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'Time to connect with our feelings'

Soldier's widow moving on to life's new opportunities

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With every step, Jenna Henderson is going forward into her future.

For a long time, it seemed that proverbial saying "One step forward, two steps back" was coming true more often than not for this military wife, whose life had revolved around her husband's Army career.

But, these days, Henderson's forward steps aren't doing much backtracking. Rather, they are leading her into a future that promises more happiness than she has known since Father's Day 2007.

That's the day Henderson's world turned upside down, when she was told her husband would not be coming home, when she heard the painful words of loss from an Army chaplain who had personally known her husband.

Sgt. 1st Class Chris Henderson, 35, was killed June 19, 2007, in Panjway, Afghanistan, when an explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., but attached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (Transition Team), Fort Riley, Kan. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

For a year after her husband's death, Henderson and their daughter Kayley continued living at Fort Lewis.

"We had the same neighbors, the same schools. It was like Chris was just on another deployment," Henderson said. "We had all of Chris' buddies there. We were still surrounded by military life."

But, eventually, a move had to be made. Henderson chose Madison, a bit randomly, knowing that a few good friends, including Emily McFall, another Soldier widow and now the coordinator of Redstone's Survivor Outreach Services, lived in the area and that Redstone would allow her and Kayley, then 9, to continue to take advantage of military benefits available at an Army installation.

The move also put Henderson closer to home in North Carolina, but not too close. She wanted time apart from her own family to learn how to live with her loss, and to reflect on her own life's direction.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Jenna Henderson's life is moving forward as she finds new happiness following the death of her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Chris Henderson. She was a founder of the My Soldier, My Fallen Hero support group at Redstone Arsenal, which is now part of the growing efforts to provide support to survivors of fallen Soldiers through Army Community Service's Survivor Outreach Services. Henderson is standing next to her fallen Soldier's picture in the Hall of Remembrance at Redstone SOS.

"I've always been independent, even with Chris because he was always deploying. He was never home," she said. "I wanted to get my own roots put down. I wanted to get Kayley and me to a place where we could be our own family together. I wanted us to have time to connect with our own feelings and to eventually reconnect with family."

"I read somewhere that on average widows move two or three times. You have to find a place where you can get settled and figure out where you are going in life. You have to have a place where you can figure out who you are and where you want to go."

But with the move came the brutal force of reality. Henderson could no longer shrug off her husband's death, she

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Girl Scout Troop 465 sends cookies and thank you notes to servicemembers overseas.

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The 375th Engineer Company rides its aggressive backcourt to victory over Headquarters & Alpha in troop basketball.

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What do you think of social media like Facebook and Twitter?

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Joe Bruno
 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office
 "I don't know anything about it, quite frankly. I don't use it, never had any interest in it. And from all the things you hear and read, it seems kind of silly. People post things they often regret putting on there later."



John Clarkson
 Sparkman Management Office
 "I guess it has its good and bad qualities. When used in the right way, it probably can be very beneficial for keeping up with family and friends, long-lost acquaintances. It can be very beneficial, especially for Soldiers, when used in the right way."



Mary Shockley
 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office
 "I think that it's a potentially dangerous situation. I think social media should be face-to-face or real conversations."



Cynthia Kelly
 AMCOM G-3 (Operations)
 "I think it's very useful if you're smart about how you use it. You can use it to learn a lot more as long as you're not stupid about what you post. And it can be a good networking tool. I first got into Facebook because I'm a figure skater. And it allows us to pass information back and forth easily and quickly. And it also allows us to post our pictures from shows and competitions. I think the government has done a good job in briefings and e-mails cautioning us on what is and isn't smart to do."

Letters to the Editor

Post generates energy from plastic

Are there plans for a Plastics Recycling Center on Redstone Arsenal? Paper recycling is occurring on post but there are quite a few folks, just in my building, who drink water from plastic containers and throw them into the trash. I recycle at home and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics are accepted. Most of the plastic water containers I see thrown away in the trash fall under this category.

Betty Ewing
 Building 5309

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "For every commodity that enters our waste stream, we must evaluate if there is a better method than disposal. Currently, all waste that enters the brown dumpsters on the Arsenal is sent to the Energy from Waste Plant. These materials are incinerated to create steam which the Arsenal uses to heat and cool buildings. This is the current operating practice for plastics.

"Plastic is not a very environmentally friendly product. It does

not recycle well. There are seven types of plastics, but only two (1 and 2) are typically recycled. The strands of plastic do not hold up to strain and must be mixed with virgin materials that are oil products. Because plastic is a petroleum product, it actually serves as a fuel during incineration.

"What to do with plastic is a complex issue. Based on the marketability, the cost of collection, the labor involved in segregation, the transportation and related environmental impacts from shipping, recycling plastic is not considered the best business practice for Redstone Arsenal. Because of its abundance in our waste stream, the existing technology that we have available to us (Energy from Waste), and the fact that plastic is a fuel, Redstone Arsenal sends the plastic to the incinerator for energy generation.

"If you have questions or wish to discuss recycling, please call Denean Summers, recycling program manager, at 955-7110. She will be happy to revisit the matter and consider your concerns."

Important to support survivors, honor Soldiers

I commanded the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Ga., as part of the surge in Iraq in 2007-08. During that time, 153 Soldiers died in combat, in a place on the battlefield where I put them. I pray for those Soldiers and their families every day. Their loss is something I have to live with. For any leader, the loss of a Soldier hits hard. But the loss that survivors experience is magnitudes deeper and wider, because they have lost not just a Soldier, but a friend, a son or daughter, a husband or wife, a father or mother.

When I visit installations, I meet with those who have lost loved ones on active duty. I make sure to talk with survivors for two reasons. One reason is that now, as the commander of Installation Management Command, I need to know how we are doing with one of our newest programs, Survivor Outreach Services. The other reason is that survivors need to know that the Army recognizes and honors their Soldier's service and

sacrifice.

The best, most meaningful thing we can do to honor our fallen Soldiers is to support and care for those they left behind. Survivor Outreach Services was established in April 2008 to do just that, in a more comprehensive manner than ever before.

The Army is fortunate to have a leader like chief of staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., who had the vision and compassion to propel the effort to support survivors beyond casualty assistance alone. Casualty assistance officers work with families during a very difficult time, a heart-rending time, when families are notified of their Soldier's death and have to make funeral arrangements and decisions about entitlements and benefits.

But grief is very personal – it cannot be standardized or resolved in a set time period. With the help of a panel of survivors selected by Gen. Casey, SOS was developed to provide longer-term, expanded support and care, taking up where casualty assistance ends.

SOS offers support through benefits coordinators, who help survivors understand and apply for local, state and federal



Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Quote of the Week

'Don't say anything online that you wouldn't want plastered on a billboard with your face on it.'

— Erin Bury
 Sprouter community manager

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benefits; financial counselors, who assist through investment and estate planning education; and support coordinators, who facilitate support groups, provide life skills education and connect survivors with counseling resources.

More than 200 SOS personnel are now working on installations throughout the United States and overseas, to include National Guard and Reserve locations. The three components work and train together very closely on this One Army program, to provide SOS services closest to where survivors live.

It does not matter how a Soldier died, and there is no time limit on SOS services. SOS coordinators extend a hand as survivors are working with casualty assistance officers in the first few months after a Soldier's death, but survivors do not have to accept assistance right then or ever. They can decide to return months or years later. The important thing is for survivors to know that the support is there. They are not alone – they are part of the Army family for as long as they want to be.

There are also no exclusions in the definition of a survivor. For the SOS program, a survivor is anyone – immediate family, extended family, a friend, a fellow warrior – who feels the loss of a Soldier. Every survivor is not entitled to the same benefits under law or regulations, but SOS coordinators will work with any survivor to access counseling and other resources. Our partnerships with local and national support organizations make this more expanded, inclusive approach possible.

SOS staff have made tremendous

progress in a short time, receiving more than 24,000 cases from Casualty and Mortuary Affairs and continually reaching out to survivors, both those who have suffered a loss recently and those whose loss pre-dates the program. As the program becomes established, they continue to refine and enhance services as more survivors provide feedback on their challenges and needs. For example, this past year, when it became clear that survivors who do not have ID cards were having difficulty getting onto post to use services, SOS developed a survivor vehicle decal program to ease access and provide special recognition. The decals are currently being distributed through SOS offices.

More information on SOS services and survivor resources is available on Army OneSource (www.myarmyonesource.com/FamilyProgramsandServices/Surviving-Families/SurvivorOutreachServices.aspx), the SOS Facebook page and garrison SOS webpages. There are also links to partner organizations whose support is so critical to connecting with and providing for survivors.

The loss of a Soldier is not a topic people want to talk about, but it is a reality of military life. We do what we can to prevent losses. We train for and plan our combat operations. We stress safety in garrison. We have enhanced programs to prevent risky behaviors and suicide. In the end, though, despite our best efforts, we cannot prevent every loss. That is why Survivor Outreach Services is so crucial. To honor the fallen Soldier's service and sacrifice for our nation, we can do one last thing – offer support for the loved ones the Soldier left behind.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Installation Management
Command commander

Editor's note: See the articles about Redstone Arsenal's Survivor Outreach Services on pages 1 and 17.

Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided the following list of reported incidents for March 2-9:

March 4: A government civilian reported a government laptop was stolen from an off-post address.

March 4: A contractor was issued a court summons for eluding Redstone police on Feb. 25.

March 7: A government civilian reported receiving suspicious text messages on her government cell phone.

March 7: A contractor received a court summons for having ammunition in his privately owned vehicle.

March 8: Huntsville police arrested a Soldier for driving under the influence.

March 8: A contractor seeking a visitors pass received a court summons for driving with a revoked license.

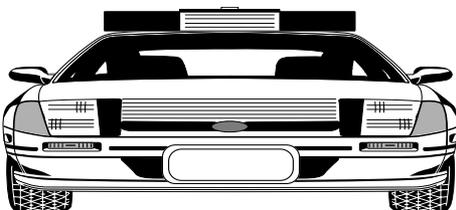
March 8: In Test Area 3, a fence was damaged by unknown means.

March 8: A retired servicemember reported his boat was stolen from the FMWR storage lot on Mauler Road.

March 9: Three juveniles were observed shoplifting various items. They were processed and released to their sponsors.

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

Violation notices issued: This does not include the numerous verbal warnings. Citations included 15 speeding, 4 stop sign, 2 following too closely, 2 failure to signal, 1 revoked license, 1 eluding police, 5 parking.



Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?

Huntsville, Ala. – born and raised.

What do you like about your job?

Working around the people that I work with. And being able to help support the war fighter.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Whatever my two kids are doing (son Conner, 14, and daughter Annie, 10). That's it. They take it all up.

What are your goals?

To raise my kids to be good members of society. And to continue to hopefully do a good job here.



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

To see a football game in each SEC stadium. I'm just a huge SEC football fan – in particular Tennessee.

Teledyne marks decade of support to space station

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. announced March 8 that the company has reached a 10-year milestone in providing real-time science operations support to NASA and the International Space Station community.

"We are very proud to have a leading role in one of NASA's hallmark programs," Teledyne Brown president Rex Geveden said. "The ISS is one of the most advanced space research and experiment endeavors our country has ever undertaken."

The company has provided more than 88,000 continuous hours of operations support and on-call engineering support since the Payload Operations and

Integration Center became operational in February 2001. Located at Marshall Space Flight Center, the POIC controls the operation of U.S. research facilities and experiments onboard ISS and coordinates experiments for NASA's international partners.

Teledyne Brown has more than three decades of experience supporting NASA's orbiting laboratory efforts. The company's current support to the ISS program spans the entire payload operations and integration process, from concept development to hardware fabrication, software development, and on-orbit science operations. (Teledyne Brown release)

Soldier dismissed for rape and assault

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Aaron Delaney, an instructor at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, appeared before a general court-martial March 1-2. He was found guilty of rape by force and assault with an unloaded firearm.

A military judge sentenced Delaney, a commissioned warrant officer with 19 and a half years of active duty service, to confinement for four years and a dismissal from the Army. Dismissal is the only type of punitive discharge which may be imposed upon officers. It results in total loss of benefits and is the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge.

The convictions came as a result of the warrant officer's actions in the early morning of Sept. 10, 2009, when he entered

an apartment where the victim was asleep. When the victim was able to free herself from Delaney, she quickly dressed, jumped in her vehicle and chased Delaney until she was able to capture his license tag number. During the chase, Delaney exited his vehicle, walked back to the victim's vehicle, and pointed a gun at her head to stop her from following him.

Delaney will serve his confinement at the Joint Regional Correctional Facility located at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. This new facility supports the relocation and consolidation of DoD corrections operations from Fort Sill, Okla., Fort Knox, Ky., and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. (Office of the Staff Judge Advocate release)

Office meets customers' leisure travel needs

Convenience, personal service among advantages for clients

By **SKIP VAUGHN**

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Thinking about a vacation trip? You might want to travel first to the corner of Aerobee and Patton roads.

That's where you'll find the Leisure Travel Office in building 3711, the newly-renovated Community Activity Center. Before stopping by, call 313-0090.

Grace Bennett, senior travel consultant, is pleased with the renovation which included the addition of a waiting room for her office.

"It is an improvement and a half from what we used to have," she said. "I could not complain. I'm thrilled."

During the renovation, the office was at building 3400 on Gray Road from September 2009 until November 2010.

"I think business is picking up," Bennett said. "I think it's much better than it was at the other location since people couldn't find us. We just really want to make sure everybody's aware of what they have access to."

This includes cruise bookings, Disney packages (including hotel, dining and flights), all-inclusive Caribbean resorts for families and couples, Hawaii trips, European escorted package tours, hotel accommodations and car rentals.

Everyone who has access to Redstone Arsenal is welcome, along with their family members.

"This office is provided as a service to the Redstone Arsenal community," Bennett said. "Proceeds go directly back into FMWR (Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation) programs. There's no fee to use it. There's no fee for this service. It's completely free."

When people pay a cruise line for their trip, the cruise line in turn offers the travel agent a percentage. That money goes directly to FMWR. Bennett, an hourly employee, doesn't work on a commission.

"They don't have to worry about high-pressure sales," Bennett said of her clients.

She tries to get the best value for the customers, who number about 100 in peak months and 850 per year.

Bennett keeps track of State Department alerts and travel advisories. An added benefit for the customers is that the office is connected to the military's vast travel network. Bennett can draw advice from her counterparts throughout the joint services — the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard.

"I think that's a huge benefit because we have all that behind us, all that support," she said.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. People are asked to call first at 313-0090 to make sure someone's there; and if not, just leave a message. After this week, Bennett will be out for medical reasons until



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Travel agent Grace Bennett likes her renovated Leisure Travel Office.

April so ask for Gail Glass.

"I'd like to just get the word out to what we offer," Bennett said. "I'd love to see it grow to where we need more than one person."

Advantages of using this office for leisure travel include the convenience and personal service.

Betty Sue Walters, who formerly worked at Redstone and is the wife of a military retiree, uses the Leisure Travel Office.

"Grace has booked several cruises for us," she said, referring to herself and her

husband, retired Sgt. Maj. Wilson Walters. "She booked one for us year before last, then last year and this year. She's just very good."

"I think it's wonderful if people will take advantage of it. They have discount tickets at different places. If there's a possibility, she'll get discounts. And if the prices go down after she's booked a cruise, then she'll go in and get that price for us."

"It's a good thing if people will use it, especially since they've renovated it. It's beautiful since they've renovated it."

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:

Youth flag football

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

Challenger bingo

"Luck of the Irish Bingo Extravaganza" will be held Friday at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. "Over \$13,000 guaran-

teed prizes in our session bingo," a prepared release said. For more information, call Challenger bingo 837-0750.

Karaoke at pub

Everyone's invited for karaoke Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. until the end of April at Firehouse Pub. For information call 830-2562.

St. Patrick's party

Wear your green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day from 3-9 p.m. Thursday at Firehouse Pub. For more information, call 830-2582.

Golf products

Ping Demo Day, presented by Woody Anderson Ford, will be held Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Links practice range. Visit with the Ping fitting experts and the Ping van. For more information, call 883-7977.



Photo by Cherish Washington, AMC Public Affairs

School readers

Soldiers and civilians from the Army Materiel Command and Redstone Arsenal pose March 2 with Towana Davis, University Place Elementary School principal. They participated in the Read Across America program by visiting the school's classrooms to read Dr. Seuss books to youngsters.

Post restaurant's new manager happy to serve

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The Sparkman Cafeteria is an office away from home for Jeff Leedy.

Amidst the salad bar and aromas of the day's offerings on the hot line, Leedy, business manager of the Post Restaurant Fund, gets to work, greeting employees, analyzing the cafeteria offerings and looking for ways to improve the overall dining experience. A little more than a month into his new role on Redstone Arsenal, it's the people he serves that motivate him to provide diners with the best meal possible.

"I enjoy working with Soldiers and families and working with people," Leedy said. "It brings out the best in me. I want to make people happy and satisfied."

Having spent the past 32 years as a Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation employee in such positions as FMWR chief and business operations chief, in places like England, Italy and Germany,

Leedy, who last worked at Fort Lewis, Wash., brings an expansive expertise to his new role. Always with an eye on the customer, the Pittsburgh, Pa., native looks to enhance the cafeteria experience offered to the more than 1,500 people that visit the Sparkman Cafeteria every day, as well as to the more than 400 visitors at the other three cafeterias he manages.

"Our goal is to not have any price increases but to have better quality and heighten the dining experience," said Leedy, who remarked that post cafeteria prices have not increased in the past two years. "We want to offer a good value and quality food and sometimes that's difficult to do, to provide those services without increasing prices."

In today's economy, with vegetable and meat prices up 28 percent, that's not always the easiest thing to do. But with the help of his staff, it's a job he has thus far been able to accomplish.

"The staff that I've got here are very good at what they do and that

has been a very positive thing, to have an enthusiastic and well-trained staff," Leedy said. He succeeded Bill Bullen, who retired.

On the job since Feb. 7, Leedy has kept busy analyzing the different foods provided at the four cafeterias he manages – Sparkman, 5250, 5400 and 6263. With the help and expertise of FMWR executive chief Ben Howard, the two are taking a magnifying glass to the food served at the cafeterias, examining everything from the quality to preparation and quantity, with the aim of bettering the dining experience, and allowing the cafeterias to at least break even. Customers can expect to see minor changes in the coming months, which will include healthier eating options as well as portion control, not just in the cafeteria but in the vending machines as well. Yogurt, smoothies and protein bars will find their way into the machines in the weeks to come.

"We're trying to meet expectations while improving the quality, preparation and service," Leedy said.



Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

Jeff Leedy, business manager of the Post Restaurant Fund, takes in a quiet moment between breakfast and lunch at the Sparkman Cafeteria.

Influenza on the rise in Alabama

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has indentified Alabama as one of the 37 states that reported widespread influenza activity.

Of the 9,154 specimens tested in the U.S. for the week of Feb. 13-19, 2,866 (31.3 percent) were positive for influenza. The CDC's Flu View report showed the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza and the proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness were above what is expected for this time of year.

Currently, influenza rates are highest in those younger than 5 and age 65 and older. Forty-one pediatric deaths have been reported so far this season. The influenza viruses identified so far in those who were tested include 2009 H1N1 viruses, influenza A (H3N2) viruses and influenza B viruses. The 2010-11 flu vaccine available this year will protect against all three of these.

Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold and usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms: fever or feeling feverish, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuff nose, muscle or body aches, headache, and fatigue (tiredness). Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

It is easy to get the flu. People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or

noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth or nose. If you feel you may have the flu, it is important to see your doctor right away, follow your doctor's orders, and stay home if advised.

To avoid spread of influenza, people should wash their hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, they should use an alcohol-based hand rub to clean their hands. Linens, eating utensils, and dishes belonging to those who are sick should not be shared without washing thoroughly first. Eating utensils can be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with water and soap and do not need to be cleaned separately.

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. Fox Army Health Center still has flu vaccine available for active duty, dependents, retirees and DoD civilians – DoD civilians will only be seen in Preventive Medicine. Vaccines are available for active duty, dependents, retirees and DoD civilians ages 18 and older in the Preventive Medicine clinic Monday through Friday from 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Active duty, dependents and retirees ages 6 months and older can also receive the vaccine in the Immunization Clinic Monday through Friday from 7:30-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. More information on Influenza and the 2010-11 flu vaccine can be found by visiting the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>. You may also call the Preventive Medicine clinic at 955-8888, ext. 1026. (*Fox Army Health Center release*)

Post Exchange invites customer feedback

Customer feedback plays an instrumental role in the Post Exchange's ability to provide great service while improving the overall shopping experience. Military patrons can play a part in this process by meeting PX managers to discuss daily operations and areas of improvement.

"Meet the Manager" is a program in which store and general managers are available to discuss PX operations with shoppers. The program seeks to gather information on products, services and any problems experienced.

One of the program's goals is to reduce the time and effort spent on processes while setting reasonable expectations. In order to meet the continuing demand for the best products and services, PX managers are eager to engage in one-on-one communication with those they serve.

"By placing a greater emphasis on customer feedback, we can work with shoppers to deliver a stronger benefit for all," PX general manager Loraine Arbo

said. "We want the best for Soldiers at Redstone Arsenal, and that starts with knowing their wants and needs. The only way to do that is to proactively reach out and listen to community concerns."

All feedback and information gathered during "Meet the Manager" discussions is sent back to Exchange headquarters in Dallas and evaluated for possible future programs and execution.

A booth or area for discussion is designated at the front of all Exchange locations periodically in order for customers to easily recognize where to go to meet with various managers. Prior to the event, signs are posted in-store to alert shoppers when their next session will occur. The next event is scheduled March 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Post Exchange.

Authorized patrons can contact the PX for more information about the "Meet the Manager" program by calling 883-6100. (*Post Exchange release*)

Important to take note of notary's sworn duties

By **WENDY DIGENNARO**
Notary and receptionist

“Just notarize this for me...” is a request every notary receives routinely, but cannot always accommodate, especially if the client prematurely signed the document he would like to have notarized.

A notary is a state officer and public official, sworn to duty, under oath, to perform designated official legal acts, including: administering oaths, authenticating copies of documents and attesting to signatures.

In attesting to a signature, the notary must determine, either from personal knowledge or from proper evidence of identity, that the signature of the person appearing before him is authentic. It is imperative that the notary physically see the individual sign the document and see that individual's identification card. By observing the actual signing, the notary is able to ensure that the client has signed willingly and without duress or intimidation. By observing the act of signing and the identification card of the client, the notary is able

to confirm the authenticity of the signature.

While notaries can validate signatures on a variety of documents, notaries cannot certify public documents such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, or Social Security cards. Notaries cannot certify such public documents because notaries are not custodians of records; i.e., they do not generate such documents. However, a military notary, in contrast to a civilian notary, may notarize public documents if they thoroughly examine the documents, the documents are for military purposes (i.e., DFAS or military records use) and the documents are annotated as such.

It is important to note that a notary cannot be forced to notarize a document that he or she feels is false, coerced or illegal. For more information on notary services, refer to Army Regulation 27-55 or stop by the Legal Assistance Office located in building 111 on Goss Road.

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Walkers put their heart into fund-raiser

Terry Russell Green had personal reasons for participating March 5 in the North Alabama Start! Heart Walk.

The 5K walk, benefiting the American Heart Association, raised funds for cardiovascular disease research and education.

Green, a logistics management specialist in AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center, knows the devastating effects of heart disease. She lost two brothers within three months of each another in 2009. Green said the fund-raiser was a way to help spread awareness of this silent killer.

She walked despite the threat of inclement weather. This was a rain-or-shine event so the walk was shortened; and luckily the rain held off until the walk was complete.

Her supporters included her husband Larry Green, her son Jarrod Ross, Reffela Davidson and Jaclee Wurtz.

They helped collect more than \$2,100 in donations from friends and family. Green ranked fifth among the top 10 fund-raisers. And she said it's not too late to contribute.



Courtesy photo

Terry Russell Green, center, is surrounded by supporters at the Heart Walk fund-raiser. From left are Jaclee Wurtz, Reffela Davidson, Green, her husband Larry Green and her son Jarrod Ross.

“I did this for my brothers,” Green said. “I don’t want another family to endure the same experience that my family did in having to deal with heart disease. I know that through the programs and research provided by the American Heart Association someday we will find a cure so I have to do my part. It was just a great feeling to have participated in the worthwhile cause so I’m gearing up for next year. I want everyone to have a healthy heart.”

Helping Hands

Girls Scouts deploy cookies to troops overseas

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For the past year, the thank you note has remained in the same spot, pinned to a bulletin board for all to see. But for the military children that make up Girl Scout Troop 465, it is a message they already carry in their hearts.

“It made a big impression on the girls,” said Laurie Taylor, co-leader of the troop, of the thank you note from the 1st Marine Division, Network Operations Center, serving in Afghanistan, which received 24 boxes from the troop as part of last year’s Cookies for Troops program. “They actually got to see a letter come back thanking them and were able to say, ‘Wow. They do receive these and they enjoy it and

appreciate it.’”

Since 2008, the Girls Scouts of North-Central Alabama have participated in the Cookies for Troops program, an opportunity for Girl Scout cookie lovers everywhere to send Thin Mints and other favorites to those in the armed forces serving overseas in addition to making their usual cookie order.

The effort is part of the Gifts for Caring program, “a national initiative to give back with our cookie sale program,” said Hillary Perry, director of communications and advocacy for the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama. With more than 8,000 girls selling cookies in the council’s 36-county area, the goal for

the program is to send 10,000 boxes overseas.

“They’re doing something for us, we want to do something for them,” said Macenzie Wall, 11. “It’s the least we can do.”

To the 15 girls that make up the troop, all of them military children with the exception of one, it’s a no-brainer to send the food item that made them famous to the deployed men and women that are some of their biggest customers when they’re stateside. The homemade thank you cards the girls send with the cookies only make the appreciation that much sweeter.

“They’re yummy!” exclaimed Sofia Garzia-Orozco.

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Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

Gabriela Garcia-Orozco, 9, and her sister Sofia, 11, make thank you notes to send with the Girl Scout cookie donations that will be sent from their troop, 465, to Soldiers serving overseas.



Valor Flight fund-raiser goes to the movies

Campaign under way for Korean War vets

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Inside theater 6, it was the tears quietly shed among those in attendance that bore testament to the heroic and valiant efforts of those on screen.

Area supporters of Valor Flight gathered Thursday at Monaco Pictures at Bridge Street to raise funds for the non-profit organization. A minimum \$25 donation was suggested in exchange for an evening of patriotism and education, which included appearances by the Patriot Guard and veteran re-enactors, as well as the opportunity to view an award-winning documentary about the Korean War.

“We are dedicated to flying our Korean War veterans who live in the Tennessee Valley, at no cost to them, to visit their memorial and others in Washington, D.C. for a day of remembrance and gratitude for their service to our nation and fight for freedom,”

Steve Celuch, president of Valor Flight Inc., said.

Attendees of the evening fund-raising event viewed “CHOSIN,” an award-winning documentary about the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, one of the most savage battles in American history. Through firsthand accounts, the film described what it was like for the 15,000 Marines that found themselves surrounded by more than 120,000 Chinese Communist soldiers in November 1950. Outnumbered in sub-zero temperatures, survivors told tales of using dead bodies to shield their foxholes, the attacks that lit up the night sky with the colors of Christmas and the way the ground shook as thousands upon thousands of Chinese charged into battle.

The evening provided Celuch and other Valor Flight organizers with the opportunity to not just introduce their cause to the community, but to immerse attendees in the stories and historical legacy of the Korean War and the young men that lived to tell about it.

“This film is a tribute to those men of Chosin and the importance of honoring

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Photo by Ellen Hudson

David Dunlap of Somerville portrays a Korean War Soldier from the 1st Cavalry during a ceremony at Thursday night's showing of the movie "CHOSIN" at Monaco Pictures. He was among several re-enactors from the 19th Alabama Regiment who participated in the ceremony.

Health center prescribes awareness of patient safety

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Fox Army Health Center celebrated Patient Safety Awareness Week March 6-12, a time to raise awareness about the importance of patient safety, what is being done to improve it, and what patients can do to keep themselves safe.

“Fox Army Health Center is concerned about your safety,” said Truelove Sandifer, patient safety/risk manager at Fox. “We’re doing everything we can to make sure things are safe for our patients.”

Each year healthcare organizations across the country take the time out to encourage improved patient care and better patient-provider communication, according to the National Safety Patient Foundation. A large focus of this year’s awareness week at Fox, as well as one of the issues addressed across the country, is medication reconciliation, the process of making sure that all healthcare providers are aware of the medications a patient may be taking to avoid inconsistencies or duplications.

“Sometimes a patient will see two or three different doctors, and if they don’t talk to each other, sometimes a patient may be on two of the same medication, one may have a generic name, the other a brand name, same medication with a different name,” Sandifer said.

Nearly 20 percent of individuals discharged from the hospital were re-admitted within 30 days, 34 percent within 90 days, and 54 percent within a year, according to a New England Journal of Medicine



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. William Hickman and Sgt. Jerome Cone, both of Fox Army Health Center, learn about Patient Medication cards from Truelove Sandifer, patient safety/risk manager at Fox, during Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 6-12.

study, largely due to medication error. All patients at Fox are asked to carry a medication card that lists the name of all the medications they are currently taking, as well as the dosage and reason for taking it. About the size of a driver’s license, the card is able to fit easily into a wallet, allowing patients to take a proactive stance in ensuring their own safety.

Other patient safety initiatives in recent years include improving the accuracy of patient identification – all Fox patients are

required to give their full name and date of birth to eliminate errors associated with patient misidentification – as well as the use of universal protocol for preventing wrong site, wrong procedure, wrong patient surgery. While there are limited procedures done at Fox, for each procedure done, proper protocol is followed – a pre-procedure verification process is conducted in which the patient verifies who they are, what they are having done and where, the procedure site is marked, and before the

procedure begins, the information is verified again in what is called a “timeout.”

“Patient safety is everyone’s responsibility to include the patient,” Col. Elizabeth Johnson, commander for Fox, said. “A ‘culture’ of patient safety is developing and that is a good thing. We want to educate the public on National Patient Safety Goals so individuals can have the knowledge and awareness of patient safety issues in order to be their own best advocate. If something doesn’t appear to be quite right, or there is a question, people need to have the courage to speak up. For example, I know it may be a hassle to be asked by several medical/nursing staff what procedure a person is having done, but it is all a part of a very consistent patient safety check to make sure we are performing the correct procedure for the correct patient and the patient understands. If during the course of the procedure verification process something doesn’t match up, it’s time to pause and make sure a mistake isn’t about to happen.”

In her role at Fox, Sandifer monitors 100 percent of procedures done to ensure universal protocol for preventing wrong site, wrong procedure, wrong patient surgery is followed and also audits patient medical records to ensure medications are reconciled across the continuum of care. While last week was designated as Patient Safety Week, for the woman who works day in and day out for patient safety, it is an awareness that continues year-round.

“Patient safety impacts us every day, every hour of the day,” Sandifer said. “Our patients are our most important thing. We’re always looking to find better ways and safe ways to take care of our patients.”



Photos by Ellen Hudson

New Orleans strut

No one is too young to celebrate Mardi Gras! So say the children and teachers at the Child Development Center as they braved cool temperatures March 8 to put on their own Mardi Gras parade around the CDC campus. At top, Melissa Evans leads the parade for her classmates while, at right, Demzel Campbell poses for a quick picture before joining the parade fun.



Photo by Jason Cutshaw

Warrior run

Lt. Gen. Richard Formica, commander of Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, speaks with medically retired Staff Sgt. James West after the Wounded Warrior 5K Run. Grissom High’s JROTC, in conjunction with the Wounded Warrior Project, sponsored the second annual event Feb. 26 at McGucken Park.

Things to do for Army Emergency Relief



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AER campaign chairman Capt. Blair Tighe and coordinator Staff Sgt. Nicholas Race hold the autographed footballs that will be auctioned for Army Emergency Relief. Each football has a team's logo – for Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Auburn – and is signed by its coach. The online auction is scheduled April 26 to May 12, according to KC Bertling, the AER chairperson for Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. For more information, call her at 955-4082.

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is under way through May 31 with hopes of exceeding last year's \$265,000 in contributions.

Some of the AER fund-raisers include the following:

March 22 – Chili cookoff contest, sponsored by SMDC/ARSTRAT, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5220. For information, call KC Bertling 955-4082.

March 23 – The AMCOM Integrated Materiel Management Center will hold a "Fun Walk" at 2:30 p.m. in front of building 5302; for information call Niecey Dorsey 876-1735. A barbecue is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the building.

April 12 – A "Chicken and Biscuit Sale" begins at 7 a.m. in the corridor of

building 5300 and 5301.

April 16 – A golf tournament, sponsored by IMMC's Maintenance Directorate, will be held at FoxRun Golf Course in Meridianville. For more information, call Celeste Billings 313-2041 or 278-9617 or call Ralph Miller 652-2829 or 876-5806.

April 18-29 – The AMCOM G-3/Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in building 5300, on the first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304.

May 6 – The IMMC Golf Tournament will be held at the Links.

For Army Emergency Relief information, call Kathleen Riester of Army Community Service at 876-5397 or campaign chairman Capt. Blair Tighe at 955-0594.

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"Who doesn't like Girl Scout cookies?" echoed her mom Angeles. "It's the childhood memory – the connection. Mom always bought them or they had a sister who sold them."

Because many of the girls have experienced a parent deployed, Taylor said the girls are truly able to "understand and appreciate" the good deed

they are doing. Stephen Grace, retired Navy, has gone from the receiving end of the cookies, to the giving end, as a dad with daughters in the troop.

"I remember how it made me feel," Grace said. "It made me appreciate what I had to do to get back to them."

Through their participation in the Cookies for Troops program, he's seen his girls changed for the better as they do something for someone else.

"They're doing something positive and doing something good and it shows," Grace said.

Defense industry partners updated on design plan



Photo by Jason Cutshaw

Debra Wymer, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Test and Warfighter Solutions Center director and acting director of the Technology Center, speaks to members of the defense industry who came together to learn about the new Design, Development, Demonstration and Integration, or D3I, program Feb. 23 at the Jackson Center in Research Park West.

SMDC/ARSTRAT conducts meeting

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Members of the defense industry came together to learn about the new Design, Development, Demonstration and Integration, or D3I, program Feb. 23 at the Jackson Center in Research Park West.

Defense industry professionals learned about the new D3I program and how it will be utilized to conduct research for the development and procurement of hardware components and software solutions for space, high altitude, missile defense, information integration and data exploitation, as well as enhanced war fighter capabilities.

“This will allow us to do an integration of technologies and prototyping,” said Debra Wymer, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Test and Warfighter Solutions Center director and acting director of the Technology Center.

“We currently don’t have a contract vehicle that has a broad scope, and we usually have

to go through a competition for every development we need to do,” she added. “This will allow us to be able to more rapidly respond to customer requests for prototypes and capabilities and speed.”

The program includes providing anticipated solutions to include design, development, demonstration and integration of future capabilities. These efforts follow an evolutionary development of systems focused on a “Concept to Combat” philosophy which begins from design phase and ends when the system is in the hands of the war fighter.

The D3I program will be used to implement programs including, but not limited to, Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations, Advanced Technology Demonstrations and the Missile Defense Central Test and Evaluation Investment Program.

D3I will not only support SMDC/ARSTRAT and Redstone Arsenal, but all branches of the military, NASA, Department of Energy, allies and other government agencies in mission requirements related to space, high altitude, missile defense, ground systems, information integration and data exploitation, and enhanced war fighter capabilities.

Taking steps toward spending wisely to save wisely

Workshops begin on financial path

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The pathway to financial success is paved with each decision made to spend money.

Whether it be something as everyday as buying laundry detergent or grabbing a morning latte, or something larger like an automobile or home, each purchase relates to the basic principle of spending money wisely, according to Daniel Lord, education and public affairs manager for the Alabama Securities Commission. Lord explored matters of financial fitness in the first of six financial seminars Thursday that will be held around the Arsenal on the same topic, “Pathways to Financial Readiness: Spending Your Money Wisely,” for Financial Matters 2011, sponsored by Army Community Service’s Financial Readiness program.

“You have something to lose,” Lord said. “I want to help you hold onto your money.”

With the average credit card debt for the American consumer hovering around \$16,000, holding onto one’s money has never been so important. At an average credit card rate of 21 percent, it can take up to 80 years and \$100,000 in

interest to pay that debt off, a hole, Lord said, that needs to be filled.

“If you don’t get out of it, you’ll never have a pathway to financial success,” Lord said. “It takes discipline.”

In the hour-long session Lord covered ways to spend your way to wealth, as well as debt management, asset protection and fraud prevention, and saving and investing. Simple lifestyle changes to help increase your wealth include reducing the amount of times you eat out, scaling back on vacation plans and doing proper research on purchases. Citing examples from his own life, Lord creates his own window cleaner and wrinkle release spray, and even prefers his homemade latte concoctions to what he could spend \$4 on at a coffee shop. The key, he said, is to take some control over how you spend your income.

“Look at your spending habits,” Lord said. “Read about money. Go see a financial counselor. Change your lifestyle. Take baby steps. Today’s the day to start.”

“Pathways to Financial Readiness: Spending Your Money Wisely” workshops will be held at SMDC/ARSTRAT, PEO Aviation, PEO Missiles and Space, AMRDEC and MDA between now and August, with an Arsenal-wide culminating event in August. For more information about the Financial Readiness program or the workshop, call Kathleen Riester at 876-5397.



Photo by Amy Guckeen Tolson

Daniel Lord, education and public affairs manager for the Alabama Securities Commission, speaks on “Pathways to Financial Readiness: Spending Your Money Wisely” at Bob Jones Auditorium.

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could no longer think of him as being on another deployment.

"It was a complete shock," she said. "The civilian community here doesn't understand like a military community does. The schools are a lot different. For the first six months, I kept asking myself 'What did I do?' and 'Should I regroup and go back to Fort Lewis?' I'm glad I chose to stick it out because now I'm going forward."

While here, Henderson became a founding member of a widow support group at Redstone known as My Soldier, My Fallen Hero with two friends - McFall and Soldier widow Tiffany Little. She has watched the support group become the seed for the much larger Survivor Outreach Services sponsored by Army Community Service. She continues with the My Soldier, My Fallen Hero support group, and has participated in community efforts to bring awareness to the sacrifice of the nation's fallen heroes and the families they've left behind.

"Our group started with three and now we've gone to eight or nine," Henderson said. "We've grown and we're not just war widows anymore. We are all military spouses, but some of the husbands have died in accidents or from sickness.

"We started the group almost four years ago. When I was in a group like this at Fort Lewis, I looked up to the widows who had made it to the three- or four-year mark. I want this group to look at me and know they are not always going to be where they are. There is hope beyond that day when their Soldier dies."

Even with hope, there are days when Henderson has struggled with her own issues related to her husband's death. Her daughter, too, has had to come to terms with being a young survivor.

"Kayley had to start over when we came here," Henderson said. "It was hard and it stayed hard because she was known in elementary school as the kid whose dad died in war.

"This year, in middle school, she is in a much larger school and she has blended in with kids who don't know what's happened. She has really blossomed. Kayley says 'I'm normal this year. I'm not the kid whose dad died.'"

Even so, challenges are leading to a new shift in the pair's lives. Henderson and Kayley, now a sixth-grader, have decided to move on. They will be leaving the Redstone community to

move closer to family in North Carolina so they can enjoy the support and love of numerous relatives. This past Christmas was the first holiday they spent with family in North Carolina since Kayley was 6.

"I'm at a point where I want to be around my family right now," Henderson said. "Kayley is very excited. She has 10 cousins there ranging in age from 20 to 2. And she's got friends from the summers she has spent there with my parents.

"This has been a good place for us. I like it here. But I'm at the point where I kind of feel stuck here and I'm ready to take a step forward. If I stay here, I will stay stuck."

The timing is also right for Henderson as she gets closer to obtaining her degree in health and wellness management from Athens State University.

"I'm at a point where I've got about 10 classes left," Henderson said. "But, at Athens State, most of those classes are being offered at night. My daughter plays sports. I need family assistance or day classes, or I will have to sacrifice my daughter's sports while I'm going to school."

While swimming has been Kayley's summer sport and a way to make friends in North Carolina, she stays busy with volleyball and soccer during the school year.

"I've seen the way Kayley looks at grandparents and other family members of her friends when she is at soccer games. She watches other grandparents with their grandkids, and I can tell from her eyes that she wishes she had that, too. When we move, she will have that kind of support at her games, she will have family there besides me who will be cheering her on. I want Kayley's grandparents to be involved in her life," Henderson said.

And North Carolina will offer Henderson the opportunity to finish her degree at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. She is also considering going further to obtain a paralegal degree so that she can work on elder care laws as they pertain to the elderly living in nursing homes.

Henderson decided to pursue a career in health and wellness management about a year and a half ago.

"We had gotten the (My Soldier, My Fallen Hero) group established, and Kayley was established in school, and I needed another purpose in my life. I thought 'I've got the VA benefits so why not use them.' I know that Kayley will grow up and eventually leave, and then what would be in my life? I needed a purpose so that I could have my own life," Henderson said.

Another draw to North Carolina is a new relationship with a friend of two years. Henderson is now dating a sheriff's deputy who works in the county where her family lives.

"He is very supportive," Henderson said. "There are things he doesn't understand and that he will never understand. But he tries very hard.

"He's not the first I've dated. But things are more serious with him. I've really struggled with where this relationship may go. I've been trying to find the right balance. I realize he's not Chris. But he's a good guy and he makes me happy."

Whatever may happen in the relationship, Henderson knows her Soldier husband would want her to rebuild her life.

"Chris told me before he deployed 'If anything happens to me, don't pine over me forever. Move on,'" she said.

The relationship has also been good for Kayley, who enjoys her mom's boyfriend and his silly antics as well as her friendship with his 10-year-old daughter.

"Kayley is getting more comfortable with what has happened," Henderson said. "Before, when Chris' birthday came around, I would ask her what she wanted to do to remember. She would always say she didn't want to do anything. So, I would make some cupcakes and that's how we would remember.

"But, this year, when I asked her, she said 'Let's make a cake.' So, we made Chris a cake to remember his birthday."

The pair are also still close to Kayley's dad's family, and visit them in Oregon once a year. Henderson talks regularly to her Soldier's twin sister. Kayley may go to college in Oregon, where the children of fallen Soldiers native to the state can attend state universities at no charge.

But, as they move on, Henderson realizes they will be leaving a little of their lives behind. Kayley will have to say goodbye to good friends, and leaving the support of the Redstone community and the support group adds a sense of loss to the excitement of moving on. Their new home will be about two hours from Fort Bragg and Henderson plans to travel there once a month to participate in their SOS activities.

"The Army has come a very long way in the services it provides from when Chris died until now," she said. "This post has become really active in trying to help ...

"The support group here has helped me tremendously every day and I am going to miss it so much. It has helped me more than any kind of counseling could have because it

has connected me with others who get it. Talking and sharing with other survivors makes you feel normal and makes you feel like you are not alone."

That is also why Henderson feels she must remain connected to an SOS program, and she is thankful the Army has made this a standard at its installations so that she can continue to benefit from participating in survivor groups no matter where they move. She and Kayley are also active in Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, a national organization that held a weekend survivor's workshop at Redstone in February and that invites survivors to regional programs throughout the nation. The Hendersons have also participated in a TAPS event at Fort Lewis and four annual national TAPS events held in Washington, D.C. each Memorial Day weekend.

"TAPS has helped us a lot," Henderson said. "I know people throughout the country that I can pick up the phone and call. These are people who walk in the same shoes I walk in.

"Kayley has a mentor (at the TAPS national event), who is in the Air Force, who is basically a big brother for her. He's been there every year and has become a big part of her life. They cut up and they hang out and they journal about Chris. They visit Arlington Cemetery together. It's really good for her to be around him and other kids who are in the same situation, and who share some of the same emotions and questions she has."

TAPS workshops provide several informative and lifestyle classes for the adults who attend. During the event last Memorial Day, Henderson was introduced to running.

"I ran during the summer and fall, and I ran a 10K last October," she said. "I started running to see how much healing it provides. I just ran the other day for the first time since winter. There is such a peace with it."

Henderson has participated in a TAPS fund-raiser run, running in honor of her husband, and hopes to participate in a TAPS run in August in Alaska.

No matter how far forward their lives go, Henderson and Kayley will always include their Soldier in their lives. The love the family once shared with their Soldier continues with them.

"We won't be taking his pictures down in the house. But we will be adding more," Henderson said.

"There are days when I still feel cold and take two steps back. But then I take five or six steps forward. That's the way life is."

SOS reaches out to survivor families

Support groups, special activities designed to aid with healing

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Change is a constant for Redstone's Survivor Outreach Services program.

This time last year, the program was just getting organized with the hiring of a coordinator – Soldier widow Emily McFall – and the beginning of plans for its own facility.

Now, Survivor Outreach Services is fully housed in part of the Army Community Service building 3338 on Redeye Road. As the program's sponsor, ACS has assisted McFall with the development of both the SOS facility and program.

"We are changing and evolving," McFall said. "We are growing in our services. And, with the TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) program recently here, more survivors are learning about the services we can provide

them here."

Currently, the SOS facility is home to the weekly spouse support group known as My Soldier, My Fallen Hero. It is offered from 9:45 to 11 a.m. each Monday, and is open to widows whose Soldier has died either in war, by an accident or by natural causes.

McFall hopes to add additional support groups to the weekly calendar. She is surveying the 180 family members on her SOS contact list to determine which types of support groups are needed and which types of regular activities, such as scrapbooking or children's play dates, would be of interest to the group.



She is also planning another year of special events for survivor families. Last fall, SOS hosted a picnic for the families, and a few social activities at its new facility. In January, those families were also invited to participate in the official opening of the SOS facility.

"We want to provide programs that reach out to survivor families," McFall said. "Survivors all grieve in their own ways. Some want to get involved. Others want to wait until some of their grief subsides. Most of the families we work with are still trying to live through the shock of their loss. They

are glad that we are here. But, until they have processed through some of their grief and want our support, we have to wait for them."

SOS is notified of new survivor families through Redstone's Casualty Assistance Center. After receiving the notification, McFall will contact the families and inform them of the services SOS can provide.

Besides facilitating support groups, SOS also provides information about other local and national support services, maintains personal contact with survivor families, offers on-site financial counseling, acts as a voice for survivor family concerns and as a liaison between the survivor family and their Soldier's unit, partners with local organizations to provide programs and resources, and helps to train Family Readiness Groups, care teams, casualty assistance officers and Redstone senior leadership about SOS and bereavement issues.

For more information about SOS and its services, call 842-8375. The SOS facility is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Army undersecretary addresses budget cuts, balance

By J.D. LEIPOLD
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WASHINGTON – Becoming more efficient and innovative will be key to the Army's future as the service gradually downsizes end-strength between 2013 and 2015, its chief management officer said Feb. 24.

Speaking at the Association of the U.S. Army's Institute of Land Warfare Winter Symposium and Exhibition in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., undersecretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal posed rhetorical questions and possible solutions to the looming challenges of budget cuts, troop balance and the reserve component.

Making comparisons to the Army he knew during the Clinton administration, Westphal said the Army operated on a tiered readiness model, a base budget of about \$76 billion and that there was no ongoing war. Today, the Army operates on a cyclical readiness model and the base budget is nearly double at \$145 billion with another \$71 billion in contingency funding.

"This model – cyclical readiness model – also has forced us to rely more and more on the Reserve Component. I remember being in an Army that didn't want to do that, or didn't think that was as critical as it is today," he said. "I can tell you the leadership of this Army believes strongly that the operationalizing of the Reserve Component is critical to the future and critical to sustaining our model."

Westphal went on to say there would be more than a few issues with funding an operational Reserve and Guard as well as with the sustainment of that model in times of severe stress so "we're really going to have to think critically and analytically about how to do this."

He said during the past 10 years of war, the Army has mobilized from the Army Reserve and National Guard

about 600,000 Soldiers. About 70,000 are mobilized today, and he added that the Army couldn't afford to go back to a tiered readiness model. It needs participation by the reserve component, he said, particularly since they bring so many skills to the table.

Since 2001, war fighting costs in Iraq and Afghanistan have exceeded more than \$1 trillion and today, that charge comes to \$12.5 billion monthly. The interest paid on the national debt alone at \$400 billion is almost twice the budget of the Army, so you can imagine the tremendous impact that is having on the economic growth and development, he said.

The undersecretary added that it was fortunate and visionary that Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates saw a challenge to the force structure in the department so he embarked on an efficiencies initiative.

"The reality was if we hadn't done what he asked us to do and we hadn't done it as quickly and as effectively as we did, we would be facing significant problems trying to find ways to address these budget reductions that we're seeing today," he said.

"Each of the services cut about \$30 billion in moving basically redundancies and inefficiencies from tail to tooth," Westphal added. "In doing that, the Army was able to identify ways in which we could do this without really affecting the goals of reaching a one-to-two, one-to-three BOG ('boots on the ground' deployed)/dwell (stateside) ratio without affecting the participation of the reserve component and continuing to implement an ARFORGEN (Army Force Generation) model that we are now trying to both analytically and critically continue to improve and adapt."

Initially the president's deficit commission had identified "very, very big and very significant cuts to the Army



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Undersecretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal addresses members of the Association of the U.S. Army at their annual Winter Symposium and exhibition in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Army's chief management officer said the Army would have to become more efficient and innovative as the service downsizes end-strength.

and to the Department of Defense, and to our end strength, but the secretary's efficiency initiative was able to address some of the recommendations of the White House and stave off significant budget cuts that would have moved the Army back to fiscal year '08 levels," he said.

"So the strategic choices that we have before us today are I think very simple – how big does the Army need to be?" he asked the crowd. "How big an Army can we afford as a nation? I guess you could answer that question two ways – you have an Army as large as you need to have and affordability shouldn't necessarily be an issue.

"The secretary of defense and the president have indicated that our temporary end-strength increase of 22,000 Soldiers to address Stop-Loss and the large number of non-deployables that we've had will need to start coming down now into '13 and '14," he said.

Westphal noted another 27,000 Soldiers would be cut in 2014 and 2015.

On the other hand, according to Westphal, Congress and the general public want to support Soldiers, their missions and families, but they question whether DoD is as efficient as it could be.

"I think that kind of question is going to be more and more out there and we're going to have to do more and more to show efficiencies while doing away with inefficiencies," he said. "To answer these questions, I think the Army has to be able to make better decisions, decisions that are output-based, output-focused, performance-based and resource-informed. This is business transformation vocabulary."

The undersecretary also said the Army would need to create more integration among the different elements in the force and would have to align better with the other services as well as DoD.

Contracting professional selected for national panel

By SARAH PRESTON

For the Rocket

Senior Service College Fellow student Charles Farrior has received the honor of presenting his research paper at the Naval Postgraduate School eighth annual Acquisition Research Symposium May 11-12 in Monterey, Calif.

This year's symposium is titled "Acquisition Research: Creating Synergy for Informed Change."

This symposium serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas among scholars and practitioners of public sector acquisition. It features papers and presentations on recently completed and ongoing projects conducted by researchers from universities and institutions from around the world. It includes projects under the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy's Acquisition Research Program, as well as remarks by a distinguished slate of guest speakers and panelists.

Farrior is the first Fellow to be accepted for presentation. His research paper, "How Can Civilian Retention in the Army Contracting Command Contracting Professional Community

be Affected?" is based on challenges he deals with on a daily basis as director of business management for Army Contracting Command. In fall 2010, the Naval Postgraduate School sent out a call for research papers. Farrior responded to that call and submitted his research paper synopsis in October.

He has approximately 28 years of professional experience in acquisition, including contracting and program management, in support of Department of Defense programs.

"As such, in the role of the director, it was my biggest challenge to execute a plan to recruit and hire due to various constraints," Farrior said of his choice of topic. "This phenomenon occurs at other contracting organizations within the Army Contracting Command as well. Therefore, there is widespread application for the topic. Having worked within both the Department of Army and Department of Navy for my professional assignments, I have seen the impact and necessity of having a qualified work force at each locale. That added even more interest for me in the subject,"

Dr. Carol Lowman, deputy director of the Army Contracting Command, and

executive director Jeff Parsons sponsored Farrior to enroll in the SSCF program at Defense Acquisition University and continue his research on this topic. He presented his finding at DAU South on Jan. 27 to Lowman.

Farrior will make his presentation

May 12. The symposium is divided into 25 panels concerning various areas of interest in acquisition. Farrior is among four nationally chosen speakers to present during the 17th panel discussing "The People Problem: Research in Acquisition Human Capital."



Courtesy photo

Resource managers

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers sponsored its annual Mini-Professional Development Institute Training session March 3 at the Jackson Center. The speakers – Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, Col. Barbara Gilchrist, Suzie Humphreys and Mark Easton – pose with some of the ASMC Training/Education Committee members. From left are Theresa McBride, Chris Harper, Dr. Beth Hodges, Gilchrist, Rogers, Humphreys, Amanda Bertus, ASMC president Deb Chambers, Debbie O'Neal, Easton and Dee Kowallik.

History comes alive with veteran stories

Military heroes share accounts with visitors to Athens museum

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ATHENS – Walking into the Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives in Athens is like taking a stroll into military history.

And that's the way the museum's tour guides – all veterans themselves – like it.

Visitors to the museum, housed in this town's historic L&N Depot building just beyond the downtown square on Pryor Street, are greeted by veterans who volunteer their time to share the museum and their own personal war stories. Throughout the 4,000-square-foot facility, display cases feature medals, guns, pictures, documents, uniforms and personal items that tell the story of the area's military.

"Most of the items here were given to us by people who wanted others to see them," museum director Sandy Thomp-

son said. "They want history to live on. But no one can see it in grandma's closet."

Thompson, herself an Air Force veteran, is one of a paid staff of three who operate and manage the museum, which has about 3,600 visitors annually. They are backed by a 35-member board of directors that has given countless hours to establishing, growing and maintaining the museum and its artifacts.

"We've got some good people on the board. But you've got to realize our volunteers are getting older. We've lost a lot of good people," museum volunteer and Korean War veteran Jim Patteson said. "So many of the people have worked an awful lot on this museum. They've gotten older and feebler. Now, we'll leave it for the younger ones."

But, for these veterans, age cannot take away their desire to teach the lessons of war to the younger generations.

"Museums like this are important because they are not teaching history in school anymore," Patteson said. "There are a tremendous amount of good stories here. We have very few World War II veterans left, but we have their stories all here. Now, we are beginning to lose the Korean War veterans. Their stories are here, too."

That, in Thompson's estimation, is what makes a veterans museum successful – bringing history alive through personal accounts.

"Our museum is more on a personal level. We tell the stories of the veterans," Thompson said. "It's more about telling the stories than about the actual articles that we have here."

"This is about educating our future generations and telling them about the sacrifices of the generations before them. Even children who are a little young for the museum can come in and see a few things. Then, hopefully, as they grow up they will become more interested in the things we have here."

The museum has been so successful in its mission of sharing the area's military-connected history that it was recognized as the 2009 Attraction of the Year (attendance under 15,000) by the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association.

The dream of creating a vet-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Jim Patteson, a Korean War veteran, is among many volunteers who share their stories with visitors to the Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives in Athens. He stands in front of a father-daughter display that greets visitors to the museum.

erans museum in Athens began in 1995, on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. At the time, the Limestone County Veterans Service officer Kenneth David, now deceased, collected artifacts for an exhibit to commemorate the anniversary. After the exhibit closed, David was left with a lot of artifacts that were never reclaimed by their owners.

"Some veterans got together to have a show of their own artifacts and things went from there," Patteson said.

"By 1997, we had formed a joint committee and drafted a mission statement for the museum. In 1998, we had 14 items donated for a museum display and the Limestone County commissioners bought this old freight depot for our museum."

That purchase was made for \$130,666, appearing to be quite a deal in the making. But the museum's volunteers quickly realized the old building would need a lot of work before it could open as a museum. An architect estimated it would take more than \$1 million to make the building usable.

But in those days – with a "can do" spirit that prevailed even on the dimmest hope – a retired master sergeant named Bob McAbee convinced the board and its president Wendall Powers that "elbow grease" rather than "cold cash" could bring the museum to life far cheaper and much sooner than estimated.

"The museum started operating out of a 20-by-40-foot room with three old display cases in 1999. We only had 800 square feet for the museum, a library and an office," Patteson said.

But that was enough to get it started.

The community got behind the museum. Companies such as the local Steelcase factory and individuals made donations. Fund-raisers – such as a Storytelling Festival and a Cotton Picking Contest – brought in money needed to spur on building renovations and the purchase of museum display cases.

Meanwhile local veterans continued donating artifacts, with one of the most interesting pieces acquired early on being a reproduction Maytear washer from the 1343rd National Guard Combat Engineer Battalion on the occasion of their reunion. The replica Model 1951 washer is made with oil drums for the wash and rinse cycles, and was used by Soldiers during the Korean War. In 2001, the foundation of the museum – 291 items from 17 veteran families – began shaping the museum into reality.

And on Nov. 10, 2002, the museum was officially dedicated.

Today, the museum features the 1,600-square-foot Bob McAbee Exhibit Hall, another 1,600-square-foot meeting room called the Wendell Powers Auditorium,

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Clint Vining of Athens shows his children, 3-year-old Oakley and 2-year-old Ivy, some of the artifacts in the Civil War display at the Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives. The children were also accompanied by their grandfather, Vietnam era veteran Don York.

Flowerly display

The blooms of spring can be found all across the Arsenal during March. Bright yellow daffodils, the lacy look of Bradford Pear blossoms and the delicate pink blooms of tulip trees remind us all that warmer days are on the way. These are springtime images along Goss Road.

Photos by Ellen Hudson



Gray Eagle launches unmanned testing

First of three systems set for September test

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Just the other day, the Gray Eagle was flying 8,000 feet above Hazel Green.

Well, not actually.

The flight was simulated.

Cables and computers connected to a 28-foot-long Gray Eagle stationed in a high-bay area of the Software Engineering Directorate collected data as the unmanned aircraft flew a simulated flight across North Alabama. Engineers tracked its progress on ground control stations, much like what Soldiers would actually do if they were operating the unmanned aircraft in theater.

Employees working for SED and the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office are setting up a simulation lab that will test the capabilities of three unmanned aircraft – the Gray Eagle, Hunter and Shadow – that will be the star players in a real-life simulation of unmanned and manned aircraft at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, on Sept. 16. The real-life test, which will team these unmanned systems along with the Puma and Raven unmanned aircraft in working scenarios with Kiowa and Apache helicopters, is known as the MUSIC exercise, or Manned/Unmanned System Integration Capability exercise.

“We are working to manage all the interoperability between manned and unmanned systems,” said Lt. Col. Jennifer Jensen, product manager for Common Systems Integration, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office.

“This will be the first time we’re showing this interoperability in real-life. Some have worked together during deployments. Some have not. This will be the first time we are getting all these systems together in one location.”

MUSIC will be outlined to participants in the annual Pathfinder Symposium for the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, which is set for today and Thursday at the Von Braun Center.

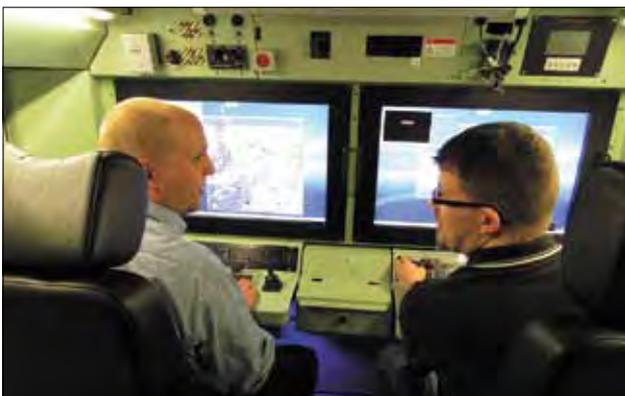


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Justin Winks, left, and Matt Weber check out the controls of the universal ground control station that will be able to simultaneously operate the Gray Eagle, Hunter and Shadow unmanned aircraft systems. The station is one element of the Joint Service Integration Lab now being set up at the Software Engineering Directorate to demonstrate the interoperability of unmanned aircraft systems.

In the early days of unmanned aircraft, industry designed and developed the unmanned aircraft systems that the Army then acquired and fielded. Though the effort put some of the best capabilities in the field to provide Soldiers with improved situational awareness, they were designed with different platforms that are not interoperable.

“The Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Department of Defense created standards to make the systems interoperable,” Jensen said. “But each company interpreted those standards in a different way and their systems became proprietary.

“Five years ago, we got together with industry partners to talk about how we can implement Army standards for interoperability. We created interoperability profiles, and addressed how information would flow and how the systems would interface.”

The effort led to the development of common formats, networks, and command and control so that different unmanned aircraft could be operated from a single ground station, said Ed Gozdur, deputy project manager for Common Systems Integration.

“The culmination of our work is to develop these profiles that make the systems interoperable and then testing the systems in interoperable situations,” Jensen said. “What we are doing is making these systems more efficient, effective and useful.”

But before that reality test can take place at Dugway, several simulated tests will be done to reduce the risks of real-life test scenarios and to ensure that testing goals are achievable when the unmanned and manned aircraft share the same airspace. And that’s where SED’s Joint Service Integration Lab comes into play.

“Hardware-in-the-loop test is important to proving interoperability and to reducing risk in the actual test,” said Michelle Vigo, deputy for planning and execution of MUSIC.

“The tests we are doing in the JSIL and then at Dugway will show for the first time that one universal ground control station can control three different airplanes (Gray Eagle, Hunter and Shadow). Now, we are using proprietary ground stations to control each aircraft. The universal ground control station is a huge transition from the proprietary ground control station.”

Besides interoperability, MUSIC will also test the One System Remote Video Terminal that will allow operators to actually control the unmanned aircraft’s camera so that it can command the aircraft’s direction. The terminal will also allow operators to receive video from the smaller Raven and Puma unmanned aircraft.

“This will give Soldiers full control of the systems,” Jensen said.

MUSIC will also demonstrate Manned-to-Unmanned Teaming, which allows the manned aircraft to access the view of unmanned aircraft while flying together in the airspace.

“This allows the Apache pilot to control the unmanned aircraft and its camera,” Jensen said. “It extends the eyes of the helicopter pilot. Before, the pilot



Photo by Kari Hawkins

A Gray Eagle, rebuilt from the remains of two aircraft crashed in Afghanistan, provides data on a simulated flight over North Alabama during a test at the Joint Service Integration Lab. In the background, engineers Justin Winks, left, and Jared Maples review data on a computer screen. The JSIL is being built at the Software Engineering Directorate to support simulation testing related to the Manned/Unmanned System Integration Capability exercise in September.

could only see with his eyes. Now, he can also see with the eyes of the unmanned aircraft.”

And fourthly, MUSIC will demonstrate the use of Mini-Universal Ground Control Stations to control the smaller Raven and Puma unmanned aircraft.

“There are different levels of interoperability that we can do through the ground stations,” Vigo said. “There’s direct receipt of video from the unmanned aircraft. There’s payload – or camera – control of the unmanned aircraft. There’s universal control of the unmanned aircraft except for takeoff and landing. And then there is control of everything, including takeoff and landing.”

Although MUSIC doesn’t occur until September, hardware is now being set up in the JSIL to do all the simulated testing, which will begin in April and continue through June.

“We are bringing all the platforms in and integrating them in the lab,” Vigo said. “During Phase 1, right now, SED is setting up the network infrastructure to do all the testing in the lab. During Phase 2, we are bringing in all the platforms (of Gray Eagle, Shadow and Hunter) for the testing. In Phase 3, the full-out testing will include an Apache simulator. In Phase 4, we will test out everything and then we will have a configuration lock down of all systems and software.”

Then, four weeks before the September test, set up will begin at Dugway.

“The key to this entire exercise is it’s the first time we’ve ever flown three different airframes from the same ground control station,” Jensen said. “If we can prove this can be done, then we can have common training and common logistics for all the systems. This makes the systems more economical and puts more assets in the war fighter’s hands.”

MUSIC is also crucial to the future teaming of manned and unmanned aircraft.

“We want to show they are able to work together on collaborative engagements,” Jensen said. “We want to expand capabilities to more platforms, take this effort across the Department of Defense and show other services how their systems can be interoperable.”

Manning faces more charges for classified leaks

By MDW Public Affairs

FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR, D.C. – After seven months of additional investigation, the Army has charged Pfc. Bradley E. Manning with 22 additional charges.

The charges allege that as a military intelligence analyst, Manning aided the enemy by unlawfully downloading classified information from government computers, improperly storing it, and transmitting it for public release and use by the enemy.

Manning was assigned to a support battalion with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based at Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq. There he allegedly downloaded thousands of classified military and State Department documents and sent them to Wiki Leaks.

He was originally charged July 5 with violations of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, or UCMJ, Articles 92 and 134 for “transferring classified data onto his personal computer and adding unauthorized software to a classified computer system.” He was also charged with “communicating, transmitting and delivering national defense information to an unauthorized source and disclosing classified

information.”

Over the last several months, the Army Criminal Investigation Command and other agencies have been involved in his investigation, and officials said it is still ongoing.

“The new charges more accurately reflect the broad scope of the crimes that Private First Class Manning is accused of committing,” said Capt. John Haberland, a legal spokesperson for U.S. Army Military District of Washington. “The new charges will not affect Private First Class Manning’s right to a speedy trial or his pretrial confinement.”

On March 1, the commander, Army Headquarters Command Battalion, preferred the following specific charges:

- Aiding the enemy in violation of Article 104, Uniformed Code of Military Justice
- 16 specifications under Article 134, UCMJ
- Wrongfully causing intelligence to be published on the Internet, knowing that it is accessible to the enemy (one specification)
- Theft of public property or records, in violation of 18 United States Code 641 (five specifications)
- Transmitting Defense information, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 793(e) (eight

specifications)

- Fraud and related activity in connection with computers in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1030(a)(1) (two specifications)

- Five specifications in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, for violating Army Regulations 25-2 “Information Assurance” and 380-5 “Department of the Army Information Security Program.”

The charge of aiding the enemy under Article 104 is a capital offense; however, the prosecution team for the United States has notified the defense that the prosecution will not recommend the death penalty to the convening authority, Maj. Gen. Karl R. Horst, commanding general, Army Military District of Washington.

Under the UCMJ, the convening authority ultimately decides what charges to refer to court-martial, and whether to seek the death penalty if Article 104 is referred. Therefore, if convicted of all charges, Manning would face a maximum punishment of reduction to the lowest enlisted pay grade,

E-1; total forfeiture of all pay and allowances; confinement for life; and a dishonorable discharge.

At the request of Manning’s defense attorneys, the trial proceedings have been delayed since July 12, 2010, pending the results of a defense-requested inquiry into Manning’s mental capacity and responsibility pursuant to Rule for Courts-Martial 706.

Depending on the results of the R.C.M. 706 board, an Article 32 hearing may follow. An Article 32 hearing is the civilian equivalent of a grand jury, with additional rights afforded to the accused.

Manning remains confined in the Marine Corps Base Quantico Brig in Quantico, Va. He was notified of the additional charges in person during a command visit March 2. Despite his pretrial confinement, Manning is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and officials said the Army is committed to ensuring the continued safety and well-being of Manning while in pretrial confinement.

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these heroes during their lifetime,” Celuch said. “We at Valor Flight are proud to present you this film as a way to introduce our cause and our mission, and a way to bring awareness and education about the Korean War and of the great sacrifices endured by our American forces. Their victory will never be forgotten.”

The first of what is to be many fund-raising efforts to come, to go forward with plans for the first Valor Flight this fall organizers must raise \$100,000, \$25,000 of which must be collected by May 1. If not enough contributions are collected in that time span, the first

flight will be rescheduled for spring 2012.

“Let me be clear,” Celuch said. “To the Tennessee Valley veterans of the Korean War, the officers of Valor Flight are committed to bring the citizens of our communities together to honor you, with a day of gratitude and remembrance for your contribution to our nation and fight for freedom. We salute you and look forward to serving you – the not forgotten.”

A Carnival Cruise to the western Caribbean in September has also been planned as part of fund-raising efforts; \$100 from each cruise ticket will be donated to Valor Flight. For more information about Valor Flight, visit www.valorflight.com.

Co-op students land jobs at engineering center

By AMRDEC

Supporting the nation's war fighters since 2002, rapidly prototyping and getting technology onto the battlefields around the world, and doing it all within an OPTEMPO of over 100 ongoing projects, often working around the clock, the work force of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Prototype Integration Facility gets the job done and more.

The more is supporting the Army's Education Outreach efforts to encourage students to become engineers and scientists, motivate the work force of the future to be ready for the future, and to build the bench on Redstone Arsenal.

A very important and direct means of achieving these goals is the PIF's support of local, regional and national collegiate Cooperative Education programs.

Better known as the co-op program, and the students who participate known as co-ops, the college students work right alongside government employees and contractors gaining on-the-job experience, learning lessons in teamwork and mission accomplishment, all while earning an income and money for tuition and laboratory fees.

Good for the student and good for the PIF's leadership who hire many co-ops every year.

"I think it's a great idea," Steven Carr, PIF government mechanical design lead and manager of the PIF's co-op

program, said. "Bringing in new blood is never a bad idea, and their enthusiasm is refreshing. They're always excited to get to work and are genuinely hard workers."

It's more than simply "building the bench" because the co-op students bring so much to the table.

"Co-ops are a good match for what we do at the PIF. They bring new insights into our programs and allow our engineers to be current in what's changing in the world," Danny Featherston, PIF program manager, said.

One former co-op student, now a full-time employee, Travis Grant, who graduated in May 2010 from the University of Alabama with a degree in electrical engineering, worked at the PIF for four semesters between 2007 and 2009. Today, he is part of the PIF's Technical Execution group and has worked on projects like UH-60 MEDEVAC Carousel Refurbishing and Army Airborne Command and Control System.

For Grant, already set on being an engineer, it was seeing the PIF work force and its dedication that convinced him he wanted to be a part of the organization.

"Upon touring the PIF, I was instantly blown away at the hands-on nature of work that went on there," Grant said. "It became readily apparent to me that the PIF was where I wanted to go should they choose to make me an offer. Not long after the tour, I received an offer and hastily accepted it."



Courtesy photo

Whitney Montgomery, center, project lead in the Prototype Integration Facility's Missiles Team, is flanked by fellow members of the PIF work force Mitch Eubank, left, and Chelsea Lavish, right. She displays the results of the work she did to help construct a Hellfire missile stand for the Engineering Directorate's Reliability, Availability, Maintainability Engineering and System Assessment Division. The stand provides a sturdy cradle for inspection of the missiles in the field. The cradle disassembles and fits into a small travel case for easy transport.

First impressions are not just made by the prospective employee.

"In all the interviews before, the people seemed bland and just going through another day of work," said Zachary Jones, an Auburn University co-op student, currently working toward a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. "The PIF guys, though, were honestly excited about their job. You can tell the people who are faking excitement and the people who truly are. The PIF guys truly love their jobs."

While working on projects such as Apache 30mm Chaingun Laser Boresighter, Multifunction Display Airflow Diverter, CH-47 F-Model – used to cool MFD displays, Blue Force Tracking Security vehicle mobile TOC kits, and an upgrade for the Apache Pilot M4 Gun mount, Jones learned valuable lessons that he can use wherever he chooses to work after graduation.

"Since working at the PIF, I've gotten to work hands-on with projects that, as a mechanical guy, are a dream to work on," Jones said. "Being away at college after working here made me appreciate this place so much more, leading me not only to try to be on time, but to try to be early."

For future scientists and engineers who are looking for challenges and

opportunities that their universities can't always provide, the co-op program fills the gap and more.

"I was able to learn from a broad range of people covering many teams: the shop, test and inspection, shipping and receiving, budget, contracts, technical data, design, program management, and more," Whitney Montgomery said.

Montgomery started her co-op work at the PIF in 2008 while working toward a bachelor's in industrial engineering from the University of Alabama. After graduating in May 2010, she transitioned into a full-time project lead position within the PIF's Missiles Team and has been working on various Patriot projects and smaller design efforts for the Hellfire missile and the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System.

Proud of what he is doing and what he has accomplished, Jones is eager to spread the word about working with the PIF work force and there is nothing better than word-of-mouth advertising.

"When people ask me about co-oping as an engineer, I tell them to make sure to try to have the PIF on their interview list," Jones said. "One of my friends who is co-oping elsewhere had a class with me this summer. He was shocked at how much I loved my job and said he wished he had interviewed with the PIF too."



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Almost done

The finishing touches are being put on the new six-story, 839,873-square-foot Missile Defense Agency facility at the Von Braun Complex. Von Braun III will provide office space for 2,649 MDA employees, and cost \$221.2 million to build. MDA employees are expected to move into their new facility by Sept. 15. About 979 MDA employees already work in the Von Braun II facility. With the completion of BRAC realignments, all MDA personnel, except the 292 at the headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., will be located in Huntsville. A new traffic light at Burose and the entrance to Von Braun III will be activated when the building is occupied.

End of line for warrant officer missile training here

Redstone's last class graduates before course goes to Fort Lee

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These Soldiers represented the end of more than 40 years of warrant officer missile training at Redstone Arsenal.

This graduating class of 12 warrant officers marked the end of the line for the training here because it's going to Fort Lee, Va., as part of the Ordnance school's move under base realignment and closure.

"It's closing that chapter of the Warrant Officer Corps," Chief Warrant Officer 4 Miguel Santiagorodriguez, chief of the Warrant Officer Training Division, said.

The 12-member graduating class was also the largest ever for the course, which normally averages 8-9 students.

Thursday's graduation ceremony for the 948-Delta Missile Systems Technician course culminated 17 weeks of training.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Some of the 12 graduates – all warrant officers 1 – include from left, Christopher Werth, Ryan Torres, John Pesta, Joshua Nunley and Carlton Neal.

"That's the last class of missile maintenance warrant officers that will be training at Redstone Arsenal," Santiagorodriguez said. "That's over

40 years. It started around the late 1960s."

Dr. Harry Hobbs, communications relations officer for the Huntsville Police Department and a retired chief warrant officer 5, was the ceremony's guest speaker.

"You've already received the finest technical training you can attain in your field," Hobbs told the graduates.

He gave them advice from his 30-year military career.

"When providing information to your Soldiers or your superiors, provide it accurately," he said. "We want you to give good accurate information.

"Never ever forget to take care of your Soldiers or where you came from – which is the backbone of our nation's Army," Hobbs advised. "Please remember, everything you do and say is going to impact someone."

The graduates, all warrant officers 1, included Angelo Alarcon, Antonio Alcocer, Wesley Brown, Jose Cruz, Michael Guisby, Randall Hebb, Marcus McMillian, Carlton Neal, Joshua Nunley, John Pesta, Ryan Torres and Christopher Werth.

USASAC puts Uruguayan Army on the road



Courtesy photo

USASAC's Bruce Williamson, far left, and UN security forces stand in front of the recently delivered jeeps.

Jeeps delivered via military sale

By **MICHELLE HARLAN**
For the Rocket

The Army Security Assistance Command has facilitated the delivery of 10 J8 jeeps to the Uruguayan Army in Port-au-Prince, Haiti for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti program.

The delivery was part of an expedited mission to replace 50-year-old Russian vehicles that are no longer supportable. According to USASAC officials, under normal circumstances the shipment would have involved a 15-week process, but due to an urgent need from the Uruguayan Army USASAC was able to compress the delivery to 15 days.

The Defense Contract Management Agency accepted the first shipment of vehicles Jan. 12 in Detroit and the Uruguayan Army took possession Jan. 27 at the Port-au-Prince seaport. An additional 24 vehicles are to be delivered in a second shipment scheduled for March.

USASAC implements approved U.S. 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. USASAC also manages the Army's co-production program.

Contracting war fighters prepare for future deployments

By ED WORLEY

Army Contracting Command

The Army Contracting Command is almost doubling its support to the war fighter in Southwest Asia this fiscal year, sending almost 100 contingency contracting officers to Afghanistan, Iraq and Qatar.

ACC's Expeditionary Contracting Command is deploying elements of three contingency contracting battalions and an Army Reserve contracting battalion to support the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility. The first group of Soldiers deployed in February.

"This is a significant increase over our prior year commitments," said Jeff Parsons, ACC executive director. "This demonstrates our success in building the contingency contracting force."

Parsons conducted a site visit to the CENTCOM Contracting Command resulting in additional requirements for contingency contracting officer support, according to Col. Jerry C. Jones, ECC Operations G3. Brig. Gen. Joe Bass, ECC commander, approved the additional requirements. Jones said ECC provided more than 50 contingency contracting officers to the CENTCOM theater last year.

Deploying contracting officers prepared for this year's deployment cycle by participating in Operation Joint Dawn at Fort Campbell, Ky., earlier this year. More than 200 contingency contracting war fighters, coming from as far away as Japan, Alaska and Hawaii participated in Joint Dawn, the largest joint contracting field training exercise of its type. Army, Air Force, Army Reserve and Army National Guard warriors worked together to provide a ready-trained contingency contracting force capable of supporting war fighters and conducting the contingency contracting mission.

Joint Dawn is an evolution from last year's Operation Bold Impact exercise, according to Col. Jeff Morris, 412th Contracting Support Brigade commander at Fort



Photo by Ed Worley

Staff Sgt. Roberto Zepeda returns fire against a sniper during training. He is from the 674th Contingency Contracting Team, 900th Contingency Contracting Battalion, Fort Jackson, S.C.

Sam Houston, Texas. The 412th CSB, composed of five contingency contraction battalions, sponsored both exercises. The U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, the 412th's higher headquarters, provides contracting support to the Army and other Department of Defense organizations operating outside the continental United States.

"Last year we trained about 35 Soldiers," Morris explained. "This year, we opened it up, said let's make this joint. We brought in the Air Force and a couple of dozen Soldiers from the National Guard and the Army Reserve. They are operating (in the war zone) in an environment with civilians, they are operating in an environment with National Guard and Reserve, and they're operating with a whole lot of Air Force people."

The exercise included combat engagement skills, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle roll-over egress, tactical combat casualty care, and virtual battle space simulation. It also challenged the military contracting professionals with more than 1,300 master scenario events list actions, including purchase requests and commitments, close-out actions, commander's critical information requirements, contracting ethics issues and confrontations with disgruntled customers.

Morris said his staff worked extremely hard to make this exercise as close as possible to contracting operations within theater. The 900th Contingency Contracting Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., led the exercise's planning and execution. Lt. Col. Carol Tschida, 900th CCBn commander, said the exercise provided contracting professionals some of what combat units gain through pre-deployment training at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

"This training is very important for contracting officers because we don't have the opportunity to get together like this and practice for deployments," Tschida said. "We've put together realistic scenarios of what contingency contracting officers can expect to see in theater."

Tschida said they captured lessons learned from Operation Bold Impact, as well as input from exercise participants who have since deployed. She said deployed CCOs also provided current sample contract actions that were included in the exercise play.

"When I went into theater there was no expectation management," said Sgt Maj. Douglas Adams, 412th CSB senior enlisted adviser. "It was - this is the date you need to be in theater, figure out how to get there and we'll see you on the other end. We're taking our experiences and we're trying to offer

current deployers what we didn't have."

Air Force contracting airmen are also benefitting from the training. According to Col. Roger Westermeyer, director of contracting at Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, the training will help deploying airmen because they will train like they will fight when they are deployed to regional contracting centers in the U.S. Central Command theater of operations.

"Our regional contracting centers are joint," he explained. "That's Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines - all working together to get the mission done. It's important if that's the way we're going to operate in theater, then we should train that way now. That way we learn each other's lingo and how we operate so when we deploy together we'll be ready from day one."

Westermeyer said airmen received a lot of exposure to combat skills they don't normally experience including firefights with aggressors as the contracting teams worked to rescue and treat casualties.

"A lot of it (the warrior skills training) is training that I could spend 20 years in the Air Force and maybe not even see," said Senior Airman George Halley, 18th Contracting Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan. "I might see something similar, but I wouldn't see what the Army is doing."

Halley said rolling over in the MRAP trainer was "an interesting experience. I hope I never have to do it in real life, but I'm prepared now; I know what to expect."

"I think this is clearly the premier contracting training exercise that we have anywhere in the services today," said Morris, who praised the training. "And I say that not because it's us, I say that because I've talked to the people here that have done the others. And I just can't impress upon you enough the motivation that is shown by the Soldiers and airmen that we have here today. Everybody's going out there with a great attitude. It doesn't matter if we have three inches of snow on the ground; they're out there doing their job, digging in and doing the things they need to prepare them for deployment."

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an upstairs library of more than 2,000 military books known as the Tyler Craig Memorial Library, a kitchen area and office space. More than 2,000 artifacts and complete uniforms are on display, representing all U.S. wars from the Revolutionary War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's 2011 now and the volunteers are still working on things," Patteson said.

For director Thompson, the museum will continue to be a work in progress as volunteers begin to raise about \$300,000 for an expansion and people in the community continue to donate artifacts to the museum's collection.

"We are starting a building fund to raise funds so that we can close in the dock," Thompson said. "We want to make a new meeting room on the dock, so that we can use the meeting room we have now for more exhibit space.

"We have so many things we want to display. We just don't have enough room. Right now, we are rotating things out so that everything gets on the display floor."

The museum's displays have been organized by each war era, and feature the artifacts of local heroes, such as World War II pilot Joe Evans of Elkmont, a mail carrier who went on to fly the "aluminum trail" through the Himalayas between India and China and then fly the Berlin Airlift.

"They called it the aluminum trail



Photo by Kari Hawkins

A blood chit, pictures, uniform and other artifacts from the family of World War II pilot Joe Evans tell the story of the "aluminum trail" through the Himalayas between India and China and the story of the Berlin Airlift.

because 900 planes crashed there during World War II," Thompson said.

The display includes a blood chit, a document carried by the military, usually aircraft personnel, in foreign countries that displays messages in various foreign languages asking civilians to help them in the event their aircraft crashes; a leather flight jacket, a uniform, flags, pictures and medals.

Also on display is a diving suit used from 1915 to 1983 known as "Charlie Deep Dive," WWI trench art made by Soldiers in foxholes, a reproduction of the 40-foot by 32-foot Star Spangled Banner, a British Brown Best rifle from the Revolutionary War, Arabic guard donated by the 203rd National Guard Military Police recently returned from a deployment in Iraq, and a guidance system for a Hawk missile that was briefly confiscated by Redstone Arsenal officials so it could be demilitarized.

Other displays include a father-daughter in service exhibit; Russian artifacts exhibit; a communications exhibit; women in the Civil War; a Vietnam display of artifacts from Air Force pilot Ralph Green and veteran Billy Duncan who made 842 jumps into enemy territory during the Vietnam and Korea wars; a display featuring Lifford French, the most highly decorated WWII serviceman from Limestone County, who was a B-17 "Flying Fortress" engineer and top turret gunner; a Victory Garden display of a 1940s kitchen; and a personal exhibit of growing up in Germany during World War II. There is also a special tribute to Marine Lance Cpl. Adam Loggins, who was killed in April 2007 by sniper fire while conducting combat operations in the Anbar province of Iraq.

But there's more than a museum at the Alabama Veterans Museum. Thanks to its large meeting room, it is a gathering place for veteran and community groups. Each month on the first Saturday, from 8 to 9 a.m., veterans and active duty servicemembers are provided with a free breakfast in their honor. Sponsors of the breakfast host anywhere from 140 to 180 veterans during these events, called Coffee Calls.

Also, every month, the museum hosts special events, such as a presentation by Nell Lutz, the last of the WWII Waves, on March 26 at noon in honor of Women's History Month. And, with fundraising in mind, the museum will host a fish fry April 15 at the Limestone County Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a Star Spangled Golf Tournament on May 13 at Southern Gales Golf Course.

The people of the museum – including retired Air Force pilot and Vietnam War veteran Ralph Green, WWII Navy veteran Bob Smaltz who served on a 30-foot wooden boat known as a sub chaser and Margaret Hoffman Mefford, who volunteers at the museum every Thursday to



Photo by Kari Hawkins

The Victory Garden display features women working in a kitchen saving and recycling in support of the war effort during World War II.

tell her story of growing up in Germany during WWII – bring the museum to life for visitors.

"The whole thing brings back history for me," said Smaltz, 86. "I'm a history buff. I'm here four days a week. I love meeting the people and showing them around."

Editor's note: The Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives, open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, is at 100 W. Pryor St. The museum is free to the public, but donations are accepted. For more information, call 771-7578 or visit its website at alabamaveteransmuseum.com.



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Education outreach

Russ Dunford, right, assistant product manager at the Program Executive Office for Aviation, talks with a Bob Jones High student as part of a presentation on job interviews. Dunford is part of the Army Education Outreach Program.

Defense printer grows with demand



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Lauren Carson boxes up documents to be sent to a customer. The DLA Document Services facility at Redstone Arsenal averages from 4 to 5 million copies monthly.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Emma White of the Defense Acquisition University, right, talks about a reproduction project with Lauren Carson at the customer counter in the front office of DLA Document Services.

Redstone facility stays busy as services, tenants increase

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There's a whole lot of copying going on in building 5688.

Just off Mills Road, five staff members spend their days providing document reproduction services to the Arsenal's growing community of tenants. They and their counterparts throughout DLA (Defense Logistics Agency) Document Services have long been known as the "quick copy guys" and "DoD's printer."

But those nicknames are being traded out these days for one that is more descriptive of their growing variety in reproduction work: "DoD's document solutions provider."

To Lauren Carson and the employees at DLA Document Services at Redstone, that new nickname is more fitting as they respond to the copying and printing needs of Arsenal tenants with the use of new technology and innovative services. Just like their counterparts through the Department of Defense, the Redstone facility provides a full portfolio of document services ranging from traditional offset printing through on-demand output to online document services.

"We really care about the work we do for our customers," said Carson, the lead technician at the Redstone facility. "We really want to have a good rapport with our customers, and we want to be the place customers come to when they need printing services."

"We're here to support our customer base, whatever that may be for Redstone Arsenal. We're here to support the entire Arsenal and its printing needs."

Though the day-to-day work focuses on providing copying and printing services for a wide variety of customers, DLA Document Services works to have a positive impact on the bottom line — supporting the war fighter.

"We provide logistics support for the readiness and sustainment of America's war fighters themselves, and of industrial activities and others whose own efforts are critical to preserving and enhancing our nation's and our allies' defense postures," said Rodney Thomas, a supervisory document automation specialist who supervises the Redstone facility.

Printing and copying services have been offered on-site at Redstone since 1949. In those early days and up until the early 1990s, the Army ran its own print shop at Redstone. In 1992, DLA Docu-

ment Services took over the responsibility of providing professional printing, copying, duplicating, collating, binding, scanning, imaging, document conversion, CD-ROM and web services for the local DoD community.

While many of those capabilities are located at the Arsenal facility, Carson and her staff can also reach into the DLA Document Services network of 180 locations at primarily U.S. military bases in seven countries to provide Redstone customers with a full printing house of specialties.

"It is important that we are available and accessible to various military host bases throughout the U. S. and overseas," Thomas said.

"The Redstone facility, like all DLA Document Service facilities, signifies the move to a single agency environment for the Defense Logistics Agency, both internally and externally, to build a greater sense of community and ownership for its employees and a clearer, more definitive identity for customers and stakeholders."

Localizing services at installations means that customers get the kind of services unique to their location and responsibilities.

"Each facility is geared to the customers they have," Carson said. "So, different locations specialize in different services, such as color printing or finishing, and we can all take advantage of those specialties. Our goal is to never say we can't do a project because if you bring it to us, we have a facility that can do the work."

In addition, DLA Document Services worldwide outsources to industry nearly 70 percent of its document requirements through more than 400 commercial contracts. At the Redstone facility, commercial work is processed by Kim Box of the Government Printing Office.

But, even with some work going to commercial printers, there still remains a high volume of copying and printing handled by DLA Document Services. On any given day, a wide variety of reproduction projects are being processed at the Redstone facility. While one employee works on binding educational documents for the Defense Acquisition University, another is printing the Sunday program for the Bicentennial Chapel and another is boxing up flyers listing items for a case lot sale at the Commissary.

"Last month, we were especially busy. We printed more than 8 million copies. Normally, we average 4 to 5 million copies a month," Carson said.

"Our workload has increased since a year or a year and a half ago. With

Printer

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BRAC (2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendations) we've had quite a few more visitors. They want to see the services we provide."

Although Thomas' supervisory role with the Redstone facility is managed out of the DLA Document Services office at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, he has seen the effects that BRAC has had on the workload both at the Redstone facility and DoD-wide.

"DLA's responsibilities have continued to grow in recent years as BRAC 2005 and other factors have driven us increasingly forward with the war fighters and industrial sites," Thomas said.

"DLA has also been deeply involved in new or expanding partnerships with various commands and agencies. It is in this context that we will continue to assess current and potential roles and related processes to ensure that we deliver maximum payoff from taxpayer resources while effectively supporting the war fighter. And at a time when it is critical to maximize sharing and integration of key information and other assets, we must also prevent their compromise."

Even though building 5688 has been a staple on the Arsenal for years, Carson said there are always new customers "discovering" the capabilities of the local facility.

"The questions are the same. 'Where are you?' 'What do you do?' 'How do I establish funding?'" Carson said. "Once we establish their funding either by government purchase card or military interdepartmental request, we can start printing for them."

The Redstone facility has at times provided support to other installations, such as Fort Rucker and Anniston Army Depot.

"But we focus primarily on the immediate area and the needs here for military documents," Carson said. "This is a print-on-demand facility. We work to be efficient and to get our products quickly to our customers."

Carson serves as the lead electronic duplicating system technician at the Redstone facility, monitoring the flow of jobs through the facility, providing customer service, pricing jobs through the Document Service online website, working with digital files, assisting with bindery, operating printers as needed and providing oversight of the Redstone facility.

The facilities automated publication technicians include:

- Clay Pierce, electronic document manager, is primarily responsible for scanning and document conversion. He also prices and processes jobs in the Document Services's website, provides cus-

tomers service, operates black-and-white and color printers, performs document formatting and file manipulation, assists with binding documents and other tasks.

- Tim Allred, color checker, is responsible for operating the color printer and the high-volume printer. He also does front-end document formatting and file manipulation, focuses on binding and document finishing, provides customer service, works with printing materials, initiates special projects and other tasks.

- Ralph McGuff, lead production, is a high-volume printer operator and can also operate the color printer, formats and manipulates digital and scanned documents, assists with binding documents, works with various printing materials in the facility, functions as the facility security monitor and performs other tasks.

- James "Russell" Saylor is the facility's second shift technician. He also formats both digital and hard copy documents for mass printing, assists with binding printed documents, works with various printing materials in the facility and does other tasks to make sure operations run smoothly on second shift.

Just as many other Army organizations are undergoing transformation, so, too, is DLA Document Services. The organization is working with Arsenal customers to bring them into the digital age.

"Instead of bringing their documents to us, they can now upload a digital file to our website," Carson said. "They can still bring hard copies in to us if they prefer. But, with a digital copy, we can get their jobs back to them in about half of the five to seven days it takes us to get a job done when we use a hard copy."

The DLA Document Services website is <https://www.pcola.daps.dla.mil>. Redstone customers must register on the site to get access to its services.

"We are really trying to get our customers to use this site," Carson said.

DLA Document Services is working with customers worldwide to build libraries of digital documents that allow for online access and the conversion of paper documents to standard digital formats.

"We are working to transition DoD into the digital age," Thomas said. "This is one of our initiatives. Every organization has tons and tons of files, and we are tasked with converting those to digital. This applies to everything from medical records to acquisition forms to any kind of data used by the Department of Defense."

DLA Document Services has been performing digital document conversion since 1987. Through 2002, the organization has converted more than 125 million pages of paper documents, engineering drawings, aperture cards, microfiche, and

microfilm to digital formats.

"Virtually every type of document or data continues to be transformed by DLA Document Services," Thomas said. "We strive to be the technology leader in office automation."

At Redstone, DLA Document Services has used its expertise to convert more than 60,000 pages of data to digital.

"The majority of these pages have been the *Redstone Rockets*," said Pierce, the Redstone facility's electronic document manager. "There are several directorates that use this service here at Redstone."

DLA Document Services converted hard copies of *Redstone Rockets* dating back to 1952 into digital copies that are now stored on three computer discs.

No matter what type of reproductive service that is required, DLA Document Services works with its customers to provide the best solution.

"We've been in the business of fast, reliable and cost-effective copying, laser printing and document conversion since 1949," Thomas said. "DLA Document Services has streamlined its customers' work processes and substantially reduced their costs using the latest technologies for digital and hardcopy output."

"The future growth of the Redstone DLA Document Service facility depends on the growth of the host base

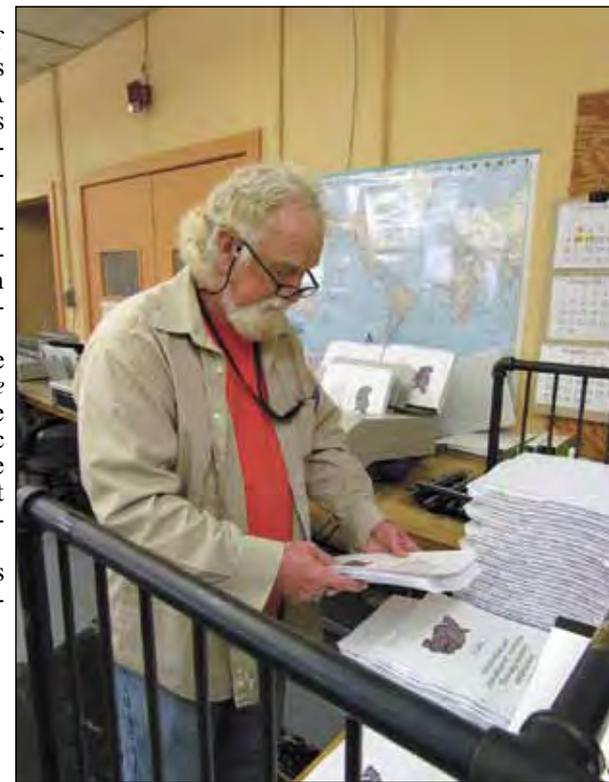


Photo by Kari Hawkins

Ralph McGuff binds documents that have been printed at DLA Document Services.

and the addition of organizations or units. In other words, an increase of equipment, services and personnel at the Redstone facility is driven by an increase in the demand for our products and services."

The DLA Document Services facility at Redstone is open to customers from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday. For more information, call 876-2759 or visit the website at <https://www.pcola.daps.dla.mil>.



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Tim Allred runs one of the many printing machines at DLA Document Services.

Win or Lose

375th Engineer's tight defense chokes Gators

Aggressive guards lead attack against Headquarters & Alpha

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The 375th Engineer players were all over the basketball court, making steals and blocking shots.

They led from start to finish in a 43-30 win over Headquarters & Alpha Company on March 7 at the Redstone Fitness Center. The 375th improved to 5-4 with its third straight win.

"They got it done on transition defense," 375th Engineer coach Carlos Hickenbotham said. "They got it done by playing good team defense. It was a good team defensive effort."

The 375th scored the first four points, went up 10-4 and led 14-8 at halftime. Headquarters & Alpha didn't get closer than 16-11 and 26-20 in the second half.

Shooting guard Matthew Nielsen had 11 points, four rebounds, three blocks and three steals. Point guard Kenny Lee narrowly missed a double-double with nine points and 15 rebounds. Christian McCrary, also a guard, added eight points and sank all six of his free throws.

"We weren't relying on just one or two players," Lee



Christian McCrary brings the ball upcourt for the 375th Engineer against Headquarters & Alpha Company.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

said. "Everybody played good tonight."

Nielsen knows why the 375th has been so feisty on

the court this year.

"Just a killer mentality," he said. "We just go out there and don't take no for an answer, don't hold back. It's all on the court when we go out."

With the last games of the regular season set tonight and Thursday night, the postseason tournament is projected to start March 22.

"I think we can play tight in the tournament," shooting guard Dalgernon McLain said, "as long as we keep our team chemistry and our defense up."

Headquarters & Alpha can look toward the playoffs after finishing the regular season at 5-6. Lawrence Scott led the Gators with 14 points, nine rebounds, three assists and three steals.

"I don't think we matched their energy," Scott said. "We were sluggish. We didn't play big enough. They played bigger, they played smarter, they won."

In other games last week, 326th Chemical beat defending champion Charlie Company 51-31 on March 7; National Guard edged HHC 59th 52-51 and 326th Chemical defeated NCO Academy 53-40 on March 9; 326th Chemical stopped National Guard 61-52 and Bravo Company beat 375th Engineer 63-31 on March 10.

Standings after week eight had 326th Chemical (8-2), Bravo Company (7-2), HHC 59th (7-3), National Guard (6-5), 375th Engineer (5-5), Headquarters & Alpha (5-6), NCO Academy (4-5), Charlie Company (3-6) and Marines (0-11).

Softball, golf mark the end of era for troop sports on installation

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This will be the last unit-level softball season at Redstone Arsenal because most of the troops are leaving.

"It'll be a big change," sports director Gaylene Wilson said.

A planning meeting for softball and golf was held Thursday at Redstone Fitness Center.

Softball games are scheduled to start April 11 at Linton Field. The Felix Milar Active Duty Post Golf Championship is April 8-10 at the Links.

Wilson hopes to have a 4-6 week softball season. "My goal is to be finished before Memorial Day weekend because after that we'll lose more people," she said.

She expects the softball teams will include Bravo Company, Charlie Company and the National Guard.

Next year's sports landscape is uncertain because many of the troops are leaving by this fall for Fort Lee, Va., under base realignment and closure.

"I'm working with my NASA

counterparts to try to combine leagues with any military that's going to be left for team sports," Wilson said.

There won't be a Commander's Cup awarded this year because the only sports that will be completed include the past flag football season, the current basketball season, softball and golf.

Charlie Company, 326th Chemical Company, and Headquarters & Alpha Company were represented at Thursday's meeting.

"We're going to compete in both softball and golf and try to be as competitive as possible," Sgt. 1st Class Larry Underwood of Charlie Company said.

"We plan on having a softball team this year," Staff Sgt. Jonathan Wilder of 326th Chemical Company said, "and compete in the golf tournament. We plan on having maybe five teams in golf, and two or three individuals in the individual golf tournament."

Said Sgt. Frank Laguna of Headquarters & Alpha, "We'll try to compete in everything as much as possible as long as we're still here."

Special ribbons

Courtesy photo

Phoenix custodian Paul Linebaugh shows his ribbons where he placed first in the 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter freestyle and 4-by-25 meter relay at a Special Olympics sectional swim meet March 5 in Opelika. Teams from across Alabama traveled to the Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center for the swim meet. Linebaugh participated on the team from Madison County. "We are all so proud of him," Kathy Crawford, of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center's Software Engineering Directorate, said. "He provides us with great service and a great smile every day."



ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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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			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.

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Sports & Recreation

Ten-Miler tryout

Redstone Arsenal's Ten-Miler Team, which will compete in the 27th annual Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 9 near the Pentagon, will hold an open tryout for runners April 2 at 7 a.m. The course begins at the Sparkman Fitness Center, continues south on Patton Road past Buxton Road to the five-mile point and then back to the fitness center. Redstone is the four-time defending champion in the government agency division and two-time defending champ in the all-comers division. The team will have members from the entire post community – including active and retired military, civilians and contractors. For more information, call assistant coach Skip Vaughn 876-1500 or coach Harry Hobbs 425-5307.

Bass tournament

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

Golf tournament

Redstone Test Center will hold its annual Commander's Cup Golf Tour-

namment on May 13 at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Hampton Cove. All proceeds will benefit the Military Child Education Coalition. Sponsorships and team slots are available now. Contact Sherry Hilley 842-6715, sherry.hilley@us.army.mil, or Mike Krause, mike.krauseSR@us.army.mil.

Troop golf championship

The Felix Milar Active Duty Post Championship will be held April 8-10 at 8 a.m. at the Links. Brought to you by Woody Anderson Ford, this free tournament is open only to active duty military. Registration continues through March 31. The unit level scramble for Commanders Cup points is that Friday. And the individual post championship is Saturday and Sunday. To register or for more information, call Gaylene Wilson 842-2574 or Joe Reed 313-1201.

Bass fishing trail

National Bass Fishing Trail, Alabama North District – serving the Redstone Arsenal and the Tennessee Valley area – is a tournament trail for the weekend angler. NBT offers a low cost entry fee and membership with a high percentage payout. No partner needed, this is a solo trail. However, a junior division is also included for anglers 17 and under. Juniors fish with the adult that brings them, but against the other junior anglers. New members, non-boaters, large and small boats and juniors are welcome. Alabama

North will hold its next tournament Saturday at Wilson Lake at the Safety Harbor ramp. For more information, visit nbtbass.com, call Donnie Story 777-3428 or e-mail donnie@nbtbass.com.

Men's baseball league

The Huntsville/Decatur men's recreational baseball organization, the Southern Senior Baseball League, is looking for new players to participate in the upcoming season. SSBL is looking for players age 25 and older, with a special emphasis on players 40 and over. Upcoming weekly spring training practices are held each Sunday afternoon at Sandhurst Park in Huntsville from 4:30-6:30 p.m. through late April. The league plays a 20-game season from mid-May through August, normally with two games played per week (one weeknight and one Sunday afternoon or evening game). Games are played in the Huntsville/Decatur area. For more information, e-mail the over-45 division commissioner Bill McArdle at SSBL48s@comcast.net, the 25/35 division commissioner Jim Crum at JimCrum10@yahoo.com or joinssbl@comcast.net.

Baseball bus trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council will hold its annual Baseball Bus Trip to Atlanta for the Atlanta Braves/St. Louis Cardinals games April 29 to May 1. The ballgame tickets are for Friday, April 29 at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 at 4:10 p.m. The CWFC bus will depart Redstone Arsenal at 11 a.m. that Friday and will return Sunday. They will be staying at the Embassy Suites-Galleria in Atlanta. Stadium seats will be in Section Field Box for Friday night's game. For Saturday evening's game, the seats will be in the All-You-Can-Eat-and-Drink section. The cost for this event is \$300 per person, based on double occupancy. This includes bus transportation, hotel room, tickets to both ballgames, plus lunch, beverages and games on the bus. To make your reservations for this adults only fun and relaxation event, e-mail Mike Wright at michael.john.wright@us.army.mil to get your name on the list. Provide your name and daytime phone number. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 per person must be received by this Thursday to confirm your reservation.

Association golf

Redstone Arsenal's Sergeants Major Association will hold its second annual Golf Tournament on May 12 at 8 a.m. at the Links. There are still some sponsorship and team slots available. The tournament is open to everyone that has FMWR access and their guest. Sign up at the Links from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 2-23, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle 509-2473 or e-mail reginald.battle@us.army.mil.

Golf benefit

Health Establishments at Local Schools

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

Conferences & Meetings

Weekly worship

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

Bible studies

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

Sergeants major

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

Men's ministries

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

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-

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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.

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.

Women's connection

Huntsville Christian Women's Connection will meet April 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave. Cost is \$15. The feature is "Spring Fashions" by Christopher & Banks. Sheritha Ivy, community vocalist, will perform. Deb Atheneos, an Air Force retiree from Knoxville, will speak on "How She Became Rescued." Free child care for age 6 and younger is provided off-site. Reservations for lunch or child care are due by April 4. Call Betty 837-8286 or Nancy 883-1339. HCWC is an affiliate of Stonecroft Ministries, a support ministry for military wives and other women.

Equal opportunity directors

Larry Stubblefield, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for diversity and leadership, will hold the second quarter Board of Directors meeting March 28-29 in Huntsville. The EEO Board of Directors consists of each of the Army command EEO directors. Huntsville was chosen for its Team Redstone partnership and coordination between command EEO offices throughout Redstone Arsenal. Stubblefield will provide policy updates, address the command EEO community regarding career program management, rewrites of Army Regulation 690-12 and AR 690-600, state of the agency posture, compliance and complaints trend analysis, and diversity outreach initiatives. While on site, Stubblefield will make office calls and have the opportunity to visit Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its monthly meeting in conjunction with the local chapter of Blacks in Government on March 24 at 11:15 a.m. in Room One, Redstone Lanes. The guest speaker will discuss "Building Residual Wealth." The public is invited. For more information,

call Angela Jones 955-2494 or Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Air defenders

Air Defense Artillery Association, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will hold a spring social April 27 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub skybox. This is free to corporate and individual ADAA members. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. For information, e-mail corby.dellarocco@smdc.army.mil.

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.

Small business input

The U.S. Small Business Administration will bring its national Small Business Jobs Act Listening Tour to the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus April 15. The UAH Small Business Development Center and the District SBA Office are coordinating the event to be held in the Chan Auditorium, located in the College of Business Administration Building. The program begins at 9 a.m., and is free to all participants. Meet with leaders from SBA, give input on new regulations, and learn how you can take advantage of new tools coming out of the Small Business Jobs Act that became law last fall. The SBA's office of Government Contracting and Small Business Development is seeking participants' input on regulations, and how SBA can help grow local businesses and create jobs. To learn more on the April 15 Small Business Jobs Act Listening Tour, visit <http://www.sba.gov/jobacttour/sessions>. To register, go to <http://www.sba.gov/jobacttour/huntsville>.

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.

Weight watchers

Weight Watchers at Work meetings are held Thursdays at the Sparkman Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Weight Watchers new PointsPlus program makes it easy to lose

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

Women in defense

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Women in Defense, an affiliate of NDIA, will hold a Mentorship Luncheon on March 21 at 11:30 a.m. at SAIC, 6725 Odyssey Drive. Irma Tudor, founder and board chair of Analytical Services Inc., is the guest speaker. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are required by contacting cindy.m.kurt@usa-spaceops.com.

Systems engineers

The International Council of Systems Engineering, Huntsville Chapter, will feature Dave Swinney, professor of systems engineering at the Defense Acquisition University, on Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Jacobs Conference Center, 1500 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 100. Swinney will speak on "Why should Systems Engineering be Different in the Department of Defense than anywhere else?" If you plan to attend, e-mail to Sam Loo by noon today at weei.loo@mdnt.com.

Women's coalition

National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc., Greater Huntsville Chapter, will hold its 2011 SISTER Conference featuring actress/author Victoria Rowell, "Embracing Education Empowers the Mind," April 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Von Braun Center's East Hall. Tickets are \$50 until April 1, \$60 April 2-8. No tickets will be sold on event day. Call 859-4141 or 682-6230.

Engineer society

Huntsville Post Society of American Military Engineers will meet for lunch Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn next to Madison Square Mall. Bob Sneed, water management section chief for Nashville District Corps of Engineers, will speak on "Cumberland River Basin May 2010 Flood Event." The cost is \$15. For reservations, e-mail dbacon@shearerassociates.us.

Data reporting workshop

The Defense Cost and Resource Center training team invites you to a joint industry/government Cost and Software Data Reporting workshop. There is no cost to

you personally for this training, which will be held April 5-6 at Embassy Suites, 800 Monroe St. For more information, call Claudia Rhen of G-3 CAD at 842-7843. For an overview of the DCARC training and to register, go to <http://dcarc.pae.osd.mil/Training/index.aspx>.

Coffee and jazz

The Fellowship of Faith Church, 3703 North Memorial Parkway, invites you to coffee and jazz Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Lamont Duckett 755-0069.

Organizational performance

The Huntsville Colloquium on Organizational Performance Optimization is April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at PPT Solutions Inc., 4825 University Square, Suite 6. To register, e-mail tina.price@pptsinc.com.

Small business workshop

The Women's Business Center of North Alabama launched the Government Procurement Assistance Center to help the growing number of small businesses wanting to do business with the government. A workshop, titled "8(a) Certification Process: What is it, and is it Really Worth it?," will be held March 29 from 1-5 p.m. at the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St. The workshop is sponsored by BID Designs. Cost is \$50, payable at the door with cash or a check made payable to WBCNA. Reservations are requested online at www.wbcna.org.

Miscellaneous Items

Civilian deployment

DA civilian volunteers are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, operations, logistics and automation, among others. The new personnel deployment website is at the AMCOM homepage or <https://apdw.redstone.army.mil> for your use. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM or AMC. Contractors cannot be considered. Department of Army civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and visit the deployment website or call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Nicole Massey 876-2082. Contractors and others interested can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Motorcycle safety

Army policy has changed concerning

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the motorcycle safety course. Military personnel are still required to complete the motorcycle safety course in order to register their motorcycles on Redstone. But current DoD and Army policy is stating now that officials do not check civilian personnel or contractors to see if they have taken an MSF course or have taken such to register their motorcycle or to drive on post. The assumption is that if they have a motorcycle endorsement on their license they have been properly trained. In other words, civilians and contractors must have the motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license when registering their motorcycles. There are two Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses offered free of charge to Army personnel and on a space-available basis to others authorized access to Redstone Arsenal. To enroll in motorcycle training, e-mail MSF rider coach Ralph Harris at 93hdstc@bellsouth.net. The Garrison Safety contact is Keith Coates at 876-3383 or keith.coates@us.army.mil.

Reading with Taka

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

Surplus sale

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

Flight training

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

Fraud hotline

The Huntsville Fraud Resident Agency (USACIDC) has implemented a fraud hotline. It is designed to help you, the taxpayer, to report incidents of suspected fraud involving government contract companies, government employees or

government agencies. If you suspect or know someone who either is committing, or has committed any type of fraud against the government on Redstone Arsenal, or surrounding area, report it by calling 876-9457. You do not have to leave your name - all information will remain confidential and anonymous. Please leave enough information so any followup investigation can be completed.

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.

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.

Prior service military

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

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.

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>.

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>.

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.

Alcorn State scholarship

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

Florida Tech sign-up

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

Marine Corps fellowships

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

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

Microsoft courses

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

Contracting seminar

A 2011 National Education Seminar on risk management for complex U.S. government contracts and projects will be held March 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Research Park, 5903 University Drive. Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is the sponsor. Cost is \$300 for members, \$350 for non-members. Register at <http://ncmahsv.org/>.

CFC volunteers

Preparations are being made for the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign. Federal volunteers are needed to serve on the Local Eligibility Review Team to review the applications received from local charitable organizations for participation in the 2011 CFC. The team will convene on April 4-7 at the CFC Office, building 3708. "This will be a great opportunity for the federal donor to learn more about CFC and the eligibility process," a prepared release said. "This will also be a great opportunity for new federal employees to learn about the fund-raising arm of the federal government." If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, call the CFC Office 876-9143.

Sheriff's rodeo

The Morgan County annual Sheriff's Rodeo, hosted by newly elected Sheriff Ana Woodard Franklin, will be held March 25-26 at 7 p.m. at the Priceville/Morgan County Celebration Arena, 67 Horse Center Road. Call 351-4800 for advance tickets. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children; and children under 4 are admitted free. At the gate the cost will be \$12 for adults, \$10 for children, and free for youngsters under 4. "There will be lots of fun, food and excitement for all ages," a prepared release said. "There will be a booth set up for professional face painting, Western wear, T-shirts, cowboy and cowgirl hats, and much more."

Scholarship gala

Lt. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, deputy com-
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mander of the Army Materiel Command, is the keynote speaker for Alabama A&M University's 11th annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala on March 24 at 6 p.m. at the Davidson Center for Space Exploration. Various awards will be presented in a number of categories, and entertainment for the formal event will be headlined by jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany. Holders of newly-instituted VIP tickets will be able to attend a special pre-Gala VIP reception at 5:15. VIP tickets are on sale for \$100 advance. Individual tickets are \$65. For more information, call Linda Elliott 372-8344 or Jacqueline Hurt 372-5671 or visit http://www.aamu.edu/public_relations/BLACKTIE2011.aspx.

Celtic music

North Alabama's own Celtic band SlipJig is bringing the luck of the Irish back to the Flying Monkey Arts Center on St. Patrick's Day on Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. performance. "The five talented multi-instrumentalists combine tight melodies and rhythms with rich vocal harmonies to make the music of Ireland, Scotland and Cape Breton come alive," a prepared release said. Joining SlipJig for the evening will be Kinvara, the Huntsville Irish Dancers, and Erin Maguire. The cover charge is \$7. For more information, call Mike Lyon 564-7386.

Parenting class

Learn the developmental stages of young children, why it is important for parents to understand these stages and the relationship between nature (what you are born with), and nurture (environment). The presenter is Nancy Schramm, Healthy Families. The class is offered free to the Redstone community March 24 from 6-7:30 p.m. at ChildWise building, 1413 Nike St. (upstairs). The sponsor is the New Parent Support Program. Free child care is available with pre-registration. To register or for more information, call Army Community Service 876-5397 or e-mail mary.charlene.cox@us.army.mil.

Latin party

DJ Ed will spin salsa sounds Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. Cost is \$10. You must be 19 to party, 21 to drink. For information call DJ Ed 651-9626.

Scholarship offer

LogiCore Corporation is giving away \$1,500 and a Dell laptop to five lucky high school seniors in the north Alabama area. These scholarships are for students who have made a commitment to attend a four-year Alabama college or university. For more information on this college scholarship, go to www.logicorehsv.com.

AER book sale

The AMCOM G-3/Command Analy-

sis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief is April 18-29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sparkman Center building 5300, on the first floor in the corridor between 5303 and 5304. They're accepting donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes until April 27. To donate items or for more information, call Brian Barry 876-8563.

Children's space workshop

A "Space Food Workshop," for ages 7-12, will be held Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the U. S. Space & Rocket Center. "A fun and informative hands-on workshop all about the food astronauts eat in space," a prepared release aid. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. For more information and reservations, call 721-7114 or e-mail josandram@spacecamp.com. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.spacecamp.com/store/Workshops/.

Community grants

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association conducts an annual community support grant program to give back to Soldiers, military families and veterans. Local tax exempt organizations that qualify under Section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code may apply for one of the grants. Typically, the ADAA does not fund: recreational activities, tax supported institutions, cultural/civic organizations/businesses, religious organizations/institutions, social organizations/committees, and political organizations/campaigns. Rather, the grant is designed to support organizations and activities directly contributing to the education, health or social welfare of Soldiers and military families. Representatives of eligible organizations may request a grant application from the ADAA Grant Committee chairman, Ron Sumera, at 774-6029 or e-mail ron.sumera@us.army.mil. The deadline for grant applications is April 4.

After-five celebration

Pinnacle Affairs will hold a spring celebration March 26 at the Surie in Madison. Attire is all-white for this after-five event. Doors open at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$25 and reserved tables of four are \$125. DJ Ghon Bomb and Chief Rocka, also known as "5D," will be on "the ones and twos"; and comedian Steve Brown will perform. Mature guests, age 25 and older, are preferred. For more information, visit www.allwhiteevent.com. You can purchase tickets online or call 508-8674.

Horse owners

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System will present a Horse Owner Resource, Science and Education Program at 6:30 p.m. March 21 at the Morgan County Agricultural Center, 3120 Highway 36 in Hartselle. Dr. Lew Strickland,

extension veterinarian from Auburn University, will discuss "Equine First Aid." Pre-registration by phone or e-mail is requested. For more information or to pre-register, call Gerry Thompson 353-8702, ext. 25, e-mail thompgl@aces.edu or Ronald Britnell 773-2549, e-mail britnrw@aces.edu.

Ballroom dance classes

FMWR will present "Dancing Like the Stars 2011," Basic (Beginner) Fox Trot and Rumba for adult couples for six Thursdays, March 24 through May 12 – no classes on April 7 and April 14 – 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 Community Activity Center, building 3711, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Deadline for registration is March 23. For information on this or other ballroom dance courses offered this year, call 876-4531.

Organ concert

Greater Huntsville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its 2011 Noon Time Concert Series, featuring works transcribed and arranged for organ concerts, each Thursday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Susan Fletcher is scheduled to play at this Thursday's concert at Weatherly Heights Baptist Church.

School grants

The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies and its Science and Technology Education and Training Committee announce continuation of its Seed Grant Program for K-12 schools in Jackson, Madison, Marshall, Morgan and Limestone counties in Alabama and Lincoln County in Tennessee. Proposals, via the official online fill-in application form, must be completed and submitted by the lead teacher and approved by the lead teacher's principal before 4:30 p.m. April 1. Application forms are available at HATS STEDTRAIN webpage www.hats.org/STEDTRAIN/stedtr.shtml.

Auction benefit

Treasures from Grace, an auction to benefit Grace Lutheran School, will be held Saturday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church and School, 3321 South Memorial Parkway. Tickets are \$20. The live auction begins at 7 p.m. For a listing of auction items, visit www.gls-hsv.org/auction.

Athens State alumni

Athens State University will hold its

103rd annual Alumni Banquet honoring its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year at 6 p.m. April 2 in the University's Sandridge Center Ballroom on its Athens campus. The banquet will also include several other awards given to alumni and supporters of the school. This year's award recipients include Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Mary Catherine Dickens, Class of 1993; Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences, Deborah Wills, Class of 1973; Outstanding Alumnus in Education, Jeanne Payne, Class of 1978; Outstanding Commitment to Teaching, Gail Bergeron, assistant professor of art; and Dedicated Support Staff Award, Felicia Mucci, Class of 1993 and executive assistant to the vice president of enrollment management and student support services. For reservations or information, call 233-8185. Reservations are \$25 per person and must be paid by March 28.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop staff members would like to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and to think green by donating or consigning their unwanted items. "Remember, our proceeds go back into our community," they said in a release. They will hold a plant sale April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the offerings will include angel trumpets, begonias, day lilies, ferns and other flowering and non-flowering plants. Consignments are taken from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call the NO-LIST number 881-6915 before stopping in. The shop's hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 to 5. The Thrift Shop is in building 3209 on Hercules Road.

Volunteer opportunities

Madison County Retired and Senior Volunteer program is partnered with various nonprofit organizations in Huntsville and Madison County that utilize volunteers. RSVP recruits, places and trains individuals who are 55 or older to fill community service needs. For more information, call Pamela Donald 513-8290 or e-mail pdonald@seniorview.com.

Arts update

See "Rent" on Friday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Merrimack Hall, 3320 Triana Boulevard. "Rent" is a rock opera with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson based on Giacomo Puccini's opera La boheme. For more information on this, and other art oriented events, visit www.ourvalleyevents.com or www.artshuntsville.org.