SCBK11762746	Logistics Mgt Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X										
SCBK11769562	Electronic Publications Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0301	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X								X	X	
SCBK11762216	Logistics Mgt Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X										
SCBK11749405	Logistics Mgt Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X										
SCBK11838528	Administrative Support Assistant (OA)	14-Feb-11	Redstone Test Ctr	GS-0303	6	6	35,475 - 46,116								X	X	X	X
SCBK11806651	Procurement Analyst	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907				X	X						
SCBK11806632	Procurement Analyst	14-Feb-11	AMC	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102				X	X						
SCBK11829709	Logistics Management Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	14	14	98,265 - 127,743				X	X				X	X	
SCBK11821331	Military Analyst	14-Feb-11	US Army Space & Mis Def Cmd	GS-0301	13	13	83,156 - 108,102					X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK11811208	Fire Chief	15-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0081	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK11852812	Airfield Operations Officer	15-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0301	11	11	58,343 - 75,843				X	X				X	X	X
SCBK11821075	Financial Management Analyst	15-Feb-11	US Army Space & Missile Def Cmd	GS-0501	12	12	69,930 - 90,907			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK11807386	Budget Analyst	15-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0560	13	13	83,156 - 108,102				X	X				X	X	
SCBK11829676	Supervisory Logistics Mgt Specialist	15-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	15	15	115,588 -		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK11774241	Physical Security Specialist	15-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0080	9	9	48,221 - 62,683								X	X	X	
SCBK11852829	Air Traffic Control Specialist	16-Feb-11	USAG	GS-2152	11	11	58,343 - 75,843								X	X	X	
SCBK11824739	Budget Analyst	16-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0560	11	12	58,343 - 90,907								X	X	X	X
SCBK11864678	Security Guard	16-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0085	4	4	28,446 - 36,997		X						X	X	X	X
SCBK11798700	Secretary(Stenography/OA)	17-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0318	8	8	43,659 - 56,754								X	X	X	X
SCBK11852837	Antiterrorism Officer (Garrison)	17-Feb-11	USAG	GS-0301	12	12	69,930 - 90,907								X	X	X	X
SCBK11821223	Accountant (Internal Review Evaluator)	17-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0510	11	12	58,343 - 90,907				X	X			X	X	X	X
SCBK11866647	Practical Nurse	17-Feb-11	U.S. Army Medical Dpt Activity	GS-0620	5	5	31,825 - 41,369					X			X	X	X	X
SCBK11864920	Operations Research Analyst/General Engineer	18-Feb-11	US Army Space and Mis Def Cmd	GS-1515/0801	14	14	98,285 - 127,743					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK11794411	Logistics Management Specialist	18-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102		X							X		
SCBK11794415	Management Analyst	18-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0343	9	9	48,221 - 62,683		X									
SCBK11804357	Supervisory Budget Analyst	18-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0560	15	15	115,588 -								X	X	X	X
SCBK11809929	Administrative Support Specialist	18-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0301	9	9	48,221 - 62,683								X	X	X	X
SCBK11804581	Lead Aerospace Engineer	21-Feb-11	RDECOM	DB-0861	4	4	98,265 - 150,266		X							X	X	X
SCBK11873362	Safety & Occupational Health Manager	21-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0018	14	14	98,265 - 127,743								X	X	X	X
SCBK10662752R	Human Resources Spec (Labor Relations)	21-Feb-11	ACC	YA-0201	2	2	69,930 - 108,102		X		X				X	X	X	X
SCBK11847928	Lead Aerospace Engineer	22-Feb-11	RDECOM	DB-0861	4	4	98,265 - 150,266				X	X			X	X	X	X
SCBK11804366	Office Support Assistant (OA)	22-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0303	7	7	39,422 - 51,253		X							X	X	
SCBK11858472	Supervisory Quality Assurance Specialist (Aircraft)	22-Feb-11	US Army Aviation Flight Test Directorate	GS-1910	12	12	69,930 - 90,907		X							X	X	X
SCBK11839089	Program Analyst	23-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0343	14	14	98,265 - 127,743				X					X	X	X
SCBK11843180	General Supply Specialist	23-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-2001	7	11	39,422 - 75,843		X									
SCBK11857660	Traffic Management Specialist	23-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-2130	12	12	69,930 - 90,907		X									
SCBK11623931	Telecommunications Specialist	23-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0391	12	12	69,930 - 90,907								X	X	X	X
SCBK11623940	Information Technology Specialist (SYSANALYSIS)	23-Feb-11	HQ AMC	GS-2210	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK11ADVRECAMC01	Special Asst to Cmding General	23-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0301	13	14	83,156 - 127,743								X	X	X	X
SCBK11844401	Management Analyst	23-Feb-11	Army Sec Assist Cmd	GS-0343	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK11848717	Logistics Management Specialist	24-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102		X									
SWH811P7849714	Contact Administrator	28-Feb-11	DCMA	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907				X	X						
SCBK10729547	Geographer	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-0150	12	12	69,930 - 90,907		X	X					X	X	X	X
SCBK11803396	Gen Eng, Civil Eng, Env Eng, Chem Eng	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-0801/0810/0819/0893	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK11803396A	Physical Scientist, Chemist, Geologis	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-1301/1350/1320	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK11803396B	Project Manager	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-0301	13	13	86,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK10760499	Patent Attorney	4-Mar-11	AMCOM	GS-1222	14	14	98,265 - 127,743											
NEAL10541178	Acquisition Management Specialist	15-Mar-11	Program Executive Office (PEO)	YA-0301	2	2	48,221 - 119,935								X	X	X	X
SCBK10631319OCE	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102									X	X	X
SCBK10631270OC	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102					X			X	X	X	X
SCBK10482838OC	Contract Specialist	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK10482845OC	Contract Specialist	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	7	12	39,422 - 90,907					X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK10482850OC	Supv Contract Specialist	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	YA-1102	3	3	98,265 - 127,743								X	X	X	X
SCBK10631324OC	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	27-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907					X			X	X	X	X
SCBK10631337OCE	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	27-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907									X	X	X
SCBK10674714OC	Contract Specialist (Price/Cost Analysis)	9-Jun-11	ACC	YA-1102	3	3	92,277 - 157,779								X	X	X	X
SCBK10724481OCE	Contract Specialist	29-Jun-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907									X	X	X
SCBK11733651	Logistics Management Specialist	5-Jul-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	11	13	58,343 - 108,102								X	X	X	X
SCBK10444988OC	Contract Specialist	17-Aug-11	AMC	YA-1102	3	3	92,277 - 157,779		X	X						X	X	X
SCBK1044488OC	Contract Specialist	18-Aug-11	AMC	YA-1102	2	2	47,215 - 108,102		X	X						X	X	X
SCBK104828500C	Supv Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	AMCOM	YA-1102	3	3	98,265 - 127,743								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
SCBK10482823OC	Contract Specialist	30-Sep-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907		X	X					X	X	X	X

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

- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements) (Copy of Orders from Spouse)
- F - All Federal Employees serving on a career or career-conditional appointment (SF-50 documenting service required)
- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (Form 75 documenting service)
- V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U - All U.S. citizens (Birth Certificate and other Documentation required)

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.