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Madison chief has military roots



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Madison police chief Larry Muncey refers to the lessons and skills he learned as a Soldier and a Navy seaman in his service as a police officer. Many former servicemembers go on to careers in law enforcement.

Police careers often draw on Army values and experience

By KARI HAWKINS

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MADISON — There are days – troubling, tough days – when Madison police chief Larry Muncey relies on the “deep down” training he received during his military years.

Those kinds of days don’t come often in Madison, a growing community of 40,000 known for its low crime rate, highly educated work force and progressive leaders. This “Mayberry” like town is better known for its high salaries and down-home ambiance, and is still small enough to sponsor such events as a Fam-

ily of the Year competition and an annual street festival on its historical downtown streets.

But there are days, like last year, on Feb. 5, when a middle school student allegedly shot and killed a fellow student in the hall at Discovery Middle School, that Muncey and his police force of 109 patrol officers, investigators, records employees and dispatchers have to come to grips with sudden tragedy and the horrors of violent crime.

“When things like that happen, you have to dig very down deep inside of you to the things you never thought you could do,” Muncey said.

“The military teaches you about that. Like the 20-mile road march that you thought you couldn’t do and then you did with a rucksack on your back. Like hell week in the Navy. Like the time I thought

I would drown in a dive. But I didn’t and I was able to make it. All those things in the military teach you to never give in, to never quit, to never leave something unfinished, and to always, always find a way.”

Muncey, who served in both the Army Reserves and the Navy, became Madison’s police chief in July 2009. A long-time law enforcement officer, Muncey’s association with the area began with Redstone Arsenal.

“In 2004, I was here at the bomb school (Hazardous Devices School) at Redstone,” he said. “I was here for six weeks and I absolutely fell in love with the place. I thought this was a wonderful, welcoming town. In this business, you are always looking for job opportunities, but, for me, it would have to be that

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FAMILY FOCUS

Julie Nethery and her family share memories of Nethery’s son Pfc. Kevin Ellenburg, who was killed Nov. 1, 2006, in Baghdad, Iraq.

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LOOKING BACK

Philip Alterizio, 88, has a new medal to add to his collection of memorabilia from his military service in the European Theater during World War II.

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CENTER STAGE

The audience at Team Redstone’s Black History Month program is entertained by actress and educator Dr. Tonea Stewart.

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WIN OR LOSE

Josef Dunn, a 6-foot-4 center, is averaging double figures in both rebounds and points for Charlie Company, the defending post champion.

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What did you do for Valentine's Day?

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Keith Galeano
Fire Department
"I made dinner for my wife (Susan). And it just so happens we have a dog (Gracie) who was born sometime in February – we got her from a shelter – so we just gave her Valentine's Day as her birthday. We spent the day together with the (two) dogs. We made dinner. We pretty much stayed at home."



Pvt. Lakeshia Spencer
Bravo Company
"We went to school (at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School). I received a glass dolphin and it lights up on its display and it spins. It's beautiful. It's really pretty."



Kathy Stephens
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
"I just appreciate my loved ones that are in my life. Just thanking God for my loved ones. I've been married 28 years. So actually Valentine's Day for me is every single day because my husband (George) shows love and appreciation in everything he does. Valentine's Day is every day for me."



Earl Schlarb
Retired sergeant major
"Stayed home and cleaned my yard – first warm day of the season."

Letters to the Editor

Black History Month salutes contributions to nation

This year the theme for Black History Month is "African Americans and the Civil War."

There are many arguments among various groups regarding the true reason for the American Civil War. Some academics state that an economic dispute involving Northern industry, Southern planters, France and England over cotton and tobacco trade led to the collapse of the United States. Others feel that the true reason for the Civil War was slavery. Still another group feels it was a disagreement about states' rights versus federal oversight.

With all these dissenting arguments regarding the reason, this prevents the parties involved from fully appreciating the contributions that individuals of African descent (both free and slaves) made to our nation.

The outcome of the Civil War achieved freedom for over 4 million people of African descent. Approximately 180,000 Soldiers served in the Union Army and many more in the Navy, filling whatever role necessary in pursuit of this result. African American Soldiers participated in every major campaign of 1864-65 except Sherman's invasion of Georgia. Frederick Douglass is quoted as saying, "Once let the

black man get upon his person the brass letters, U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder and bullets in his pockets, and there is no power on earth which can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship in the United States."

Although you may have not heard the quote, many Americans have read about Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman and their contributions to America during the Civil War. However, many do not know there were 25 African Americans who displayed bravery, heroism and have the distinction of winning the Medal of Honor. One of those distinguished individuals was Sgt. William Carney. As a member of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Sgt. Carney on July 18, 1863 during the battle for Fort Wagner, S.C., grasped the colors during the attack and led the way to a fort's parapet. When his comrades fell back under fierce enemy fire, he secured the flag. He was severely wounded twice during the battle. Hollywood made this moment famous during the movie "Glory." It accurately depicts the heroism of those present as they assaulted Fort Wagner.

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Redstone Arsenal shopping policy explained

I recently learned that civilians (not military retirees — but civilian employees) both government and contractor (including employees of Redstone Communities), that reside in Redstone Communities leased housing are being allowed Commissary and Post Exchange (including class VI) privileges. Why?

PX and Commissary "privileges" are, by DoD regulations (DoDI 1330.21 and DoDI 1330.17), for military personnel and retirees, and their families. Exceptions are made for civilian employees overseas and at remote assignments. Obviously, Redstone is not overseas, and it could hardly be called remote. How many grocery stores, department stores and shopping malls are within 10 miles

of the gate? How about gas stations and liquor stores? I'm sure the local merchants would be delighted to know that they're being undercut when one of these "privileged" civilians makes a purchase on Redstone.

The tax-free offerings of the PX and Commissary are an inducement to join the military, and for many, to sacrifice their youth and make the military a career. Most non-retiree veterans, including disabled veterans, are not granted access to this tax-free shopping. Permitting civilians to shop at the PX and Commissary is a blatant slap in the face to every man and woman in uniform,

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Quote of the Week

'M'essage keeps getting clearer

Radio's on and I'm moving 'round the place

I check my look in the mirror

I wanna change my clothes, my hair, my face.'

— Bruce Springsteen
"Dancing in the Dark"

More visible signs for smoking

Why aren't No Smoking signs posted more prominently on the Commissary and Post Exchange? Currently there is a small sign at the PX entrance, and a sign at the north end of the Commissary. Since this is a federal building, I believe that smoking is not allowed within 50 feet.

It would be nice if smokers were

allowed to enjoy their habit further from the building.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Concerning the smoking within 50 feet of the PX and Commissary, a work order for additional 'No Smoking Signs' has been submitted for greater visibility to our customers."

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Summer hire jobs await applicants

Three student temporary employment program summer hire announcements are open through 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 en-

rolled 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)

Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Feb. 10-16:

Feb. 11: A Soldier surrendered to Redstone Police as a deserter. He was processed to his Fort Hood, Texas, unit.

Feb. 14: On Goss Road, a driver who was stopped for speeding had a suspended license. He received two violation notices.

Feb. 15: A driver was stopped for speeding on Goss Road and had a suspended license. She also had an active arrest warrant out of Morgan County. She was issued two violation notices and released to Morgan County.

Feb. 16: A subject approached the Visitor Center with a suspended license. He received a violation notice.

Traffic accidents reported: one with injury, six without injury.

Violation notices issued: 21 speeding, 3 suspended license, 10 parking violation, 2 no proof of insurance.

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So once again we pay tribute to those who have made contribution to who and what we are today. Without the contributions of those men and women who sacrificed all for the promise of freedom, our nation would not be what it is today. I can safely say in my 22 years of service, I have had the opportunity to lead, serve with and be led by some great African American

leaders. Each and every one of those great men and women shared a common desire and pursuit of freedom for their fellow man with those who carried the torch before. From Gettysburg to Fort Wagner, it was the pursuit of freedoms promised to its inhabitants of a new nation. Now those sentinels are stretched across foreign lands to preserve not only freedoms at home but for those abroad.

Sgt. 1st Class Nelson E. Ballew Jr.
2nd Recruiting Brigade equal opportunity adviser

the following response. "Currently there are no civilians, government or contractor, who are allowed to shop in the Commissary or Exchange. The Commissary has specific regulations prohibiting any civilians from patronizing their facility; therefore, civilians will not be allowed to shop there. The Exchange, on the other hand, does allow government civilians, who live on post, limited exchange privileges. The Garrison is currently working through the procedures to implement this change allowing those 'eligible civilians' access to the Exchange. DoD Instructions authorizes this action; see DODI 1330.21, App. E6.1.2, Table E6. T2, Number 1."

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veterans, and to the retirees who devoted much of their lives to the military. Is Redstone Communities so desperate to fill unoccupied housing that, with the consent of the Garrison commander, civilians are essentially being bribed to rent a housing unit?

This "policy" needs to be revisited.

Joseph Gorman

retired sergeant first class

Editor's note: The Garrison provided

Getting to know you

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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Name: Pvt. Kyle Snellen

Job: Student in 94 Alpha (Land Combat Missile Repair), Bravo Company

Where do you call home?

Jefferson City, Mo.

What do you like about your job?

I like the hands-on training. I like to take all the equipment apart and I like to try to put it back together.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Normally I just hang out with people from here. And every once in a while go out in Huntsville and do some partying and stuff.

What are your goals?

I'd like to make this a career, the Army. And I'd like to stay in 94 Alpha the entire time and be able to work on all of this equipment.



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

I guess I'd like to fire off one of these Javelin missiles. And I've always wanted to go skydiving and stuff.

Gate 7 construction rescheduled for March

The planned construction at Gate 7 on west Martin Road won't happen this week after all.

"We're doing a contract modification on the perimeter fence," engineer Brendan Bennick, of Garrison Master Planning, said. "And we have to have that fence up before we can move the temporary guard gate houses back to the west."

This pushed the start of the project back at least another two weeks. "It's going to be

sometime in March," Bennick said.

The project, originally expected to be completed by mid-October, is to upgrade the access control point to meet Army ACP standards.

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

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

Photo by Judy Wilson

Cyber speaker

Dr. Mark Swinson, left, director of SMDC's Space and Cyberspace Technology Directorate, was the featured speaker at the February meeting of Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers. Post president Phil Loftis of Parsons gives Swinson a memento of his presentation.



Army Emergency Relief drive starts engine

Three-month campaign gets on track March 1

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The Army's annual fund-raising drive represents Soldiers helping Soldiers, with a little help from their friends.

Redstone Arsenal will have its 2011 Army Emergency Relief campaign from March 1 through May 31. Last year's drive raised \$265,000.

"We don't actually have a monetary goal this year. What we're going to do is try to increase over last year's contributions by 10 percent," AER officer Mike Burden said.

In 2010 at Redstone, AER helped 324 Soldiers and family members with more than \$337,000 in loans and grants. Armywide last year, AER helped more than 66,000 Soldiers and families with more than \$77 million.

"Army Emergency Relief is the only organization that's dedicated to solely helping Soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need," Burden said.

This year's AER theme is "Helping to Make Soldiers and Their Families Army Strong."

Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, expressed his support for Army Emergency Relief.

"It's saved some of my Soldiers since I've been a company commander," Rogers said.

Capt. Blair Tighe of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command is the campaign chairman. Tighe, executive officer for SMDC/AR-STRAT Headquarters & Headquarters Company, can be reached at 955-0594.

"People should give to AER to support the Army as a whole, being that Soldiers are always in need of support in emergency financial situations," Tighe said.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Race is the campaign coordinator. Burden can be reached at Army Community Service at 876-5397.

Army Emergency Relief does the following:

- Helps with emergency financial needs for food, rent or utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses and medical/dental expenses.
- Provides college scholarships to children, spouses and surviving spouses of Soldiers.

Post Library has sweet deal for book lovers

February is Library Lovers Month at the Post Library. For the rest of the month, patrons who check out books or movies may enter their names to win a variety of prizes.

Winners will be drawn for each prize on March 1, and one winner will be drawn from all entries for a grand "Book Lover" prize.

Prizes include library-related items such as journals and scrapbooks; complimentary games of golf, bowling and bingo courtesy of Redstone Links, Redstone Lanes, and Challenger Bingo; two tickets to Six Flags over Georgia, courtesy of the Community Activity Center; a free rental of a pontoon boat courtesy of Outdoor Recreation; and a free framing class courtesy of Arts & Crafts.

All adults in the Redstone community are invited to participate and win. Children are encouraged to enter to win the bowling games or a free book of their choice. The list of prizes is subject to change.

The library, building 3323 on Redeye Road, is open 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tues-



Courtesy photo

Pfc. Derek Price displays the candy grand prize at the Post Library. Forty-one library patrons won candy as part of February's Library Lovers Month celebration.

day through Friday and 10-4 Saturday. For more information, call 876-4741 or visit the website at www.redstonemwr.com and click on "Recreation."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Making their contributions to AER are, seated from left, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Cooper, Redstone commander Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers and Garrison commander Col. John Hamilton. Looking on are campaign coordinator Staff Sgt. Nicholas Race and chairman Capt. Blair Tighe.

diers. Last year at Redstone, 40 people received a combined \$60,300 in scholarships.

- Offers additional benefits including lifetime membership in the Armed Forces Services Corporation for surviving families of Soldiers who die on active duty; grants for wounded Soldiers medically evacuated from a theater of combat; and personal financial management training for Soldiers in AIT.

Those eligible for Army Emergency Relief include: active duty Soldiers, single or married, and their family members; Army National Guard or Army Reserve Soldiers on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their family members; Soldiers retired from active duty for longevity or physical disability, and their family members; Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers who retired at age 60, and their family members; and surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Editor's note: The website for AER national headquarters is www.aerhq.org.

Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Events

The Garrison's Directorate of Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation provided the following list of upcoming events:

Challenger bingo

"Luck of the Irish Bingo Extravaganza" will be held March 18 at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. "Over \$13,000 guaranteed prizes in our session bingo," a prepared release said. For more information, call Challenger bingo 837-0750.

Youth flag football

Child Youth and School Services is

registering youngsters from now through April 1 for flag football. The league is open to boys and girls ages 5-17. Registration for players that do not have access to Redstone Arsenal will be held from 5-7 p.m. March 7 and March 28 at the NAF Personnel Office on the corner of Goss and Patton Roads. Bring a current sports physical. The \$40 registration fee includes uniform. For more information, call 313-3699.

Firehouse pub

The Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Drive, will present The Zooks this Friday from 4-8 p.m. For more information, call 830-2582.

Foundation nurtures support for tree planting

By the Arbor Day Foundation

Arbor Day in Alabama is celebrated Feb. 21-25. While National Arbor Day is held on the last Friday in April, several states, including Alabama, observe the holiday at a time best suited for tree planting for their residents.

Before you get started, you want to make sure you're planting the right tree in the right place. A tree serves many purposes. It is wise to first determine which functions are most important to you when selecting a new tree to plant.

The main functions of a tree are:

- **Shade:** Trees are an excellent source for cooling because not only do they block the rays of the sun, they add water to the air through transpiration, plant where you want the shadow during the hottest time of the year.

- **Beauty:** Trees add color and can enhance your home depending on where they're planted.

- **Windbreak:** These are most effective when you plant trees in a dense, step-like arrangement of both conifers and deciduous trees.

- **Boundaries:** Trees can help delineate your property.

Once you determine the tree's function,

you need to pick the best spot to plant it.

To help ensure that you plant the right tree in the right place, there are a few things to consider:

- Short flowering trees are ideally planted under power lines. These trees will not clash with the lines and will add color and beauty to your yard. Some examples of short flowering trees are redbuds, dogwoods and crabapples.

- Large deciduous trees are best used to shade your home and yard. These trees should be planted on the southeast, southwest and west side of your home to provide cooling shade in the summer and won't obstruct the low winter sun. Examples of large shade trees are maples, oaks, spruce and many pine species.

- To slow strong winter winds, many people use evergreen trees, but large deciduous trees work well, too. Windbreaks should be planted on the north side of your home, a fair distance from the nearest structure. Spruce, firs and pine trees make fine windbreaks.

Before you plant, you should also discover which trees grow best in Alabama. To do so, consult the Arbor Day Foundation's Hardiness Zone Map at www.arborday.org/treeinfo, or contact a local nursery or arborist.

Once you've determined the function of your tree and which species you'd like, you're ready to plant. You must take special care of your tree during planting time to ensure that it will grow healthy and strong.

When planting a containerized tree, there are six steps you need to take.

1. Call before you dig.

Call the 811 hotline to have underground utilities located.

2. Handle your tree with care. Always lift it up by its root ball and keep its roots moist until you plant it.

3. Dig the proper hole. Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides.

4. Dig to the proper depth. The trunk flare of your tree should sit slightly above ground level.

5. Back fill the hole with native soil. That is, unless the soil is all clay. Tamp soil gently to fill large air spaces.

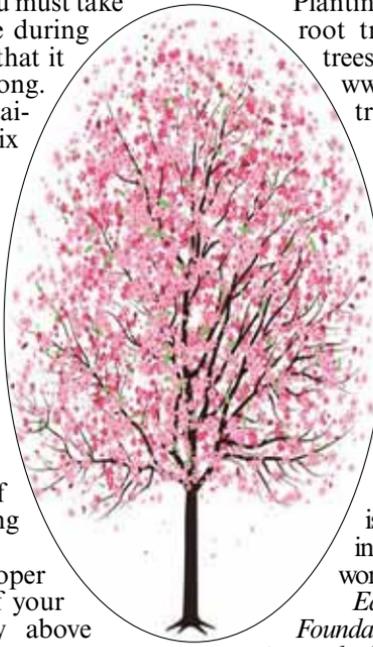
6. Mulch your new tree. Add 2-3 inches

of mulch around the planting area but keep it 1-2 inches away from the trunk.

Planting instructions for bare-root trees and ball and burlap trees can be found at <http://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/treePlanting.cfm>.

Americans have been planting trees on Arbor Day since 1872. Nebraska City, Neb., resident, civic leader and agriculturist J. Sterling Morton urged Nebraskans to "set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit." The tree-planting holiday was so popular that by 1920, more than 45 states and U.S. territories annually celebrated Arbor Day. Today, the tree-planters' holiday is observed in all 50 states and in many countries around the world.

Editor's note: The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education group of more than 1 million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information on the foundation and its programs can be found at arborday.org.



'I want to let people know about him'

Soldier's mother carries hurt of loss through life

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There are times when Julie Nethery can't face the truth.

There are times when this mom of three has convinced herself that her youngest son is still coming home from his deployment.

And there are times, now more than four years later, when Nethery can't get out of bed because the memory of her loss is just too painful to cope with.

On a recent Friday afternoon, Nethery visited Redstone Arsenal's Survivor Outreach Services facility with her daughter, Jessica Worsham; her brother Mike Lawrence, who works at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; and two granddaughters.

During their visit, mother, daughter and uncle took the time to reach out to tell the story of Pfc. Kevin Ellenburg. No matter how much it hurts, Ellenburg's story is one they feel compelled to share.

"I want to let people know about him," Nethery said. "I want people to know he had the sweetest heart and best personality. He was not shy. He was personable. I want people to know he was my son."

Ellenburg was killed on Nov. 1, 2006, just 14 days before his 21st birthday, when the Bradley armored fighting vehicle he was driving ran over two buried 500-pound improvised explosive devices as they were being detonated by remote control by the enemy in Baghdad, Iraq.

"Two other guys were in the turret and they were OK," Nethery said. "But it killed Kevin instantly. He was sitting right over where they detonated."

"His body came back wrapped like a mummy," Worsham added.

Ellenburg's death affected his entire family. His older brother, Andrew, who also served in the Army, still can't talk openly about it. His sister has dealt with the loss by helping others and is now the one who keeps the family together. His uncle yearns to work on engineering projects at AMRDEC that will help protect Soldiers in the field so that other families don't have to endure what his family has been forced to accept. And there are now two granddaughters – Jessica's 2-year-old daughter Capri and Andrew's



Julie Nethery, center, copes daily with the loss of her Soldier son with the support of her family, which includes, from left, her brother Mike Lawrence holding granddaughter Avery, and her daughter Jessica Worsham holding granddaughter Capri. Lawrence works at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

Julie Nethery stands with the picture of her son in the Hall of Remembrance at the Survivor Outreach Services facility at Redstone Arsenal. Pfc. Kevin Ellenburg was killed Nov. 1, 2006, when the Bradley armored fighting vehicle he was driving ran over two buried 500-pound improvised explosive devices that were detonated by remote control by the enemy in Baghdad, Iraq.

Photo by Kari Hawkins

19-month-old daughter Avery – who will never know their uncle Kevin.

Ellenburg and his siblings grew up in Jacksonville, Fla., where the family was based while their father served 30 years with the Navy. After a divorce, their mother moved to Birmingham. Ellenburg graduated from high school in Pace, Fla., in 2004, following his brother into military service. Eventually, Ellenburg's brother and sister relocated to the Birmingham area and his mother, who works for Brookwood Medical Center, remarried and moved to Cullman.

"Kevin loved his older brother Andrew and wanted to follow in his footsteps," Nethery said. "He wanted to join the Navy like his dad. But he also wanted to be like his brother. Andrew had joined



the Reserves and served in Iraq in 2003-04 with the 3rd Infantry Division.

"Kevin decided to follow his brother's footsteps completely as far as being in a Bradley and driving a Bradley, everything. I was not encouraged by either of the boys going into the military because I didn't want them to follow in their dad's footsteps. I didn't want ..."

"Military life was hard on my family," Worsham interjected.

Ellenburg joined the Army in 2005. Even though their father's Navy service

made growing up tough, Ellenburg was proud of being in the Army, his sister said.

"He was proud even though I pushed against it," Nethery added. "I told him 'I'll support you in whatever you do. But it doesn't make me happy.' As a mother, you support them no matter what. And he was very proud of that uniform."

"He was in the Army for the long haul," Worsham said. "He went in with the decision that he would someday retire from the Army. He was going all the way, and he was proud to be able to wear the uniform and serve his country. When he was home, he wanted to wear the uniform so people would know how proud he was. He never regretted it."

After training, Ellenburg was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. It wasn't long before he was shipped to Iraq with the 4th ID.

"I wasn't happy at all about him being sent straight over there," Nethery said.

Worsham had the power of attorney for her brother during his deployment. As such, she took care of his business affairs and communicated with him regularly. The family sent care packages for Ellenburg to share with his friends.

"Whenever I talked to him, he would say 'Tell everyone I love them and I'm fine,'" Worsham said.

Ellenburg did come home on leave in September 2006. Though the visit was happy with trips to Six Flags and Pensacola, Fla., it ended with an ominous feeling.

"When we took him to the airport to leave, we knew he wouldn't be back," Nethery said. "It was a horrible, gut feeling. Kevin was crying and shaking."

"He was scared, but he wanted to go back because he was committed to what they were doing in Iraq," Worsham said.

"I knew the last time we said goodbye that it would be the last," Nethery added, with conviction in her voice. "In a strange way, I think God brought him home to have a last goodbye."

Nethery was on her way home from work when Soldiers drove up to her house to notify her of her son's death. At about the same time, Nethery's nephew drove into the driveway.

"He called my husband Darryl to tell him who was at our house. Darryl told our nephew to have the Soldiers leave for a few minutes so that he could get home and be there when they returned," Nethery recalled. "I got home and my

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perfect job that would make me move on (from his job with the Horry County Police in South Carolina)."

Although military training and military values are very much part of Madison's top police officer, Muncey doesn't consider himself a veteran "compared to those who serve today," he said. "Those serving deserve all the praise and glory in the world."

By most standards, Muncey's military career could be considered short. Growing up in the blue collar community of Defiance, Ohio, he served as a combat engineer in the Army Reserves.

"The military probably saved my life. The very best I could do where I grew up was foundry work," he said. "But joining the service exposed me to a whole new world. It was the first opportunity where somebody gave me responsibility for others and entrusted me with that responsibility. I had wonderful leaders who helped to shape me."

Muncey's father served with the Army's Black Lions during the Cuban missile crisis. He remembers looking through his father's pictures of that time and "falling in love with the military."

"My dad was a hard dad. The first time in my life that I felt he was proud of me was when I came home from basic at Christmastime in my full uniform," Muncey recalled. "From the expression on his face at that moment, I knew my dad was proud of me."

His four years as a reservist allowed Muncey to also pursue a career in law enforcement with the Defiance County Sheriff's Department and then as police chief with the Sherwood, Ohio, police department. After four years as a reservist, this land-locked Midwesterner decided to join the Navy.

"I always wanted to be a diver," Muncey recalled. "I loved the ocean. I loved to travel and you sure do travel in the Navy."

He trained to be a Navy salvage and rescue diver whose skills are called on to recover equipment lost off ships, perform maintenance on ships and participate in various rescue operations. He was a distinguished honor recruit and a distinguished honor graduate in the Navy.

But his first wife's sudden death and the three little girls left without a mother caused Muncey to leave the Navy and return home to care for his daughters. He went to college on the G.I Bill and once again pursued a career in law enforcement, taking a job as a patrol officer with the Hicksville, Ohio, police department. He then remarried, and the family moved to South Carolina, where they owned a 36-room hotel in Myrtle Beach for about four years.

"But I missed law enforcement so much," Muncey said. "It's hard to get out of law enforcement. It's a constantly changing field and an exciting line of work. It teaches you that you can really change the world, only one life at a time. You can really make a difference."

Back in law enforcement — this time with the Horry County Police Department in Conway, S.C. — Muncey could

once again draw from the lessons of the military and the skills of military service in various jobs. He began his 14-year stint with Horry County Police as a patrol officer and rose through the ranks as an investigator, SWAT team member, narcotics officer, patrol supervisor, investigations supervisor, bomb squad commander, internal affairs officer, narcotics commander and administrative watch commander.

"Law enforcement is a paramilitary organization. They have similar missions. It's a natural fit," Muncey said.

"A good portion of our Madison police force is former military. We have former military police, explosive ordnance disposal and infantry. We can't select them just because they have a military background. But it is former training, especially if they were military police. We can give them credit for that, and then they come to us with the skill set we need. They come with discipline, honor and service. The know accountability and responsibility. All the things you learn in the military you need in this job."

Former military are also used to working on holidays and weekends, and at special events, all similar to police work. And they and their families understand the sacrifices of separation.

"When there are emergencies, like hurricanes or tornadoes, it's hard to leave your family to go out and protect others. This is something the military knows about," Muncey said.

Military experience also gives police officers the mental fortitude to overcome the emotional and psychological strain associated with witnessing senseless and

destructive crime, and dealing with people who are out of control.

"The military helps prepare you for combat and sometimes that is what police work can feel like," Muncey said. "It's hard to accept that you have brothers and sisters in law enforcement who have been killed by an assailant. It's tough to live with the horrific things you can see in this job. But, on the plus side, you get to make a difference, and that's what stays with you."

The Madison Police Department, like many others across the country, is in need of police officers. Some of the shortage in police forces is caused by officers who have deployed with their Reserve units or who decide to return to the military. Much of that shortage is caused by a lack of qualified candidates for the job.

Although he continues to enjoy his law enforcement career, Muncey admits he has attempted from time to time to re-join the military over the years. He tried to go back after 9/11, but was told he would have to re-enter the service as an enlisted Soldier, which would have been difficult for a married man supporting a family of four daughters and a son.

"It's the greatest feeling in the world to serve this country," said Muncey, whose son, now a teenager, is considering a future military career. "There is just something about the military. It's hard to get the military out of you just like it's hard to get law enforcement out of you. It's a life changing experience."

"I don't feel like I have done enough military service. I would like to do more. I am very proud of what little service I do have."



Photos by Ellen Hudson

Outdoor fun

With weather in the 70s the last week or so, plenty of kids and teens on Redstone Arsenal have been spending their free time outdoors. At left, Matthew Eady, 16, enjoys throwing a football with friends at the Youth Center while, at right, Hannah Martin, 9, and her brother Jacob, 4, ride their bikes in their neighborhood. Outdoor fun for 15-year-old Kayla McKnight includes socializing and sharing a bag of popcorn with friends LaDarius Calloway, 17, at left, and Matthew Eady, 16.

Luncheon gathering hears words of encouragement

AMC chaplain gives message

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A call of rest for the weary was the theme of the National Prayer Luncheon held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The keynote speaker was Chaplain (Col.) Robert Coffey, chaplain for Army Materiel Command, who used parables and anecdotes to relay his message of hope, patience and “finding rest in the Lord,” to the approximately 75 attendees.

Coffey quoted Isaiah 40:31, “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint,” and then urged the audience to give their problems to God.

“Test the Lord on this. Find 30 minutes a day to spend in His presence. The busier you are, the more you need Him,” Coffey said. “Do this and He will give you what you need to get through your problems and your life.

“Even the toughest of rangers has to take a knee and get some water sometimes.”

Coffey, a Georgia native, holds a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Georgia, a master’s of theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a doc-

torate of ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary. He also has a master’s of strategic studies from the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. He has served tours in Iraq, Germany, Fort Belvoir, Va., at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and many other assignments with light infantry, combat engineer, field hospital, combat support, cavalry, signal and aviation commands during his 24-year career.

Coffey’s awards and badges include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Army Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Staff Identification Badge, Airborne and Air Assault Badges.

Prior to Coffey’s remarks, prayers for the nation and the community were offered by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Penland, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marvin Luckie. Garrison commander Col. John Hamilton presented an award of service to Coffey at the conclusion of the ceremony.

National prayer breakfasts were inaugurated in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in 1942. In 1953, President Eisenhower established the first Presidential Prayer Breakfast to seek divine guidance for the national leadership, and to reaffirm faith and dependence on God. Each year since then, the event has included the president, cabinet members, the Supreme Court, Congress and leaders in the fields of business, labor, education, and the sciences, as well as all branches of the military. In 1970, the name was changed to the National Prayer Breakfast to focus more on the purpose of the gathering, and less on the individuals involved.



Photo by Pamela Ramey

Chaplain (Col.) Robert Coffey of the Army Materiel Command speaks during the National Prayer Luncheon held at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Remembering the liberation of a nation

Madison veteran receives France's highest honor

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MADISON — Philip Alterizio, 88, has a new medal to add to his collection of memorabilia from his military service in the European Theater during World War II.

During a Feb. 10 ceremony, Alterizio and 12 other WWII veterans received the highest honor of France — the National Order of the Legion of Honor — from France's consul general in Atlanta.

But during a recent interview at his Madison home, Alterizio didn't want to talk about the Legion of Honor or his experiences as a WWII Soldier in Italy, France, Rhineland and Germany.

Rather, he wanted to talk about today's servicemembers.

"I want to tell all the troops, and especially the troops at Redstone Arsenal, I really do admire them so much," the sprightly veteran said. "I went on an Honor Flight (a program that took veterans to see their memorial in Washington, D.C.), and the Soldiers were there when we left at 5 in the morning and when we got back at 9 at night. I want you to let them know how much we appreciate them. They are the real heroes today and I don't think people realize that."

Alterizio considers himself among those fortunate to return from some of the worst fighting of WWII. He doesn't like talking about the war, only saying it took years to fight off nightmares and flashbacks from those months in 1944 when his unit — part of the 44th Infantry Division — made its way across Europe. And yet, he doesn't consider himself a war hero of that era, and he is rather reticent about accepting praise for his service.

"I am dedicating this medal to all the young men who died in France. I'm a caretaker of this medal for all of them," he said.

Alterizio was recognized with the Legion of Honor after one his two daughters learned about France's program to recognize WWII veterans from the European Theater. Diane Cardwell, who lives in Atlanta, submitted a copy of her father's discharge papers and completed an application. A few months later, Alterizio received a letter of nomination approved by French president Nicolas Sar-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Philip Alterizio holds the Legion of Honor medal he recently received from the French government for his service during World War II's liberation of France. He and his wife Maria, sitting next to him, live in Madison.

kozy, and then a letter from the French consulate in Washington, D.C., notifying him of the ceremony in Atlanta.

"I'm just an average guy and all this attention we're getting is really something else," he said. "In Atlanta, I was with a bomber pilot, staff sergeants, a couple of privates and a Navy veteran who was on a destroyer during the invasion of Normandy."

During the ceremony, French consul general Pascal Le Deunff spoke to each veteran individually and told the audience of family and friends about their veteran's service during the war. He then pinned a medal on the chest of each veteran.

"He told us that 'All you boys are heroes. For years we felt hopeless and you boys never gave up. You brought us hope,'" Alterizio recalled. "It must have been terrible to be under the German occupation."

As a private first class during the war,

Alterizio received several other honors for his service. But the Legion of Honor is the most significant.

"The only medal I have from the war that is significant is the European Theater of Operations medal with four Bronze Stars. Those stars signify service in Italy, southern France, Rhineland and central Europe."

Alterizio was 17 when he joined the New Jersey National Guard.

"It was 1939 and during the depression. Me and a couple of guys wanted to do something, so we joined the 113th Infantry. It was something to do," he said.

In September 1940, his Guard unit was put into federal service with the 44th Division, a combination of the New Jersey and New York National Guards. His federal service included training at different schools. But after the U.S. was pulled into the war by the attack on Pearl Harbor, Alterizio was in a unit detached from the division and attached to the

Eastern Defense Command to provide ground forces for the defense of the East Coast from New York to Philadelphia. During this time, Alterizio spent a lot of time with his unit patrolling the beaches of Long Island, N.Y.

In 1944, he joined the VI Corps to Italy, where he was part of the Allied push through Naples and north into southern France.

"What I saw was nothing like what the 88th Division and the 10th Mountain Division saw in the mountains of northern Italy. We saw a lot of fighting and a lot of sad things. The children we saw were skin and bones. There are a lot of things we forget and we want to forget," Alterizio recalled.

In September 1944, Alterizio was among Allied forces that marched from southern France into the country's northern section. He was reassigned to the 103rd Division Military Police. While in France, he was part of some of the war's heaviest fighting and saw some of the worst concentration camps.

"One of our units found the bodies of dead prisoners half buried, their bodies burned by gasoline that had been poured on them and lit," Alterizio said. "When I got there, our general said 'No Soldiers were to touch the bodies.' ... It was too gruesome to see those bodies piled up like that. I used to get flashbacks and have bad dreams."

But the final push into Germany was anti-climatic, with many of the Germans quickly surrendering to U.S. troops.

"They didn't have the fight in them anymore," Alterizio said. "We didn't have to fight for Germany. The war was basically over around two weeks before that when the 88th Division came through Italy. So, the Germans were just surrendering."

Alterizio returned to the U.S. with other troops via naval ships.

"We went by the Statue of Liberty and a sign was hanging from it that said 'Well done,'" he said.

It wasn't long before Alterizio left the Army.

"My brother had been wounded in the hedgerows of Normandy and my father had had a small heart attack. My family wanted me to get out of the Army," he said. "They said 'If you stay in, we don't know what will happen to your father.' That was back when we always did what our parents said, so I got out."

But Alterizio didn't like wearing civilian

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Female team brings aid to school, orphanage

Unit in Afghanistan provides outreach

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MAZAR-E SHARIF, Afghanistan — Members of the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade's Female Engagement Team, stationed at Camp Marmal, Afghanistan, visited the Red Crescent Society's nearby orphanage and school Feb. 12, bringing with them school supplies and clothing items.

The supplies were gathered by the brigade's chaplain assistants and the mothers' and children's programs they are associated with, as well as by families and friends of Soldiers who responded to requests for support.

"In the mission of aiding Afghanistan in getting back on its feet, governing itself, and securing itself, we want to make sure the women's needs are met as well," said 1st Lt. Rebecca Wagner, the officer in charge of 4th CAB's Female Engagement Team, or FET. "The FET is a way to get the Afghan women's voices heard."

The team also opens a line of communication between ISAF and Afghan women, Wagner said.

Every organic unit of the 4th CAB at Camp Marmal is represented in the 12-member FET, which began two months ago. The team, trained in cultural sensitivity, basic medical skills, language and media interaction, as well as personal defense, crowd control, and tactical patrolling, enables the brigade to reach out to Afghan women in a way the unit's male troops cannot. Cultural norms prevent Afghan women from interacting with men, especially foreigners, in most situations.

"As we are more and more integrated into missions, I see the FET's contribution as gathering information that would not be gathered due to the norms of the Afghan culture," said Chief Warrant Officer Brenda Munoz, a human resources technician and a FET member.

The FET is finding its niche within Regional Command-North's operational plan and stands ready to assist the headquarters, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, and ground forces.

"We are establishing a presence and



Photo by Spc. Jeanita Pisachubbe

1st Lt. Rebecca Wagner counts with the Afghan children at the Red Crescent Society orphanage and school Feb. 12. Wagner's unit, the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, delivered school supplies, clothing items and toys to the organization as part of a Female Engagement Team outreach mission. Wagner is the officer in charge of 4th CAB's Female Engagement Team.

relationship with the Afghan women in (Regional Command-North)," Wagner said. "It is our hope and intention to hand this mission over when we transfer authority this summer."

The trip to the orphanage and school was the team's first mission, and the first opportunity for them to put their training to practical use.

Munoz wanted to join the FET to "do humanitarian missions to help rebuild Afghanistan." She wants to get out and physically do something toward this effort.

"The mothers and teenage girls were very open to talking with us. We found out about their hopes and dreams. We talked about programs they think will benefit them and ways they can become more self-sufficient," Munoz said.

The Red Crescent orphanage houses not only children, but also many of the children's mothers, whose husbands are either dead or in prison.

"Our mission is to partner with the women and Afghan National Security Forces in (Regional Command-North); to mentor and help them maximize their capabilities," Wagner said. "This was a valuable experience toward that endeavor."

FET teams operate all over Afghanistan with members from all military services.

Security awareness focus of annual training

It's time to renew your commitment to security.

Security Awareness Week 2011 is co-hosted by AMCOM, PEO Aviation and PEO Missiles and Space from Feb. 22-28 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Each session provides refresher and updated information on Information Security, Personnel Security, Industrial Security, Foreign Disclosure, Operations Security, Anti-Terrorism/Force-Protection, Active Shooter, and Information Assurance.

This year's theme is technology protection and cyber security.

"Assuring the protection of our technologies is one of my seven command priorities," Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, said. "The security and protection of our Soldiers and Soldier's systems is paramount in the conduct of the AMCOM mission.

"Security awareness is the responsibility of every AMCOM employee," he said. "The upcoming Security Awareness Week is our opportunity to be re-

mindful of our responsibilities in handling sensitive and classified information and ensuring the protection of our systems and of the Army war fighter."

This training is mandatory annual training for AMCOM, Program Executive Office for Aviation, PEO Missiles and Space military and civilian personnel.

For more information, contact your organization's security manager or the G-2 Security Division at 842-6552.

Here's the remainder of the security awareness schedule:

- Today from 7:30-9:45 a.m. – PEO Missiles and Space session
- Thursday from 8-10:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. – PEO Aviation sessions
- Friday from 8-10:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. – Integrated Materiel Management Center sessions
- Feb. 28 from 8-10:30 a.m. – Makeup session
- Feb. 28 from 1-3:30 p.m. – PEO Missiles and Space session

Union officer positions up for election

Local 1858 of the American Federation of Government Employees will hold nominations for election of new officers at its monthly membership meeting March 14 at 5 p.m. at building 3202 on Mauler Road.

The method of nominations will be from the floor and may include by telephone for employees located at Kwajalein, Fort Bliss, SMDC/HELSTF,

SAMD employees overseas, Moffitt employees and AMCOM LARS worldwide.

Employees on TDY or hospitalized can submit nominations in writing by mail to the AFGE Local Office by 4:30 p.m. March 14. Each person nominated must accept or decline the nomination at the time of nomination. This may be done verbally or in writing.

The election will be held April 11 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Local office, building 3202. All dues paying members in good standing as of March 14 will be eligible to make nominations and vote in the election. In accordance with the AFGE Local 1858 Constitution, Article IV, Section 3 and the AFGE National Constitution, Appendix A, Part I, Section I (e) to be qualified as an officer or candidate for office, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Be a member of Local 1858 for one year immediately preceding the closing of the nomination process.
- Must not be a member in any labor organization not affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

No write in candidate will be accepted on the election ballot. The voting on April 11, 2011 will be by secret ballot.

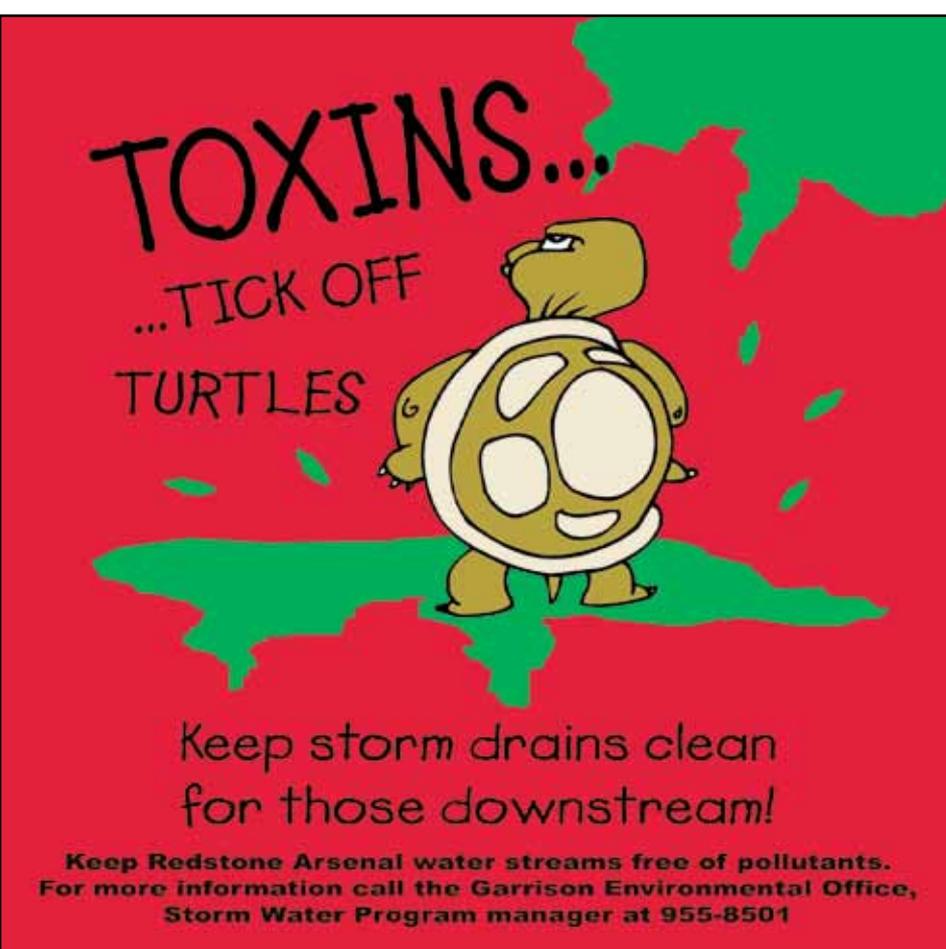
The Election Committee will handle absentee votes under Appendix A, Paragraph 7 of Local 1858's by-laws which states: "Members who, for acceptable reasons, will be unable to attend the election meeting, upon written request to the chairperson of the Election Committee, shall be furnished ballots and properly marked envelopes in which to send their ballots to the Election Committee chairperson. The absentee ballots shall be opened and counted with the remainder of the ballots."

All requests for absentee ballots need to be addressed to: AFGE Local 1858, ATTN: Chairman, Election Committee, P.O. Box 8362, Huntsville, AL 35898. All absentee ballots must be received by the Election Committee at the Local union office by 5 p.m. April 11.

The Election Committee includes

Juan Mendoza, Steven Geaschel, Karen Moten and alternate Gregory Noble.

The following officer positions will be filled for April 2011 to April 2013: president, assistant president, executive vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, fair practices coordinator, AMCOM non-professional vice president, AMCOM professional vice president, OMEMS vice president, PM TMDE non-professional vice president, Garrison non-professional vice president, Garrison professional vice president, HELSTF professional vice president, SMDC non-professional vice president, SMDC professional vice president, MEDDAC/DENTAC vice president, PEO STRICOM non-professional vice president, AAFES vice president, TECOM non-professional vice president, TECOM professional vice president, Commissary vice president, LOGSA vice president, Corps of Engineers vice president, PEOMS non-professional vice president, PEOMS professional vice president, CPO non-professional vice president, DISA professional vice president, DISA non-professional vice president, NAF vice president, Kwajalein non-professional vice president, Kwajalein professional vice president, Printing Plant vice president, AMRDEC non-professional vice president, AMRDEC professional vice president, Army Contracting Command vice president, Network Enterprise Center vice president, PEO-C3T CRAM non-professional vice president, PEO-C3T CRAM professional vice president, PEO-C3T DFT-A2C25 vice president and Command Post Systems Integration vice president. (AFGE Local 1858 release)



Stewart sheds light on Black History Month

Actress/educator delivers emotional performance

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Actress and educator Dr. Tonea Stewart took her audience on an emotional rollercoaster Feb. 16 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

She sang. She told family stories. She joked. She encouraged. She moved her audience to applause, laughter, cheers and tears. When she finished, she received a standing ovation.

Stewart left a lasting memory as the keynote speaker at Team Redstone's Black History Month program.

"Black History Month is history month," she said. "Black History Month is a place for us to find a stepping stone to a new beginning."

A native of Greenwood, Miss., Stewart has lived in Montgomery since 1990. She is a professional actress, play



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Dr. Tonea Stewart, an actress and educator, sings during her keynote address at Team Redstone's Black History Month Program.

director, national museum exhibit director, tenured professor and the dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts at Alabama State University.

As an actress, Stewart is perhaps best known for her recurring role as Miss Etta

Kibbee in the television series "In the Heat of the Night." She earned an NAACP Image Award nomination for her role in the film adaptation of John Grisham's "A Time to Kill."

For her Redstone audience, she recalled the struggles before and during the civil rights movement. She described the acts of discrimination against her father and against her great-grandfather, who was a former slave.

"I'm so glad that today we sit together as civil human beings because troubles don't last always," she said.

Robert Moore, deputy commander of the Army Security Assistance Command, delivered the program's welcome and the closing remarks. "What a great, great turnout this morning," he said of the filled 650-seat auditorium.

This year's theme for Black History Month is, "African Americans and the Civil War."

Team Redstone conducted essay and display contests for the observance. The essay winners were: first place, Earl Montgo-

mery of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center; second, Capt. Ryan Godbee of the Garrison; and third, Kimeko Langham of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center. The display winners were: first, 2nd Army Recruiting Brigade; second, Army Materiel Command Equal Employment Opportunity Office; and third, MSIC.

The following students were recognized for their participation in the outreach art contest for Team Redstone's program:

- High school winners – first place, Lavonte White of Butler High; second, Antonio Pearson of Lee High; and third, Ladarius Price of Butler High.

- Ed White Middle School winners – first, Dorian Jackson; Lorenzo Mastin, second; Leslie Quintero, third; and honorable mention, Malcolm Edwards.

- Horizon Elementary School winners – first, Claudia Chu; second, Angelle Stewart; and third, Irena Guo.

- Coloring contest winners – first, Ariel Seay of Westlawn Middle; second, Londasha Ivey; and third, Ter'quinnie Williams of Butler Terrace Boys & Girls Club.

Tax center volunteer enjoys being able to help

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The Redstone Tax Center serves thousands in the Redstone community each year, offering free tax return filing and other assistance to active duty servicemembers, military retirees and their family members.

Last year alone, the center's four paid employees and 18 volunteers helped the Redstone community receive more than \$3.2 million in state and federal income tax refunds, and save an additional \$600,000 in filing fees.

One of those volunteers is retired Col. Dave Wyatt.

Wyatt has been a volunteer at the tax center for eight years, after spending 30 years in the military, including his last position as project manager for Air Defense Command and Control Systems.

Upon retiring, Wyatt decided that he liked the area and the people so much he wanted to remain in



Dave Wyatt

Huntsville. However, staying here as a retiree didn't mean staying at home. Both Wyatt and his wife chose to give back to the community they loved through volunteerism.

Wyatt works 2-3 days a week at the tax center; and his wife serves as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. They both work at numerous state parks and hatcheries, and Wyatt also helps the Sheriff's Posse in Colorado, where they spend their summers.

When not serving others, they enjoy hobbies such as rock polishing and spending time with friends and family members scattered in other states.

Wyatt, 77, said he plans to continue his work at the tax center "for a while longer." He said the best part of his job is finding refunds for people who weren't expecting it, or finding out they don't have to pay when they thought they did.

"I started volunteering because my wife wanted me out of the house," he said, laughing. "But I really do it because it helps people. That's the best part — just being able to help."

Night vision/reconnaissance project has new leader

By BRANDON POLLACHEK

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FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The project office with the largest portfolio within the Program Executive Office-Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors witnessed the end of an era as its leadership changed hands during a change of charter ceremony Feb. 15.

Col. Linda Herbert, project manager for Night Vision/Reconnaissance Surveillance and Target Acquisition, relinquished command to Col. Edward Stawowczyk during a ceremony hosted by Douglas Wiltsie, acting PEO for IEW&S, at the Fort Belvoir Community Center.

The PM NV/RSTA oversees the product manager offices for Integrated Tactical Systems, Radars, Robotics and Unmanned Sensors and Forward Looking Infrared. The organization is spread out among

various locations including Fort Belvoir; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Fort Monmouth, N.J.; and Huntsville, to go along with numerous deployed members.

Herbert took over the reins of PM NV/RSTA in spring 2008 which was a critical juncture for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom that necessitated an Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Surge. In supporting the surge, a great number of ISR platforms were quickly fielded into theater including numerous systems Herbert is responsible for.

PM NV/RSTA products dotted both theaters of operation with more than 5,000 systems fielded, which many Soldiers recognize for providing a crucial benefit to the war fight to include: the Persistent Threat Detection System, Base Expeditionary Target and Surveillance System-Combined, Firefinder radars, EO/IR

radars on unmanned aerial systems, gunshot detection systems, Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment towers and Long Range Surveillance Scout System, along with many others.

Facing an increased demand for NV/RSTA systems, Herbert and her team focused on efficiencies that would allow the organization to meet the increasing demand from theater. To best meet the demand a number of changes were implemented, including the creation of an operations office to centralize the plethora of taskings and a charge to utilize Lean Six Sigma.

"I was previously the executive officer for retired Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson, the former assistant secretary of Army acquisition, logistics and technology military deputy, who was a major proponent for LSS in the Army, so I had the opportunity to gain an up close and personal understanding for what a valuable tool it could be," Herbert said.

Vice president visits Fort Campbell

By Army News Service

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Vice president Joe Biden visited high school football players from the Department of Defense school on Fort Campbell, Ky., Feb. 11, then stayed on to welcome home their parents from Afghanistan.

An aircraft full of Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, landed on the flight line at the installation. The vice president was there to welcome those warriors home from Afghanistan.

"I just want you to know on behalf of a grateful United States, on behalf of a grateful nation, we thank every one of you for the sacrifice that you make every single day," Biden told Soldiers gathered

in a hangar near the runway.

The vice president also told the Soldiers that America has a duty to take care of them, as they defend the nation.

"There is only one sacred duty the country has — we have a lot of responsibility, but there is only one sacred duty," Biden said. "That is to equip those we send to war and care for those who come home. Welcome home."

The vice president also met with families of the returning Soldiers to thank them for their sacrifice. Earlier, he visited with members of the Fort Campbell Falcons high school football team.

The Falcons won the Kentucky state championships in their class three years running, 2007-09. The Falcons student-athletes all have

family members serving in the military, and many of them are deployed overseas.

Biden, a football fan, congratulated the players and coaches on their success in the face of adversity — many of the players' parents are on deployment — and commended them for their perseverance and teamwork.

"Man I tell you what — you guys are impressive," the vice president said to the football team. "You guys are known from here to Baghdad."

The vice president told the players that they too sacrifice for the nation, because they miss out on having their parents there, when they are serving overseas.

"We owe you. We owe you big," Biden said.



Photo by David Lienemann/White House

Vice president Joe Biden welcomes home members of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, who returned from Afghanistan, at Fort Campbell, Ky., Feb. 11.

'Fish out of water' finds niche in contracting world

Madison company designs wall seals for the Army

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For newcomers to the world of the Army and DoD, Redstone Arsenal can be an intimidating place. Many an employee and visitor has undoubtedly passed through those gates wondering, "What am I doing here?"

In May 2010, Frank Roberts was one of them. As business development manager for Southern Convention Services, he found himself in attendance at the MDA Small Business Conference, shoulder to shoulder with prime defense contractors in competition for bids on rockets, warheads and the like – nothing that his exhibit and environment graphics and design company provided. At one point, Roberts considered leaving, but he decided to sit through one more conference and the breakout session that followed.

"I felt like a complete fish out of water. I kept thinking, 'what am I doing here?' ... Then I heard a representative from

MDA say, 'We need everything from roads to commodes.' And I thought, 'Hey, maybe I'm in the right place after all,' he said, laughing.

Indeed he was. Through his attendance at the conference, and a lot of hard work afterward, Roberts and SCS president Bryan Boyd won the bid to produce 17 wall seals mounted in the Missile Defense Agency building. Then they subsequently secured a contract for the company to design, fabricate and install the MDA VBIII 2D and 3D wall artwork on 8,400 square feet of wall space there, as well as a contract to design, fabricate and install a custom high-tech exhibit in the lobby. The contract value is \$746,000 – not too shabby for a company of 45 employees located in Madison.

"We competed for this contract against a number of large out-of-town design firms from New York, St. Louis and Chicago. We won and we are proud of our company's ability not only to compete, but to provide excellent options for design and fabrication and installation of high quality graphics and exhibits to local and international clients. This will be an integrated, consistent environment at VBIII," Boyd said. "It's a local success story."



Photo by Pamela Ramey

Southern Convention Services' Frank Roberts, left, and Bryan Boyd stand in front of one of the MDA wall seals their company produced in Madison.

MDA representatives apparently agree. They are including the company's "adventure" in their internal newsletter.

"We are very excited about the opportunity," Roberts said. "It's a testament

that small, local businesses can succeed in this economy with the right schedule and the right staff in place, and a little luck. You just have to look under all the rocks ... You have to take a chance."

Army releases budget request for fiscal 2012

WASHINGTON — The Army is requesting a fiscal year 2012 base budget of \$144.9 billion, with an additional \$71.1 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations.

The budget restores a balanced force and begins the transition to a 21st century Army. It also increases funding for Active Component operating tempo and related programs.

The budget provides for a 547,400-Soldier active-duty Army, 358,200 Army National Guard Soldiers,

and 205,000 Army Reserve Soldiers. In addition, a temporary end strength increase of 22,000 is funded by the Overseas Contingency Operations budget. It also grants a 1.6 percent pay raise, a 3.1 percent housing allowance increase, and a 3.4 percent subsistence increase.

Budget provisions forecast the Army investing \$1.5 billion to modernize its Black Hawk helicopters and \$1.4 billion to procure 32 new and 15 re-manufactured CH-47 Chinook helicopters with upgraded

avionics at a cost of \$1.4 billion.

The modernization program includes development of the Ground Combat Vehicle and upgrades to existing vehicles as well as a drone system for aerial observation of the battle space.

The FY 2012 budget will sustain and prepare Soldiers for future challenges through advanced personnel and training, and provide the highest quality equipment while maximizing resources and minimizing costs. (*Army News Service*)

Aviation brigade flies final hours, sees change in Iraq



Photo by Spc. Roland Hale

Black Hawk crew chief Spc. Christopher Wilmeth watches the Iraqi countryside Feb. 10 during a mission near Baghdad. The Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division is flying its final hours in Iraq, where it has served as the Army's first and only enhanced aviation brigade, responsible for providing support to the entire country. Wilmeth is assigned to the brigade's A Company, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment.

By Spc. ROLAND HALE
PAO eCAB, 1st Inf. Div.

CAMP TAJI, Iraq —The Army's last active duty aviation brigade in Iraq is heading home after a yearlong deployment in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

The Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division deployed from Fort Riley, Kan., last March, and quickly became an integral player in U.S. Forces-Iraq's mission here.

When it first arrived, the unit was one of four aviation brigades in Iraq. Over the course of the deployment, however, it rapidly assumed responsibility for all Army aviation operations in the country. It is now the Army's only aviation brigade here, bolstered to meet that charge with increased numbers of troops and aircraft.

With nearly 4,000 troops and more than 200 helicopters, the brigade is double the size of a normal aviation brigade. The increased numbers make it the Army's first and only enhanced aviation brigade.

The brigade has made good use of every aircraft. It leaves Iraq having flown nearly 125,000 hours in support of USF-I's mission here.

"The statistics are an indication of what we've done to support the mission," Col. Frank Muth, the brigade's commander, said. "What's behind the numbers are the hundreds more hours that Soldiers are turning wrenches to make the aircraft fly, supporting the mission."

The brigade's primary mission is the support of U.S. ground forces, which involves freedom of maneuver, counter indirect fire, route clearance, and convoy security. It leaves with that mission accomplished, according to Muth.

"We're ensuring we leave behind a safe and secure environment that allows the Iraqi government to flourish," he said.

The brigade's Apache aircraft provided security above Iraqi cities while the country held its second set of parliamentary elections last March. After nine months of political deadlock following those inconclusive elections, the brigade watched the Iraqi parliament approve a new government.

Also, the brigade played its part in providing troops with air transportation between bases as much as possible. With IEDs as one of the leading killers of service members here, keeping U.S. forces off of the roads was one of the brigade's top missions.

The brigade has transported nearly 300,000 personnel and 10 million pounds of cargo this deployment.

In addition to fulfilling the unit's mission, the brigade has seen drastic improvements in Iraq overall, according to Muth.

"The Iraqi nation has turned a corner," he said. "What I see is more lights on, more commerce taking place, more traffic on the road, people moving around to do business."

The brigade has also invested its time in training with their Iraqi aviation counterparts.

On Camp Taji, one of the brigade's battalions has flown several partnership missions with an Iraqi squadron, as well as helped train Iraqi air traffic controllers. The brigade has also assisted ground forces in training Iraqis in air to ground integration operations.

The brigade is scheduled to end its mission here in March, when it will pass its mission to the California National Guard's 40th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The unit's overall impact here will depend on how well it prepares the 40th CAB to continue that mission, according to Muth.

"The mark of a good unit leaving is when you hand off that mission to the new unit, the unit doesn't skip a beat, the mission isn't affected, and it's a smooth transition," he said.

Survivors program expresses care for families

By JASON CUTSHAW
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Redstone Arsenal this month reached out to surviving military families as the installation held its first Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors seminar.

The TAPS seminar was Feb. 5 at Bicentennial Chapel, with more than 200 family members of fallen warriors coming together with those who understand issues they face. TAPS survivor seminars provide an opportunity for survivors to gather and learn information, gain resources as well as personal contact with fellow survivors in a spirit of friendship and understanding.

TAPS is a 24/7 tragedy assistance resource for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one serving in the military, regardless of the relationship to the deceased or the circumstance of their death.

"Thank you all for coming," Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "This TAPS program is wonderful, it's a great program and it is meant for all for you. This is the first time TAPS has been here, but I'll tell you, it won't be the last time.

"Our goal is to open the doors to you, not only for this program, but for whatever you need. Our mission in life is to take care of you because we truly do care," he added. "We are all family. We stay together, we work together and we'll always be together."

After Rogers spoke, those in attendance got a chance to learn about resources and attend workshops available to them as survivors of fallen servicemembers.

Since its founding in 1994, TAPS has assisted more than 30,000 surviving family members, casualty officers and caregivers. TAPS provides comfort and care through comprehensive services and programs including peer-based emotional support, case work assistance, crisis intervention, and grief and trauma resources.

"TAPS is unique in that we are a program for all those who are grieving a loss of a loved one, regardless of the geography of their death or the circumstances," Bonnie Carroll, TAPS founder and president, said. "Our connection is that our loved ones stepped out above the rest of society in character, in courage, in honor and ability to do something extraordinary. They served selflessly in the cause of freedom and we are so proud of them.

"For those of you who are here for the first time, thank you for having the courage



Photo by Jason Cutshaw

Bonnie Carroll, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors founder and president, speaks with family members and the servicemembers serving as their mentors at the TAPS seminar.

to stick out your hand and trust that there will be someone to step over and take it and walk with you," she added. "And for those who have been here before, thank you for coming back and thank you for making that decision to step over and take a hand and share that journey. This is our family and this is what we can do for each other to honor those we love."

Veteran

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clothes. It was a difficult adjustment for him as he went from job to job. He was not happy again until he met his future wife, Maria. They moved to Florida in 1956, where Alterizio worked in the airline industry until his retirement.

In 1962, Alterizio took his wife to Europe to see the places where he had fought.

"Everything had changed. But we had a good time anyway," he said with a laugh. "We rented a little Volkswagen and drove through 10 different countries. We went to so many places where no one spoke English."

Today, Alterizio and his wife Maria live in Madison near one of their two daughters, Madison City school board president Sue Helms. They have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Alterizio, who was accompanied at the ceremony in Atlanta by daughter Diane Cardwell, said the French consul general told the WWII veterans at the Feb. 10 ceremony that France officials are making ef-

forts to present the Legion of Honor to as many WWII veterans as possible.

"They are trying to escalate this because they want to present these medals before the veterans all die," Alterizio said. "You don't have to do anything heroic to be recognized. You just have to have been part of the group that helped liberate France. It takes so many different types of people and jobs to keep the Army going, and to do something like we did in France to end World War II."

Alterizio is proud of today's interest in World War II. But he said that interest will wane as WWII veterans pass away, much like it did with World War I.

"They don't teach in schools the things I saw and did in World War II," he said. "I want people to remember how hard it was in World War II, not only for the Soldiers, but also for the civilians. Can you imagine being a mom back then and opening the paper every day to see the names of thousands of young men killed in the war?"

"At the World War II memorial, there are 400 gold stars and each one represents 100 men killed. I want people to remember because that's why we are free today. Freedom isn't free and the people should remember that."



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Moving ground

Construction crews are busy at work on Redstone Arsenal land near Gate 9 and I-565. The site is being prepared for the first building in the new Redstone Gateway complex, which is an Enhanced Use Lease project that will include 4.6 million square feet of office space – equivalent to the size of four Sparkman Centers – on 468 acres both outside and inside the Arsenal's secure gate. The project is a joint partnership between the developers Corporate Office Properties Trust of Maryland and Jim Wilson and Associates of Montgomery and the Arsenal and City of Huntsville. The project will provide office space for 15,000 employees, and will include convenience retail, restaurants, hotels and conference areas. As much as \$2 million a year in in-kind services will be returned to the Garrison once the project is complete in the way of new and improved roads and better maintained Arsenal facilities.

Mother

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nephew was there. Then, my husband came in and his face was white. He told my nephew he could leave. I asked him "What's wrong?" He wouldn't tell me, but he kept looking out the window. Then, I heard the car drive up."

The news she received that day still brings tears to Nethery's eyes.

"I told them 'You're crazy. You have the wrong person. There are many other people over there and you've got this wrong.' It's still not true to me. I may sit here and cry. But it's still not true to me," she said.

The funeral was on Veterans Day 2006, and Kevin was buried in a cemetery in Pelham, near Oak Mountain State Park in an Army-issued casket.

"We had purchased an awesome casket for him because that was the kind of guy he was. He always wanted to look nice. He was showy," Worsham said. "We picked out the best casket we could afford. But the Army wouldn't let us transfer him to our coffin because his body was in such bad shape. He was wrapped like a mummy."

The days — and years — after the funeral were hard for Nethery and her family. Nethery still has a hard time participating in family celebrations and finding happiness in life. Her granddaughters,

though, have helped her rekindle some of her previous joy.

"Before these grandkids, she just wasn't there. She wouldn't come to holidays. She wouldn't get involved in anything," Worsham said.

"Kevin will never have kids. He will never have a family," Nethery said. "But these girls look like him. I see a lot of him in our girls."

Nethery has tried to go to counseling through Veterans Affairs. And she does appreciate the programs the Army has established to provide counseling and other support services for the families of fallen Soldiers. But she is not yet ready to join in on those programs.

"It honestly was too hard for me," she said of the counseling. "When I get upset sometimes it goes way beyond being upset and my husband just has to stick me in bed to sleep and get over it. Maybe one day I will be able to."

Time has helped in the healing, but only a little.

"There are many days when I put on a huge front to get through the day. There's not a day that's ever fine, that the hurt stops, that you forget about it," Nethery said. "After time goes by, you don't cry every second of the day anymore. You cry less, but you still cry."

"I have to stay busy. I am the type that would crawl back in bed and stay home all day and not talk to anybody if I didn't

have somewhere to go and something to do."

The family is still in touch with some of Ellenburg's Army friends through Facebook and occasional visits.

Though life is busy, Nethery tries to visit Ellenburg's gravesite at least once a month.

The visits make her feel closer to her son.

"Sometimes I've got to be there. And sometimes I can't go," she said.

Editor's Note: Survivor Outreach Services is a program offered through Army Community Service. It can be reached at 842-8375.



Courtesy photo

Red for health

Central North Alabama Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will hold its annual Heart Health Awareness Event on March 5 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville. This "Go Red" luncheon, with keynote speaker Dr. Deidre Nichols, will support the sorority's physical and mental health awareness efforts and its educational development pursuits. Attire is red dress/suit for women and red tie for men. Members of the Planning Committee, from left, include Denise Turner, Flossie Dawson, Angela Griffin and chapter president Frances Harris. Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 a person; and the deadline for reservations is Feb. 26. For tickets call Dawson at 232-2085 or Griffin at 837-7923.

Win or Lose

Charlie Company has new force under basket

Defending champ stays competitive

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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Last year Charlie Company won the post basketball championship with a burly 6-foot-2 forward named Traves "The Beast" Wilson, who had played at the University of Arizona and at Illinois State. But "The Beast" has moved on, and so have all but one of the defending champion Wolfpack.

Don't feel sorry for Charlie, though. The Wolfpack has held its own in a competitive nine-team league with a 3-3 record after five weeks.

"We've got another big man," Richard Robinson, Charlie's lone returnee, said. "I think he's a big reason why we've been competitive."

Josef Dunn, a 6-foot-4 center, is the Wolfpack's new big man. He's averaging double figures in both rebounds and points.

He joined the Army last October and has been at Redstone more than a month and a half. The 31-year-old from Jersey City, N.J., played football at Wagner College from 1998-2000, where he made honorable mention All-America for small colleges and all Northeast Conference as an offensive lineman.

"I was captain of my high school (basketball) team, and I stopped growing taller and started growing wider," Dunn said. "So football took over."

Dunn scored 20 points in Charlie's 54-38 win over the Marines on Feb. 14 at Redstone Fitness Center.

He had 15 rebounds, seven points, four steals and one block in the Wolfpack's 44-30 loss to Headquarters & Alpha Company on Feb. 16.

"It was a rough day with that zone (defense)," Dunn said.

Headquarters & Alpha led 16-15 at halftime and the game stayed close until midway in the second half. Charlie led 22-21 with 10:30 left but the Gators made a 15-2 run for a 36-24 cushion at 3:35.

Lawrence Scott and Mark Grey scored 17 points apiece for Headquarters & Alpha (4-3).

"Once we put the foot on the accelerator we didn't let up this time," Scott said. "Constant movement, we just kept pushing the ball up the court. We knew they weren't ready to run so we just kept running them."

Dunn had high praise for Scott, who scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half and had eight rebounds and two assists.

"He plays hard, 100 percent," Dunn said. "He's a pure shooter, that guy."

Besides Dunn, the Wolfpack's starting five includes small forward Robinson, point guard Ryan Diem, shooting guard Maurice King and forward Phillip Chung.

Charlie's first-year coach is Marlon Slade.

Entering the season, Slade was asked his goal. "Just hard work, and get the team to work hard," Slade replied.

The Wolfpack has definitely responded through midseason.

In last week's other games, 326th Chemical beat the National Guard 71-58 on Feb. 14; HHC 59th defeated NCO Academy 60-51 on Feb. 16; Bravo Company def. 375th Engineer 41-33 and HHC 59th won by forfeit over the Marines on Feb. 17.

Standings after week five had HHC 59th (6-1), Headquarters & Alpha (4-3), NCO Academy (3-2), National Guard (3-3), Charlie Company (3-3), 326th Chemical (2-2), Bravo Company (2-2), 375th Engineer (2-3) and Marines (0-6).

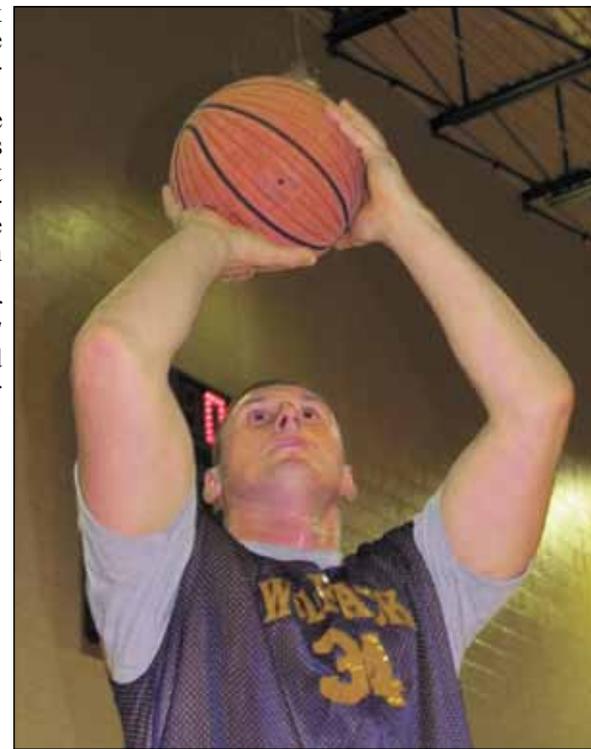


Photo by Skip Vaughn

Charlie Company center Josef Dunn is averaging double figures in both rebounds and points for the Wolfpack.



Courtesy photo

County champs

The Monrovia Middle School eighth-grade Lady Hawks won the 2010-11 Madison County girls basketball tournament. They beat the Meridianville Middle School Lady Eagles for the championship. From left, in the front row, are Alivia Massey, Wynter Sales, Chelsea Robinson, Briann Ryce; and in the back row, coach Jeff Mattheus, Alexis Fletcher, Alex Knox, D'Andrea Smith, Allie Thornton, Calia Binford and team manager Demarie Corley.

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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 Sunday 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 Saturday 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 stefaniepayne@bellsouth.net.

Golf tournament

Redstone Test Center will hold its annual Commander's Cup Golf Tournament on May 13 at the Links. All proceeds will benefit the Military Child Education Coalition. Sponsorships and team slots are available now. Contact Sherry Hilley 842-6715, sherry.hilley@us.army.mil or Mike Krause mike.krauseSR@us.army.mil.

Lady golfers

The Redstone Ladies Golf Associa-

tion 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 Sunday. 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.

Golf benefit

Health Establishments at Local Schools

will hold its second annual "HEALS on the Green Pro-Am Golf Tourney" May 2 at The Ledges. The shotgun starts are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Cost is \$250 per person or \$1,000 per team. Sponsors, players and volunteers are wanted. For more information, call Lauren Mosley 428-7560 or e-mail Lauren.Mosley@healsinc.org.

Golf league

The OMMCS Golf League seeks an additional team and more players for the 2011 season. The league plays each week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:45-4:52. Each four-member team will play one day per week. The team's roster should have from 6-12 players. The season runs from April 5 through the first week in September. An entry fee of \$110 is charged to all teams, which is used to pay winning teams for the first and second parts of the season, as well as individual and team wins each week. For more information, call Dean Anderson at home 852-3531, cell 797-3531 or e-mail deananderson1945@att.net; or Dave Parker 313-4196 or david.k.parker@us.army.mil.

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 joinsabl@comcast.net.

Conferences & Meetings

Weekly worship

The Contemporary Christian Worship Service is held each Sunday night at Bicentennial Chapel. Fellowship begins at 5 p.m. followed by Bible study at 5:30. The actual service starts at 6:15. Bicentennial Chapel is located on Goss Road, building 376. For more information, call the Garrison Unit Ministry Team 842-2176.

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel 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.

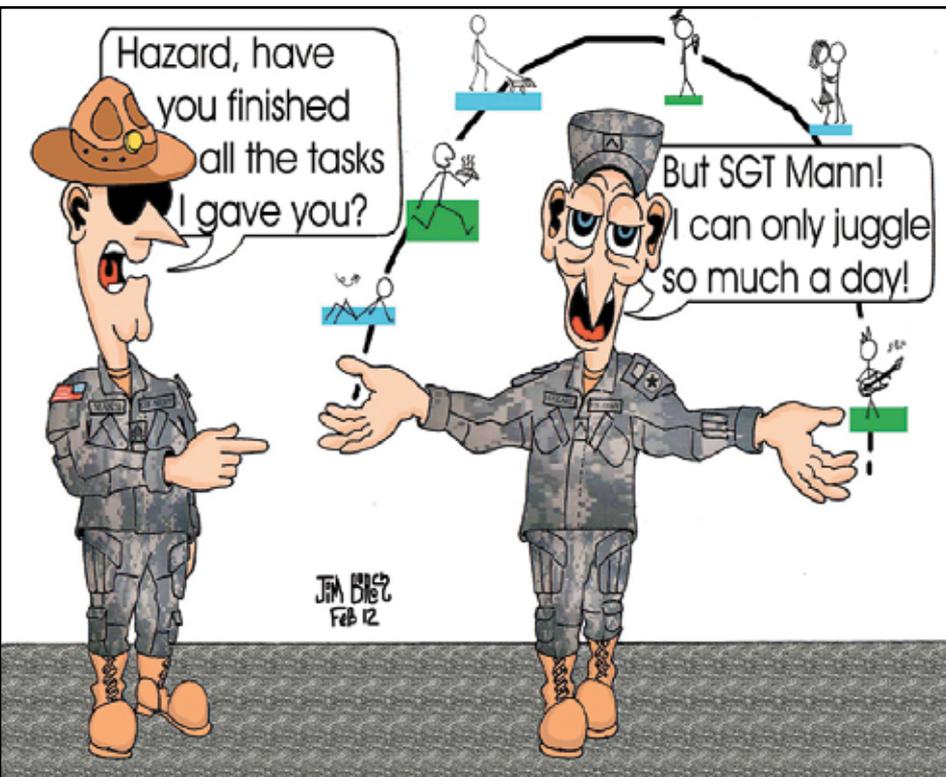
Men's ministries

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 425-5307 — at 8 a.m. at the Redstone Links golf clubhouse. Breakfast is served for \$5. For more information, call Hobbs 425-5307.

Financial workshop

"Where's Your Money" will be held March 10 from 11 a.m. to noon in Bob Jones Auditorium. DoD civilians, military and family members are invited. The presenters include certified financial counselors Kathleen Riester and Mike Burden and certified financial counselor

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student Shakira Ellis. Topics include life cycle financial planning, spending plans, credit reports/scores, investing, mortgages and auto loans. There is no fee to attend. RSVP by March 7 to edwin.burden@us.army.mil, 876-5397.

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.iaaprsa.org or by calling Alpha McRae 313-1957 or Gala Horry 842-8389.

University women

Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet March 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Carrabba's. Melissa Musgrove will speak on "Embracing Our Greatness" at AAUW's "Breaking through Barriers" luncheon. "The Breaking through Barriers luncheon allows the Huntsville Branch of AAUW to provide opportunities to women student leaders from UAH, Alabama A&M, and Oakwood University to attend AAUW's National College Student Women's Leadership Conference," a prepared release said. For more information, call 852-4802 or e-mail HSV.Branch.AAUW@gmail.com.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to attend the Research Park Club 4838, which meets Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sentar offices, 315 Wynn Drive, Suite 1. For information call Valerie Cortez 313-9753. The Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at building 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.

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

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.

Lunch and learn

Blacks In Government, Huntsville-Madison County Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting Thursday 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

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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.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Jim Swan of Nashville will speak on "Chicago's Irish Legion in Dixie," including capture of three Confederate capitols and its march to the sea with Gen. Sherman. Visitors are welcome. Call 539-5287 for information.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 11:15 a.m. in Room 1, Redstone Lanes. The guest speaker for the is Edward Kiker. The public is invited. For more information, call Angela Jones 955-2494 or Mary Peoples 955-4275.

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 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 Pro-

fessional 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.

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.

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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. 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.

Surplus sale

NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration website. Go to www.gsauctions.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.

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. Proctor-

ing 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 jkhunt-er_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.

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 Thursday 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 Friday. 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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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 Saturday 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.

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: Thursday 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.

Paper airplane contest

The 17th annual Great Paper Airplane Contest, sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, will be held today 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.

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.

Black history luncheon

The Redstone community is invited to a Black History Luncheon, sponsored by the South Central Regional Civilian Human Resource Agency, today 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.

Alcorn State scholarship

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University announces its 2011-12 TVA ASU William E. James Memorial Scholarship application. For anyone who may be interested in attending Alcorn State, you must be a graduating high school senior/incoming freshman from the greater Huntsville community/North Alabama or Vicksburg/Warren County, Miss., school district. The amount of the William E. James Memorial Scholarship is \$1,000, with an application deadline March 21. A copy of the scholarship application may be picked up at your local high school senior counselor's office, or you may call Melvin Mayo 721-9336 or Sam King 694-1403 to request a copy.

Chapter scholarships

The 100 Black Men of America's

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Greater Huntsville Chapter announces its 2011 scholarship awards. As a part of its "Four for the Future" cornerstone programs (mentoring, education, economic development and health and wellness), the 100 BMOA-GHC is committed to the growth and development of America's youth. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 system. The program is for high school graduates who plan to enroll in fall 2011 at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, regardless of race, sex, creed or religious preference. Scholarship applications must be received or postmarked in the 100 BMOA-GHC business office by 5 p.m. March 14. Notification of awards will be sent by March 31. Scholarship awardees will participate in the 100 BMOA-GHC Scholarship Awards program scheduled April 17. Applications can be obtained from local high school counselors or by calling Freeda McDowell 536-8050 or e-mailing Gerald Moore at gmoor6@bellsouth.net. For more information about the scholarships or the awards program, call Gerald Moore 233-2334.

Systems engineering master's

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is now accepting applications for the Master of Systems Engineering offered through the Huntsville campus, located on Redstone Arsenal. There are two informational briefings scheduled March 10. The first session will be held at noon in building 3324, across from the ERAU office/Army Education Center on Snooper Road. The second session will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Space Center, 4801 Governors House Drive, near Landrys. Dr. Bruce Conway, Engineering Sciences Department chairman, will answer questions about the program. "The Embry-Riddle Master of Systems Engineering Program has been developed in response to the growing need by industry and government for engineers and managers who are not only specialists in a particular area, but who have a systems perspective in order to more effectively practice engineering and manage within the aviation, aerospace and other business enterprises," a prepared release said. For more information, call the ERAU Huntsville campus 876-9763.

Engineers week

The University of Alabama-Huntsville is celebrating the 60th anniversary of Engineers Week, Feb. 20-26, with several events including the annual civil engineering challenge and E-week professional banquet. On Thursday, UAH

is co-sponsoring the E-week awards banquet with the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers at the University Center Exhibit Hall at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Terry Townsend, president of Townsend Engineering Inc., with locations in Chattanooga and Panama City. UAH will also host the Boeing High School Outreach on Friday for students participating in the engineering academies. Participating area high schools include Austin, Athens, Bob Jones, Buckhorn, Decatur, Grissom, Guntersville, Hartselle, Lee and Sparkman. The UAH and Boeing partnership will host approximately 160 high school students for the "Student Introduction to Boeing Engineering" event from 8:45 to 2:30 p.m. at the University Center. The day's events include a Lean engineering demonstration and activity, a White Light Scanning Demonstration and a hands-on student engineering challenge project/competition.

Give blood to troops

The Armed Services Blood Program will hold a blood drive March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center's Fox Den. For more information, call Dan Morgan 876-4990.

Arts update

The Fantasy Playhouse presents "Tom Sawyer," Friday at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center's Playhouse. See Sara Spencer's adaptation of Mark Twain's classic story. For more information on this and other art oriented events, visit www.ourvalleyevents.com or www.arts-huntsville.org.

Youth ministry

Club H2O Military Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers with a Christian world view who can teach and instruct military youth how to fly radio-controlled model airplanes. "The goal is not only to mentor and teach a great skill in this program but also teach discipline, develop positive attitudes, develop a desire to learn and how to care for others," a prepared release said. If interested call Darrell Good, community youth director for Club H2O at Bicentennial Chapel, 842-3318.

Employment overview

Need help understanding how to apply for federal jobs? Reserve a seat for the Federal Employment Process overview March 10 from 9-10 a.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. A representative from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct this session. Topics will cover

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REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEB 16 2011	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK11839089	Program Analyst	23-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0343	14	14	98,265 - 127,743			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	
SCBK11623940	Information Technology Specialist (SYSANALYSIS)	23-Feb-11	HQ AMC	GS-2210	13	13	83,156 - 108,102						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											
SCBK11858243	Logistics Management Specialist(Readiness)	25-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102					X	X	X				X	
SWH811P7849714	Contact Administrator	28-Feb-11	DCMA	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907			X									
SCBK11836385	Procurement Analyst	28-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102		X			X	X	X				X	
SCBK11819990	Supply Systems Analyst	28-Feb-11	AMC	GS-2003	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X	X				X					X	
SCBK11816127	Logistics Management Specialist	28-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102				X	X	X	X				X	
SCBK11807234	Logistics Management Specialist	28-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X						X				X	
SCBK11802361	Logistics Management Specialist	28-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	14	14	98,265 - 127,743			X				X	X			X	
SCBK11802333	Logistics Management Specialist	1-Mar-11	AMC	GS-0346	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK11877392	Information Technology Specialist (INFOSEC)	1-Mar-11	AMC	GS-2210	13	13	83,156 - 108,102	X											
SCBK11715564	SUPV Logistics Mgt Spec	1-Mar-11	AMC	GS-0346	14	14	98,265 - 127,743	X											
SCBK11823676	Information Systems Integration Specialist	1-Mar-11	AMC	GS-0301	12	13	69,930 - 90,907					X	X	X				X	
SCBK11849615	Logistics Management Specialist	1-Mar-11	AMC	GS-0346	14	14	98,265 - 127,743					X	X	X				X	
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SCBK11841820	Training Technician	1-Mar-11	USACE	GS-1702	9	9	48,221 - 62,683	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	
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	
SCBK11803396B	Project Manager	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-0301	13	13	86,156 - 108,102					X	X					X	
SCBK11849772	Management and Program Analyst	2-Mar-11	RDECOM	DE-0343	4	4	83,156 - 127,743	X		X	X	X	X					X	
SCBK11878205	Telecommunications Specialist	2-Mar-11	USA Sig Ntwk Ent Ctr	GS-0391	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X	X					X	X				
SCBK11852517	Programs Inspections Specialist	2-Mar-11	AMC	GS-1801	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11856322	Logistics Management Specialist	2-Mar-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11849326	Logistics Management Specialist	3-Mar-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X						X	X			X	
SCBK10760499	Patent Attorney	4-Mar-11	AMCOM	GS-1222	14	14	98,265 - 127,743											X	
NEAL10541178	Acquisition Management Specialist	15-Mar-11	Program Executive Office (PEO)	YA-0301	2	2	48,221 - 119,935				X	X	X	X				X	
SCBK10631319OCE	Contract Price/Cost Analyst	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102							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				X	
SCBK10482845OC	Contract Specialist	1-Apr-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	7	12	39,422 - 90,907			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				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	
SCBK10674714OC	Contract Specialist (Price/Cost Analysis)	9-Jun-11	ACC	YA-1102	3	3	92,277 - 157,779					X	X	X	X			X	
SCBK10724481OCE	Contract Specialist	29-Jun-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907							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				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	
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.																			

various recruitment sources, application procedures, how candidates are evaluated and the referral process. This session is open to all military ID and Common Access Card holders and their spouses. To reserve a seat, call ACS at 876-5397 or e-mail debra.d.jefferson@us.army.mil.

Eagle Scout reception

The Greater Alabama Council will host the annual Eagle Scout Recognition Reception on Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the recognition program at 7:30. Scouts that received their Eagle rank in 2010 will be recognized. The Greater Alabama Council had more than 400 young men earn this award last year, an all-time record for the council. Only 2 percent of all Boy Scouts ever achieve this honor. Also at the event Albert Farrar and Lynn Hagen, both of Huntsville, and Gene Hess of Scottsboro will be recognized as the Eagle Class of 2010 Honorees with the class being named in their honor. "We are proud to recognize the achievements of our Eagle Scouts and the contributions our honorees have made to Scouting as well as the community," Greater Alabama Council Scout executive Tim Cooper said. "This will be a great evening to honor and show our appreciation to each of them."

Freedom fund banquet

Alabama A&M University NAACP "Bulldog" Chapter will hold its second annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Von Braun Center. The guest speaker is Alethea Bonello. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$30 for students. Deadline for ticket purchase at pre-sale cost is Thursday at 5 p.m. For tickets call president Michael Fluker 589-0383 or secretary Jarmaine Brown (334) 654-0202 or e-mail aamu_naacp@yahoo.com.

Florida Tech signup

Florida Institute of Technology will conduct registration beginning March 7 for the summer semester. FIT is in the Progress Center building 7, Suite 720, 6767 Old Madison Pike. Florida Tech Redstone offers nine master level certificate programs including Acquisition and Contract Management and Logistics Management. For more information, call 971-9353 or 971-9354.

Marine Corps fellowships

The Marine Corps History Division seeks applications for its 2011 Marine Corps master's theses and dissertation fellowships on topics related to some aspect of Marine Corps history. The fellowships are funded by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation to help

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encourage contributions to the field of Marine Corps history and, more generally, military and naval history. Deadline for applications is May 1. Additional information and application materials can be found on the division's website www.history.usmc.mil, or by contacting the coordinator of grants and fellowships (703) 432-4884 or charles.r.smith9@usmc.mil.

Thrift shop

Spring is just around the corner. Start your cleaning and clearing out and think of the Thrift Shop as a place to donate or consign those unwanted items. Donation receipts are available anytime the shop's open. The seasonal room is now part of the 50 percent off area. Come in and get yourself a deal while supporting the military community. Don't forget about Easter and St. Patrick's Day; consign or shop there. Consignments are taken from 9-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call the NO-LIST number at 881-6915 before visiting. The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 to 5. It's also open the first Saturday of

each month from 10 to 2 for shopping or volunteering.

Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward J. Goodloe Jr. must contact Maj. Jerry Gray, the summary court-martial officer for the Soldier. Goodloe died Feb. 5 at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville. Call Gray at 313-6846 or e-mail jerry.r.gray@us.army.mil.

Library month

February is Library Lovers Month at the Post Library. For the rest of the month, patrons who check out books or movies may enter their names to win a variety of prizes. The library, building 3323 on Redeye Road, is open 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10-4 Saturday. For more information, call 876-4741 or visit the website at www.redstonemwr.com and click on "Recreation."

Symphony concert

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra will present its 2011 Free Family Concert at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall. This event is free to the public. For more information, call 539-4818.