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Redstone Tax Center makes return

Volunteer staff members provide free preparation

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The Redstone Tax Center's numbers from last year speak for themselves.

It saved the Redstone community about \$600,000 in tax preparation fees by preparing approximately 4,000 returns free of charge, with an error rate in filing of less than 3 percent. It helped the Redstone community receive more than \$3.2 million in state and federal income tax refunds.

And now the doors are open for more.

The Redstone Tax Center held a ribbon cutting for the tax season Jan. 31. The staffers from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and volunteers are ready to prepare and e-file federal and state tax returns free of charge for all eligible clients.

Eligible clients include servicemembers (active duty and Reserve component), military retirees and their family members.

"This is a huge important service to

our Soldiers and our family members," Garrison commander Col. John Hamilton said at the ribbon cutting.

Capt. Patrick Holly, chief of legal assistance in the JAG office, serves as the center's officer in charge.

"We do almost as much as Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., but they do it with 13 Soldiers and seven civilians," Holly said. "We do that with volunteers and about four people on the payroll – an OIC, two NCOs, a civilian paralegal and a summer hire (who was extended). We do a lot. It's not me – it's the volunteers who do all the ground-work."

The 18 volunteers work anywhere from 4 to 40 hours a week, according to Rachael Yeoman, the paralegal who manages the center.

The center, at building 3489 on the corner of Zeus Road and Ajax Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of tax season. Call 842-1040 to make an appointment.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Cutting the ribbon for the Redstone Tax Center are, from left, officer in charge Capt. Patrick Holly, volunteer and retired Col. Dave Wyatt, and Garrison commander Col. John Hamilton.

LOOKING BACK

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Brashear is the son of the late Carl Brashear, the first African-American U.S. Navy diver.

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CFC contributors celebrate, have a good time

Annual campaign tops \$2.1M goal

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"There's a party goin' right here. A celebration to last throughout the years. So bring your good times, and your laughter too. We gonna celebrate your party with you."

The music of "Celebration" by Kool & The Gang set the right mood before the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign event Jan. 31 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

This was indeed a victory celebration. Organizations and individuals were recognized for helping the 2010 CFC exceed its \$2.1 million goal with \$2,793,477 in contributions.

"We are here to celebrate another vic-

tory for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign," CFC coordinator Donna Johnson said.

Campaign chairman Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, presented the awards while Johnson read each recipient's organization and name.

"I just want to thank you all," Rogers said.

Initial preparations have already begun for the 2011 campaign. "This year we will be celebrating 50 years of giving," Johnson said.

The Tennessee Valley CFC team includes 48 federal agencies and their 16,841 employees in six counties in North Alabama: Cullman, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan.

Some 197 local charities participated in the 2010 campaign. They were among approximately 2,800 local, national and international charities.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, thanks everyone for helping the 2010 CFC exceed \$2.7 million.

RocketViews

How concerned are you about the unrest in Egypt?

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Lancelot Latouche

Retired sergeant first class

“Not really too much concerned about it. I think it’s something that’s foreign. It’s being handled by the president of Egypt I think

properly. Since America has a pretty good reserve in oil, I think the United States will be OK. I don’t think America will get involved at this moment. I think this will settle down. I think that’s an internal problem right now.”



Elaine Reed

Garrison Administrative Services Division

“I try to watch the news to be aware of what’s going on because I fear it might affect us in America, and might be leading to the end of



Pfc. Dana Hutchings

Marine Corps Detachment

“I really don’t know the full thing about it, so I really can’t make a comment on it.”



Lee Stephens

Fire Department

“Not very concerned. Nothing’s really happened yet. They’re just talking, so.”

Letters to the Editor

Know how to put out fluorescent bulbs

With the switch to compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb (“Incandescent bulb lifespan ending soon” Feb. 2, *Rocket*), I hope there will also be a public education program on the proper disposal of CFLs. Since they contain trace amounts of mercury, CFLs should be handled as hazardous waste and if possible should not go out with normal household. If going out in the trash is the only option,

they should be sealed in a plastic bag first. Additionally, CFLs should never go in trash that will be incinerated.

So how many of us know where our trash goes once it leaves the house?

David K. Parker

Apache Helicopter Mission Equipment Branch

Energy conservation the right thing to do

The Army has a bold vision for managing natural resources on its installations: they will become net zero. That is, as we go about the complex business of living, working and training on installations, our use and production of resources will balance out, so that in the end, we do not over-consume or waste. The most exciting part of the Army Net Zero vision is this: we all have a part to play in achieving it.

When the concept of net zero was first applied to installations, it was in terms of energy. A task force that grew out of a 2008 joint initiative of the Departments of Defense and Energy studied the possibility of net zero energy installations, or installations that produce as much energy on site as they use over the course of a year. Army Net Zero goes beyond energy, though, to also include water and waste.

Army Net Zero’s holistic approach increases our ability to achieve the larger goal of sustainable installations. With an eye to all three, energy, water and waste, we are more likely to move beyond isolated projects, which carry the risk of succeeding in one area at the expense of another, to an integrated plan that balances benefits and costs across our operations.

Installations reach net zero through five interrelated steps: reduction, repurposing, recycling and composting, energy recovery, and disposal. To achieve net zero energy, garrisons start with aggressive conservation efforts, to reduce the amount of energy being used in the first place. Then they repurpose energy, or find secondary uses for building exhausts, boiler stack exhausts and other thermal energy streams, and recover heat from the electricity generation process. Once they have reduced their load through conservation and efficiency measures, they can meet their remaining requirements through renewable or alternative energy projects.

A net zero water installation limits the consumption of fresh water and returns water back to the same watershed, so as not to deplete the groundwater and surface water resources of that region in quantity or quality. Similar to the process with energy, installations aiming for net zero water begin with rigorous conservation efforts. Then they repurpose the water used in showers, sinks, washing machines and cooling towers, capture rainwater for on-site use, and treat wastewater for recharging into groundwater aquifers. They achieve net zero water by capturing, repurposing and recharging an amount equal to what they consume.

A net zero installation reduces, reuses and recovers waste streams, converting them to resource values with zero landfill. In other words, a net zero waste installation aims

to make disposal an unnecessary step. Garrisons start by reducing the initial amount of waste, and then find ways to repurpose waste with minimal processing. For example, they might crush construction rubble to use on trails. When they cannot reuse waste, they recycle or compost as much as they can or convert it to energy. They achieve net zero waste when they have nothing left to send to the landfill.

During my site visits over the past year, I have seen how our garrisons have taken steps — great strides in some cases — to manage our resources more efficiently. Look at the water projects at Forts Huachuca, Bliss and Belvoir; the waste manage-



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

ment projects at Forts Bragg and Jackson and Joint Base Lewis-McChord; and the energy projects at Forts Drum, Wainwright, Carson and Campbell, to name just a few. So I know there will be tremendous interest in an opportunity that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment is launching this month. The ASA (IE&E) is asking garrisons to nominate themselves to become Net Zero Energy, Net Zero Water or Net Zero Waste installations, or all three, by 2020. Five will be selected in each category, with one to become all three. These installations will receive long-term, in-depth training and support and become showcases for the strategies, technologies and best practices of sustainable resource management.

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Quote of the Week

‘**Y**ou know you’re in love when you can’t fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams.’
— *Dr. Seuss*

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Scholarships open for military children

Applications for the 2011 Scholarships for Military Children program are now available in commissaries worldwide and at <http://www.commissaries.com> — choose the “News & Info” tab and go to “Scholarship Info.”

You can also find applications for the \$1,500 scholarships at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than 21 (or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or univer-

sity) of a servicemember on active duty, a reservist, guardsman or retiree, or child of a servicemember who died while on active duty or while receiving military retirement pay, may apply for a scholarship. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 22. Direct any questions about the scholarship application to scholarship managers at 856-616-9311 or e-mail them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com. (DeCA release)

Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for Jan. 27 through Feb. 2:

Jan. 27: A Soldier surrendered to Redstone Police as a deserter. He was processed back to his Fort Drum, N.Y., unit.

Jan. 27: A civilian was cited for driving with a suspended license at the Rideout Road Visitor Center.

Jan. 28: Someone stole four bags of fertilizer, two bags of grass seed, two rolls of straw, and a box of staples from the parking lot adjacent to building 2424.

Jan. 29: On Redeye Road, a contractor who was stopped for no display of a tag admitted to be driving under the influence of marijuana. Further checks revealed that he was driving with a revo-

ked license. He was detained by Redstone Police and later received two violation notices.

Jan. 30: A Soldier surrendered to Redstone Police as AWOL. He was processed back to his Fort Bragg, N.C., unit.

Jan. 31: A government worker reported that she received a harassing e-mail from a co-worker.

Feb. 1: A contractor reported that his vehicle was damaged while parked on Maintenance Row.

Traffic accidents reported: six without injury, which included one deer strike.

Violation notices issued: 14 speeding, 1 driving under the influence, 1 suspended license, 1 revoked license, 1 no proof of insurance, 1 expired tag.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Stars borne

Col. Ole Knudson, program executive officer for missiles and space, is promoted to brigadier general Friday at Bob Jones Auditorium. Pinning on the one-star insignia is Lt. Gen. Bill Phillips, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, along with Knudson's wife Elizabeth.

Gate 7 construction to begin this month

Expect traffic delays until project ends

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home? Hollywood, Fla.

What do you like about your job?

Love the job. I work with a lot of great people. I have a lot of new and interesting challenges. My day goes by quickly because I enjoy what I do.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to dance. Artwork, read, listen to live music and write. I'm involved with a lot of community organizations like the art museum. I'm involved with that. Also I'm involved with the Women in Defense. And about once a month I perform live poetry at “Monkey Speak,” which is open mike poetry.

What are your goals?

I want to write a book or two. I'm a big fan of Rheta Grimsley Johnson. I have a bachelor's in music from Florida State. And I have a master's in arts administration from University of New Orleans, and an MBA from University of New Orleans



with concentration on marketing. I want to go back and take more art classes and possibly get my art degree.

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

Work as a professional artist, in addition to my job. They go hand in hand. I got to college at 17 on an art scholarship. And up to that point, art was my consuming passion. Then I had my son, and my daughter. It kind of got put back on the backburner.

'Angels in fatigues' touch lives, heal Soldiers

Army Nurse Corps marks 110th year of giving care

By **AMY GUCKEEN TOLSON**

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For decades, Maeceille Beem said little about the time she spent serving with the Army Nurse Corps in the last year of World War II.

But on the 110th birthday of the Army Nurse Corps, Beem, a retired colonel, opened up about her experiences to a crowd of fellow Army nurses and those impacted by them at Fox Army Health Center's Army Nurse Corps 110th birthday celebration Feb. 2.

"I am just so proud to have served my country, and so happy and honored that I could take care of those wonderful, wonderful men," Beem said.

Beem was just a young woman when she joined the Army Nurse Corps and made the two-week journey across the Atlantic Ocean to serve in the last year of World War II in Europe. Serving with the Ninth Army, Beem often didn't know where she was headed, but always knew her healing touch would be needed among the wounded U.S. Soldiers.

"They were just so desperately wounded," Beem said. "You worked with them tirelessly. You just wanted to be there. You were so hyped up if you laid down to sleep you couldn't. You just had to get back with them."

Beem's unit saw the worst of the injuries, chest and belly wounds, which were separated into three different tents as they arrived – shock, operating, and post op. As she worked on each young man, they reminded her of the family she had back home, and the importance of her job.

"This is my brother," Beem said she would tell herself as she cared for each young Soldier. "I couldn't stand to see one of them die."

Sadly, the Soldier injuries she saw on the front lines were not the worst of sufferings she would treat. As the war drew to a close, Beem's unit was called to a liberated concentration camp for political prisoners near Halberstadt, Germany, where the nurses cared for the prisoners for two months. Images of the emaciated prisoners have stayed with Beem ever since, their eyes hollow and skin so thin she could number their bones.

"They had just lived for survival for so long," Beem said. "They were down to skin and bones."

They are memories of a time Beem

calls "dreary," but serve as a living testament of the men and women that were there to nurse the wounded Soldiers back to health. It is a history members of the Army Nurse Corps are proud to call their own today.

"It's a great living history to be a part of," said Fox Army Health Center commander Col. Elizabeth Johnson, who invited Beem to come speak at Fox's birthday celebration. Johnson, an Army nurse herself, coordinated the event and invited members of the community with a special connection to the Army Nurse Corps, whether they be nurses or patients, to speak to attendees about their experience with the Army Nurse Corps.

"It's important to stop and take time to honor past, present and future and to take a moment to think about the impact we have on each other's lives," Johnson said.

Retired Lt. Col. Jeff Wishik was on the receiving end of the Army Nurse Corps' care when he was hit while serving with a ground unit with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam in 1967.

"The first thing I remember is waking up, looking up, and seeing a young lady, dark hair in jungle fatigues," Wishik said. "My first thought was, 'Angels don't wear jungle fatigues.'"

Wishik would soon come to learn that real life angel's name was Lynn – the woman who would write his family in the middle of the night to let them know Wishik was OK and reassure the Soldier that he was going to make it through. Whether day or night, on or off duty, she could be found checking on him and his comrades, until the day the vehicle arrived to take them to the next medical facility, when she was there to see the doors close.

"She was there," Wishik said. "Angels do wear jungle fatigues."

Nurses have been tending the wounded and bringing the sick back to health since the time of the Revolutionary War in 1775, but it wasn't until 1901 that the Army Nurse Corps became an official part of the Army Medical Department, giving the corps their birthday, Feb. 2. Despite the corps' long history, their impact continues to be felt today as Soldiers defend the freedom and security of the United States in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Even 110 years later, the Army Nurse Corps pledge to nurse Soldiers back to health again rings true.

"We will help them towards healing in regards to whatever their definition of healing will be at that time," Johnson said.



Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

Maeceille Beem speaks to attendees of the Fox Army Health Center Army Nurse Corps 110th birthday celebration Feb. 2 about her experiences serving in WWII.

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:

Golf invitational

The Snow Blower Invitational three-man scramble, presented by Woody Anderson Ford, is Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Links. Cost is \$35 plus green fees. For more information, call 883-7977.

Fitness hour

"Redzone Fitness" is held from 9-10 a.m. each Saturday in February at Redstone Fitness Center. "Join us for a red hot hour of cardio, weights, abs, core and more," a prepared release said. "You will be able to participate regardless of your fitness level. No registration necessary, all equipment is provided." For more information, call Angie at 313-1200 or 313-1201.

Java café

Java Café will be opening Feb. 10, conveniently located inside the Community Activity Center (building 3711) at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads, across from the Bowling Center. The cafe will brew Starbucks coffee and is all about convenience and quick service. Along with Star-

bucks coffee, there will be frosty specialties, baked goods, sandwiches and crisp salads. Java Café hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Valentine's bash

Firehouse Pub will have a "Valentine's Day Bash" on Friday from 4-11 p.m. Enjoy music by Rudy Mockabee, light hors d'oeuvres, and drink specials. For more information, call 830-2582.

Library lovers

Library Lovers' Month continues at the Post Library, building 3323 on Redeye Road, with Kids' Gift Book Day this Saturday, daily candy prizes for adults and kids through Friday, a special Valentine's prize Friday, and a grand prize at the end of the month. For more information, call 876-4741.

Golf equipment

"TaylorMade Demo Day," presented by Woody Anderson Ford, will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Links. Test the newest in TaylorMade golf equipment. A TaylorMade fitting specialist will be on hand. Everything TaylorMade will be on sale in the golf shop. For more information, call 883-7977.

Energy

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I encourage every garrison to take on this challenge. It will require commitment and a lot of hard work. Not only do we have to learn about energy, water and waste management best practices and technologies, but we also have to learn the business practices that support them. We have to build partnerships with those in the private sector and in non-government organizations who will join us in investing in the net zero vision. However, this is a prime opportunity to learn lessons we will be required to know in the future.

Everyone, every Soldier, civilian and family member, has a role to play in managing our resources. Maybe it seems like a smaller role — turning out the lights, adjusting the thermostat, or separating out recyclables at home. Maybe it is a more direct role, such as running an installation waste management

program or writing enhanced use leases or energy savings performance contracts. Regardless, every effort adds up, and what it adds up to is important — our future.

Energy efficiency and security is a critical issue for the Army. The Army depends on a reliable, safe, cost-effective supply of energy to accomplish its mission, as well as provide a good quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and families on installations worldwide. To the extent that the supply and distribution of energy lay outside the Army's control, the ability to accomplish our mission is open to risk. The same can be said of water, or practically any of our resources. If the Army is to accomplish its mission in the future, if we want to be good neighbors to those outside our gates and to leave a healthy world for our children and grandchildren, then we have to start operating sustainably today. It is the right thing to do.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Installation Management
Command commander

Everyone can help cut energy expenses

Here are suggestions for reducing utility costs:

- Computers and monitors. Idle appliances are a significant energy waste source. When leaving work for the day, remember to turn off all computers and monitors (Army Regulation 420-1, chapter 22).

- Government vehicles. When the vehicle is unoccupied or idle for more than 30 seconds, turn off the engine.

- Interior lights. All interior lights should be off in unoccupied areas. When possible, use natural light as an office or home light source.

- Office equipment. The Energy Policy Act of 2005, Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and AR 420-1 require that all office equipment be Energy Star rated and have sleep mode activated. Sleep mode should activate automatically when not in use.

- Heating and air conditioning equipment. Money is wasted when heat and air systems are running in rooms that are unoccupied for extended periods of time. AR 420-1, chapter 22 sets the temperature regulations in office buildings as follows: Heating season — occupied, 72 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus two degrees Fahrenheit;

unoccupied, 55 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus five degrees Fahrenheit. Cooling season — occupied, 74 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus two degrees Fahrenheit; unoccupied — 85 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus five degrees Fahrenheit.

- Outdoor lighting. All outside lights should be off during the day, as these lights are unnecessary. Check outside lights each morning to be sure they are turned off.

- Doors and windows. Remember to close all doors and windows at the end of the day. During the summer, they allow cool air to escape, and during the winter heat escapes.

- Personal equipment. All personal equipment — such as refrigerators, microwaves and coffee pots — that serve only one or two people should be removed from the facility. AR 420-1, chapter 22 lists those appliances that are permitted. All appliances should be Energy Star rated appliances. Personally owned appliances should not be allowed.

By changing habits in simple ways, money can be saved on energy costs. Good habits take time to establish, but with continual effort, these actions will become second nature. (*Adapted from a Garrison release*)

Tax

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Clients must bring the following to their appointment: all W-2, 1099 and 1098 forms; brokerage statements; Social Security cards for spouse and family members; any documents for deductible expenses; voided check showing bank account number and routing

number (used for direct deposit); last year's tax return or other applicable years; dependent care provider federal ID number, name, address, phone number and Social Security number; and if married and filing jointly, bring your spouse or a power of attorney from your spouse.

If you are filing a Schedule A (Itemized Deductions), the Internal Revenue Service is not prepared to accept itemized deductions until Feb. 15.

Retired master sergeant inspired to sing praises

Signs recording contract, releases his first CD

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A good Soldier always obeys orders. And retired Master Sgt. Chris Ryan always tried to be a good Soldier.

So he says when God told him in 1994 to “sing my praises to the world,” that’s exactly what he set out to do. Now, over a decade later, he is one step closer to completing his mission.

In 2010, Ryan signed a recording contract with Tate Publishing, of Mustang, Okla., and after months of red tape, his first CD for the label was released this Jan. 4. It is not in stores yet, but is available online at iTunes, amazon.com, and tatemusic-group.com.

The CD, titled “Jump and Shout,” is a compilation of songs written and recorded by Ryan, and includes a lifetime of his experiences as a Soldier, husband, father of four, and most importantly, a



Photo by Pamela Ramey

Chris Ryan is a member of Bicentennial Chapel, where he will perform later this month.

servant of God for more than 30 years.

Ryan says he became a Christian in a nightclub parking lot in Pensacola, Fla., in 1979, while stationed in the Navy. Within a week of his conver-

sion, Ryan began taking his message of redemption to the streets, walking up and down bar strips, or in the field with troops, and witnessing to those he felt needed to hear God’s word. At first, he spoke his message, but before long, he found himself singing it.

“I was always very shy. No one knew I could sing, and neither did I, really. I just knew I liked to sing,” Ryan said. “I prayed about it at church one day, and a chaplain heard me praying. He told me to sing, so I did. Before long, I was being asked to sing at meetings and breakfasts and at churches. In 1994, the Lord put it on my heart to sing about Him to the world. Since then, that’s what I’ve been trying to do.”

Ryan’s ministry has not been confined to just singing. He said the Lord speaks to him in dreams, and he obeys

what he hears. Those dreams have led him to places as far away as Norway, where he distributed tracts, and they led him to build a wooden cross and carry it on his shoulder through 14 U.S. cities in 2008.

“I’m a Soldier. I’m used to carrying a heavy backpack and hiking for miles and sleeping in a tent, so it was something I could do,” Ryan said. “It was a good experience for me. I walked, and I sang, and I won a few people to Christ along the way.”

While another such trek is not in his immediate future, Ryan is ready, willing and able to do whatever else it takes to spread God’s message to the world. He retired from military service in 2002, and has worked at Redstone in various capacities since then. He is looking for work again, and also hoping that the sales from his CD will generate enough income to fund his ministry.

“I try to always do what God says, and this is what he has laid on my heart to do time after time — to sing for Him, and I will go anywhere He tells me to go. I don’t want to be like Jonah. Where He leads, I will follow.”

Teenagers learning art of automotive restoration

Automotive Skills Center provides instruction

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A true artist knows that canvasses come in all shapes, sizes and forms. Some artists work with paints, others with clay, while some work with photos and even with their words.

For the young students in “The Edge” program at the Automotive Skills Center, their canvas is a rusted, broken-down 1969 Ford Galaxie 500, and their magnum opus will be restoring it to its original showroom condition.

To do so, the students, ages 14-16, meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon at the Automotive Skills Center. Once there, they don coveralls, gloves and masks, and transform quickly from teenagers to technicians, or “artists.” Much like a sculptor or painter, their work is “hands-on.” The students do most of the work themselves, under the close supervision of instructor and auto center manager Bill Woosley.

So far this month, the student technicians have learned how to remove dents and rust from the car’s exterior, and are now bonding and sanding it. Each student gets a turn at the tools and a sense of ownership in the finished product.

“We started with 10 kids in the summer, and have five this term,” Woosley said. “This is a very talented group. The small class size is good for them. They get real one-on-one instruction.”

Three of the students in the current session have been members of the class since last year, and two are newcomers. One newcomer is Merritt Dykstra, who plans to become a jet pilot for the Air Force and to work in avionics.

“I like to work on engines, and I thought it would be fun to rebuild a car,” Dykstra said. “It’s been a lot harder than I thought, but also a lot more fun.”

Classmate and program “veteran” Jeffrey Freeman agreed with Dykstra. “It’s been a great experience,” Freeman said. “I have learned so many tips about cars. Someday, I hope I can fix my mom’s car.”

The Edge program was developed by Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation partnership specialist Kevin Frankson. The automotive portion of the pro-



Photo by Pamela Ramey

Edge student Alex Black of Sparkman High School takes his turn at sanding under the supervision of instructor Bill Woosley.

gram began in April 2010. Woosley said the classes will continue until the car is restored.

“Auto restoration is a lost art,” he

said. “Every one of these young men has an artist in him. This is their canvas.”

For more information about the classes, call the FMWR partnership at 842-3202.

LookingBack

Following a pioneer, remembering a father

*'Men of Honor'
legacy lives on*

By Airman 1st Class JASON J. BROWN
633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — The tall Soldier sat upright in a maroon office chair, his eyes moistened as he recalled memories of his father, a trailblazing hero sailor in the U.S. Navy. His Army Combat Uniform appeared orderly, neat and well-fitted, and his voice, while calm, resonated with fond pride.

The nametape over his right breast read "Brashear."

This Soldier was Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Brashear, a U.S. Army Reserve Chinook pilot with Company B, 5/159th Aviation Regiment and son of the late Carl Brashear, the first African-American U.S. Navy diver, whose triumphant tale was portrayed on the silver screen in the 2000 film "Men of Honor."

Carl Brashear enlisted in the Navy in 1948, shortly after the Navy had desegregated. In the face of widespread racial discrimination, Brashear graduated from the U.S. Navy Diving & Salvage School in 1954, becoming the first African-American to do so.

In 1966, while serving aboard the USS Hoist, Brashear was severely injured while diving in search of a B28 nuclear bomb dropped from an Air Force B-52 Stratofortress following a collision with a KC-135 Stratotanker during in-flight refueling off the coast of Palomares, Spain. The incident resulted in the amputation of his left leg below the knee. Following two years of recovery and rehabilitation, the determined Brashear achieved recertification as a diver, eventually becoming the first African-American master diver in 1970. He retired from the Navy in 1979 as a master chief petty officer.

Inspired by his father's milestone achievements, Chief Brashear enlisted in the Naval Reserve in September 1981, where he began a career in aviation as a jet mechanic.

"My father inspired me to join the military, but never pushed me into it," he said. "I watched my dad's career unfold and wanted to be like him."

Following a transfer to a helicopter unit, Chief Brashear watched enlisted crewmembers serve aboard aircraft, something he had dreamed of since childhood. While serving on helicopters was a great accomplishment, it was flying the aircraft that he truly wanted to do. Without a college degree, Chief Brashear



Courtesy photo

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Brashear, Company B, 5/159th Aviation Regiment Chinook pilot, stands in front a Chinook helicopter at Felker Army Airfield at Fort Eustis, Va. Brashear is the son of the late Carl Brashear, the first African-American U.S. Navy diver. Brashear said his father inspired him to serve his country through his resiliency in the face of racial discrimination, socio-economic hardship and physical handicap.

was not eligible for Navy pilot training.

However, he was not deterred from his goal, and applied to the Army's warrant officer program in 1989 with hopes of one day becoming a pilot. He was accepted and graduated from Army Flight School in 1991 as a helicopter pilot in the Virginia Army National Guard. He attributed his perseverance to his father.

"My dad didn't give up, and I wasn't going to give up," he said. "I've got that spirit of resiliency from my dad. What's in my dad is in me too."

Indeed, Carl Brashear's resiliency opened doors and blazed trails for generations of servicemembers to come. Not only did the elder Brashear break down racial barriers, he overcame socio-economic hardships, the son of poor sharecroppers in Kentucky. He also paved the way for handicapped servicemembers to continue serving in his return to service following his amputation, demonstrating that physical limitations do not necessarily inhibit the ability to serve, Chief Brashear said.

"When I was growing up, my dad was no different than any other dad. He played sports with us, boxed, worked out, ran, everything," he said. "He did everything everyone else could do, sometimes better. Looking back, that was the essence of what my father did for society in the legacy he left."

His father's storied determination did not end with his military career. Following retirement, Carl Brashear developed alcoholism while working as a civilian employee at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Va. Much like his past setbacks, he sought treatment and overcame the disease.

"People from all walks of life can be inspired, not just black people. The uneducated, the poor, the handicapped, people dealing with drugs and alcohol can all use my father's stories as proof that they can rise above and beat all that, as he did before them," he said.

It was these same stories of strength that pulled Chief Brashear from the depths of depression following a tour in Iraq in 2007. During the deployment, his father passed away, leaving him with an emotional void while also struggling with the horrors of war.

After he returned to the United States, Chief Brashear retired from the Army National Guard and accepted a civilian position with the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond, much like his father did following his retirement.

However, it was not long before the power of his father's legendary will embodied itself in Chief Brashear. While looking through his father's photos and regalia, he returned to the cockpit with

the Army Reserve's 5/159 Avn. Regt. at Fort Eustis as a Chinook pilot.

"I came home one day and was looking at my dad's memorabilia and it struck me. My dad never quit, so why would I? My tour in Iraq was tough and when my dad died halfway through it, I was depressed and decided to give it all up. It took a year, but I knew my dad would want me to keep doing what I loved and made the call," he said, fighting back tears.

Chief Brashear and his wife Sandra raised three daughters, Tia, Megan and Melanie, and are currently raising their 10-year-old son Tyler in Sandston, Va. He said his goal in raising his family was to instill in his children the same spirit and determination his father gave to him.

"I want to be the example to my children that my dad was to me. The 'Brashear' name carries a proud heritage with it, something I want my children to treasure and continue," he said. "I do my best to bring honor to that great name, and the even greater man that gave it to me."

Ultimately, Chief Brashear said he wants his father's struggles and accomplishments to inspire positive change in the lives of today's young African-Americans. Rather than perpetuate ideas of disenfranchisement and discrimination, he encouraged them to step up, work hard and bring a struggling economy back to prominence.

"I always hear young black people talking about 'the man is holding me down' and 'the man doesn't want me to succeed.' 'The man' isn't holding anybody back, 'the man' eventually has to retire. Every person that can afford to have a job should do so," he said, impassioned. "Whatever ideas people have about being disenfranchised aren't true."

"It's so easy for someone to tell you 'no,' but it takes effort for someone to show you the right way and say 'yes,'" he continued. "Never take 'no' for an answer if you believe in your heart you can do something, and if my father were here today he would say the same thing."

Editor's note: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Phillip Brashear first came to Huntsville for a three-month tour in 2002 as a Defense Logistics Agency member assigned temporarily to the Reset program. He helped expedite DLA parts to all of the Reset sites around the country. He became the Army/Air Force H-60 weapon system support manager in 2003 for DLA. Brashear has been to AMCOM for site visits and conferences about twice a year since then, except for his Iraq deployment from 2005-07 as an H-60 maintenance test pilot in the Virginia Army National Guard.

Army launches Enterprise e-mail migration

By **SIQBHAN CARLILE**
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Feeling slightly intimidated by all the high tech terminology surrounding the imminent Enterprise e-mail migration? Although the road toward Enterprise e-mail may seem complicated, there is a clear map, leaders know where the effort is headed, and the economy sized e-mail box Soldiers have now is about to become a luxury sedan, about 40 times bigger.

There is more great news. Soldiers moving to a new assignment will be able to turn on their computers and instantly access their e-mail. While this may sound too good to be true, by the end of this year it will be reality for Army personnel.

During 2011, all Army e-mail users will migrate to Enterprise e-mail service. Instead of accessing e-mail through local e-mail servers at each

installation, they will reach through the network to access e-mail services from centralized servers known as the Department of Defense cloud. The migration of e-mail services to the Defense Information Systems Agency, or DISA, is part of a larger DoD effort to consolidate information technology services, improve capabilities and reduce overall costs.

Key advantages of Enterprise e-mail include the following:

- Access to e-mail anywhere, at any time, from any authorized, CAC-equipped computer.
- E-mail accounts remain active during duty station moves and unit relocations.
- Share individual, organizational and resource calendars across the enterprise.
- Find e-mail addresses and contact information of Army and DoD e-mail users at other locations across DoD.

- Send e-mails with larger attachments than is currently allowed.
- Four gigabytes of online e-mail storage for standard e-mail account holders.
- 500 megabyte webmail accounts for those who don't normally use Army e-mail to perform their duties.

The migration to this new capability begins in mid-February with an initial "fielding" to about 2,000 selected e-mail users, according to Brig. Gen. LaWarren Patterson, commanding general, 7th Signal Command (Theater).

"This first step will allow the Army to refine the migration process and ensure a smooth transition. It will provide a validation of migration techniques, e-mail functionality, and system management procedures," Patterson said.

Immediately following successful migration of this first wave of users, headquarters Department of Army staff are scheduled to begin migration in March. The rest of the Army will begin migration immediately thereafter, with the migrations completed Armywide by the end of December, according to Patter-



son.

As migration dates draw near, affected personnel are being notified with e-mails explaining the steps they need to take before their e-mail accounts are migrated.

"Users will have all of the assistance they need before, during and after the migration," Patterson said.

Defense Commissary Agency has new director and CEO

Joseph Jeu, a member of the Senior Executive Service, has been selected as the new director and CEO of the Defense Commissary Agency.

His appointment was effective Jan. 3. Jeu comes to DeCA from the U.S.

General Services Administration, where he was the assistant commissioner for general supplies and services for the Federal Acquisition Service.

As DeCA director, Jeu succeeds Philip Sakowitz, who retired in June 2010. In the interim, Thomas Milks, the agency's chief operating officer, served as its acting director.

"Over the span of his distinguished career, Mr. Jeu's comprehensive experi-

ence has been in leading and delivering results in business operations, including capital investments, in a worldwide retail activity," said Dr. Clifford Stanley, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Jeu is the recipient of the 2009 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive. As a Meritorious Presidential Rank recipient, he was recognized as a leader in the top 5 percent of the federal government's Senior Executive Service. In June 2010, President Barack Obama appointed him as a member of the Committee for Purchase from People Who are

Blind or Severely Disabled. (*DeCA release*)



Hot commodity flies high with missions

Redstone managed programs keep Black Hawks in the air

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Black Hawks are a hot commodity.

While the Army is the UH-60 Black Hawk's number one customer, there are many other government agencies realizing the valuable utility of this airframe – the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Air Force, to name a few. And current program execution strategies guarantee that this popular utility helicopter will continue to provide the capability to enhance security, reconnaissance, search and rescue, border patrol, and other military and civilian policing activities.

“We are moving at 100 miles an hour,” said Lt. Col. Heyward Wright, product manager for the UH-60A/L/M. “Everybody is screaming for the latest version of Black Hawk – the Mike model Black Hawk. The Mike model initiated its first fielding in late 2007 and everyone wants this enhanced capability.”

Managed by the Utility Helicopter Project Office under the direction of Col Neil Thurgood, the UH-60A, UH-60L and the new UH-60M (Mike model) make up the fleet of Black Hawk helicopters currently being utilized to execute vital missions around the world.

The UH-60M relies on the most modern technology in navigation, communication and operation systems. The new airframes are gradually replacing the 25-year-old A models in the military's fleet of helicopters. For the Army, the M model provides a full range of capabilities for assault, medical and cargo missions as well as command and control, aerial sustainment, and search and rescue.

Black Hawk manufacturer Sikorsky Aircraft builds 125 UH-60Ms a year, with 95 of those built at its Stratford, Conn., facility and 30 per year at its West Palm Beach, Fla., facility. Part of Program Executive Office for Aviation, under the Utility Helicopter Project Office, the UH-60 A/L/M Product Office employees manage production, recapitalization (involving upgrading older model Black Hawks with new technology), special projects (focusing on providing new and recapped Black Hawks to non-military government agencies) and new equipment training in connection with the popular aircraft.

“Right now, we are fielding our first full combat aviation brigade at the 82nd at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the UH-60M Black Hawk,” Wright said. “By March of this year, the UH-60A/L/M new equipment training team will have fielded the 82nd CAB with 45 new UH/HH-60M helicopters, and will have trained 144 aviators, 24 maintenance test pilots, 230 crew chiefs, 36 avionics technicians and 36 aircraft electricians.

“This is the first full Army combat



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Lt. Col. Heyward Wright, product manager for the UH-60A/L/M, inspects a Black Hawk aircraft assembly at the Prototype Integration Facility. PIF employees custom equip Black Hawks to meet specific and unique requirements of non-military government agencies.

aviation brigade that we have fielded. By fielding and training the 82nd CAB at their home station, we will be able to keep Soldiers with their families longer before deploying for the third, fourth, five or sixth time overseas.”

Each area of expertise within the UH-60A/L/M Product Office is vital to the continued success of aircraft fielding and sustainment. While production and new equipment training are associated

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Engineer Rick King, inside the helicopter, talks with, from left, engineers Marshall Grose, Josh Edmund and Jay Stewart about the FLIR night vision capabilities designed for the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol's mission.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Kelvin Pressnell checks out a software program that allows a FLIR night vision system to work with a spotlight, both features of the UH-60 M model Black Hawk helicopter that will be delivered to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. Pressnell works on program integration for the UH-60A/L/M Product Office.

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with putting new birds in the air, recapitalization works to save the government money by rebuilding older Black Hawks.

Army Black Hawks are recapitalized at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, while other non-Army Black Hawks are recapitalized at Sikorsky's Chase Field in Beeville, Texas, which is the UH-60 center of excellence for non-standard recapitalization. In 2010, the UH-60A/L/M product office managed the recapitalization of 38 Black Hawks. In 2011, 48 will be recapitalized at Corpus Christi Army Depot.

"Some of the UH-60A aircraft are 30 years old and we have the capability to rebuild them, adding years to their useful life and upgrading them to a more capable aircraft," Wright said. "To recapitalize them, we take them completely apart, replace all dynamic components with new or overhauled components, repair and strengthen the airframe, and upgrade it to a UH-60L. This saves us about half the cost of a new helicopter and gives us about 10 more years of life."

The special projects office is one area where both UH-60M and recapitalized Black Hawks are given new missions thanks to the Arsenal's engineering and production expertise. The product office works closely with the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Prototype Integration Facility and Logistics Support Facility to custom equip these aircraft to meet specific and unique requirements.

Because of the popularity of the Black Hawk for its patrol, lift and reconnaissance capabilities, it's not unusual to receive procurement requests from various U.S. and international government agencies.

One such agency is the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection agency. Due to evolving mission requirements, the Customs and Border Patrol identified the need to enhance their fleet. Teaming with PEO Aviation and the Utility Helicopter Project Office, the agency is recapitalizing its 16 UH-60A aircraft and procuring four UH-60M aircraft.

Additionally, the Customs and Border Patrol identified specific capabilities now required to execute their mission. The project office turned to the PIF to design, fabricate and integrate about 25 unique mission equipment kits into the base UH-60 platform. Some of the mission components being added to the airframe include a custom navigation system, FLIR and high definition video recorder, which captures images the FLIR sees on the ground.

"UH-60 aircraft is a proven platform to support the Customs and Border Patrol's critical mission. Integration of these key components will only enhance this already highly capable platform,"



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Joseph Miley, an electrical installation technician at the Prototype Integration Facility, works on electrical wiring inside a Black Hawk.

Curt Ezell, PIF UH-60 team lead, said.

Upon completion of the modification efforts, the aircraft are tested at the Redstone Test Center and Aviation Flight Test Directorate, both at the Arsenal.

"It will take five to six months to complete testing," Ezell said. "The aircraft will undergo ground and flight testing to ensure all aircraft systems are working properly and the aircraft meets mission requirements."

The UH-60A/L/M Product Office is also providing Customs and Border Patrol pilots, crew chiefs and maintenance crews with new equipment training to ensure they are well-trained and qualified in aircraft operation and enhancements.

"We are bringing safety, current equipment, special requests and new technologies together in these helicopters, and they will all meet the Army standard," Wright said. "We plan to deliver the first UH-60M to the Customs and Border Patrol by September 2011."

"When the aircraft leaves us, we are giving them Army-standard equipment that has completed all testing, ensuring that all the systems work together."

Currently, there are 47 ongoing special projects involving Black Hawk models.

"With each modification that we do through the PIF, we are providing a one-stop shop for customer equipping Black Hawks," Wright said. "We can provide quicker service that saves money, and that develops technology that we own and can use on other systems."

By coming to the Army for assistance, the Customs and Border Patrol is ensured of receiving the types of equipment they require based on Army standards.

"Any modification done to this airframe must be approved by the Aviation and Engineering Directorate," Wright said. "The Customs and Border Patrol and other customers can come to the UH-60 product management office and know they are getting a safe and qualified aircraft."

Chiarelli expects increase in behavioral health needs

Vice chief of staff praises troops during decade-long conflict

By J.D. LEIPOLD
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WASHINGTON — The Army's vice chief of staff said with the drawdown in Iraq and eventually in Afghanistan, the country could expect to see an increase in the number of Soldiers suffering from depression, anxiety, Traumatic Brain Injury and post-traumatic stress.

Speaking at the opening of the Reserve Officer Association's National Security Symposium Jan. 30, Gen. Peter Chiarelli praised the reserve component for being "truly remarkable" in what he called a nearly decade-long era of "persistent engagement," and added that the health and well-being of U.S. forces was absolutely critical to the security of the nation.

"Soldiers and their families are under tremendous stress and strain, physically and emotionally," he said. "Unfortunately, and I've said this often over the last couple of years, I do think it's going to continue to get harder, at least for a little while longer before it gets easy."

Of particular concern to Chiarelli were the physically hidden or unseen wounds — Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD. Citing the Army Wounded Warrior Program population, he said as of Jan. 1, some 63 percent of the more than 9,000 Army Wounded Warrior Program Soldiers were diagnosed with behavioral health injuries — 47 percent had PTSD, 16 percent Traumatic Brain Injury.

He added that while the Army was taking a holistic approach to dealing with these injuries, "the reality is the brain is incredibly complex," he said. "Most efforts aimed at diagnosing and treating these conditions are in their infancy.

"We're working very, very hard with researchers, doctors and medical professionals around the world to develop new and improved protocols to better identify and diagnose injuries as well as treatment options that will further enhance and expand upon our ability to provide much-needed support to Soldiers and families," he said.

Chiarelli said he was excited about Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers, or STARRS, a joint \$50-million, five-year STARRS. When the study is complete in 2014, he expects the results will have unprecedented impact on PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Addressing suicide, the general said the Army in 2010 had modest success in reducing the number of suicides by active-duty Soldiers, but the number of suicides by reserve-component troops not on active duty had increased, and doubled in the non-active National Guard.

"We attribute the modest decrease in suicides by Soldiers serving on active duty last year to the programs and policy changes that have been implemented since the establishment of the Health Promotion Risk Reduction Task Force council in March of 2009," he said, citing the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program.

"Our goal is to increase Soldiers'

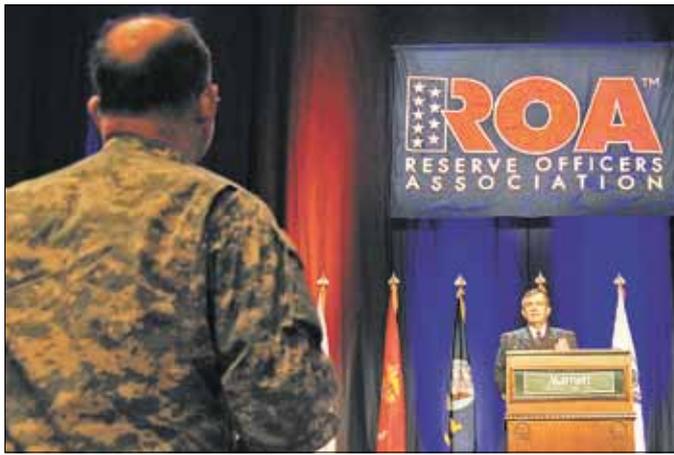


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Army vice chief of staff Gen. Peter Chiarelli is asked a question at the Reserve Officers Association National Security Symposium Jan. 30.

and individuals' resiliency to help them move away from the edge," Chiarelli said, pointing out that when stresses are piled one on top of the other, "they will eventually reach the brink.

"In addition to the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program, we've established a Pain Management Task Force to appropriately manage the use of pain medications and adopt best practices Armywide," he said, referring to a recent internal report on the overuse of pain-relieving narcotics by wounded warriors.

After a leveling off of active-duty suicides, suicide attempts and high-risk behaviors, the real issue and question becomes, he posed to the audience, how can the Army carry over the same to the reserve component?

"The reality is we are able to more effectively influence Soldiers serving on active duty and can help mitigate the stresses affecting them," Chiarelli said. "Conversely, it's much more difficult to do so in cases of individuals not serving on active duty because they're often geographically removed from the support network provided by military installations."

He added that the active force doesn't have employment stresses unlike the reserve component, whose NCOs and Soldiers are more vulnerable to the challenges of an adverse economy and a troubled labor market.

Chiarelli noted that the Army was working closely through employer partnerships in the private sector. "We recognize we must do

everything we can to provide predictability and also as much stability as possible.

"They (reserve component) lack the camaraderie of fellow Soldiers and the daily oversight and hands-on assistance from members of the chain of command experienced in serving on active duty, and in many cases these Soldiers have limited and reduced access to care and services."

Chiarelli said the Army had initiated broadened authorizations for health care providers and initiated face-to-face post-deployment behavioral health screening for all returning brigades in order to identify high-risk behaviors. He also said Reserve and Guard Soldiers would spend more time at demobilization stations undergoing risk assessments.



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Leadership graduation

Leader Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT) Class 9 graduates include, front left, in front row, Candace Perfetti, Daphne Turner, Sabrina Moore, Willie Gaddis, Linda Fowlkes, Lloyd Cook, Jennifer McCollum, Anna Locke, Mark Valerio; and in back row, Alicia Fields, John Robinson, Scott Romero, Stanley Coleman, Scott Ames, Erick Arnell, Ben Myers, Terri Stover and Timothy DiMella. Not pictured is Jerry Scott, who deployed.



Photo by Beth E. Clemons

Office call

Congressman Mo Brooks (far right), the newly-elected representative of Alabama 5th District, visits the Army Security Assistance Command on Jan. 31. He gets an overview of the command from USASAC commander Brig. Gen. Christopher Tucker (center) and deputy commander Robert Moore (front left).

Soldiers get end of tour awards after year in Iraq

By Spc. ROLAND HALE
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CAMP TAJI, Iraq – More than 3,000 Soldiers deployed to Iraq with a Fort Riley, Kan., aviation brigade are one step closer to home after receiving their end of tour awards in several ceremonies across the country.

Soldiers with the Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division received the awards in recognition of their service during the brigade's year-long deployment. The ceremonies are a significant mile-marker toward the unit's return to Fort Riley this spring.

But for Soldiers like Spc. Colins Oakley, the ceremonies were more than a formality.

"Not everyone wants to do what we do," he said. "I think we're here for a good cause, and it's nice to get pinned, to get the recognition from our commands."

Oakley received an Army Achievement Medal, which is awarded for meritorious service. It is his first award and his first tour to Iraq.

"It will be good to go back home with a medal on my chest, to go back period," Oakley said.

1st Sgt. Ben Parker is not a stranger to award ceremonies. The senior enlisted Soldier for the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment's headquarters company, 1st Infantry Division, is serving his fourth deployment.

"This is the best tour I've been on," he said. "We've accomplished a lot this time, supporting the guys on the ground, the guys flying outside the wire."

Parker was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, which is presented for outstanding meritorious achievement. It



Photo by Spc. Roland Hale

Lt. Col. Kenneth Chase, commander of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, pins an Air Medal on the chest of Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Kearns during an end of tour award ceremony Feb. 1 on Camp Taji, Iraq.

was rewarding his young troops, however, that Parker enjoyed most, he said.

"It's always a good time to give Soldiers awards," Parker said. "For a lot of them it's their first award. Lots of smiling faces, lots of Soldiers ready to go home."

Col. Frank Muth, the brigade's commander, addressed a group of awardees after one ceremony.

"Your country called upon you to serve in a time of war and you answered," Muth said.

"Look at that award on your chest, look at that patch on your shoulder," he said. "Be proud that you served in Iraq with the oldest, most historic division in the U.S. Army."

The brigade is scheduled to be replaced by the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade.



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New careerists

AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center recognized its graduating Army interns Jan. 19. From left, in front row, are Brian King, Katherine Haithcock, Michelle Adames-Tirado, Kenya Hambrick, Satin Mayes, Dimeccia Blake and Brian Johnson. In the middle row are Steve Spann, Orlando Vigo-Soto, Glorianie Rolon-Rivera, Robert Padua-Soto and Colleen Brooks. In the back row are Dale Sturdevant, Jeremiah Wesson, Ray Mendez-Acevedo, John Pounders, Theletha Harris, Danielle Pollard and Stephanie Largen. Not pictured are DaToya Murrell Taylor, Cory Edmonson and Carmen Shwedo.

Research scientist takes quantum leap with honor

*American Physical Society
cites his work in physics*

By **RANDY SINIARD**
AMRDEC Public Affairs

Dr. Henry Everitt, senior research scientist for optical sciences in the Weapons Sciences Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, has been named a 2011 Fellow of the American Physical Society in recognition of his outstanding contributions to physics.

According to the APS citation, Everitt was honored “for his broad leadership in furthering quantum information science, including the effective stewardship of quantum information programs for the U.S. government and also for his own research in semiconductor optics” while at the Army Research Office from 1991 to 2005.

Proud of this honor, Everitt said all he did was help others to accomplish great things.

The field of quantum information science explores how to build revolutionary new types of computers and secure com-

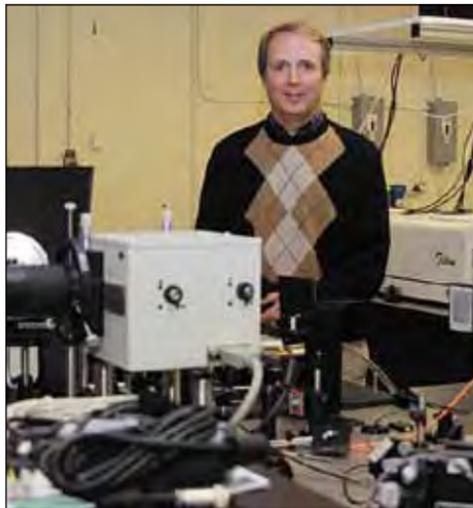


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Dr. Henry Everitt, senior research scientist for optical sciences, Weapons Sciences Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, stands in one of his labs in the Charles M. Bowden Laboratory. He is a newly-elected American Physical Society Fellow.

munication systems based not on classical bits of 0's or 1's but on quantum me-

chanical bits that can be both 0 and 1 at the same time.

“Even Einstein was uncomfortable with some of the ‘spooky’ physics involved,” Everitt said. “But the recent advances in the field have been breathtaking, and quantum encryption devices are commercially available today.”

The quest for the elusive quantum computer is ongoing.

Everitt expressed pride in his efforts at ARO to expand the work being done in quantum information, but it’s when he talks of his own research in semiconductor optics that he becomes truly animated. While at ARO, Everitt maintained a lab in the Physics Department at Duke University where he’s still an adjunct professor.

“I continued being an active researcher at Duke, which was a 10 to 15 minute drive from ARO,” Everitt said.

Dozens of graduate and undergraduate students all worked under his tutelage during his time there, many of whom graduated with undergraduate honors or doctorates of philosophy. Considering he was allowed only one day a week for research, this was no small feat.

“Dr. Everitt is very driven to understand the physics underlying phenomena that others either take for granted or consider unimportant. Interesting and important property discoveries of optical semiconductor materials were made because of his attitude,” said Dr. John Foreman, a research physicist in WSD and a former graduate student of Everitt’s.

“Dr. Everitt has given me the independence as a fledgling scientist and his patience and wisdom help keep me on track; his standards of excellence and his love of science for the sake of science are truly inspiring,” Foreman said.

The opportunity to be a scientist full-time is what led this Huntsville native back to North Alabama and Redstone Arsenal. Everitt’s work continues to focus on the research in semiconductor optics that he began while at Duke, but he has expanded his research activities into other areas of spectroscopy and imaging as well.

Even so, he still finds the time to support ARO and other agencies with proposal evaluations and program reviews, keeping current on quantum information science and where it is headed.

Army counselors reach out to substance abusers

Free program available to military, civilians

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It began as a typical security evaluation. Harold Smith, a substance abuse specialist with the Army Substance Abuse Program was in the process of evaluating an Army civilian for security clearance when it was discovered that the civilian was a recovering alcoholic who had been sober for the past year.

No problem – until the labs came back with the tell tale signs of continued alcohol abuse.

“It was not what you would see with someone that’s been clean and sober for a year,” Smith said.

For Smith and the substance abuse specialists behind the Army Substance Abuse Program, that was their cue to step in and provide the rehabilitative services to get that civilian back on track.

The Army Substance Abuse Program at Redstone Arsenal is an outpatient substance abuse treatment program, available and free of charge to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve, Army civilians and their fami-

lies. Substance abuse specialists, all independently licensed providers with additional credentials in substance abuse treatment, are available to screen, assess and provide rehabilitation services, including individual and group therapy, as well as referrals to outside locations when necessary, to individuals in need of help. The treatment program is located in building 3204 on Little John Road. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4 p.m. Appointments as well as more information can be obtained by calling 313-6255.

“People seek us in times of crisis, but others come in because they’re just ready for a change,” said Stephany Hillman, clinical director of ASAP. “They’re sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

Through a combination of motivational counseling, 12 step and cognitive behavioral techniques for treatment, individuals grappling with substance abuse are given a softer, rather than confrontational approach, to help them come around to the solutions needed to change the destructive behavior. Those in treatment are able to receive up to eight hours of care at ASAP a week, any more than that and they are referred to an outside facility for inpatient treatment.

“We’re here to help people figure out what they need to do to have a better

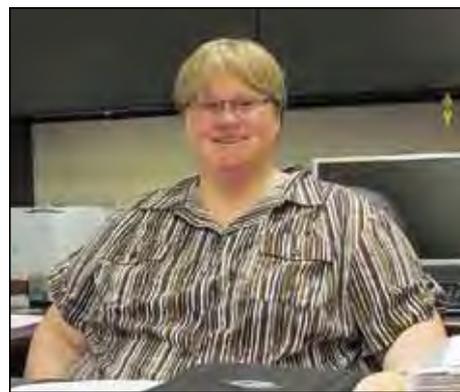


Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

Stephany Hillman serves as clinical director of the Army Substance Abuse Program.

quality of life,” Hillman said.

Alcohol, marijuana and cocaine are the top three substances seen for counseling at ASAP, but the people it serves are a mixed bag of all ages, jobs, ranks and backgrounds – proof that you don’t

have to be certain type of person to be affected by substance abuse.

“Alcoholism does not discriminate,” Hillman said. “It affects everybody from all walks of life. None of us are immune from the possibility of this disease.”

No matter what the substance or background, an individual has to be ready to make the change to successfully make it. As was the case with the Smith’s civilian, a lot of resistance initially accompanied treatment, a common occurrence at first, but an emotion that eventually transformed into acceptance and change.

“The barriers that keep most people from seeking help are stigmatism and pride,” Hillman said. “Living an alcohol and drug free life requires honesty, openness and willingness. Although people do not always come with this attitude toward treatment, we meet them where they are ... and sometimes that journey is a grueling process.”

“He really grasped it,” Smith said. “You just saw the change in his appearance, his mood, his attitude.”

Security awareness focus of annual training

It’s time to renew your commitment to security.

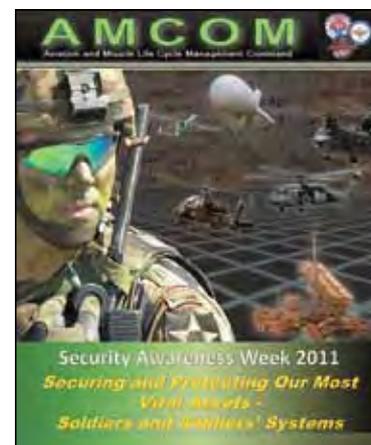
Security Awareness Week 2011 will be co-hosted by AMCOM, PEO Aviation and PEO Missiles and Space from Feb. 22-28 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Each session will provide 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 reminded 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 security awareness schedule:

- Feb. 22 from 8-10:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. – AMCOM sessions
- Feb. 23 from 7:30-9:45 a.m. – PEO Missiles and Space session
- Feb. 24 from 8-10:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. – PEO Aviation sessions
- Feb. 25 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

Face of Army surfaces in social media

Military builds fan network with use of online websites

By KARI HAWKINS

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Being the youngest division chief at the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs at the Pentagon often makes Maj. Juanita Chang stand out from the crowd.

But then isn't that what you would expect from someone working on the cutting edge of the Army's social media activities?

Yet, Chang is quick to point out that social media — including websites as well as social online sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr — isn't just for the "younger generation." In fact, statistics show the fastest growing social media demographic belongs to women between the ages of 55 and 70. In the Army, social media is a growing tool for keeping in touch with members of the military network, communicating command messages and connecting with the public.

No matter a person's age, gender or race, social media is for everyone and it's here to stay, Chang said.

Speaking to a gathering of Army public affairs specialists Feb. 2 at a Social Media Workshop hosted at Redstone Arsenal by the Army Materiel Command, Chang discussed how public affairs offices can use social media to their advantage at reaching key audiences.

"In your social media plan, you need to have a goal," the director of the Army's Online and Social Media Division said. "Numbers mean absolutely nothing if you are not reaching the people you are trying to influence ... We have to work on strategically reaching the people you want to impact."

Chang manages the Army's official public-facing website, www.army.mil, as well as the Army's social media accounts. www.army.mil is the largest website within the Department of Defense, averaging 4 million page views per month. The www.army.mil website includes links to websites for the Army's commands, agencies and organizations. Team Redstone has a presence on several of those websites, including www.army.mil/amcom; www.army.mil/amc; www.army.mil/usasac; www.army.mil/acc and www.army.mil/amrdec.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Maj. Juanita Chang discusses the opportunities and challenges of allowing an Army presence on social media platforms during a Feb. 2 Social Media Workshop hosted by the Army Materiel Command. Chang is director of the Army's Online and Social Media Division, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Pentagon.

In addition, Chang manages the Army's social media platforms to include the Army's official Facebook page — The U.S. Army — with nearly 600,000 fans, and adding more than 1,000 fans per day. It is second only to the Marines' Facebook page, which has 900,000 fans. Other social media platforms include the Army's Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr sites as well as the Army Live blog.

In February 2010, the Army opened its networks to social media, allowing its employees and Soldiers to visit social media sites on their at-work computers. That one-year directive memorandum will be extended this month and made permanent.

"Social media changes our operating environment," Chang said, by increasing the speed and transparency of information, determining which events make news and which do not, and setting agendas and influencing public opinion.

Social media allows the Army to get out front in the public online arena with its command messages. It allows the Army to disseminate information, gather public sentiment, connect Soldiers, civilians, retirees, family members and others through an online community and build the esprit de corps within that community.

Chang said public affairs specialists should synchronize messages through various social media. By planning ahead, daily themes can be chosen and then the messages in support of those themes can be posted on various social media outlets.

Of course, opening the Army to social media does come with security concerns. Chang said, as a general rule, people shouldn't post information on a social media site that they wouldn't "put on a sign in their front yard." Army employees should also guard against releasing any classified information on a social media platform that could be of value to the enemy.

Chang's staff is constantly checking social media platforms to ensure that only the official Army presence is seen by the public. In particular, they monitor and work closely with Facebook to remove fake profile pages of Army leaders and with Wikipedia to remove false information pertaining to the Army.

The Office of the Chief of Public Affairs has available to anyone a social media handbook that provides guidance in managing social media platforms.

"Social media isn't any different than acting in a formation or talking on a cell phone. The important thing is to ensure against the leaks of vital information. Sol-

diers are trained on what they can put out there and what they can't," Chang said.

"So far, there have been no cases of sensitive information being leaked on social media sites. Education is the key to everything we do in the military, and that includes operational security for social media. We would be remiss to not address security for a social media platform."

Installations such as Redstone Arsenal are home to valuable technical information that would be valuable to the enemy, the major said.

"Security of that information is important. We have to be responsible for what we put out (on social media sites). We have to be responsible for security," Chang said. "We have to make sure we don't put out there anything that could give the enemy an unfair advantage."

That need for security must also be weighed with the need for allowing military personnel to engage in social media.

"Our military is unique because it is connected with an audience and with our communities," Chang said. "We are part of our communities and to stay in touch with those we've met we use social media. Opening access is a morale booster ... and it's important to us to be transparent to the taxpayer through social media."

'I wanted to be the best Soldier I could be'

*Vietnam-era draftee
in twilight of career*

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A Vietnam-era draft card "invited" Command Sgt. Maj. Jeff Mellinger to be a Soldier.

And it will probably be another military document – a mandatory retirement form – that will end this Soldier's 40-year career at the end of 2011.

Thought by all accounts to be the last draftee on active continuous duty, Mellinger still wears the Soldiers' uniform with pride. No matter how close retirement looms, as the 13th command sergeant major for the Army Materiel Command, Mellinger's skills and abilities are very much involved in the day-to-day operations of a worldwide command of 70,000 military and civilian employees focused on materiel readiness for Soldiers.

"The reason I took this job is that, as a career infantryman, I was on the receiving end of Army materiel the whole time," said Mellinger, who has served in his current role since November 2007. "I took this job in hopes that I could translate my experience as an operator into a better product for the Soldier delivered sooner and faster.

"I really like the ability to bring those two ends of the spectrum (equipment development, acquisition and supply and the operational Soldier user) closer together. I look at every piece of equipment, every function, we have probably in a significantly different way than others in the command. I look at that equipment as a Soldier who used it, and because of that I have a unique window on the command and its ability to impact the Soldier."

Mellinger spends his days being another set of eyes, another pair of hands, another point of view, for his commander, Gen. Ann Dunwoody. He sits in on command briefings, pays attention to reports that are important to the commanding general, works with various functions within the command, and visits with Soldiers, civilians and contractors associated with the AMC mission.

"If it's important to the CG, then I better know it and I better know how employees are interacting to make the things happen that she wants done," he said. "AMC is a team mostly of civilians and contractors who know their

craft and who care about Soldiers. It is unique because it is only about 5 percent military. Whether civilian or Soldier, my job is still teaching, coaching, mentoring, providing feedback and advising."

As AMC's senior noncommissioned officer, Mellinger has a lot of history to lean on and a lot of experience to draw from in his work with enlisted Soldiers and officers as well as civilians and contractors.

"Sergeants major don't have defined responsibilities. They operate without much guidance at all," he said. "My job is the health and welfare of the organization. I provide advice to leaders at all levels. I share my observations so my commander can make fair decisions.

"When the CG and I go somewhere together, we don't walk in the same dirt. I see different things. While she is talking to leaders and other commanders, I'm looking in the deep, dark holes of the command. I'm looking in places where she often can't get to because of other command responsibilities. And then we compare notes."

Mellinger knows how to provide support to commanding generals, and much of that he learned under the stress of war. He served as the command sergeant major with two commanding generals of the Multi-National Force-Iraq — Gen. George Casey and with Gen. David Petraeus — during a three-year assignment in Iraq from 2004 to 2007, considered the most violent and dangerous stretch during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mellinger's Army career began on April 18, 1972, when he was the last of nearly 2 million men ordered to serve in the Vietnam-era military before conscription ended in 1973. At first, Mellinger, just shy of his 19th birthday in Eugene, Ore., thought the draft notice was a joke. A year or so before, he tried to enlist in the Marines and was rejected due to some of his teenage shenanigans. He had resigned himself to a job as a dry-wall hanger when the draft notice came in the mail.

"They didn't care who I was when I got drafted," he said.

He thought his draft card was a ticket to Vietnam. But instead he was made a unit clerk in Germany.

"The U.S. was involved in withdrawal at the time," Mellinger said. "I put in requests to go to Vietnam. But they were all denied at the company level. They told me the Army was typically taking into Vietnam only certain specialties and Soldiers who had already served there be-

cause of the withdrawal.

"My assignment as a clerk was another interesting twist in life. I saw it as the Army adding insult to injury. Not only did they not want to send me to Vietnam, but they made me a clerk instead of an infantryman or a tanker."

But Mellinger stuck with it, determined to do the job.

"I wanted to be the best Soldier I could be. I wanted to be a good Soldier," he said.

Mellinger was a quick study. He learned the Army regulations, and soon found himself helping other Soldiers understand Army requirements.

"They would come to me to get me to help them meet their requirements for promotion or for reassignment," he recalled. "It was another one of those experiences in life that you don't realize up front is going to be valuable to you later."

Though he showed indications of future leadership potential for the Army, Mellinger was looking forward to hanging up his uniform at the end of two years of service. His company commander talked him into re-enlisting by offering him a chance to join a new Ranger unit.

"In the beginning, I didn't like the Army," he said. "There were very distinct racial divisions, a huge drug problem. There were alcohol problems and leadership problems. Units weren't even doing their PT (physical training). The military is a reflection of the society it draws from. If you look at the society of that time, those issues were also part of our country. Why should those coming into the Army be any different?"

But Mellinger was on the cusp of change in the military. As he began to prepare for his move into the 2nd Ranger Battalion in 1974 at Fort Lewis, Wash., military leadership was making moves to take the Army back, and return it to



Photo by Kari Hawkins

The Army's last draftee on active continuous service, Command Sgt. Maj. Jeff Mellinger is helping to lead the Army Materiel Command as it stands up its new headquarters at Redstone Arsenal while continuing its worldwide mission in support of Soldiers. This will be Mellinger's last mission before retirement from a 40-year career in December.

the high moral and ethical standards it should stand for. He saw the changes in his own unit.

"Our company commander cleaned up the company and got things back on track," he said. "He did what you expect a leader to do. I could see the difference the commander and the first sergeant made. That showed to me that the Army was getting better. Throughout the Army, it took probably the next 10 years to get things back on track."

Mellinger, now a sergeant, found his place in the Army as a Ranger.

"We were doing things I thought Soldiers should be doing. We were training. We had standards. There was no second best. If you didn't do it right, you had to

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Highbay lab a virtual beehive of simulation

Researchers conduct experiments for helicopter project offices

By **RANDY SINIARD**
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The Battlefield Highly Immersive Virtual Environment Laboratory or BHIVE Lab in the Advanced Prototyping Engineering and Experimentation-2 Laboratory occupies an area within building 5400 of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center that's steeped in history.

The high bay that the BHIVE Lab now occupies originally had a terrain table of North Alabama on tracks which allowed operators to move it. Seekers were attached to an overhead moveable cradle. Finally, the now aging lighting system allowed engineers to change the environment in the bay from night time to daytime and anything in between.

The original Virtual Environment used to simulate missiles.

So it's really appropriate that a lab like the BHIVE occupy this space now. The BHIVE provides its customers with an actual and virtual world to respond to the urgent needs of their projects, said Joseph Creekmore, lead engineer and lab manager, APEX II.

"The BHIVE provides customers, a list that includes the Cargo Project Management Office, Utility PMO, ASH PO, Aviation Systems Project Office and the Air Warrior Product Office, with rapid functional engineering to respond to their urgent needs," Creekmore said.

There are approximately 25 support contractors working in the BHIVE who provide tasks and experimentation support; anything from logistics support to Human Factors Engineering. On a routine basis there are two additional government lead engineers who run experiments in the BHIVE using one of four of their Engineering Analysis Cockpits, said Creekmore. "The lab can rapidly engineer simulated software solutions to support the determination of requirements for the PMOs."

The four cockpits used in the BHIVE include Chinook (CH-47), Black Hawk (UH-60), Armed Reconnaissance (OH-58) and Apache (AH-64D).

One of many customers who use the BHIVE is the Air Warrior Product Office.

"The Air Warrior Product Office provides aviation life support equipment, which is everything worn, consumed or carried by aircrew members assigned to all Army aircraft platforms," Maj. Jay Maher, assistant product manager for Air Warrior/Air Soldier, Air Warrior Product Office, said.

A persistent threat to safe aviation operations is brown-out conditions or any other condition that limits visibility for the pilot and crew.

"The Air Warrior Product Office is evaluating the potential capabilities that reduce cognitive workload and increase the crewmember's ability to operate in degraded visual environments," Maher said.

The BHIVE studies allow the Air Warrior PO to evaluate the results of the experiments and refine projected development efforts in the upcoming engineering and manufacturing development phase, according to Maher.

One of the ways the engineers collect information is through video.

There is a camera mounted on the pilot's helmet which tracks and records the eye movement of the crewmember during the experimentation. This data shows exactly where the crewmember looked during the experimentation, said Ben Schwartz, SAIC, technical data writer and human factors engineer, System Simulation and Development Directorate, AMRDEC.

After each experiment is completed, the data is analyzed by the lab and the human factors engineers collect data from their sources within the experimentation environment.

"Data is reviewed to determine the inside-to-outside ratio for each crewmember and analyzed to provide feedback to answer questions related to the cockpit's design," Schwartz said. "If a crewmember's attention is drawn to a particular instrument display or control longer than it should be then the data will show that."

The information from the crewmembers' experience is also important.

"After each mission in the BHIVE the pilots are given a survey to complete and this data is used to determine whether or not they are aware of the state of the environment," Schwartz said. "This helps the HFE determine if the crew is getting the right information effectively from the cockpit displays."

Finally, each crewmember is asked what they thought about the test, what worked and what didn't work, and any other comments that they would like to make on the test. These answers are invaluable, Schwartz said.



Army photo

During a visit by Soldiers from I Corps, Joseph Creekmore, lead engineer and lab manager, Advanced Prototyping Engineering and Experimentation 2, System Simulation and Development Directorate, Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, takes them on a tour of the Battlefield Highly Immersive Virtual Environment laboratory or BHIVE lab.

The BHIVE provides a means to conduct experiments in simulated environments which allow project offices to realize change which can lead to saving dollars and ultimately saving Soldiers' lives.

USASAC does its part in annual charity drive

By BETH E. CLEMONS

USASAC Public and Congressional Affairs

The Army Security Assistance Command was among those recognized Jan. 31 during Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign's 2010 Victory Celebration at Bob Jones Auditorium.

USASAC's CFC campaign was honored with the Chairman's Award for surpassing the agency's goal, and the Early Bird Award for meeting the organization's goal within the first three weeks of the campaign.

Branda Bell, USASAC CFC financial chairperson, and Col. Bob Pastorelli, USA-SAC chief of staff, were on hand to accept the command's awards.

USASAC's approximately 165 Redstone Arsenal employees raised \$24,314 — almost tripling the command's goal of \$8,500.

"I was honored to accept the awards on behalf of USASAC, and would like to thank the entire command for their contributions and generosity which made our campaign such a huge success," said Bell,

who also received a certificate of appreciation during the ceremony for her contribution to the campaign.

The Tennessee Valley CFC raised more than \$2.7 million.

USASAC implements approved Army security assistance programs, including foreign military sales of defense articles and services to eligible foreign governments. The command manages approximately 4,400 FMS cases valued at more than \$103 billion. USA-SAC also manages the Army's co-production program.



AIB joins printer cartridge market

Alabama Industries for the Blind, in Talladega, has partnered with a New Jersey-based small business, Clarity Imaging Technologies Inc., to make Skilcraft Double Life Toner Cartridges and sell them through the AbilityOne Program.

These newly made Skilcraft printer laser toner cartridges increase page yields, lower the cost per page, reduce replacement costs by approximately 50 percent, and deliver quality and reliability. The laser toner cartridges are assembled according to Clarity's nine technology based patents at Alabama Industries for the Blind by people who are blind.

By using the high-efficiency Skilcraft laser toner cartridges, purchasers can double page yield, while still maintaining quality. Skilcraft cartridges are compatible with more than 85 percent of the installed base of laser printers in service.

The capabilities of these laser toner cartridges have been verified through extensive customer experience and independent laboratory testing for a publicly marketed version called PageMax. The reductions in cartridges required is measured, documented and guaranteed by Clarity, making these the greenest cartridges available in the marketplace. (*Alabama Industries for the Blind release*)

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do it again," he said. "I decided I would be in the Army so long as I could stay with the Rangers."

In 1977, he changed his military occupational specialty to infantry.

"I wanted to be in an MOS that had boots on the ground. There's only one group of troops that do that and it's the infantry," Mellinger said. "Until you have boots on the ground, you can't complete the mission."

His Ranger career included serving as a machine gun squad leader, rifle squad leader, rifle platoon sergeant, weapons platoon leader, drill sergeant and Special Forces military freefall instructor (he has more than 33 hours of accumulated freefall in more than 3,700 jumps). He has served as commandant of the Alaska Noncommissioned Officer's Academy at Fort Richardson, as an ROTC instructor at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks, and as command sergeant major at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., with the 9th Theater Support Command at Camp Zama, Japan; First U.S. Army at Fort Gillem, Ga., and Multi-National Force-Iraq. His many medals include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with six

oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral eight and Iraqi Campaign Medal with two campaign stars.

"I've not had a bad assignment since I've been in the Army. Some I didn't think I'd have fun at," he said. "But with any assignment it comes down to the people you work with who make the difference. It's not about where you are at, but about a good attitude and finding a way to make lemonade out of lemons."

During his nearly 40 years of service, Mellinger has not looked for a reason to leave the Army.

"I've turned down a lot of fairly high paying jobs over the years. I just love being a Soldier. It's not about the money. It's about the Soldiers, pure and simple," he said.

Mellinger has especially enjoyed the opportunities the Army has given him to have a positive impact on Soldiers, and their personal and professional development.

"The opportunity to guide them, to mold them, to sharpen them into better Soldiers and (as an ROTC instructor) better officers — that's what I've enjoyed," he said. "The day-to-day interaction with Soldiers and cadets, the leadership structure and the ability to plan and lead, that's what I like. Showing them the possibilities, the things they can do that they never thought they would, and the Army skills like knot tying and building rope bridges and marksmanship, that's

the fun stuff."

Even in the darkest hours while serving in Iraq, Mellinger fulfilled his mission by supporting the Soldiers, talking to them about the difference they were making and helping them keep their morale up during the "absolute height of violence" in the war.

"Morale is both a leadership and an individual responsibility," he said. "If Soldiers' morale overall is down you can trace it to four indicators: leadership, proficiency, esprit de corps and discipline. Good leaders can take bad events, and use them to bring their troops together. There is not a unit deployed that hasn't had something bad happen to them. But they don't all come back demoralized."

Knowing he can make a difference at AMC for the Soldier in the field is what drives Mellinger in the twilight of his Army career. He guides his actions with a lesson he learned from the commanding general he served under in Japan.

"After the first week, I went to him to ask him 'What are your expectations?' He said 'If I've got to tell you, I have hired the wrong guy.' He told me to take a month and check out the command, and then come back to him ... When I got back, I knew what he expected," Mellinger recalled.

"He expected me to be able to observe and provide feedback to the colonels and to himself. I was not his sergeant major, I was the command's sergeant major. He expected me to understand the com-

mander's agenda and then to get on with it."

And that's what Mellinger is still doing, bringing his brand of "get on with it" to AMC.

"We all grow and if you don't, you fall by the wayside," he said. "I've become better at what I do over the years. If I'd known everything then that I know now, I would have been an awesome squad leader and the best first sergeant on the planet. But that's life. If you started at the top, you wouldn't need all the steps in between."

And he hopes he has been as good a mentor to other Soldiers as his mentors have been to him.

"I certainly had help along the way," he said. "I've had people pushing me, looking the other way when I screwed up, encouraging me, given me pushups to do and giving me things to think about. Teaching and mentoring is what it's all about."

Mellinger is looking forward to helping the civilians and Soldiers of AMC settle into their new home at Redstone. The command's new headquarters on Martin Road are set to open in June.

"This is an awesome command, and an awesome family. And it's only going to get better as we move into a new facility," he said. "This is going to be a really great community for AMC. BRAC is giving us a new opportunity with a new headquarters and the ability to reconfigure our operations to meet the needs of the future Soldier."

Win or Lose

NCO Academy passes test against experienced team

*Defensive surge
beats HHC 59th*

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The NCO Academy didn't have enough players to field a basketball team last year. Now it's among the league's best.

The Academy improved to 2-0 by beating an experienced HHC 59th squad 51-38 on Jan. 31 at the Redstone Fitness Center. HHC 59th fell to 2-1.

Trailing 27-19 at halftime, the Academy outscored the 59th 32-11 in the second half.

"Defense," NCO Academy coach Shawn Jones said of the turnaround. "We cracked down a little bit on defense. And we came together as a team. That's what pulled us through."

Jones, who was deployed all of 2009 and returned in January 2010 from Iraq, said the big win was extra special since the Academy missed last year's competition. "It's been a long time coming," he said.

"Last year we didn't have that many Soldiers in-house so we didn't have enough people to come out and play to get a team together. We're back this year and looking to go pretty far."

The Academy should do just that with efforts like the second half.

Domonique Haynes scored all but two of his game-high 17 points after intermission. He also had five rebounds and two steals.

After David Gilmore's layup tied the

score 30-all with 12:53 left, Haynes' basket put the Academy up 32-30 at 12:25. The Academy never trailed again.

"Just had to play hard and hustle," said Haynes, a 6-foot point guard who played for the All-Army team in Germany in 2007. "Play as a team. We'd been playing a little too passive the first half."

Tyrone Campbell had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Gilmore had seven rebounds and Travis Patterson grabbed six.

HHC 59th's 6-foot-8 center Jeff Reuter led the "Raise Up bunch" with 16 points, 13 rebounds, one block and one steal. Leroy Early added 10 rebounds.

Ironically, the Academy, which didn't have enough players for a team last year, had an advantage in depth against the 59th.

"We got a short bench, and they got us winded," 59th coach William Ewings said. "We got a very short bench and they kept rotating, which caused our jump shots to start falling short toward the end of the second half. We just got winded."

In other games last week, Headquarters & Alpha defeated 375th Engineer 42-33 on Jan. 31; HHC 59th stopped Bravo Company 60-42 and National Guard beat Marines 67-36 on Feb. 2; Charlie Company got past Headquarters & Alpha 46-43 and National Guard edged NCO Academy 58-57 on Feb. 3.

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

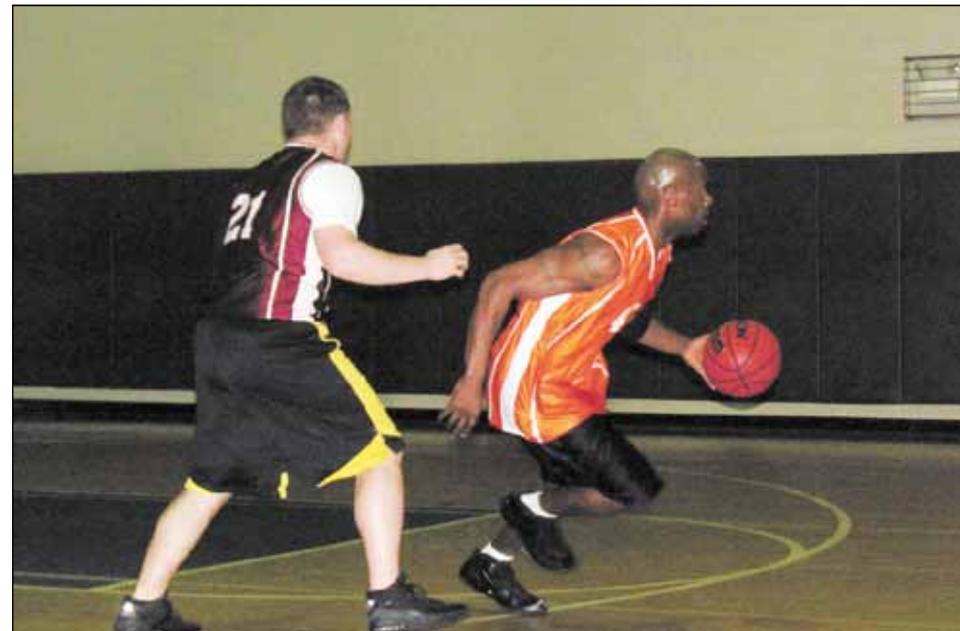


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NCO Academy's Jalani Cochran races upcourt against HHC 59th's Travis Roop during the first half of the Academy's 51-38 victory.



Courtesy photo

Make physical fitness a fun, family routine

Children need one hour or more of physical activity daily. This is just one of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Many of the activities found in these guidelines for children can be enjoyed by the whole family, which contributes to better health and helps create strong family bonds. So, to help your children get an active start, check out more on the types and amounts of physical activity for Americans age 6 and older at <http://www.health.gov/paguidelines>.

Here are guidelines to help you and

your family get started: aerobic – most of the 60 or more minutes a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity and should include vigorous-intensity physical activity at least three days a week; muscle strengthening – children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity at least three days of the week; bone strengthening – children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity at least three days of the week. For more about making healthy choices, visit Ask the Dietitian on <http://www.commissaries.com>. (DeCA release)

Football signee

National Signing Day was special for Kailan Mitchell, defensive end/linebacker with Bob Jones High School, as he signed with Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Kailan is the son of Karen Mitchell, a logistics management specialist at Logistics Support Activity. The Henderson State University Reddies are the 2010 Gulf South Conference champions. Kailan will study pre-law.

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Sports & Recreation

Family indoor flying

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

Wounded Warrior 5K

Grissom High School's Army JROTC will present the Wounded Warrior 5K on Feb. 26 at 8 a.m. at McGucken Park on Bailey Cove Road. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Entry fee is \$20 through Feb. 14 or \$24 from Feb. 15-26. For information and 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. Sign up your team now with Sherry Hilley 842-6715, e-mail sherry.hilley@us.army.mil, or Mike Krause, mike.krauseSR@us.army.mil.

Lady golfers

The Redstone Ladies Golf Association will kick off its 2011 golf season with

a welcome coffee March 2 at 9 a.m. at the Links at Redstone restaurant. "Having fun, making friends and playing golf are what RSALGA is all about, so lady golfers of all abilities come and join the fun," a prepared release said. For more information, call the golf course 883-7977 or Jean Summers 772-2030.

Conferences & Meetings

Security awareness

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

Weekly worship

The Contemporary Christian Worship

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

Bible studies

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

Union meeting

The AFGC Local 1858's February membership meeting is Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. in building 4488, conference room A-311 (third floor). The doors to the building are locked at 4:30; so if the front door is locked, call Mae Perkins 876-4880 and she will let you in.

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.

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.

Men's ministries

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

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. Infor-

mation 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.

Civil War round table

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. Dr. A.E. Elmore, professor of English and drama at Athens State University, will speak on "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address: Echoes of the Bible and Book of Common Prayer." The public is invited. Chicken dinner buffet is available at 5:30 p.m. for \$7.95. Call 890-0890 for more information.

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.

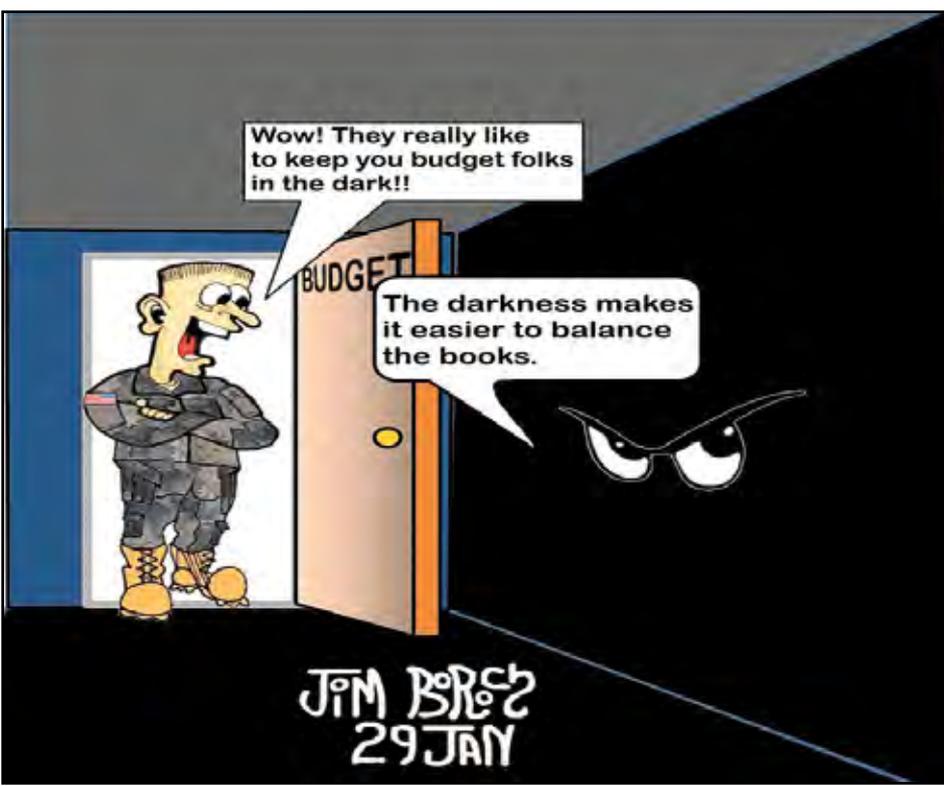
Toastmaster clubs

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.

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.

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Miscellaneous Items

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. Additionally, those who were not able to participate in the last five ceremonies are invited to participate in this ceremony. Rogers will present letters of recognition to Soldiers, civilians and contractors of the Team Redstone work force who have deployed in support of Redstone Arsenal operations. The nomination deadline is Thursday. For more information, call Carla Landers 876-2612 or Bruce Cline 955-6925.

Acquisition work force

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

Weight watchers

At Work Weight Watcher meetings are held every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sparkman Center. "Weight Watchers now has a new program," a prepared release said. "Take a system you know and love, add the latest science, make it more livable and the result is PointsPlus. When it comes to weight loss, and committing to your goals, having a positive attitude can make a huge difference. With Weight Watchers, you have support to help. There is still time to join us to make that positive change in your life." For more information, call Pat Sandy 313-5470 or e-mail pat.sandy@us.army.mil.

Fellowship program

The Senior Service College Fellowship at Huntsville is accepting applications through March 15 for the 2011-12 class. This 10-month resident program provides acquisition and senior leadership training to prepare civilian senior leaders for key leadership positions within the DoD acquisition community. Applicants must be Acquisition Corps members and be on track for executive level service. Applicants must submit their application online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System within the Career Acquisition Management Portal/Career Acquisition Personnel and Position Management In-

formation System at the following website: <https://rda.altess.army.mil/camp/>. For more information, contact SSCFS@dau.mil.

Meeting planners

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

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, will hold its monthly luncheon Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Imogene Tilson from the Huntsville Hospital Behavioral Health Services will be the guest speaker. She will talk about dealing with day-to-day stress. For ticket information, call Audra Edwards 313-2382 or Lisa Lowry 876-7086.

Logistics society

The International Society of Logistics, Tennessee Valley Chapter, will hold a luncheon Feb. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Dr. William D. Lewis, executive director of Aviation Engineering Directorate, will speak on Airworthiness and its Relationship to Logistics. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for SOLE members. To RSVP call Jon Liddie 642-9145 or e-mail jon.s.liddie@saic.com.

Information systems security

North Alabama Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association will hold a luncheon Feb. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ADTRAN Inc., East Tower, 901 Explorer Boulevard. John Strand, certified SANS instructor and owner and senior security researcher with Black Hills Information Security, is to speak on "Cyber Warriors and Cyber Guardians." Cost is \$15 for ISSA members, \$25 for non-members. To register, visit <http://northalabama.issa.org> or e-mail treasurer@northalabama.issa.org.

Engineer society

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers, meets Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park, adjacent to Madison Square Mall. Debra Wymer is the keynote speaker. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 payable at the door. For reservations, e-mail dbacon@shearerassociates.us.

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.

Reading with Taka

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

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.

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.

Motorcycle safety

To permanently register a motor-

cycle 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.

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.

Fraud hotline

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

Education test center

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

Thrift Shop grants

Does your organization or group directly affect the Redstone community? Last year the Thrift Shop gave out \$15,000 in grants to organizations like yours. It is that time again; and they are now accepting applications for 2011. The committee will meet in March and funds will be distributed by June 1. All applications will be considered and reviewed. If your company or group (no individuals please) is interested in applying, call the community assistance chairperson Jennifer Kennedy 682-6981 or e-mail jk-hunter_1999@hotmail.com.

Prior service military

If you are prior service military without any military service obligation and

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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.

Professional development

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will sponsor its annual Mini-Professional Development Institute Training Session on March 3 at the Jackson Center at HudsonAlpha Institute, 600 Genome Way. Lunch is included. Deadline to register is Feb. 11. Registration/doors open at 7 a.m., and the Mini-PDI begins at 8. Cost is \$125 for all attendees. Presenters include Mark Easton, Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, Col. Chip Fulghum, Suzie Humpreys and Col. Barbara Gilchrist. You can earn up to 7 Continuous Learning Points. Enter into TIP System, catalog F112MPDI, course title ASMC MINI-PDI 2011. Call in reservation with IIMPAC credit card information to Dana Wilbanks 876-4283, Amanda Bertis 842-2444 and Theresa McBride 842-9272.

Art auction benefit

The Redstone Arsenal Community Women's Club invites you to its annual "Evening on the Bayou" Art Auction event Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Forest Club House (on Martin Road outside of Gate 7). This event is the club's main fund-raiser for the year. Proceeds will go toward the club's various Community Assistance requests and its Merit Awards/Scholarship program. There will

be a silent auction, giveaway gift tables, food and beverages, and a special appearance by Perry Berns Gallery. For tickets and more information, visit their website at www.rsacwc.org. RSA CWC is a private, nonprofit organization.

CFC agencies

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

Battalion reunion

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

Swing dance classes

The Campbell Recreation Center and FMWR will present "Dancing Like the Stars 2011," Basic (Beginner) Single and Triple Swing for adult couples for six Thursdays, Feb. 10 through March 17, at building 3155. Tuition is \$66 per couple. No experience necessary. This course is also available as a five-week review course at \$55 per couple (by eliminating the first class only) for those who have taken this course earlier at Redstone. Registration is at the Campbell Recreation Center, building 371, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Deadline for registration is today. For information on this or other ballroom dance courses offered this year, call 876-4531.

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.

Vintage record sale

The WLRH Great Record Sale returns in February. Vinyl junkies can scarf up LPs, CDs and 45s at the WLRH studios Feb. 18-20. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. that Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Treasures in all categories, including classical, jazz, pop, new age, and spoken word will be available. If you are starting off the new year by clearing off your shelves, bring your discs to the WLRH studios on the UAH campus during the weekends before the sale. For more information, call 895-9574.

Science/engineering apprentices

The Defense Department initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, under the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school and college students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is pairing the students with university and professional engineering mentors. The high school and college programs are designed for students who are U.S. citizens, with a Social Security card, and at least 15 years old by the beginning of the program June 1, 2011. The apprentice program is divided into eight, 10 and 12 weeks. The contacts for application information are senior counselors at all public, private and parochial high schools and college placement services. Possible career placement areas at Redstone Arsenal include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The application deadline is Feb. 25. If students are unsuccessful in receiving application information from high school senior counselors or college placement services, call Angela Jefferson 313-3198 or Darlene Milam 876-9541, at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in building 5308, or visit www.gwseap.net or www.usaeop.com.

Thrift shop

The last day to consign winter items will be Feb. 17. Valentine's Day items will stop this Thursday. The shop will start taking Easter and St. Patrick's Day items for consignment Feb. 15. Consignments are taken from 9-11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. "Please call the NO-LIST number at 881-6915 before coming in," a prepared release said. The shop 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, volunteering or donating. "There are new items out every day. Come in and see what treasures you find," the release said. The Thrift Shop is in building 3209 on Hercules Road.

Prayer luncheon

Due to unforeseen circumstances Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Donald Rutherford, the Army's deputy chief of chaplains, is unable to attend the National Prayer Luncheon on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The new speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Robert Coffey, Army Materiel Command chaplain. Tickets are available for a \$14 donation. They are available from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marvin Luckie, marvin.luckie@conus.army.mil or 842-2965, and Julia Story, julia.story@us.army.mil or 842-7954.

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.

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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.

Education summit

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

Shredding service

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

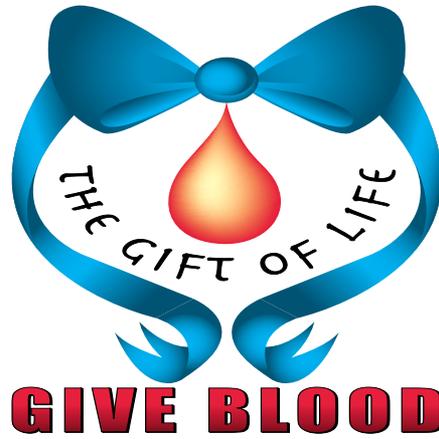
Valentine lunch

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court No. 286

announces its eighth annual Valentine-Champagne Lunch for scholarships to be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall. The theme is "Building on the Power of Dreams." Tickets are \$30 each; and tables are \$240. Checks, payable to KLPC No. 286, should be mailed to: Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver No. 286, Attn: Valentine Champagne Lunch Committee, 2300 Beasley Ave. Northwest, Huntsville, AL 35816-4004. For more information, call Booker T. Terry 617-0137.

Rocket day for kids

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



Blood drives

American Red Cross blood drives include the following: Thursday from 7 a.m. to noon at buildings 5400 and 6263. ... Friday from 7-noon at buildings 5681 and 4545, and from 7:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at building 5400. ... Feb. 17 from 7-noon at MDA building 5222 and at the Sparkman Center.

Kindergarten orientation

Holy Family School, 2300 Beasley Ave., will hold "Kindergarten Step-Up Day" on Feb. 22 at 8 a.m. "Entering kindergarten next year? Spend some time with us," a prepared release said. The fun event concludes at 11 a.m. with snacks

and a goody bag. Parent reception is from 10-11 a.m. No fee required. Call the school office 539-5221 or register online at www.holy-family-school.com.

Wine tasting benefit

"Red Hot for Heart Wine Tasting" will be held Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the Canebrake Club, 23015 Founders Circle in Athens. This event is sponsored by Athens-Limestone Hospital and Athens Limestone Hospital Foundation. Proceeds will support the Cardiac Care programs at Athens-Limestone Hospital through the "Love of my Life Fund," honoring the love and lives of Thelma and Louis Fliszar. The fund was established by Mrs. Fliszar after her husband of 65 years died of complications from heart disease. Tickets are \$75 per couple or \$40 per person. Sponsorships begin at \$500. For reservations, call Felicia Lambert 233-9290 or e-mail felicial@alhn.net.

Parkinson's support

The Parkinson's Support Group of Huntsville will meet Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Willowbrook Baptist Church, 7625 Bailey Cove Road. Family, friends and caregivers, as well as those with Parkinson's disease, are invited. For more information, call Fred Seeley 534-6767.

JROTC ball

The Lee High School JROTC program will host its 36th annual JROTC Sweetheart Ball at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Linda Burrus, president of the Huntsville Education Association, is the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by the Lee High School choral magnet. To purchase tickets, call 428-8159.

Pipe organ workshop

The Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present its annual "Pedals, Pipes & Pizza" workshop Feb. 19 at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road in the sanctuary. Doors will open at 9 a.m. The organ program will begin at 9:30 and finish with pizza by noon. This program is designed primarily for students but is open to anyone who is interested in learning how a pipe organ works. Those who participate in the workshop will have an opportunity to play on the pipe organ that morning. Pre-register by calling 489-7437 or by e-mailing ppp@huntsvilleago.org.

Arts update

Make your Valentine's date a special night out by attending a romantic comedy. Tony award winning "Same Time, Next Year" will be performed Friday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Merrimack Hall, 3320 Triana Boulevard. All tickets \$25 which includes complimentary wine,

flower and chocolates. For more information on this, and other art oriented events, visit www.ourvalleyevents.com or www.artshuntsville.org.

Health center closings

Fox Army Health Center will close Feb. 18 and Feb. 21 in observance of Presidents Day and a training holiday. On Feb. 18, the Primary Care Clinic will open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. for scheduled appointments. The Pharmacy, Medical Records Window, and the TriCare Service Center will be open until noon. All other clinics and services will be closed the entire day for a training holiday. On Feb. 21, the entire facility will be closed. As a reminder, the health center is closed on the first Thursday afternoon of every month, Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays. Advice Nurses are available during non-duty hours at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice. Fox is an ambulatory care clinic and does not have an emergency room. In an emergency, dial 911.

Women's health

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

Microsoft certification courses

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

Black history month

"African Americans and the Civil War" is the theme for February's observance of Black History Month. Team Redstone's annual celebration will be held Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The guest speaker is 1999 Gabriel Award winner Tonea Stewart, a native of Greenwood, Miss., who has lived in Montgomery since 1990. She is a tenured professor and the director of theatre arts at Alabama State University. She is also a professional actress, perhaps best known for her reoccurring role in television's "In the Heat of the Night." For more information about the upcoming program, call Sgt. 1st Class Lance Green 876-8648 or Kimley Pierce 876-0023.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF FEB 2 2011	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
SCBK11763686R	Supervisory Logistics Mgt Specialist	9-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	15	15	115,588 - 150,266					X	X	X					
SCBK11792948	Secretary (Office Automation)	10-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0318	7	9	39,422 - 62,683	X							X	X			
SCBK11822563	Supervisory International Program Management Spec	11-Feb-11	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	95,211 - 157,779					X		X					
SCBK11840064	Supervisory Human Resources Specialist (Mil)	11-Feb-11	US Army Space & Missile Def Cmd	GS-0201	14	14	98,285 - 127,743			X				X	X	X			
SCBK11695287	Continuous Process Improvement Specialist	11-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0301	14	14	98,265 - 127,743					X		X	X	X			
SCBK11822563	Supervisory Int Prog Mgt Spec	11-Feb-11	AMCOM	YC-0301	3	3	95,211 - 157,779		X	X				X	X				
SCBK11840064	Supervisory Human Resources Specialist (Military)	11-Feb-11	US Army Space & Mis Def Cmd	GS-0201	14	14	98,285 - 127,743			X				X	X				
SCBK11762746	Logistics Mgt Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11769562	Electronic Publications Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0301	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X							X				X
SCBK11762216	Logistics Mgt Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11749405	Logistics Mgt Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0346	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X											
SCBK11838528	Administrative Support Assistant (OA)	14-Feb-11	Redstone Test Ctr	GS-0303	6	6	35,475 - 46,116				X	X		X	X				X
SCBK11806651	Procurement Analyst	14-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-1102	12	12	69,930 - 90,907			X	X								
SCBK11806632	Procurement Analyst	14-Feb-11	AMC	GS-1102	13	13	83,156 - 108,102			X	X								
SCBK11829709	Logistics Management Specialist	14-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	14	14	98,265 - 127,743			X				X					X
SCBK11821331	Military Analyst	14-Feb-11	US Army Space & Mis Def Cmd	GS-0301	13	13	83,156 - 108,102			X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK11811208	Fire Chief	15-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0081	13	13	83,156 - 108,102					X		X	X				X
SCBK11852812	Airfield Operations Officer	15-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0301	11	11	58,343 - 75,843		X		X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK11821075	Financial Management Analyst	15-Feb-11	US Army Space & Missile Def Cmd	GS-0501	12	12	69,930 - 90,907		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK11807386	Budget Analyst	15-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0560	13	13	83,156 - 108,102			X				X					X
SCBK11829676	Supervisory Logistics Mgt Specialist	15-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0346	15	15	115,588 - 150,266		X		X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK11774241	Physical Security Specialist	15-Feb-11	AMC	GS-0080	9	9	48,221 - 62,683					X	X						X
SCBK11852829	Air Traffic Control Specialist	16-Feb-11	USAG	GS-2152	11	11	58,343 - 75,843					X		X					X
SCBK11824739	Budget Analyst	16-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0560	11	12	58,343 - 90,907					X		X	X				X
SCBK11864678	Security Guard	16-Feb-11	US Army Inst Mgt Cmd	GS-0085	4	4	28,446 - 36,997		X		X	X	X	X	X				X
SCBK11798700	Secretary(Stenography/OA)	17-Feb-11	AMCOM	GS-0318	8	8	43,659 - 56,754					X		X	X				X
SCBK10729547	Geographer	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-0150	12	12	69,930 - 90,907	X	X			X	X	X	X				X
SCBK11803396	Gen Eng, Civil Eng, Env Eng, Chem Eng	2-Mar-11	USA Engr & Sup Ctr	GS-	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
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
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				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
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				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.