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Post 'great spot' for AMC mission

Army chief of staff likes the transition

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Redstone Arsenal has set the stage for success.

And the Army Materiel Command and other Army tenants are now positioned to take advantage of the synergies that the Arsenal has to offer.

That's all part of a business plan that consolidates Army capabilities and builds efficiencies, said the Army's chief of staff during an interview with the *Redstone Rocket* following the Aug. 7 change of command ceremony at AMC that marked the shift in command leadership from Gen. Ann Dunwoody, who will retire on Aug. 15, to Gen. Dennis Via.

"It's a credible facility," Gen. Raymond Odierno said of the Arsenal, "with a significant amount of commands that we have now been able to unite here."

Running through a list of those organizations – the Aviation and Missile Command, Army Contracting Command and Security

Assistance Command headquartered here along with representation from other Army commands – Odierno went on to say "we now have some synergy that has been developed with the Army Materiel Command. It's still a huge command spread out across the United States. But, in my mind, it's where it needs to be. I think this is a great spot and we're all very pleased that it's gone so smoothly, and AMC has stood up so quickly and continued to do their missions."

AMC moved to Redstone in the summer of 2011, following six years of planning and construction that began with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendation to bring the organization to Redstone. Its headquarters, on Martin Road, is now home to

about 900 AMC civilian employees.

"They're here doing really important work and they're here reaching out to our Soldiers every day around the world. ... To me, it's benefitted AMC and it's benefitted our Army to have them here at Redstone where they are able to focus on what's important to the Soldiers deployed forward," Odierno said.

AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness, including technology, acquisition support, materiel development, logistics power projection and sustainment, ranging from weapon systems to maintenance and distribution of spare parts. It supplies Soldiers with everything from bullets to beans, from helicopters to helmets, from missiles to munitions.

Although future Army growth at Redstone is not on the agenda in these austere budget times, the chief of staff did say "we will continue to look at how we can best consolidate and gain efficiencies."

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Photo by Kari Hawkins

Gen. Raymond Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, stands at attention with Gen. Ann Dunwoody, outgoing commander of the Army Materiel Command, and Gen. Dennis Via, new AMC commander, during the change of command ceremony Aug. 7. During a *Rocket* interview, Odierno praised Redstone Arsenal and thanked AMC's work force.



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What's your favorite football team?

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Col. Tim Baxter

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office
"I am a Green Bay Packer fan. I'm a season ticket holder and a stockholder of Green Bay Packers. I'm probably the biggest Green Bay Packers fan on Redstone Arsenal."



Corey Thomas

Garrison Directorate of Logistics
"LSU Tigers. They're the best in the country."



Karol Boutwell

SMDC/ARSTRAT
"I am from Ohio, so Ohio State. And my husband (Patrick's) Alabama because he's from Alabama."



Kevin O'Malley

Missile Defense Agency
"Georgia. My father went to school there."

Quote of the week

Summer should get a speeding ticket.
— Anonymous

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Letter to the editor

Military mom proud of Soldiers for their service

A sunny morning at Fort Meade, Md., my son Pfc Albert A. Hatem requested that we go to "Clothing" to purchase his new ribbon to add to his gala uniform. I happily walked into the store to acquire this ribbon. The more ribbons, the sign of a progressing career in the military and hopefully in the near future a new promotion! Add it to the list of accomplishments that my son has.

As I wandered through the aisles of uniforms, supplies, and souvenirs I watched how skillfully my son looked at those ribbons. Surely his mind was focused on impending advancement. I saw and bore witness to his new life, the respect and love he has for serving his country. It is truly the one place on earth he wants to be! As he located the ribbon, one for his uniform and one for the shadow box at home, we approached the cash register to pay. There in line was a woman who had a cart loaded with every item of a gala "blues" uniform. I asked her if she was buying the uniform for her son. Quietly and eloquently she told me that this was her job, to purchase uniforms for casualties.

My heart started to beat faster and my hands became cold. My first impulse was to grab the uniform and pray. I prayed that this brave man would reach the gates of eternal peace. If he had fought for peace on earth I wanted him to be sure to have it in heaven. The tears came flowing uncontrollably ... this is real. So many of our service men and women die fighting overseas for our freedom here. I remembered how proud I was when I saw my son in his blues for the first time, he seemed bigger and he has such a presence when he wears this uniform. I remember getting a letter from him when he was in boot camp: "Today I picked up my gala uniform. I will not wear it until I dress for you on Family Day, I want to savor the moment!"

I now savored the moment of this fallen Soldier. If I could

speak to him and his family, I would want them to know how I caressed his uniform and I prayed at its side. I would want them to know how helpless I felt before it. I would want them to know how proud it made me feel to be standing before the uniform of a hero. I would want them to know how his proud brother, my son, stood behind me also as a witness to his bravery. I offered to pay for it – surely a small price for the big price he paid for our freedom. The woman politely refused my offer and said "Honey, we pay for their first uniform and their last." She thanked me for praying and thanked me for my son's service. I paid for my purchases and quickly left.

But as I walked out of the store the tears quickly returned, and then came the sobs. A tightness overcame my entire body and I lost it. My son wrapped his arms around me and said "Mom we don't cry for the fallen here, they die with courage, valor, respect and most of all with pride for their country." Yes, it struck me this is what every man and woman here and at every post does. They conduct themselves with courage, valor, respect and pride for their country. I pulled myself together. My composure I regained and proceeded not to feel sad. I could not feel sad, instead an overwhelming sense of pride came over me. For every loss of human life in the military, there is a sense of pride that all Americans share, a sacrifice made for the freedom of others. Thank you, Soldier, for your sacrifice for me, I know now that you stand guard at the gates of heaven.

I will continue to pray for you and others like you, and I will pray for those who serve, who give of themselves for all of us. I will continue to be strong and proud for my son with every day of his service, with every ribbon, with every accomplishment. Thank you for your service.

Sandra Hatem

SMDC vehicle has successful first flight

The Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command on Aug. 7 conducted the first flight test of the Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The hybrid air vehicle was airborne for more than 90 minutes during its initial flight.

The first flight primary objective was to perform a safe launch and recovery with a secondary objective to verify the flight control system operation. Additional first flight objectives included airworthiness testing and demonstration,

and system level performance verification. All objectives were met during the flight.

The LEMV is an optionally manned or unmanned air vehicle which was manned during this flight. Additional manned flights will resume following a planned and detailed inspection of the vehicle. Northrop Grumman, the prime contractor for LEMV, is working with their international partner Hybrid Air Vehicle of the United Kingdom as a major subcontractor. (SMDC/ARSTRAT release)



Courtesy photo

The Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle soars above Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., during its first flight Aug. 7.

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Getting to **know you**

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Where do you call home?
 I'm originally from Marblehead, Mass.

What do you like about your job?
 I like working with my co-workers and providing support to our core missions.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 I like to do a little fishing. I go up to Tennessee. We've got a little place up there.

What are your goals?
 At 53 I'm looking forward to final retirement. I already retired once from the Army (in 2003 as a lieutenant colonel after 24 years, including two with the Reserves and 22 active).



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

Really I'd like to travel to Europe. I've never gone on vacation in Europe. I've been (deployed) in Europe but never been on vacation in Europe. Take my wife (Kathy) and we'll go on vacation.

Delivery marks milestone for guided rocket system

DALLAS – Lockheed Martin has delivered the 20,000th Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System Unitary rocket to the Army.

With a range of up to 70 kilometers, GMLRS Unitary is an all-weather, precision-strike weapon that can be deployed rapidly, producing pinpoint engagements with minimal collateral damage. The GMLRS rocket is assembled at the company's production facility in Camden, Ark.

"The 20,000 production milestone is a great achievement, and recognition of the continued relevancy of GMLRS to our U.S. and allied war fighters," Lt. Col. T.J. Wright, the Army's product manager for Precision Guided Missiles and Rockets, said. "GMLRS has a bright future as the long-range, precision-fire weapon of choice when commanders need to decisively and accurately attack high-value targets while minimizing the risk of collateral dam-

age. The development of the GMLRS Alternative Warhead will also add a critical area weapon capability to our war fighters who rely on GMLRS to deliver all-weather, 24/7 responsive fires when they need it most."

Scott Arnold, vice president of precision fires in Lockheed Martin's Missiles and Fire Control business, said: "Soldiers and Marines on the ground depend on GMLRS, and we continue to honor that trust by delivering one of the most accurate and reliable precision-strike artillery systems ever produced. Our work force is committed to providing weapon systems that protect our war fighters when it is needed most."

To date, more than 2,300 of the long-range GMLRS Unitary rounds have been fired by Army, Marine Corps and British forces in coalition operations, and the rocket has achieved a combat reliability rate of 98 percent. (*Lockheed Martin release*)

Logistics summit scheduled Aug. 30 to review transition

The Garrison Directorate of Logistics will have a meeting this month on its move from the Installation Management Command to the Army Sustainment Command, a subordinate command to the Army Materiel Command.

The Logistics Summit is Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road.

"The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the support changes generated by DOL's transition from IMCOM to the Army Sustainment Command (AMC) effective Oct. 1, 2012," a prepared release said. "Included in these discussions are: new support agreement requirements, and how to select DOL support and procedures for collecting reimbursable charges."

DOL's services include: SSA operations, ammunition and surveillance support, CIF, HMMP, property book, fuel support, vehicle and equipment maintenance support, and transportation services, to include non-tactical vehicle support, bus and taxi services, household goods shipments and storage, and official passport services.

"Target audience (for the summit) are key logisticians that coordinate DOL support for their RSA organization," the release said. "Additionally, resource management personnel responsible for submitting invoices, and/or performing GFEBs user roles associated with logistical functions are encouraged to attend the last hour of the meeting (11-noon)."

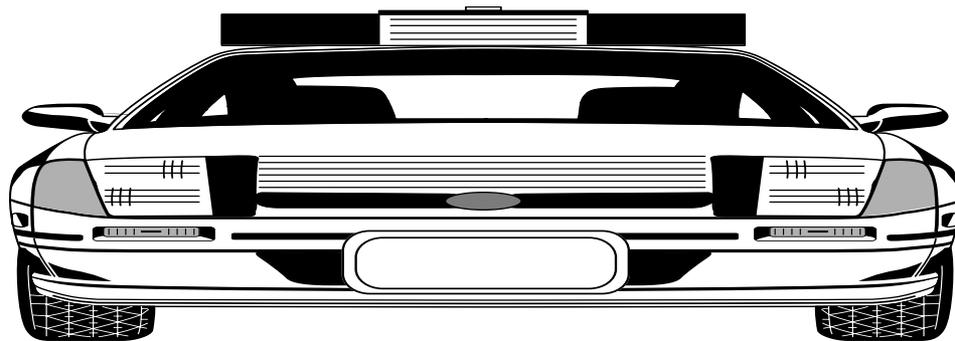
Crimes, accidents & other occurrences

The Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Division, provided the following list of reported incidents for July 29 through Aug. 4:

- Police investigated a single-vehicle, without injury, traffic accident on Rideout Road.
- A driver was cited for driving with a suspended license on Vincent Drive after being stopped for running a stop sign.
- Police received a report of a car being damaged in the parking lot of building 5224.
- Redstone and Huntsville Police investigated a multiple vehicle, with nonlife threatening injury, traffic accident on Patton Road resulting in one vehicle crashing through the perimeter fence.
- Police received a report of a truck being damaged at building 4813.
- Police collected an AWOL from the

Sevier County (Tenn.) Jail and returned him to his Fort Hood, Texas, unit under unit escort.

- Police investigated a two-vehicle, without injury, traffic accident on Martin Road at Mills Road.
- Police arrested a subject for shoplifting at the Main Exchange.
- Police investigated a two-vehicle, without injury, traffic accident in the parking lot of building 5301.
- Police investigated a two-vehicle, without injury, traffic accident on Burse Road at Sparkman Circle.
- Police received a report that a Soldier had been arrested for DUI and AWOL by the Knoxville Police. Fort Polk (La.) Police arranged for the unescorted return of the Soldier.
- Police investigated a report of theft of unsecured property at building 5224.
- Nineteen U.S. District Court violation notices were issued.



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In that type of environment, Redstone stands out as a sentinel for the best civilian work force in the Army. And Odierno wanted to particularly thank those Department of the Army civilians during his visit.

"Their expertise helps us sustain ourselves with the improvement of vehicles, supporting Soldiers and coming up with new technologies for us to use in the future. They do it all and it's a key component for us," he said. "Especially as we transition out of two wars and we begin to move the Army forward, we are going to need the Army Materiel Command to move with us. They will play an important role in that."

Of AMC's civilian work force, Odierno went on to say their "breadth and depth of expertise, their technical competence and their leadership means so much to our Army in the future."

Odierno's Aug. 7 visit to Redstone wasn't his first time at the installation.

Since AMC has been a tenant, he has visited occasionally for briefings and other command activities. He has also had the opportunity to visit other AMC locations in places like Detroit, Mich., and Anniston.

"I've seen firsthand the great work they are doing," he said.

Odierno said AMC and its employees benefit from a supportive community.

"I know the local community here in North Alabama truly appreciates what the Army Materiel Command does, and the leadership of Ann Dunwoody and the incoming Dennis Via," he said. "They understand completely the importance of this job."

"If AMC was a Fortune 500 company, it would be 53rd on the list. It's a huge enterprise that does a complexity of tasks that supports an Army that's in 160 different countries."

Although he doubts the American public fully understands the AMC mission, Odierno said "those that are in uniform and those of us we support understand completely what that means."

In other comments, Odierno expressed the Army's appreciation for

the families that support its Soldiers. Despite budget cuts that will affect some family programs, he is confident that the right programs providing the right amount of family support will stay intact.

"We will have to select those programs that are the best, the ones that are helping our families the most, and we will continue to invest in those programs. You (the Army's families) are always on our mind," he said.

"(The Army's leadership is) constantly putting as a first priority our Army families. So you can depend on us. We'll continue to support your needs as we go through this downsizing."

Those families are still supporting a significant number of deployed Soldiers. Today, there are 92,000 Soldiers forward deployed, with 68,000 Soldiers in Afghanistan. Even as AMC works to maintain equipment and supplies for those Soldiers, the organization is also involved in bringing equipment back to the U.S. from both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Odierno praised AMC's efforts to get that equipment reset and back to the Soldier force, emphasizing its role

in ensuring Soldiers and the Army are "prepared for the next fight."

AMC and Redstone also have a significant role in working to reduce the costs of supporting those Soldiers and their equipment.

"It's about us coming up with new technologies as we make the Army leaner and agile and more deployable," he said. "And the research and development and science and technology work done here at the Army Materiel Command will be key in that."

How well AMC, Redstone Arsenal and the Army as a whole endures through budget cuts will depend on how well the American public "understands the complexity of the mission and supporting us in that mission. It's about making sure that congressmen and senators and state officials understand the importance of AMC," he said.

"It's about building a military/civilian relationship that can carry us for many, many years. It's a technical relationship, a business relationship as well as a relationship of support. I think if we can do those things it will continue to solidify the Army Materiel Command here at Redstone."



Photo by Merv Brokke, AMRDEC Public Affairs

Commander's award

Steve Low, left, aviation weapons capability area lead at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, receives the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from Mike Eison, acting director of AMRDEC's System Simulation and Development Directorate. Low was recognized "for his exemplary leadership demonstrated during the first precision guided weapon release from a Shadow Unmanned Aircraft System during the period of Dec. 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012." Low credited AMRDEC and the prime contractor for success in this effort and specifically recognized the teams of Scott Speigle, Rob King, Mike Cole, Laurie Fraser and Chris Lofts. "I'm a supervisor. I don't do much work. I try to lead others to do great things," he said modestly. The Commander's Award for Civilian Service is the fourth highest honorary award presented by the Department of the Army to civilian employees for commendable service or achievement.

Oktoberfest returns with carnival fun for all

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It's been a family tradition here for nearly two decades.

Oktoberfest, Redstone's annual German festival, has been held every year since 1995 except 2001 (because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks).

This year's Oktoberfest is Sept. 13-16 at the Redstone Activity Field off Patton Road. As always the public is invited.

Hours are 5-11 p.m. Sept. 13, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 14, noon to 1 a.m. Sept. 15 and 1-8 p.m. Sept. 16. Prices are \$12 for Sept. 13 and Sept. 16, and \$15 for Sept. 14 and Sept. 15. That covers admission and all the rides, but doesn't include the chance games.

"It's family fun," Christal Howard, administrative management specialist in the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation office, said. "And it's safe on the Arsenal. They need to come for the great food, too – great German food."

There will be carnival rides for the young and young at heart. The Soldatenstube restaurant returns with its German cuisine.

Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express Band is back at its oompah best. The band performs 6-10 p.m. Sept. 13, 7 p.m. until midnight Sept. 14, 6 p.m. until midnight Sept. 15 and 2-6 p.m. Sept. 16.

Entrance will be through Gate 10 on Patton Road. In case they're asked, people should have their vehicle registration, proof of insurance and a valid driver's license.

For more information, call 313-5224 or visit redstonemwr.com.

Sept. 13-16
Redstone Activity Field



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Festival-goers enjoy the Yoyo ride, among the 2011 Oktoberfest attractions.

Free Movie Friday

This week's feature:
"Battleship" (rated PG-13)

Heiser Hall
Doors open at 5 p.m. for refreshments
Movie starts at 5:30.

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:

Army concert tour

The 2012 Army Concert Tour, featuring "Brantley Gilbert and New Faces of Country," is Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Activity Field. General admission is \$20, \$25 on show day. For more information, call 313-5224.

Dancing classes

Learn how to dance the Rumba by registering through today. Classes will be held at Pagano Gym from Thursday

until Sept. 20 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$66 per couple for six Thursday classes and \$55 for reviewers. For more information or to register, call the ITR office at 876-4531 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Rhythms/Brew/Barbecue

"Rhythms, Brew and Barbecue" will be held Sept. 29 at the Activity Field. Doors open at 2 p.m. with the show at 3. Performing in concert are Eric Benet, Mint Condition, Frank McComb and Rick Ward. Tickets are \$25 advance, \$30 day of show and \$65 premium. For more information, call 313-5224 or visit redstonemwr.com.

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Redstone Lanes bowling center by the numbers



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Linda Kelly bowls with her grandchildren Johnny Hawkins, 11, and his sister Alissa, 10.

Signup is under way for leagues at Redstone Lanes. If interested stop by the center, in building 3424 at Hercules and Patton roads, or call 876-6634.

There are no leagues Saturdays and

Sundays, just open bowling for families.

Construction is expected to be finished by Oct. 1 on an additional party room and four lanes. The center has automatic scoring and “xtreme” bowling.

Redstone Lanes provided the following statistics:

650 league bowlers

9 leagues during the fall, September through April

2 leagues during the summer, May through August

32 lanes currently

26 employees on board

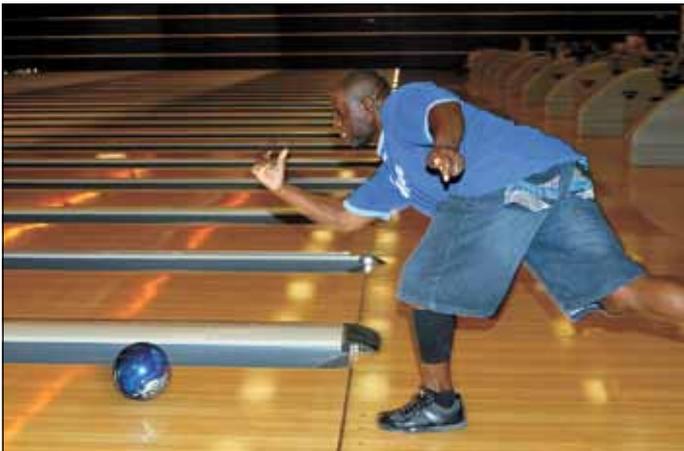


Photo by Ellen Hudson

Austin Brown-Clay, on an outing with his son Alexander, tries for a strike.

AroundTown

Families meet principals, Redstone leaders

By **AMY GUCKEEN TOLSON**

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Huntsville city school leaders, Redstone Arsenal and the parents that make up the installation's work force have united for one mission in the 2012-13 school year — making sure the military connected child receives the best education possible.

“We ask you to sacrifice so much,” Greg Hicks, principal at Columbia High School, said. “We ask you to sacrifice your mobility, we ask you to sacrifice your family, time, and in the meantime we ask you to sacrifice your lives. One thing we’ll never do is ask you to sacrifice the education of your children.”

Students and parents of Williams Elementary, Williams Middle and Columbia High School got a jump start on the school year Thursday at the Williams schools' campus in West Huntsville at a meet-and-greet with the schools' principals. The event was as much a chance for families to say hello as it was for community leaders in education and from Redstone Arsenal to renew their partnership and commitment to the military child, whether they be

the son or daughter of a Soldier, civilian or contractor on the Arsenal.

In a strategic move to ensure the three schools Redstone Arsenal is zoned for have the best leadership possible, Huntsville city schools superintendent Dr. Casey Wardynski repositioned many of the district's principals for the 2012-13 school year. As a result of those changes, Donna White, formerly of Farley Elementary, will head Williams Elementary; John Timlin, formerly of Mountain Gap Middle, will head Williams Middle; and Hicks, formerly of Whitesburg, will head Columbia.

“Huntsville city schools will do whatever we can to make sure the kids of our military are given our very best and the best education,” Wardynski said.

For parents who are seeking the very same thing for their children, the event was the opportunity to show their kids and their educators their commitment as well.

“We wanted the kids to see how important this is,” said Shawn Costley, supervisor of USASAC's CENTCOM region for foreign military sales, whose three children will attend Williams Elementary this fall. “When they see us coming to the school it reinforces the fact that school is important. It gives them a little more incentive to go. Just getting to know the teachers helps as well, because once they know you and see that you have an active interest in the school it helps them to put a little more active interest in the child, knowing that the parents are keeping an eye on them. We just want to make sure they get the best education possible.”



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Representatives from Child Youth and School Services provide information on the services available through FMWR. From left are Mary Washington, School Age Services director; Karen Luckie, director of the Mills Road Child Development Center; and Diane Engbretson, director of the Goss Road CDC.



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Shawn and Louise Costley and their children, from left, Shawn II, 4, Olivia, 6, and Zaria, 7, enjoy some family time at the meet-and-greet. The Costleys moved to Huntsville a little more than three years ago from Fort Belvoir, Va. Shawn works for the Security Assistance Command.



Photo by Ellen Hudson

From left are Columbia High School principal Greg Hicks, Williams Middle School principal John Timlin, Williams Elementary School principal Dr. Donna White, AMC commander Gen. Dennis Via and his wife, Linda.

At the forefront of everyone's minds was the district's conversion to a digital curriculum this school year. Every student grades 4 through 12 will receive a laptop, which will both house their textbooks, now gone digital, as well as the tools needed to complete their homework and achieve success in their educational careers. Students in earlier grades will work with iPads.

“Every child will be working with a digital curriculum, and that is very powerful,” Wardynski said.

Even though Costley's kids are too young to receive the personal laptops distributed by the district, knowing that when the time comes the tech savvy curriculum will be there gives him peace of mind about the direction his children's education is headed.

“I'm glad that we are taking the lead and getting on board with this early on,” Costley said. “The technology is just going to give them that advanced edge that they need.”

In addition, parents had the chance to learn more about the opportunities available to their children through FMWR's Child Youth and School Services, such as the afterschool busing program and afterschool program options through the Youth Center, School Age Services and Child Development Centers. Gen. Dennis Via, commander of the Army Materiel Command, was on hand to welcome students and parents to a new school year, and offer his support for the weeks and months ahead.

“Education has played such an important role personally in my life,” Via said. “Teachers rank very highly with me, and I always had the pleasure of having great teachers throughout my years in school. ... We appreciate all that you do throughout this community and want you to know that Redstone Arsenal supports you and that we're in this together.”

“Think it, believe it and you can achieve it,” Via told the students.

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Pentagon official addresses acquisition corps workers



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Heidi Shyu, acting assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, speaks Aug. 8 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

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Members of Redstone's acquisition work force got a view from the Pentagon on Aug. 8.

They heard from Heidi Shyu, acting assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, in a town hall sponsored by the Program Executive Office for Aviation. The afternoon event filled the 650-seat Bob Jones Auditorium.

"She wants you to know how proud she is of what you do," Maj. Gen. Tim Crosby, the program executive officer for aviation, said.

Shyu gave an overview of defense funding, answered questions from the audience and presented awards. She received a standing ovation at the end.

"I just want to thank you for this opportunity to be here today," she said.

Willie Travis, chief of contracts operations division in Army Contracting Command-Redstone, was among the interested attendees.

"I certainly was enlightened," Travis said. "It certainly gives us program per-

spective at her level as far as funding being obligated and filling critical contracting positions."

Award recipients included the following:

- Col. Norbert Vergez, project manager for Non-Standard Rotary Wing in the PEO Aviation – the Army Commendation Medal.

- Kelvin Nunn, deputy project manager for Non-Standard Rotary Wing – the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

- David Pinckley, Non-Standard Rotary Wing Project Office, Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

- Willis Epps, Non-Standard Rotary Wing Project Office, Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

- Bill Nichols, Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office, PEO Missiles and Space – Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

- Richard Swanstrom, Integrated Air and Missile Defense Project Office, PEO Missiles and Space – Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

- Barry Belew, Lower Tier Project Office, PEO Missiles and Space – Commander's Award for Civilian Service.



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Troop support

Girl Scout Troop 421 participates in a service project for the Thrift Shop “Tips for Troops” Aug. 4. The consignment store was open that first Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The project involved packing boxes with essential items needed by deployed troops and some goodies for them as well. The Girl Scouts included handmade letters in the boxes to show their appreciation to the servicemembers. The Thrift Shop takes monetary donations to help pay for the shipping cost and other contributions to put into the boxes.

Rules limit political postings by government workers

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FORT SILL, Okla. – The 2012 Presidential election is less than 90 days away. Political perspectives and opinions are running at a fevered pitch, and many people are more than willing to express their opinions in public.

Often Soldiers and government employees want to get involved with the political process, especially on social media sites. There are, however, a number of things that they need to keep in mind when it comes to being in military or government service and being involved in political activity.

For example, an Army Reservist found himself in deep trouble last year after he took the stage at a Ron Paul campaign event while in uniform to express his support for the candidate. This kind of political activity is prohibited because he was in uniform.

Social media is giving people more opportunities to express their opinions about politics than ever before. A statement can be posted on Facebook, Twitter or other social media sites and be viewed across the country and around the world instantly. Some of these messages are posted on the fly, and not thought out concerning their impact. Soldiers and government employees need to know the rules that apply to such public statements, both on the Internet and other places.

In an example of how social media can cause trouble for military personnel, a Marine was recently discharged from the Corps because he posted critical and derogatory comments about the president on Facebook. The site failed to indicate that the views being expressed were not the views of the Marine Corps or the Department of Defense. He had previously been warned by the Marine Corps that such sites were a violation of military policy, but he did not heed the warning.

Social media guidelines

DoD has included guidelines for using social media related to political activities and issues in the “Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections.” A link to the full document is at the

end of this article. Here are highlights of guidance offered by the DoD regarding political activity on social media:

Active-duty servicemembers may generally express personal views on public issues or political candidates via social media or personal blogs, much like writing a letter to a newspaper.

If the social media page or posts identifies the person as an active-duty servicemember, then the page or post should clearly and prominently state that the views expressed do not represent the DoD, or their branch of service.

Active-duty members may become “friends” or “like” a Facebook page, or “follow” the Twitter account of a political party or partisan candidates.

Active-duty military personnel may not do the following:

- Active-duty members may not engage in any partisan political activity, even on social media sites. Posting of any direct links to political parties, partisan candidates, campaigns, groups or causes is the equivalent of distributing campaign literature on behalf of the individual or party, which is prohibited.

- Active-duty members may not post or comment on pages or send “tweets” to political parties or partisan candidates, as such activity is engaging in partisan political activity through a medium sponsored or controlled by political entities.

- Active-duty members should not engage in activities that suggest others “like,” “friend” or “follow” the political party, partisan political candidate, group or cause, or forward an invitation or solicitation from those political causes.

- Active-duty military servicemembers may be subject to additional restrictions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice governing the use of government resources and communication systems, such as email and the Internet. To learn more see the “Public Affairs Guidance for Political Campaigns and Elections” document: <http://tinyurl.com/d9ovwxh>.

Hatch Act and political activity

The Hatch Act, originally passed in 1939, applies to federal employees. The act was amended in 1993 and “permits most federal employees to take an

active part in partisan political activities and campaigns. While federal employees are still prohibited from seeking political office in partisan elections, most employees are free to work, while off-duty, on partisan campaigns of candidates of their choice.”

The Department of Defense recently published the “Civilian and Military Personnel Participation in Political Activities” guide to help civilian and military know what is permitted. The basic guideline is contained in DoD Directive 1344.10 “Guidance for Military Personnel” and states: “Generally all servicemembers are prohibited from acting in any manner that gives rise to the inference of endorsement or approval of candidates for political office by DoD or the U.S. military.”

A clear example of this is an active-duty military person wearing their uniform while engaging in political activity, as mentioned earlier. Reservists and Guard members not on active duty have more latitude and may engage in certain political activities, provided they are not in uniform, and do not act in a manner that implies sponsorship or approval of a candidate. Military personnel should avoid any activity that violates this policy.

DoD civilians are covered under similar guidelines for political activities that are directed toward success or failure of a political candidate or party. Government employees are allowed to participate in the same political activities that military personnel are allowed to do, as previously mentioned.

However, government employees may not:

- Participate in any political activity while on duty or in a federal building.

- Use the insignia of a government office or any official authority while participating in political activities.

- Solicit, accept or receive political contributions, regardless of where these activities take place.

- Display campaign posters, buttons, bumper sticker, screen savers or any other campaign materials in a federal building.

- Engage in political activities while using a government owned or leased vehicle.

- Host a fund-raiser for partisan candidates.

- Run for public office in a partisan election.

Wearing the uniform together as Soldiers

AMCOM commander, wife serve Army side-by-side

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They didn't meet wearing the uniform. But together as a married couple for the past 13 years, they have certainly shared the responsibility, duty and commitment that characterize the Army's Soldiers.

Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar, the new commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, and Col. Sarah Green, the new staff judge advocate for the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, have shown that making the Army a family affair has been good for both their careers and their personal lives.

"There are advantages to marrying another officer," Collyar said. "You know what the other person has done, and you have a better understanding of how we do things and why and how it affects each other."

As with any dual-track professional career couple, there is sacrifice and compromise, and a commitment to make it work against all odds.

"There are ups and downs in assignments," Green said. "We can't both be on the top-tier track. But we can both do our jobs with confidence and we can both progress in our careers. We can both progress as professionals."

The Collyar/Green couple, who have been at Redstone since early June, feel they have definitely hit the jackpot for both of their careers with their new assignments. Outside the Washington, D.C., area, Redstone is one of the few installations where both can excel professionally while stationed together. And with Collyar a Huntsville native, the assignment has given him the opportunity to be close to his mother and his sister, who works for the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. It has given Green a chance to better know her husband's family and longtime local friends, and to visit her own family in Memphis. Besides catching up with old friends in Huntsville, Collyar and his wife have also reconnected with military friends who have retired here.

Both apart and together the couple have lived in several military communities through Collyar's 33 years of service

and Green's 27 years.

"I've been to some great military communities," Green said. "They have been very supportive, a lot of fun and home to great military families. But Huntsville is great, too. It is so supportive of the military. It's unlike any place I've ever been. The people here are so proud to be supportive of the military."

Collyar's parents both worked for the Army at Redstone as civil servants. His dad was a Missile Command employee while his mom worked for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School, the very organization that moved to Fort Lee, Va., recently when Collyar commanded as the 35th chief of Ordnance.

"My dad (who has passed away) was a relatively senior civil servant. He never worked with a significant number of military. He was in the scientific community," Collyar said.

"I expected to go to West Point and do a few years with the Army, and then get into the research and development side with my dad. I expected to come back and do that kind of work. But every officer should experience a company command before they leave the Army. I did and I really enjoyed it, and I've enjoyed everything about being in command since."

The couple met in the early 1990s while living in the D.C. area. Although both were working at the Pentagon – Collyar as the deputy chief of staff for logistics in the Office of Resource Management and Green as the assistant executive officer for the assistant judge advocate general for civil law and litigation – their paths had not crossed. At the time, Green worked with someone who lived in Collyar's neighborhood and he introduced them at one of the neighborhood's get-togethers. But it wasn't long before Green deployed to Somalia with the United Task Force in support of Operation Restore Hope.

"Lynn helped my sister move me out of my place," Green said.

During the next several years, the couple managed to date and then marry despite various separations. Both served at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where Green was the senior defense counsel to the 25th Infantry Division and Collyar was the executive officer for the 725th Main Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, the Division G-4 plans and operations officer and then the deputy chief of staff of logistics.

Assignments then took Green to Kor-



Photo by Kari Hawkins

AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar and Col. Sarah Green, staff judge advocate for SMCD/ARSTRAT, are very much an Army couple. Between the two of them, their careers have taken them around the world, into combat and to the Pentagon. They are now both happy to be assigned to Redstone.

ea, where she was the deputy staff judge advocate for the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud, while Collyar served as the deputy logistics officer of Joint Task Force 180, during the 25th Infantry Division's deployment to Operation Restore Democracy in Haiti. They both then served at Fort Bragg, N.C., where Green was the chief of the Administrative Law Division of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate for the XVIII Airborne Corps and Collyar was the executive officer/deputy commander of the 82nd Airborne Division Support Command.

In July 1997, the couple were sepa-

rated when Collyar took command of the 189th Corps Support Battalion, 1st Corps Support Command, XVIII Airborne Corps and deployed to Central America where he served as Joint Logistics Task Force commander in support of Operation Strong Support. Other separations took Green to Heidelberg, Germany, where she was a deputy judge advocate and Collyar to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002 as commander of the 29th Support Group, 21st Theater Support Command.

The couple reunited at the Pentagon, where Green served for eight years with

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AMCOM envisions change for future efficiencies

Commander shares thoughts during town hall meeting

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With only two months of a new command under his belt, the Aviation and Missile Command's Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar took on the very serious subject of AMCOM's future during his first town hall meeting Aug. 7 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

And that future depends largely on continued employee commitment to meeting aviation and missile development, acquisition and sustainment goals, improving efficiencies and reducing costs.

"We are going to have to change dramatically in how we utilize people and the funds we have to get the most out of those funds," AMCOM's new commander said. "We will have to work hard to get the money we need so that we have the ability to execute what we know is the right thing. We have to have the funds to execute what is right while at the same time go down in our budget needs without affecting our people and the mission."

Collyar's strong stance on AMCOM's future resonated throughout his comments to the organization's work force. For a commander who has only been here a few months, he has quickly gotten "boots on the ground" in understanding the challenges AMCOM and its employees are facing, and in working to chart a course through



Photo by Ellen Hudson

Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar introduces himself to the employees of the Aviation and Missile Command during his first town hall Aug. 7. The meeting focused on employee recognition, the commander's work philosophies and concerns about budget cuts.

the next few years of tightening budgets.

Army chief of staff Gen. Raymond Odierno recently said he expects a 20 to 30 percent reduction in both the Soldier

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Photo by Ellen Hudson

The Aviation and Missile Command's Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar takes time to recognize several AMCOM employees for excellence during his first town hall. From left are James Storey, James Watson, Cynthia Reese, Coretta Gaines and Margarett Martin, all of the Integrated Materiel Management Center. They were recognized for their work on cost avoidance through utilization of excess property.

General: Readiness key to deterrence in Korea

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YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea – The Eighth Army deputy commander for operations said readiness is the key to maintaining security on the Korean Peninsula and stability in North-east Asia.

“North Korea continues to threaten the peninsula and the region with its provocative actions and rhetoric as well as its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction,” Maj. Gen. Walter Golden said. “For more than 62 years, Eighth Army has helped to deter this threat.

“As the U.S. military shifts its focus to the Pacific, this mission remains as important as ever,” said Golden, a native of Salida, Colo. “Deterring aggression requires a very high state of readiness and that is why it is imperative that we train together with our (Republic of Korea) allies as often as possible to maintain that level of readiness.”

The former 2nd Infantry Division assistant division commander for maneuver was welcomed to the U.S. Army’s top operational headquarters in South Korea, Aug. 10, during a ceremony on this



Photo by Pvt. Hong Dongkyun, Eighth Army Public Affairs

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U.S. military post in Seoul.

Numerous senior officials attended the ceremony, including the Republic of Korea Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Park Sung-choon, Dong-

ly named Golden an honorary citizen of his city, which is adjacent to Camp Casey, during the general’s tour with the 2nd Infantry Division.

Golden reported to Eighth Army following an assignment as the deputy chief of police with the NATO training mission in Afghanistan.

Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson said Golden will play a critical role as Eighth Army transforms into a Field Army capable of commanding multinational corps-level combat units during conflicts and contingencies.

“For more than 30 years, General Walter Golden has served on the forward edge of freedom,” Johnson said, “and he will play a crucial role on the Eighth Army command team as we continue to defend liberty here with our ROK allies.”

An Army Black Hawk pilot and Harvard alumnus, Golden said he jumped at the opportunity to serve in Korea again.

“Korea is one of America’s greatest allies and the ROK-U.S. Alliance is the strongest military alliance in the world,” Golden said. “Today, this modern, democratic and prosperous nation serves as a great example of what free people can accomplish together.”

ducheon Mayor Oh Se-chang and Gen. James Thurman, commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

The Dongducheon mayor previous-

Couple

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the Office of the Judge Advocate General while Collyar served as the chief of the Focused Logistics Division, Force Development, Headquarters Department of the Army G-8. But separation came once again as Collyar went on to serve as commander of the Defense Distribution Center, a primary level field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency based in New Cumberland, Pa., and more recently as the 35th chief of Ordnance at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and at Fort Lee, Va.

“For us, it’s always been that the Army’s needs take first priority. That could mean you don’t always get stationed together,” Collyar said. “The more senior you get, the harder it is to be stationed together.”

But Green doesn’t see their sacrifices being much different from those of other couples and families.

“It’s not just the military that has separations. A lot of families go through that,” she said.

“There were many times when I could go home on the weekend or Sarah could come where I was,” Collyar added.

The couple said their career decisions

may have been different if there had been children to raise. But even without children, Green has made some sacrifices that allowed the couple more time together.

“She has made decisions not to pursue more schooling, and that has limited her ability for promotions,” Collyar said.

“I took myself along a different track. Those are personal decisions,” Green added.

The couple attribute their success as an Army couple to being able to compromise and sacrifice for each other and the Army. Their journey is one they believe other married military couples can travel successfully.

“There’ll be a time when you’ll have to make decisions on career versus family, on which career is the priority,” Green said. “One may have to sacrifice for the other.”

“I’ve been fortunate in that the JAG is a small group where we all know each other. It’s easier to take care of your people when you are smaller. The senior leadership of the JAG corps has bent over backward for us. They really have been good at supporting us. If that hadn’t been the case, I would have had to make some tough decisions.”

Throughout their careers and marriage, things have worked out, issues have been dealt with, and life has provided plenty of opportunities for them both.

“Every Soldier, every officer, has to

manage their own career. But the Army will assist you and get you where you want to go,” Collyar said.

The couple are looking forward to enjoying Redstone and the local community together.

“Huntsville is a great community, but it’s not just a great military community,” Collyar said. “It’s a high-tech community that happens to have a military base here that also fits into that mold. It started its growth based on the military and NASA. But Huntsville expanded beyond that and today is a community of high-tech, very well-educated people. Huntsville has stayed focused on the right things to constantly expand the community.”

Likewise, Collyar is enjoying his command assignment with AMCOM.

“AMCOM has lived up to the reputation that I had heard about,” he said. “The people here care, work hard and want to do the right things. I’m very proud of what this organization has accomplished in supporting the war fighter and the Army.”

Green is looking forward to becoming more familiar with the “very niche organization” known worldwide as SMDC/ARSTRAT, and to supporting commander Lt. Gen. Richard Formica’s initiatives both within the organization and in the local community.

The couple are appreciative of the role Team Redstone has in the Huntsville/Tennessee Valley community. But they would like to see more Arsenal civilians take advantage of what the Redstone community has to offer off hours.

“I think it’s somewhat challenging that you have organizations that are largely civilian and not more civilian presence around the Arsenal,” Collyar said. “We have great employees with organizations like Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, the Child Development Centers and Youth Services that are providing the right kind of services. The facilities here are terrific and there are great events. I would like to see us get more of our civilians using these facilities.”

As far as their careers go, Redstone and Huntsville will likely be their last assignment.

“We’re going to stay,” Green said. “This is it for us. This will be our retirement home.”

Collyar said they had planned to retire in Huntsville long before they were assigned to Redstone.

“We’re happy to be here. We’re proud to be part of Team Redstone,” Collyar said. “I think we do have a great group of military and civilian leaders on the Arsenal and in the community, and we want to be a part of that.”

Army reorganization created AMC

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Fifty years ago, Leonard Hoelscher and Project 80 recommended “one of the most sweeping reorganizations in the history of the Department of Army.”

That was how “Arsenal for the Brave, A History of the United States Army Materiel Command” described the work of the Army’s deputy comptroller and the Hoelscher Group.

Creating AMC was one of the recommendations. Six technical services previously handled the Army’s logistics responsibilities. This led to duplication, overlap and inefficiencies. The group concluded these were “little armies within the big Army,” said a Hoelscher Group veteran.

Lew Ashley believes his fellow Hoelscher Group members “would share a great sense of pride with to-



Courtesy photo

This is an AMC-developed chaplain's kit in 1967.

day's AMC.”

“Today's AMC is much more capable of providing timely and effective support to the war fighter than



Courtesy photo

A Soldier holds the Light Anti-Armor Weapon or LAW in 1963.

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tion that would best serve the needs of the Army and its war fighting mission,” Ashley said.

“When the Hoelscher Group recommended creation of the Army Materiel Command, it was a dramatic change in the way the Army did business in logistics,” the veteran said.

Hoelscher Group members understood their mission, according to Ashley. “Early on, the entire Hoelscher Group met with the secretary of the Army (Elvis Stahr) who outlined the importance of the effort,” he said. “He also indicated ‘there were to be no sacred cows.’”

Stahr gave the group a broad charter. They had the authority to look at anything and to go anywhere to meet their objective.

“We were to make recommendations for improvement aimed particularly at improving the Army’s effectiveness and efficiency, reducing unnecessary overlap, eliminating layers of management and streamlining the way the Army did business,” Ashley said.

Serving on the group was a great learning experience for Ashley. He served on the Army staff when Hoelscher asked him to serve on the Personnel Task Force.

the organizations it replaced,” said Ashley, who served on the Personnel Task Force. “The quality of support AMC has provided to the war fighters in Afghanistan and Iraq would not have been possible with the logistics organization that existed before August 1962.”

Senior leadership wanted a better way. “The Army chief of staff (Gen. George Decker) was especially interested in having a logistics organiza-

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A CH-47 helicopter carries the Lance weapon by sling-load in 1966.

Classes focus on safety with explosives, UXOs

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Explosive safety is a priority for Team Redstone.

“The bottom line is, we’re always improving explosive safety for Redstone Arsenal,” Garrison safety manager Mike Moore said. “We really are one big team here. If one person gets hurt it affects all of us. You don’t get a second chance. It’s a high risk activity and we need to be as professionally trained as possible, be diligent and put safety first every time.”

The Garrison Safety Office already ensures that UXO training is readily available to anyone who needs it. A UXO is an unexploded ordnance that failed to function or was never used. Many have been found on the Arsenal, especially when digging or walking through wooded areas. Everyone here needs to know what a UXO looks like and what to do when one is found, so training can easily be requested by calling the safety office.

A hands-on course dealing with explosives, propellants and pyrotechnic safety also is available through Matt Smith, an explosives consultant with Whisper Tech. His company serves Department of Defense employees and contractors by providing consulting, live explosives training, ammo certification courses, site plan preparation, research and development, independent facility inspections and DEMIL/UXO support.

Smith will be instructing employees from the Missile Defense Agency and Northrop Grumman in explosive safety Aug. 30-31. The “DOD Explosives, Propellants and Pyrotechnics Safety” course will be held at a training room at the Comfort Suites hotel in Cullman and at the Whisper Tech firing range nearby.

“We go over the different means of initiation, such as electric, nonelectric and shock tube,” Smith said. “We try to let students go through how to set up and fire, what happens if there’s a misfire, and the different reactions of explosives, propellants and pyrotechnics.”

Students are taught about the explosives verbally first, then go out to the range to actually handle them and see how they work. Smith even allows them to take before and after pictures of the effects of conical shaped charges and linear shaped charges on stacks of steel.

“It’s one thing to study it in books, but to go out there and see it is another thing. There’s something extra the students get



Photo by Beth Skarupa

Explosives consultant Matt Smith, left, and Garrison safety manager Mike Moore review an explosive site plan.

out of that than they get from a standard classroom course,” he said.

He has taught more than 25 explosive safety courses in the past five years, with attendees from as far away as California and in all branches of the military. He can accommodate all skill levels and positions from floor worker to manager. Each student receives a certificate of completion after taking the course.

“We’ve never had an accident, no personal injuries. Everyone leaves with a smile and an appreciation of what this is all about,” he said.

He has a blaster’s license through the state of Alabama which allows him to store, handle and detonate explosives, as well as a license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Smith’s course now is included under the ammunition and explosive certification program through the Garrison.

“My course brings a new twist to the program. I get input from people here on the Arsenal, on how to improve the course and make it more beneficial to the people here,” he said.

The next explosives, propellants and pyrotechnics safety course is scheduled Sept. 18-21, but Smith will work with organizations to schedule additional courses at other times if necessary. He also offers specialized courses including Improvised Explosive Device safety and Foreign Weapons upon request.

For more information about the explosive safety course and other services offered by Whisper Tech, call Smith at (205) 837-7836 or email matt@whispertech.org. UXO training can be requested by calling Moore at 313-3297.

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and civilian work force. It could be even more significant if sequestration, which is an automated spending cut, is triggered in January as dictated by the Budget Control Act of 2011. Collyar said the Department of Defense could send out reduction-in-force announcements as early as September, and there is a possibility of another round of voluntary separations and voluntary retirements that will help AMCOM maintain a balanced work force.

“If that (VERA/VSIP) happens, it needs to happen soon,” Collyar said. “The first part of the fiscal year is best to take full advantage of the reduction.

“Where we are challenged is that if we lose 20 to 30 percent of our work force through a reduction-in-force then that means we’ll lose all the younger people. So, I could see us try to offer that (VERA/VSIP) at some level so we can balance” between the loss of the younger work force and more senior employees.

Yet, Collyar emphasized there has not at this time been any guidance from the Department of the Army concerning VERA/VSIP or reductions-in-force.

Most of the town hall, however, was dedicated to recognizing excellence within the work force, saying farewell to AMCOM deputy commander Ronnie Chronister, who is taking a promotion with the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and the sharing of the commander’s work philosophy.

During Collyar’s command, AMCOM will operate under three tenants – war fighter support, stewardship excellence and work force development. While AMCOM employees have proven time and time again their commitment to war fighter support, Collyar said more emphasis needs to be placed on the other two tenets.

“There will be significant changes in the way we do business starting very soon,” he said.

Stewardship excellence refers to finding efficiencies while also providing the best in equipment and services to the war fighter, and to bringing the “look of the operational Army back to AMCOM.”

Collyar also said that, with 95 percent of the AMCOM work force made up of civilian employees, it is important for the organization to be a leader in work force and leadership development.

The major general, a Huntsville native who introduced himself to his audience by describing himself as a

tri-athlete, golfer and marble collector who is relatively informal, said he enjoys “new people, new ideas and new things.” During the town hall, he introduced the command staff, which includes several new leaders such as chief of staff Col. Jay Macklin and Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell. Collyar also joked around with his audience with his folksy humor, casually walking around the auditorium and emphasizing that he is an approachable leader.

He spoke about his expectations – high professional and personal standards, hold yourself accountable, hold subordinates accountable, develop subordinates, maintain good fitness and have fun.

“We are all on the same team. We will all look better together than we will look if one of us looks bad.”

Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar

AMCOM commanding general

“We set the standard for ourselves,” he said. “This organization has a great reputation and most of that reputation has been made by setting the highest standards you can. Each of you needs to set your own standard. If something is wrong, say something about it, and work to fix it or make it better.”

He added that employees “deserve the opportunity to learn and grow,” that each employee should maintain their own unique balance of physical, emotional and spiritual fitness and that the job should always be fun.

“You need to have fun in what you do,” he said. “I’ve always believed the day you take command is when you lose the right to have a bad day. Have fun. Train people. Do the right things.”

In addition, AMCOM employees should follow these guiding principles – if you need help or additional guidance, ask; use common sense; information is not all about the Internet and emails; take care of your people; we are a team, not competitors; and allow your employees to attend developmental courses.

“We are all on the same team,” Collyar said. “We will all look better together than we will look if one of us looks bad.

“We need to make sure we are doing the right things for our work force so they are prepared to take on jobs of increased responsibility.”

AMCOM’s leaders, he said, need to lead, develop and achieve.

Corps of Engineers to award \$7B energy contract

The Army Corps of Engineers, through its Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville, has issued a Multiple-Award Task Order Contract Request for Proposal for \$7 billion in total contract capacity to procure reliable, locally generated, renewable and alternative energy through power purchase agreements.

The \$7 billion capacity would be expended for the purchase of energy over a period of 30 years or less from renewable energy plants that are constructed and operated by contractors using private sector financing.

“One year ago I authorized the Energy Initiatives Task Force. The announcement of this acquisition vehicle by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers demonstrates EITF’s progress and the Army’s commitment toward installation energy security, mission readiness and resilience,” secretary of the Army John McHugh said. “We believe the Federal Renewable and Alternative Energy contract will provide the Army with an important means to achieve its goal of one gigawatt of renewable energy projects by 2025.”

“Development of this acquisition has included significant industry and government coordination to draw from the various experiences and lessons learned throughout,” Col. Nello Tortora, former commander of the Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville, said. “We received and analyzed more than 900 comments from industry in response to our draft Request for Proposal, and have responded to those comments through a series of frequently asked questions.”

The solicitation for the Renewable and Alternative Energy Power Production for DoD Installations is posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website at www.fbo.gov or <http://go.usa.gov/Gd6>. It will be available for 60 days. Comments can be submitted to the ProjNet website at <http://www.projnet.org/projnet> in accordance with the instructions stated in the RFP Executive Summary section.

“We plan to conduct a pre-proposal conference in late August,” Tonju Butler, the procurement contracting officer in Huntsville, said. “Details on the conference and how to register will be released once plans are finalized.”

In late February, the Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville issued a request for comments on the draft RFP. The original 900 industry comments are posted on the ProjNet website at <http://www.projnet.org/projnet>. Those comments can be accessed if a vendor registered and received a key to accessing that website in the draft RFP.

“We have taken all the comments received from interested parties into consideration and answered them keeping in mind our regulations,” Butler said. “The frequently asked questions with answers are available on www.fbo.gov.”

It is the intent of the government only to purchase the energy that is produced, and not to acquire any generation assets. The contractors will finance, design, build, operate, own and maintain the energy plants. The government will contract to purchase the power for up to 30 years in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in site or project specific agreements resulting from task orders awarded under mul-

multiple Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts. Project locations may be on any federal property located within the U.S. including Alaska, Hawaii, territories, provinces or other property under the control of the government for the duration of contract performance.

“Contracts will be awarded to both large and small businesses according to four different renewable energy technologies: solar, wind, geothermal and biomass,” Sarah Tierney, the project’s contracting specialist, said. “Task orders will be executed against the basic ID/IQ contracts, using fair opportunity procedures established in the Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 16.”

These contracts are one of the contract vehicles that will help support the EITF in its efforts to plan and execute a cost-effective portfolio of large scale renewable energy projects on Army installations by leveraging private sector financing. The Army’s development of large scale renewable energy projects is critical to achieving installation energy security, mission effectiveness and resilience objectives while supporting the DoD’s goals to enhance installation energy security and reduce installation energy costs. Energy security and sustainability are operationally necessary, financially prudent and mission critical.

By awarding the contracts, the Army will have a streamlined process to develop large scale renewable energy projects that uses private sector financing. This approach will help speed overall project development timelines to ensure the best value to the Army and private sector.

The Army is moving forward to address the challenge of energy security and sustainability to ensure the Army of tomorrow has the same access to energy, water, land and natural resources as the Army of today. The DoD has

the goal to produce or consume 25 percent of its total energy use from renewable sources by 2025.

The Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville executes Army programs and specialized missions worldwide that require unique technical expertise, large acquisitions and centralized program management. Huntsville’s involvement in the Army’s energy program began in the early 1980s with the program management and technical oversight for the Energy Engineering Analysis Program. The center continued to gain energy experience through the development and award of the DoD’s first shared energy savings contract.

The Engineering and Support Center-Huntsville continues to provide unique energy solutions for third party contracting, Energy Savings Performance Contracting, Demand Side Management, utility privatization, Energy Conservation Investment Program, Utility Monitoring and Control Systems, heating ventilation and air conditioning, energy assessments and energy planning.

Huntsville’s energy team has been recognized for outstanding achievements with multiple federal energy and water management awards, Vice Presidential Hammer awards and Army Corps of Engineers project delivery awards. (*Huntsville Center release*)



Black Hawk helicopter flies for PEO Soldier

Demonstration flight held for top leaders

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To really understand an Army aviator, you must not only walk a mile in their shoes, but don the gear, sit in the cockpit and man the controls.

Brig. Gen. Paul Ostrowski, program executive officer for Soldier, and Col. Tim Wallace, project manager for Soldier Warrior, visited Redstone Arsenal Aug. 1 to experience firsthand what it's like for Army aviators across the world to suit up and take to the air in the equipment their offices are responsible for. Neither one of them aviators themselves, the flight demo gave the PEO and PM the opportunity to take to the cockpit of a UH-60M Black Hawk for the first time.

"It was phenomenal," Ostrowski said. "When you are sitting in the back of a helicopter, you take for granted that you are going to get from point A to point B because you have that much faith and trust in your pilots. Sitting in the front

and getting to see all the intricacies, you understand the need to get them whatever equipment they need to fight and fly the aircraft."

While the half-hour flight was short compared to the length of flights in Afghanistan, the time in the cockpit was enough for the duo to get an idea of what it means to be an Army aviator. Wallace noted what a critical role concentration plays in flying the aircraft, and flying it well, and the job his office has to make sure the equipment they provide best supports that focus.

"Today gave me an opportunity to get a feel for what members of the air crew experience as they carry out their mission," Wallace said. "In the 30 minutes I was in the air, I got a taste of what they experience, which will help me and my leadership make the decisions necessary to make their experience better."

PEO Soldier, based in Fort Belvoir, Va., provides Soldiers with the affordable, integrated, state-of-the-art equipment they need to complete their mission as well as protection to help them do it safely. Soldier Warrior's Air Warrior ensemble allows Army aircrews to maximize their mission performance while at



Photo by Collin Magonigal

Lt. Col. Spencer Guida, left, and Brig. Gen. Paul Ostrowski talk on the Air Warrior Encrypted Aircraft Wireless Intercom System.

the same time providing them with the tools needed to save their lives.

"It's important that all project office

leaders understand how the individual equipment works and how it is used,"

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Aerosmith guitarist visits SMDC/ARSTRAT in Colorado



Photo by Dottie White

Col. Jimmie Jenkins, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command chief of staff, explains the command's mission to Aerosmith lead guitarist Joe Perry and his wife, Bille, during a visit to the command on Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Aug. 1.

By **DOTTIE WHITE**

SMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Aerosmith co-founding member and lead guitarist Joe Perry visited the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command on Aug. 1 before performing in an Aerosmith concert in Denver.

While visiting, Perry received an overview brief of the command's Friendly Force

Tracking Mission Management Center from Joe Piscitelli, an SMDC employee.

"This is the real deal," Perry said during the briefing. "It's really amazing what you are doing here."

Piscitelli, who works MMC operations support training and security for SMDC, is credited with naming Perry's album, "Have Guitar, Will Travel," during a 2009 contest that included nearly 2,000 suggested titles.

Perry also greeted several employees and signed autographs during his visit.

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Lt. Col. Spencer Guida, Air Warrior product manager, said. "As they are making decisions, they must have an understanding of how those choices will impact the Soldiers in the air and on the ground."

As part of the demo, Ostrowski and Wallace donned the typical gear an aviator would wear while flying a Black Hawk, including the Army Aircrew Combat Uniform, Primary Survival Gear Carrier, Flexible Body Armor with ballistic hard plate, Microclimate Cooling Garment, and the HGU-56P flight helmet equipped with the Communication Enhancement and Protection System.

After the flight, both officers experienced the next piece of the Air Warrior ensemble planned for aircrews, the Encrypted Aircraft Wireless Intercom System. This capability provides the aft crew members the ability to communicate with the pilots both inside and outside of the aircraft without dragging the 50-foot aircraft intercom cord along with them.



Photo by Collin Magonigal

Mike Weiss, of the Redstone Test Center, gives an aircraft orientation to Brig. Gen. Paul Ostrowski in the UH-60M cockpit before a flight demonstration.

They also received a tour of the Airfield's Aviation Life Support Equipment facility.

"This really gives our leadership a firsthand perspective on the gear they're responsible for and what the equipment does," Maj. B.J. Wiley, assistant product manager for Air Warrior, said. "It allows them to experience some of the limitations it has, as well as the great benefits it provides when you're flying the aircraft."

Stewart Soldiers prepare for deployment

By Spc. EMILY KNITTER
1HBCT Public Affairs

FORT STEWART, Ga. – In preparation for a deployment where units will be spread out across a wide area, having a broad base of knowledge is imperative. Squad and team leaders with Company A, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Third Infantry Division, spent a morning refreshing their “call-for-fire” skills as part of that type of wide-range training Aug. 2.

“Teaching our Village Support Operation teams and infantry squads how to effectively call for and destroy targets using indirect fire gives them the ability to do my job if I am not there,” explained Spc. Nicholes Mosca, a forward observer with Company A, and a class instructor. “I hope after this class that they understand the basics of calling for fire in case the time comes where they need to save lives.”

Although the intricacies of an entire profession cannot be taught in a few hours, the Soldiers were taught enough to get the job done if needed in combat.

“In Afghanistan right now, most of the contact we take is out of our primary weapons range,” Sgt. Michael Macdonald, a team leader with Company A, said.

“So, we are going to need whatever we have to engage our enemy directly. Our forward observer isn’t always going to be with us, so knowing the basics allows us to call for fire directly and not have to rely on someone else being there.”

The class is required for every team and squad leader before they head down-range, as either a brush-up on their knowledge or an entirely new lesson.

“I had a week training when I first got to the unit, but a lot of these guys haven’t been in here at all,” Macdonald explained. “Everyone needs to know how to call for fire. Without this training, we would be losing assets.”

To give the most beneficial learning experience to the Soldiers, Mosca threw them into their roles headfirst.

“This class in particular is interactive, so instead of just going through Power Points we get to take what we are learning and use it (on a simulator),” Macdonald said. “It was pretty cool.”

As the ammunition came crashing down on the screen and sent the targets ablaze, the Soldiers laughed and congratulated each other, taking time to enjoy the training. But in the long moments after a Soldier sent a fire request, before the round appeared as a black plume of



Photo by Spc. Emily Knitter

Spc. Nicholes Mosca, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Third Infantry Division, assists Sgt. Michael Macdonald, a team leader with Company A, during a “call-for-fire” basics class Aug. 2 at Fort Stewart, Ga.

smoke on the screen, the room was silent only time they’ll get the chance to do it in tense anticipation because this is the again if things go wrong.

Marines continue pushing enemy, teaching Afghan forces

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As Marines keep pushing insurgents out of Afghanistan's Helmand and Nimruz provinces, Afghan soldiers and police are taking the reins and protecting the population, the commander of 1st Marine Division (Forward) said Aug. 8 via teleconference from Camp Leatherneck.

The biggest change on the ground in the area is the drawdown of coalition surge forces and the simultaneous buildup of Afghan forces, Marine Corps Maj. Gen. David Berger said.

"We're pushing the insurgents out of the populated areas into the periphery and assisting the Afghan police and Afghan army – helping them get closer to the Afghan people," the general said.

Afghan forces have made tremendous progress in the region, Berger said. When Marines first went into Helmand, he noted, the province had a lot of Marines and a few Afghan forces.

"Then, it was an equal partnership," he said, noting Afghan forces will soon be leading operations in the area.

This means the Afghans will decide

where to go, they will develop the plans and they will work jointly with coalition forces to "determine what they need in terms of extra equipment, extra forces," Berger explained. The Marine role, he added, is one of support.

Afghan security forces will grow to roughly 352,000. They have the numbers and are developing the expertise to plan, conduct and lead operations, the general said. U.S. and Afghan leaders always compare notes on the insurgent threat in the region.

"We openly share the intelligence we have, and then we decide where we think we can have the most effect on the insurgency, and then decide where we want to use their forces against the threat," he said.

American and coalition forces will continue to work with Afghan forces to develop their capabilities, and the Afghan forces will continue to keep pressure on the insurgents, Berger said. The Afghans, he added, need help in combating improvised explosive devices, the means to evacuate their casualties, and calling in air and fire support.

"All these (tasks) they rely on us, right now," the general said, "but in the future,

they will develop their own capabilities, and we will only provide it in extremis when they can't do it themselves.

"We're on the right track," he added.

"We have a great working relationship with the Afghan security forces. Everyone here is absolutely confident we are headed in the right direction."

Photo by Randy Tisor, PEO Aviation Public Affairs

Project manager

Program executive officer for aviation Maj. Gen. Tim Crosby presents Col. Jeffrey Hager with the charter for Apache Helicopter Project Office during a ceremony Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium. Hager received his commission in the aviation branch in 1987. He previously served as the Apache Block III product manager and as the product director for integrations within the Utility Helicopters Project Office. In 2010, Hager became the assistant PEO Aviation, foreign military sales, performing duties in Saudi Arabia alongside the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabia National Guard.





Photo by Melody Sandlin

Security assistance enterprise

Security Assistance Command commander Maj. Gen. Del Turner welcomes attendees to the Security Assistance Enterprise Roadshow held Thursday at Heiser Hall. The purpose of the roadshow was to provide information regarding the Security Assistance Enterprise, its members, missions and processes.

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Vets gather to mark 70th anniversary of Guadalcanal

By J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Seventy years after the Aug. 7, 1942 start to what would be a brutal, six-month-long battle over an island in the South Pacific, veterans of Guadalcanal gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to pay respects to their fellow Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen.

Fifteen members of the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association, or GCVA, gathered in the cemetery's amphitheater for a roll call of those known and to recognize the unknown battle buddies who had passed away over the last year. In their 80s and 90s now, the veterans were accompanied to the event by wives, sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends.

“We want to honor all participants of Guadalcanal, those who perished in the air, sea and land and those who came home, raised families, started careers and have since passed,” said GCVA's national secretary, Gerald Mohn Jr., whose father had served with the 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal. “We think it's important that these men be honored for their sacrifice, they are the greatest generation.”

Nicholas Schlosser, of the Marine Corps History Division, discussed the significance of the Guadalcanal Campaign to the eventual Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces in the Pacific.

“I would say Guadalcanal was no less than the turning point of the war in the Pacific theater,” Schlosser said. “There were very few battles in the war that were fought equally on air, land and sea that hang in the balance for so long. The battle was six months, and up until mid-November, if not December, there were still concerns that the Allies might not win.”

Schlosser said it was the determination of Allied forces that made Guadalcanal a decisive battle in the Allies' favor.

“It was really through the fortitude and courage of all those fighting on the island, at sea and in the air around the island, that enabled the Allies to achieve victory and advance,” he added. “It no longer was a question of will the Allies win the war; it became a matter of when will Japan lose the war and how long until surrender.”

The invasion force to hit the beaches on Aug. 7, 1942, was made up of about 16,000 Marines which would later swell to a force of 60,000 joint service personnel, including Soldiers from the 164th Infantry Regiment of the Americal Division. The participating Allied forces there included forces from Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the British Solomon Islands, Tonga and Fiji.

A Soldier's story

One of those Americal Soldiers at Guadalcanal included William Hanusek, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. When he turned 21, Hanusek found himself drafted while in the process of enlisting.

He wanted to be a bulldozer or crane operator, but during processing into the Army, he was asked if he'd had any special training under his belt.

Hanusek told the captain processing him that he'd taken a first-aid course when he was with the Civilian Conservation Corps for Youth in 1936. That was enough to get him sent off to medic school after boot camp. Hanusek eventually found himself caring for wounded Soldiers in Guadalcanal... while carrying a carbine.

Hanusek said that in the Pacific theater, unlike in the European theater, Allied medical personnel were routinely



Photo by J.D. Leipold

William Hanusek was just 21 when he found himself on Guadalcanal as a medic with the 164th Infantry Regiment of the Americal Division. Hanusek was one of 15 members of the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association who commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., the 70th anniversary of the South Pacific battle that raged from Aug. 7, 1942 until Feb. 9, 1943.

shot.

“I had some great friends in Guadalcanal,” he recalled. “In the position you're in, the guy next to you in the fox-hole is your best friend in the world, he's more than a brother to you. I remember him to this day, Kenny Davis, a young boy from North Carolina. He made it through the war, but died about a year after the war ended.

“At the time it was all really horrible to me. I remember snipers, bullets right next to your ear, your head, friends who were shot in front of you and those next to you who were deci-

ated by artillery fire,” he said. “Seventy years later, I don't have the nightmares or flashbacks anymore, those things don't bother me anymore, but what does bother me is trying to walk and move around.”

Hanusek went on to make the Army a career, retiring as a master sergeant in 1964.

Following the tribute in the Arlington amphitheater, the Guadalcanal vets and their families gathered at the Tomb of the Unknowns where Marines and Guadalcanal veterans Elmer Hawkins and Charles Farmer placed a wreath.

Enjoying adventures one assignment at a time

Colonel's wife redefines career with opportunities

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Life has a way of changing career perspectives.

As a broadcast major in college, Suzanne Sullivan could have aspired for a top drive slot in a major radio market or a career as a general manager at a radio station in her hometown.

Instead, she married a Soldier. And that decision made a world of difference, opening up a whole new avenue of possibilities in the promotions and marketing career field, offering opportunities to see the world, and leading to an adventurous life as a military wife and mom of two sons.

Military Spouses at Work Part 6 of series

Looking back, Sullivan wouldn't have had it any other way.

"Maybe I could have had bigger, more prestigious jobs. Maybe I could have done bigger stuff with my career," she said. "But, at the end of the day, I'm a very contented person. I like the way our lives have come out and where we are right now.

"It's all about balance and priorities. For me, God and family come first and my career is secondary. I enjoy being an Army wife and mom."

Sullivan is married to Col. Pat Sullivan,

who manages the Logistics Support Activity for the Army Materiel Command. The couple have been married for 25 years.

"We met in college at Eastern Kentucky University. He's two years older than me and he was friends with one of my sorority sisters," Sullivan said. "Pat was very popular, very friendly, and had a great sense of humor. He was a lot of fun to be around, and it was very flattering that this older guy was paying attention to me."

But she was clueless about the Army and her future husband's commitment through the university's ROTC program. In those days – 1985 – there were no military conflicts to worry about and the military was not much at the forefront of society.

"I didn't even know we had an active Army with Soldiers who wore uniforms," she said. "I just thought they were regular people who put on uniforms when they needed to. But I was hooked on this military guy, so the military became our way of life."

They married in January 1987 and moved to Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C. And with a bachelor's degree in broadcasting, Sullivan was ready to go to work.

"I was raised in a dual-career family. My mom had a career and that was a great example to me about having a good work ethic," Sullivan said.

Her first job was with a small AM satellite radio station, where she did the news and weather reports. She later went on to work as a media buyer for a local advertising agency. But her favorite job during their five years in Fayetteville was working as an assistant copy writer and promotions director for the area's number one radio station, Foxy 99.

"It was a big urban contemporary ra-

dio station. It was an absolute power house and I had a blast," she said.

"By that time, Pat was assigned company command and they deployed to Operation Desert Storm. I spent my days at work and my evenings juggling family support groups. I was very busy. But I realized if I kept busy then I wouldn't have time to dwell on the fact that my husband was deployed. We hadn't been in actual combat in years and none of us knew what to expect. It came as a real surprise, and we knew nothing and had no idea when they would come home."

During that time, Sullivan thrived as a media and marketing professional. She loved the event planning she got to do for concerts and fairs, and the public appearances for the radio station's top DJs.

When her husband returned from deployment, the couple moved on to Fort Lee, Va., where he attended the advanced course and Sullivan took graduate level courses in media management. The two-year assignment also blessed them with their first son. Sullivan's career then took a back seat to her husband's work as assignments took them to Australia, Kansas (where their second son was born) and Hawaii.

"In Hawaii, I started selling Pampered Chef just to give me a little something to do and to support my habit," Sullivan said, smiling. "Then, when we moved back to Fort Bragg, my youngest son was starting kindergarten and I decided it was time to go back to work."

She worked in the marketing department for Morale Welfare and Recreation for four years.

"I got to be the project manager for some outdoor events and I worked every Fourth of July concert. It really was a very exciting place to be and an exciting experience for



Photo by Kari Hawkins

Suzanne Sullivan knows how to blend her duties as an Army wife and mom with her career in the promotions and marketing field. She is the wife of Col. Pat Sullivan, who leads the Logistics Support Activity at Redstone Arsenal, and the sales promotion coordinator at WAAY-TV, Channel 31.

me," Sullivan said. "There's nothing better than being part of a program that supports Soldiers and Soldier families."

Again, her husband deployed, this time as a battalion commander to Iraq.

"I did my part by putting together programs and activities to support those families," Sullivan said. "I was juggling a job, two kids, school volunteer work, sports and the family readiness stuff. I had six fantastic company commander wives who did the FRG work. My job was to support them and give them the moral support to take

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Photo by Henry Norton, Apache Helicopter Project Office

Product charter

Apache Helicopter project manager Col. Shane Openshaw presents Lt. Col. Talmadge Sheppard with the charter for the Apache Longbow Product Office during a change of charter ceremony Aug. 7. Sheppard most recently served on the Department of the Army staff as the aviation analyst in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate.

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Engineer pushes environmental approach in processes

By **HEATHER R. SMITH**
AMRDEC Public Affairs

Words like “green” and “sustainability” are often used to refer to recycling, taking better care of the Earth, and new or alternative forms of energy, such as solar- or wind-power. Army engineer Gregory Harris would say it’s much more than that and is working to make that point to the Army and to manufacturers involved in developing the latest military technology.

Harris takes a systems engineering approach to sustainability, which he said includes not just energy, the environment, production and the product, but also sustainability in the work force, technology and product lifecycle.

“When people think of ‘green’ they think of the environment and energy,” Harris said, “but it’s much, much more.”

Harris is an engineer in the Engineering Directorate of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. He is part of the Manufacturing Science and Technology Division where he supports sustainability, supply chain management, model-based enterprise and manufacturing readiness initiatives.

Prior to joining AMRDEC, Harris was the director of the Center for Man-

agement and Economic Research and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. It was in this role that Harris first started exploring the idea of sustainability.

“The key,” Harris said, “is to integrate sustainability into everything you’re doing; both the product and the process.”

He recently completed coursework in Purdue University’s Green Enterprise Development Workforce Training Program to become credentialed as a Green Manufacturing Specialist.

Developed by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Purdue University, the program provides training in the latest green manufacturing practices and ideas through a series of in-depth training modules. After completing 56 hours of classroom instruction and a comprehensive final exam, students have a thorough understanding of the many topics that comprise sustainable manufacturing.

The program, he said, encourages manufacturers to change their way of thinking to actively look for ways to incorporate more sustainable, environmentally friendly improvements that have a positive effect on the bottom line.

As an engineer and a Green Manufac-



Photo by Merv Brokke, AMRDEC Public Affairs

Gregory Harris, a certified Green Manufacturing Specialist at the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, promotes sustainability in every facet of the manufacturing process.

turing Specialist, Harris plays a vital role in AMRDEC providing education for his fellow Army employees and their business partners about integrating green practices into every facet of the manufacturing process.

“We need to be educating and providing assistance for improving sustainability,” Harris said. “If you get people to actually think about it, sustainability starts

to make sense. Most of the time, it’s just making people aware, then they start to realize there’s more going into the trash bin than just trash. Sustainability is not just a good idea or the right thing to do, it makes financial sense because we are limiting waste and reducing costs.”

Harris brings a wealth of education and experience with him to his current position.

He has a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Auburn University, a master’s from St. Edwards University and a doctorate in industrial and systems engineering from UAH. His expertise in this area stems from more than 30 years experience as an industrial engineer, quality engineer, operations manager, plant manager, and consultant in operations and supply chain.

Along with his work at the AMRDEC, Harris is adjunct professor in the College of Business Administration and a member of the graduate faculty in the College of Engineering at UAH. He teaches courses in Supply Chain Management, Transportation and Logistics, and Production and Inventory Control. Harris also teaches systems engineering as an adjunct assistant professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s Redstone campus.

Letterkenny Army Depot has new commander

By LINDSAY BRYANT

Letterkenny Public Affairs

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – Col. Victor Hagan succeeded Col. Cheri Provancha as commander of Letterkenny Army Depot in a ceremony Friday.

Hagan accepted the Letterkenny flag and the responsibility of command from AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar. Hagan is the depot's 47th commander.

Held at the depot's recreation area pavilion, the ceremony featured an Army Materiel Band quartet, a color guard comprised of military and civilian Letterkenny work force members, and was attended by a number of local officials, family, friends and employees.

A ceremony held prior to the change of command recognized Provancha for her outstanding performance. She received a number of distinguished awards, including the Legion of Merit.

Provancha became the commander at Letterkenny in September 2009, and will become the III Corps chief of logistics at Fort Hood, Texas.

Under Provancha's leadership, Letterkenny has been recognized for manufacturing excellence and making improvements in its industrial facilities, safety trends and environmental practices.

Letterkenny has received seven Shingo Awards for excellence in manufacturing and applying Lean principles.

"Cheri is a leader, a warrior and an innovator," Collyar said. "This is a capability-based depot that has a global reach. Letterkenny excels in delivering the highest-quality products at the least-possible cost.

"The depot is able to do that – day in and day out – because Cheri takes care of people, and the people execute the mission. Plus, both the Army chief of staff and the vice – two four-star general officers who have served downrange for nine years in this 12-year war – have said that at no time has a mission commander been in want of logistical support. That speaks highly of the superb efforts that the LEAD work force continuously demonstrates to provide equipment for America's sons and daughters in harm's way."

Provancha, a 28-year veteran, said she remains in awe of the depot's capabilities, dedication and honor.

"We have made significant strides and performed miracles," Provancha said. "The partnerships that we have made with industry absolutely keep this machine rolling.

"It's been a great ride. The stellar achievements that we have recorded exemplify the Army values, and I thank you for permitting me to have been part of the team."

Hagan most recently served as the director of the Washington Office in the Pentagon for the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Hagan, a 14-year veteran and Louisville native, said his previous assignment will dovetail nicely with his depot commander responsibilities.

"It was eye-opening to have that experience and to watch how the Department of Defense interacts with other departments and agencies," he said. "For example, the work we did with Homeland Security and FEMA in support of state and local partners in emergencies was most enlightening. In its liaison function, the NORAD and U.S. NORTHCOM Washington office aided the wildfire fighting efforts in Colorado by providing the aircraft to drop retardant.



Photo by Lindsay Bryant

Col. Victor Hagan accepts the Letterkenny colors from AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Lynn Collyar during Friday's ceremony. Hagan succeeds Col. Cheri Provancha who will transition to III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, and become the chief of logistics. Hagan is the depot's 47th commander.

"We also had the air sovereignty mission, with aircraft on call 24 hours a day to protect the nation's airspace," Hagan said. "For 15 months – August 2006 to November 2007 – I was in charge of a command corps support battalion in Iraq. Some of the equipment that we used actually came from Letterkenny. Before that, I was field artillery officer, and now I actually see the radar systems and the Patriot systems, which brings back fond memories.

"I thank Col. Cheri and the community who actually make things work. The depot has a great reputation, and my goal is to continue to build on that reputation of world-class support to war fighters and our partners around the world."

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care of their families at the company level it was amazing to be part of that.”

Yet, the challenge did wear a bit on Sullivan. Although she managed through the deployment while their boys were in school, once the school year was over, she resigned from her MWR job.

“I didn’t have my balance right. The boys weren’t getting the attention they needed. I was feeling I was letting things fall through the cracks,” she recalled. “The last year we were at Fort Bragg, I was a full-time mom. I just needed to be there more.”

When her husband returned from the deployment, Sullivan remembers talking to her young sons before joining the cheering crowd in a hangar where the reunion of Soldiers and families was to take place.

“The band was playing. It was all exciting,” she said. “I remember telling them this would be the greatest feeling in the world. They would feel pride, excitement and relief all at the same time. Not everybody gets to experience that kind of emotion. That’s just amazing. The rush of them finally coming through the hangar after the deployment ... no job can give you that kind of feeling.”

After five years at Fort Bragg, the family went on to West Point where they spent four

years. Although it was a good move for her family, it caused Sullivan to have to make a choice between her career and her family. If she pursued a career in broadcasting or marketing, she would have to travel to New York City on a daily basis. Instead, she took a job as the counter manager at Estee Lauder at the local PX. It was a job that came with some “hidden” perks.

“I got to hang out at the PX and put makeup on my friends,” she said, laughing. “And, every once in a while, I got to go to training at the Estee Lauder headquarters in Manhattan.

“It wasn’t quite the career I would have chosen at the time. But I just had to redefine what I thought success was. At that point, at that time, it was more important for me to be available to my family. It was a job that gave me flexibility and opportunity. Although it was not in my career field, I absolutely felt I was still doing something for me.”

Their oldest son, Robert, graduated from high school while they were at West Point while their youngest son Cameron completed middle school. Also, during that time, Sullivan’s husband deployed to Iraq as commander of the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade.

Their Soldier’s next assignment brought them to Redstone Arsenal. It was a move that came during a big transition in Sullivan’s life. With one son graduated and the other entering high school, she started

thinking about what she was going to do with her time. The empty nest was looming.

“I went through a period where ‘Oh my gosh, my job is almost done.’ I had to figure out who I was and what I wanted to do,” she said. “I had to figure out how I was going to fill the void when our youngest graduated. That fall, I got Cameron settled into high school and then I started trying to figure things out for me.”

That was a year and a half ago. One day in January 2011, Sullivan happened to open the newspaper to find a help wanted ad for a sales promotion coordinator at WAAY-TV, Channel 31.

“I showed it to Pat and said ‘I have no experience in TV, but I’ve done this job before,’” she recalled.

“I feel really blessed to have found this job. It was a God thing. It was something I needed more so than I ever knew at the time. I’ve been immensely blessed to work here at this station. The management here has a great respect for the military and the role the military plays in our nation right now, and they understand I have a role as an Army wife. They understand that sometimes I have to go and be an Army wife. God put me in the right place, no doubt about it.”

Sullivan works with the WAAY-TV’s sales staff to create promotions that enhance client advertising schedules. She works on the Friday Night Football sponsor lineup and

other event sponsorships. She’s also been given the opportunity to produce some on air programming, coordinate the station’s Soldier support, record occasional voice-overs and handle some events.

“TV is very fun and exciting. It really lets me fulfill my creative side. But it’s the people here who really make a difference,” she said.

Sullivan’s career has been filled with opportunities. Her family’s moves have helped her to better define herself and her roles, and have given her a chance to experience lots of different things.

“In the big scheme of things, I would have worked up to being a general manager of a radio station. That would have been more easily attainable if I had stayed in one place for my whole career,” she said.

“The way the environment is in the military life we have to redefine success based on where life takes us. There is absolutely nothing I would have traded. In 25 years of marriage, I have enjoyed every adventure. It’s all about people and opportunities.”

To top it all off, her husband has enjoyed the “career opportunities” his wife has given him along the way. He is often with her when she is doing an advertising promotion, driving the company van, helping to pass out T-shirts or other giveaways, working the VIP tent and just being part of the fun.

“I think this has been something we’ve both enjoyed,” she said.

Endurance event can take a long, long time



*Rocketman Triathlon
race returns Aug. 26*

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Move over Olympics, the Rocketman Triathlon is ready to test the stamina and speed of athletes from across Alabama and all of the Southeast.

The 19th annual Rocketman Triathlon will be Sunday, Aug. 26, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area on Redstone Arsenal. Part of the Alabama Championship Series, the race is a USA Triathlon sanctioned Olympic distance triathlon, sponsored by the Team Rocket Tri-Club, with much assistance from FMWR and Outdoor Recreation.

The course takes the triathlon's 500 competitors on a 1.5 kilometer swim in the Tennessee River, a primarily flat and fast 40 kilometer bike ride, and a 10K run over gradual hills. Drawing in competitors from Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina and Texas, the fastest athletes will complete the race in just under two hours, with most people averaging about three hours.

"It takes training," race director Mike Gerrity said. "You've got to be able to swim a mile, have

Photo by Ellen Hudson

Mike Gerrity, race director for the 19th annual Rocketman Triathlon, invites you to test your mettle Aug. 26 at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area.

Sunday, Aug. 26
*Col. Carroll D. Hudson
Recreation Area*

a bike that can take you 25 and run a 10K up and down the hills. It's a pretty kick bottom course."

Up until this year, the Rocketman was the only Olympic distance race in North Alabama, which Gerrity said has brought competitors to the race that otherwise may not have made the journey.

"It's the distance – it's longer than a sprint, shorter than a half-Iron, which is a lot for most people who have family and work, but this is doable," Gerrity said of the reason for the race's popularity. "Those that come love the Arsenal, they love that there's no traffic, they love the military support. They just appreciate the military presence. It's a beautiful venue."

Prizes will be awarded to the top athletes in each category. New this year, racers that can no longer run have the option to participate in the AquaBike, which will allow them to cover the same course in the swim and bike portion of the race, minus the running.

As of Aug. 6, 494 of the 500 competitor slots had been filled. Registration closes Aug. 19. For more information about the race, visit www.imathlete.com/events/RocketmanTriathlon.

Run marks 11th anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks



*Second annual 9.11K
opens registration*

Last year Redstone Fire Department's Capt. Robert Simmons ran Redstone's 9.11K run in full firefighting gear in honor of the 343 firefighters who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"It's not about me," he said. "It's about the 343. They did a lot more than I did that day."

The second annual 9.11K (5.66 mile) race is Sept. 8 at 7:30 a.m., starting and ending at the Sparkman

Center parking lot at building 5302. Check-in time is from 6:30-7:15. Last year's race drew 165 runners, more than doubling previous running events, according to FMWR sports and fitness director Gaylene Wilson.

Preregistration costs \$15, which includes a T-shirt when registered by the Aug. 21 deadline. Registration on race day is \$20, with T-shirts available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Register at any Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation fitness center. You can also sign up until Aug. 21 at Fleet Feet Sports in Jones Valley.

For more information, call 876-6701 or 876-2943.

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Photo by Ellen Hudson

One last dip

In the final days before school starts, three youngsters play a game of Marco Polo at the Vincent Park pool. From left are Ayden Taylor, 7, Josh Rice, 7, and Dawson Cardeli, 8.

A-Team offense shows up in tournament opener

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The third inning was the charm for the A-Team. The A-Team scored 12 runs in the third during their 18-6 win over the Space Cowboys on Aug. 6 at the NASA softball field. This came in the first round of the Division B postseason tournament.

"We had a few minor errors," A-Team pitcher/co-coach LaTesa Graham said. "But this team has great chemistry and we usually find a way to pull it together. Our offense really showed up in the third."

Said right fielder/co-coach Brad Harris, "We did pretty good as far as fielding, pretty good defense. But we didn't play up to par. We're still a little rusty. Hopefully next game we'll be more polished."

Vann Patton went 2-for-4 with a double and made key defensive stops at shortstop. "Vann is Vann-tastic," gushed A-Team bookkeeper Terisa Lang. Jeremy "Germ" Lang, Terisa's husband, went 2-for-3 with a double.

The second-seeded A-Team, which improved to 10-2-1, scored two runs in the first inning, one in the second, 12 in the third and three in the fourth. The seventh-seeded Space Cowboys (0-13) scored one in the first, four in the third and one in the fifth.

Ronnie Flakes is the Space Cowboys player/co-coach along with Nick Kopp.

"We just ran out of juice," Flakes said. "They made a couple of rallies on us and we couldn't make up the deficit. But we learn from our mistakes."

Space Cowboys' Bradley Adams went 2-for-3 with a double while Ereik Allen also went 2-for-3. The double-elimination tournaments continue this week in divisions A, B and C in the NASA/Army league.

Kitchen Sinks 12, RTC 10: In the Division A tournament opener, Adam Lacock had a double, triple and two RBIs to pace the Kitchen Sinks on Aug. 7 at the NASA field.

Alex Palmer went 2-for-3 with a double and Jim Lomas also doubled for the fourth-seeded Kitchen Sinks (5-6). Kurt Jackson was the winning pitcher against fifth-seeded RTC (3-8).

"We played really good defense and we had timely hitting," Kitchen Sinks player/coach Nathan Alday said.

Second field approved: NASA has approved funding for construction of a second softball field, according to league president Jim Lomas.

"We'll probably break ground in the spring, which means we'll have more teams," Lomas said.

He said Robin Henderson, acting director of Marshall Space Flight Center, approved the funds. "Breaking ground in the spring and hopefully playing on it next year, too," Lomas said.

The league, which expanded this year to Army teams, is at its limit with 25 teams. Games are played on NASA's field and the Army's Linton Field.

"We can't fit any more teams with two fields, because we had to turn away at least five teams," Lomas said. "Next year we'll advertise better and we'll have the fields to support it."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Damon Self pitches for the Space Cowboys against the A-Team in a Division B tournament opener Aug. 6.

Postseason softball tournament results

Division A: Kitchen Sinks def. RTC 12-10 ... Rotorheads Too def. Expendables 16-9 ... Got the Runs def. Kitchen Sinks 12-2 ... Hit Circus def. Rotorheads Too 19-15.

Division B: Fireballs def. Spaceballs 14-13 ... Redstone's Step-Children def. WYLE Coyotes 16-6 ... A-Team def. Space Cowboys 18-6 ... Fireballs def. TBE Integrators 13-12 ... A-Team def. Redstone's Step-Children 17-1 ... WYLE Coyotes def. Space Cowboys 28-11.

Division C: Guns 'N Hoses def. ET Throw Home 19-10 ... Starz def. Misfits 15-12 ... Rotorheads def. Put em in Boots 18-10 ... EVengers def. ESTS Jacobite Rising 18-11 ... Hard Noc Hitters def. Guns 'N Hoses 12-2 ... Renegades def. Starz 17-4 ... Bit Players def. Rotorheads 15-5 ... Screw Balls def. EVengers 24-4 ... Put em in Boots def. Starz 11-3 ... Guns 'N Hoses def. ESTS Jacobite Rising 13-12.

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Run to remember

A Redstone Arsenal chapter of Run to Remember is meeting Saturday mornings to jog together as a living memorial to fallen Soldiers. For meeting locations and times, call Charity Watral 542-1208. Members are encouraged to wear royal blue T-shirts or the Run to Remember T-shirt that can be ordered from <http://www.wearblueruntoremember.org>.

Golf tournament

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its inaugural Retiree Day Golf Tournament on Sept. 27 at the Links. This is a shotgun scramble. The \$50 entry fee includes golf cart, golf, lunch and door prizes. For information and registration, call Arno Hoerle 837-6253. All profits will go toward scholarships for military dependents.

Rocketman triathlon

The 19th annual Rocketman Triathlon will be held Sunday, Aug. 26 at the Col. Carroll Hudson recreation area. This Olympic distance triathlon will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a 1,500 meter swim in the Tennessee River, followed by a 40 kilometer bike and 10K run. More than 500 participants are expected. For more information, visit the website <http://teamrockettri.org/content/races/rocketman-triathlon>.

Benefit at Colonial

The Limestone County Chapter of NAACP will hold its inaugural Golf Tournament fund-raiser Sept. 29 at the Colonial Golf Course. Onsite registration starts at 6:30 a.m. The tournament will be a four-man scramble and cost is \$60 per player. Prizes will consist of first, second and third place, longest drive and closest to the pin. For more information, call Robert C. Bess Sr. 278-8347, email bess_robort@hotmail.com or Douglas Smith 808-561-8526, email dshank4@yahoo.com.

Babe Ruth baseball

The Huntsville Babe Ruth League will hold registration for the fall season Saturday and Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Players ages 13 to 18 as of May 1, 2013 are invited; and 12-year-olds are eligible to sign up as well under the "Local Swing Player" option. Registration forms will be accepted after Aug. 25 on an individual basis upon park approval and team availability. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required for all new players. Persons interested in coaching a team are encouraged to apply as well. Contact one of the following park representatives for registration information: Northern Division, Mastin Lake Park, Emile Jones, phone 990-5902 or email [\[lumber.net\]\(http://lumber.net\); Southern Division, Sandhurst Park, Tim Harrison 544-3180 or \[tth3180@bellsouth.net\]\(mailto:tth3180@bellsouth.net\); Eastern Division, Optimist Park, Jeff Abbott 653-5752 or \[jef.abbott@adtran.com\]\(mailto:jef.abbott@adtran.com\).](mailto:ejones@wilson-</p>
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Football officials

The North Alabama Football Officials Association is accepting new officials. The group has more than 90 officials who work games under contract to high schools in Huntsville, Madison, Madison County, Limestone County and Lawrence County. Members will meet each Sunday at 7 p.m. starting July 8 in the Red Cross building at 1101 Washington St. To apply call Bob Arnone 763-1796 or visit the website <http://www.nafoa.biz>.

Sergeants major tourney

Redstone Arsenal's Sergeants Major Association third annual Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 14 at 8:30 a.m. at the Links. Open to the public, the cost is \$60 per person which includes lunch, team and hole prizes. For information call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Battle 509-2473 or email reginald.c.battle.ctr@mail.mil.

Conferences & Meetings

Weekly worship

The Contemporary Christian Worship Service is held each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Bicentennial Chapel fellowship hall. For more information, call 842-2964.

Catholic mass

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel invites the Redstone community to its mass services noon Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. For baptisms, weddings or any questions, call 842-2175.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association conducts a monthly meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. at The Summit. Breakfast is available at the club. 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 955-0727.

Toastmaster clubs

Anyone interested in improving their public speaking ability is invited to at-

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tend 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 Marva Morse 430-0860. The Strategic Speakers Toastmasters Club 6054 meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 at building 4488, room B-306. For information call Claudette Purifoy 955-9422. The Redstone Toastmasters Club 1932 meets Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 8721 Madison Boulevard in Madison. For information call Dan Cutshall 684-2359.

Men's ministry

Men's Ministry, "addressing the needs of men and planting seeds for spiritual growth in Christ Jesus," meets every second or third Saturday – for exact monthly date, call Harry Hobbs at 425-5307 – at 9 a.m. at the Redstone Links golf clubhouse. Breakfast is served for \$5. For more information, call Hobbs 425-5307.

Meeting professionals

The 2012 Society of Government Meeting Professionals Southeast Regional Conference, "Navigating through Government Meetings," will be held Sept. 16-19 in Mobile. Information regarding the educational workshops can be found at <http://sgmpcentralflorida.com/sec>. The conference is geared for administrative/technical professionals who plan/execute meetings, seminars, tutorials, etc. TIP information is: course title, SGMP Southeast Conference; vendor, Society of Government Meeting Professionals; catalog number, F124SGMP. For more information, call Barbie Baugh 876-7135 or Sherry Hilley 479-0198.

Contract managers

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold its 2012-13 Program Year Kickoff Luncheon, Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redstone Federal Credit Union conference room (Wynn Drive). Guest speaker for the event is Huntsville City Councilman and retired Col. John Olshefski. His topic is "Government and Commercial Growth in Contracting." Cost of luncheon is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Seating is limited. Visit www.ncmahsv.org to sign up. For more information, call Sherry Trowbridge 450-1552.

Technology fair

Booz Allen Hamilton will hold a technology fair Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Summit. This will be a technical exchange on the latest engineering and technology solutions for

full spectrum lifecycle management and mission delivery. You're invited to attend. Booz Allen Hamilton subject matter experts and senior leadership will include senior vice presidents Angie Messer and Bob Smith. To RSVP and for more information, call Ted Henrich or Matt Meko 922-2760, email boozallen@bah.com or visit <http://events.SignUp4net/RPPIHuntsville>.

Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council supports the Child Youth and School Services "Parents as Partners" program at Redstone Arsenal. The PAC helps with activities such as classroom parties, field trips, Teacher Appreciation Day, Month of the Military Child activities, school pictures, book fairs, fund-raisers, and other activities that encourage parents to stay involved in their child's education. PAC encourages all parents who have children enrolled in CYSS child-care facilities – Mills Road Child Development Center, Goss Road CDC and School Age Services to enroll annually as a member of the PAC and to attend its next meeting which will be held Aug. 28 at 11:15 a.m. in building 4488, room D103. If you plan to attend the meeting, call Caneeka Miller 346-8244. The PAC is a private organization not affiliated with Redstone Arsenal or the Army.

Officers association

The Military Officers Association of America will have a membership luncheon (buffet) Thursday at 11 a.m. at The Summit. The guest speaker is U.S. Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala. The 5th District congressman will discuss the legislative climate in Washington and take your questions.

University women

The American Association of University Women Huntsville Branch will hold a Summer Membership Tea on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at 5713 Criner Road in southeast Huntsville. Members and non-members are invited to attend and bring guests. RSVP by Friday to 464-0469 or mar172@yahoo.com. AAUW is a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches and 600 college/university institution partners who work to break through barriers for women and girls through research, education, advocacy and philanthropy.

Parkinson's support

Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Willowbrook Baptist Church's Youth Building,

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7625 Bailey Cove Road; there is parking in the back lots. Patients, family and caregivers are invited. The speaker is Nancy Robertson, director of aging programs, TARCOG. For information call 837-6577.

Research summit

The Huntsville Advanced Defense Technology Cluster presents an Emerging Technologies Summit on Aug. 29 at the Huntsville Museum of Art to help small and large businesses identify emerging technologies and their potential markets. Participants will find opportunities for collaboration, learn about potential research avenues to enhance product value, and identify the best fields for targeted research and development. For more information, visit collaboration-exchange.com.

Civil War round table

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will hold its 2012 Sesquicentennial Dinner on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. at the Roundhouse, Historic Huntsville Depot, 398 Monroe St. Keynote speaker Edwin C. Bearss, a Civil War historian, will discuss the "First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas – A New Face on the War." A reception and social begin at 5, followed by a catered sit-down dinner at 6:30, period music and keynote speaker. Cost is \$30 per person. Business casual attire, but period dress, is encouraged. Visitors are invited but tickets are limited. For more information, call 539-5287 or email jha@knology.net.

Miscellaneous Items

Civilian deployment

Army 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. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM or AMC. Contractors or military personnel cannot be considered. Army civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor or call Cindy Gordon 313-0369. Contractors and others interested can access www.usajobs.gov for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Fraud hotline

The Huntsville Fraud Resident Agency (USACIDC) has implemented a fraud hotline. It is designed to help you,

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

Rally day

Protestant Rally Day, which marks the beginning of the church school year, will be held Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. This will include lunch – hot dogs and hamburgers, along with salads and desserts brought by the congregation. For more information, call 876-6874.

Education test center

Thinking of changing your military occupational specialty or entering a commissioning program and need to take an Army Personnel Testing examination? If so, call the Army Education Center Testing Office 876-9764. Tests offered include the Armed Forces Classification Test, Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test and the Defense Language Aptitude Battery test. If you speak a language and want it annotated on your records, call and make an appointment to take the Defense Language Proficiency Test. All Soldiers and qualified DA civilians are eligible to take the DLPT. In addition to APT exams, the Education Center offers the ACT, SAT, Test of Adult Basic Education and GT Improvement exams. If you are taking college classes and need a proctor, proctoring services are free and available to the Redstone Arsenal community (military/government ID card holders). Call 876-9764 to see if you are eligible to test and to schedule an appointment.

Senior volunteers

Madison County Retired & Senior Volunteer program is partnered with various nonprofit organizations in Huntsville and Madison County that utilize volunteers. R.S.V.P. recruits, places and trains individuals who are 55 or older to fill community service needs. For more information about R.S.V.P. or volunteer opportunities, call R.S.V.P. director Jennifer Anderson 513-8290 or email rsvp@seniorview.com.

NASA surplus

NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Adminis-

tration sales 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 544-1774.

Re-entry information

Just back from an overseas assignment and new to the Redstone Arsenal community? Feeling like a stranger in your own homeland? Contact the Relocation Readiness Program, Army Community Service, for a re-entry briefing to learn about community programs and services. All newly assigned/attached military personnel, appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian personnel, contractors and spouses, as well as retirees are welcome to call Mary Breeden, relocation readiness program manager, 876-5397 or email mary.breeden@conus.army.mil.

Lending closet

The lending closet is stocked with basic household items to use before your household goods arrive or after you have been packed for your new assignment. Items may be borrowed for 30 days. ID cards and a copy of your PCS orders are required. All newly assigned/attached military personnel, appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian personnel, contractors and spouses, as well as retirees are welcome to call Mary Breeden 876-5397 or email mary.breeden@conus.army.mil. Stop by Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Computer classes

Free self-paced computer classes are offered at Army Community Service from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Classes are available in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, QuickBooks and SharePoint. Each class has about three levels and will take about three hours to complete each, but you can work at your own pace. Certificates of completion are issued after you successfully complete each course. Call 876-5397 to pre-register.

Community youth event

The second annual Community Awareness For Youth event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jaycees Building and Fairgrounds, 2180 Airport Road. CAFY is sponsored by the Huntsville Police Department in partnership with Mayor Tommy Battle. Its goal is to inform youth in Huntsville, Madison and Madison County about various career opportunities and four "Pillars of Success," which include health, physical fitness, careers and education. There will be free food and entertainment, with inflatables for the youngsters. The first 500 kids will receive a free backpack with

school supplies. For more information, call Dr. Harry Hobbs 425-5307 or visit www.hsvpolice.com.

Space Camp for special kids

A "Special Needs" Space Camp will be held Aug. 24-29 at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. It is for individuals or groups. The camp will be similar in nature to the regular Space Camp, but some activities may be modified, depending on the specific needs of the individual child. Since every child has different needs, organizers encourage parents to call and speak with them directly. The camp is \$749, which includes meals and lodging. Lodging is on-site in the Space Camp habitat. If a child normally has a full-time aide, he or she may attend as an aide at no additional cost. For more information, call 1-800-637-7223.

A&M logistics registration

Alabama A&M University is now on Redstone Arsenal. Office hours are every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Army Education Center, building 3222 in room 13 on Snooper Road. Available is program information leading to the undergraduate Logistics and Supply Chain Management Degree, advising, evaluations (prior academic and military), registration and information for other degree programs offered at Alabama A&M University. The Logistics and Supply Chain Management Degree is available to active duty servicemembers, their spouses and adult children, retirees, civilians employed on Redstone Arsenal, and on a space-available basis for all others. Classes are taught in the evenings to allow working professionals the opportunity to earn their degree without career interruption. For more information, contact retired Lt. Col. Samuel Scruggs at samuel.scruggs@aamu.edu or 372-8216 or 479-2730 and Kris Reed at kris.reed@aamu.edu or 372-5753. Interested persons may also visit <http://www.aamu.edu/business>.

Reserve openings

The 375th Engineer Company (Army Reserve) in Huntsville offers the opportunity for promotion while simultaneously enhancing project management, construction and leadership skills. The unit has immediate openings for sergeant through chief warrant officer 2 and first lieutenant (Engineer specialties preferred) who want to make a significant contribution to the readiness of the Army. The 375th conducts vertical construction operations in CONUS and OCONUS during Extended Combat Training Exercises. All prior servicemembers are welcome to contact the unit. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Walker at miranda.walker@usar.army.mil, phone 535-6232 or Sgt. 1st Class Stumpe at roy.marcus.stumpe@usar.army.mil, phone 535-6229 or Capt. South at william.south@us.army.mil.

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Summer reading

Although the official Summer Reading Program ended July 14, the Post Library encourages children to keep reading. The library will continue giving out incentive prizes to kids ages 18 and under who check out books. This program will continue until school starts and while supplies last. You may call the library at 876-4741 for details or just come in.

Photo contest

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table is holding its first photo contest through Nov. 1 with categories for middle and high school students, and for adults age 19 and above. Winners will be announced in January. Individuals may enter two of their photos in each category – print and digital – with potential subjects pertaining to the Civil War. For more information, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/tvcwrt/>.

College evaluation

Columbia College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The college will host a visit Oct. 1-3 with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Columbia College is accredited by the commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the commission's criteria for accreditation. The public is invited to submit comments regarding Columbia College to: Public Comment on Columbia College, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411.

Las Vegas night

Xi Omicron Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity invites you to its annual "Las Vegas Night" and the Silent Auction, Friday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Omega Center, 181 Import Circle. Proceeds will support the scholarship foundation and the Harris Home for Children. There will be music by DJs Ghon

Bomb and Chief Rocka of 103.1 WEUP, and photography by Radar Magazine. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Purchase tickets online at www.xi-omicron.com. For more information, call Richard Suttle 655-6769 or email richard.suttle@dps.alabama.gov.

Rumba dance classes

Rumba, a slow, Latin dance, will be taught for adult couples on six Thursdays from Aug. 16 through Sept. 20 from 8-9 p.m. at Pagano Gym. Tuition is \$66 per couple. No experience necessary. This course is also available as a five-week, \$55 review course (by eliminating the first class only) for those who have taken this course previously at Redstone. You may call the ITR Ticket Office 876-4531 and register using your credit card or stop by building 3711 at the intersection of Patton and Aerobee roads. Class size is limited to 25 couples. Instructors are Mary Jo Blount and Vince Guarin.

Veterans job fair

"Hiring Our Heroes Career Fair" – a job fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and military spouses – will be held Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. For more information on this free event, call Sheila McFerran of Still Serving Veterans 883-7035 or email sheilamcferran@stillservingveterans.org.

Memorial open house

Open House at the Memorial will be presented the last three Thursdays in August – Aug. 16, 23 and 30 – from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial located in Veterans Park in downtown Huntsville. The open house will involve volunteers who will answer questions about the memorial's design, the symbolism of some of the memorial elements and other facts about the memorial. Information about the time capsule and the brick pavers will also be provided. Re-enactors dressed in period military uniforms will participate in the events.

Breast cancer awareness

As part of its vision to realize a world without breast cancer, the North Central Alabama Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is encouraging people to show their true colors by participating in Worship in Pink, a simple education program that inspires breast cancer advocacy and honors those affected by the disease. Worship in Pink Weekend will be held Aug. 25-26 throughout north central Alabama. The Worship in Pink program encourages and empowers places of worship to spread the life-saving message of early detection and honor survivors in their communities. Participants are encouraged to wear pink and get creative to make the day fun and educational. After registering at komenncalabama.org, groups will receive a free participation kit that includes ideas and promotional materials for Worship in Pink Weekend. Groups host their own events and incorporate breast cancer education into their weekly service. For more information, visit komenncalabama.org.

Comedy show

McCloud Entertainment and eventblack.com will present a comedy show Saturday at the Holiday Inn Research

Park. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show at 8. It features from "P'Diddy Bad Boyz of Comedy" Marcus Combs and comedian Ron Ron; and the host is BET Comicview's Bo P. Tickets are on sale online at eventblack.com and at James Records & Tapes. For VIP tickets or more information, call 693-2004.

Contract managers support

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will participate in the 2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's disease is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death and this annual walk is held in more than 600 communities nationwide to raise awareness, funds for care, support and research. The Huntsville Walk will take place Sept. 15 at the Botanical Garden and NCMA is seeking participants of all ages and abilities to join it on this walk. If you wish to walk or volunteer with NCMA in support of this cause, call Amy Donlin 876-0500 and Kevin Powell 450-4675.

Artifact collection

The Huntsville/Madison County Veterans Memorial Foundation is collecting

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historical and military artifacts for a time capsule that will be buried at the veterans memorial on or near Veterans Day. Artifacts are being collected at the SmithStoreIt at Church Street and Cook Avenue on the following dates: Aug. 25 for member organizations of the North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Organizations Coalition, and Sept. 15 and 22 for all Madison County residents. Artifacts can include items such as military medals and ribbons, personal letters, hats and clothing, photos and books. Items not chosen to be placed in the 2-foot-square capsule will be returned to their owners.

Island theme benefit

The Rotary Club of Madison will hold the 10th annual Parrots of the Caribbean, an outdoor evening of live music, food and libations, Aug. 25 from 6-11 p.m. at 58 Martin St. in downtown Madison. All guests must be 21 or older and are encouraged to bring their IDs, blankets and lawn chairs. This event is held rain or shine. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the night of the event and can be

purchased from Madison Rotarians or online (<http://madisonrotary.org/parrots>) with an additional online ticketing service charge of \$2.09 per ticket. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone using a credit card; call 564-2075 and leave your call back number. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Madison Rotary Club's local and international projects. For more information, call the Rotary Club of Madison 564-2075 or email madisonrotary@gmail.com.

Eighth Army opportunities

The Eighth Army is looking for the Army's best and brightest. Expand your horizons by joining its team in the Republic of Korea. The Eighth Army offers you the opportunity to: grow professionally, play a critical part in the U.S. Pacific strategy, experience the most dynamic area in the world today, make lifelong relationships with America's Korean allies and experience a new and vibrant Korea with your family. Contact your assignment manager today, a prepared release said. Visit <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil> or Facebook: 8th-Army-Korea.

Lifelong learning institute

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama-Huntsville offers classes, seminars and other forums for retirees and seniors age 50 and older. Course subjects include the arts, sciences, health, languages, history, hiking and a variety of other educational interests. All courses are taught by volunteers, including OLLI members, active teachers, and community leaders. There are also numerous social events, cultural activities and other special events provided for members. OLLI is a nonprofit membership governed organization, with oversight and support through the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies at UAH. Fall term registration begins Aug. 20. Classes are held mainly on the UAH campus, and run approximately 90 minutes each week for 6 to 8 weeks. The fall term will be from Sept. 10 through Nov. 2. Annual membership is \$15 (\$1 extra using Pay Pal), and \$85 per term fee that allows you to enroll in as many courses as you choose to schedule – normally around 50 per term. For more information, on membership and registration or to get a catalog, call 824-6183 or visit www.osher.uah.edu. The latest catalog will be available in mid-August.

Ordway awards breakfast

The Association of the United States Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, will hold the annual 1st Sgt. John Ordway Leadership Awards Breakfast on Aug. 24 from 7-8 a.m. at The Summit. Cost is \$10 for this buffet breakfast. For reservations call Bill Tillman 783-8838 or email bill_tillman@man.com.

Back-to-school party

Jump start the school year at the Pinnacle Affairs Youth Day, Back to School Block Party on Aug. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Roundhouse, 398 Monroe St. Food, fun and giveaways will be provided. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, visit www.backtoschoolblockparty.com or call 656-8651. Pinnacle Affairs is accepting school supply donations at Knology, 2401 10th St. southwest, and Playball Sports, 596 Plummer Road.

BBB online auction

Dress is casual for the BBB/WHNT New 19's "Start With Trust" Online Auction, Aug. 21-30, online at www.bbb.org/northern-alabama/auction. Bidders can page click and bid from home, work or on the go around the clock on a complete storm shelter, signed Auburn and Alabama footballs and memorabilia, jewelry and goods and services contributed by BBB accredited businesses. The

Better Business Bureau's biggest fundraiser enables the BBB to focus on helping to provide a marketplace where buyers and sellers trust each other. For more information, email mbidwell@northalabama.bbb.org.

Senior care workshop

A lunch-and-learn workshop on senior care options will be held Aug. 28 from noon to 1 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The presenter is Brenda Hinshaw, assisted living sales counselor for The Redstone Village. Topics include Help at Home; When living at Home is Not an Option; Veteran Aid and Attendance Benefits for Veteran/Spouse of Veteran/Widow of Veteran; What Does My Insurance Cover?; and Healthy Care Giving. Lunch is provided. For reservations, call ACS at 876-5397.

Fraud prevention

Medicare fraud is big business for criminals who steal more than \$60 billion of Americans' tax dollars every year. Protecting personal information is the best line of defense against con artists that depend on Medicare numbers to make false claims. Another safeguard is remembering to review Summary Notices for possible mistakes or errors in billing. TARCOG Area Agency on Aging and the Senior Medicare Patrol program are working hard to protect seniors and beneficiaries by investigating suspected forms of fraud and abuse. If you suspect errors, fraud or abuse, report it to your local SMP office at 830-0818.

Food collections

Army Community Service has a food donation box for the Fed's Feeds Families 2012 food drive. Non-perishable food items collected will be donated to the local area food bank for families in need. Drop off donations through Aug. 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road. The Commissary also has a donation box. For more information, call Natalie Taylor of ACS at 876-5397.

Vietnam veterans' tribute

A Vietnam Veterans Tribute will be held Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Veterans Memorial. The names of 1,223 Alabama Vietnam veterans, 1,207 killed-in-action and 16 missing-in-action will be read by various community and Redstone Arsenal leaders during the event. Everyone is invited to attend and take part of this tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice as the Huntsville community marks

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Courtesy photo

Defense honor

Col. John Ellis, commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency's Central Region, presents to retired Capt. Rob Dewberry the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara for his outstanding support to the cannoners and rocketeers during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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the 50th anniversary since the United States' entry into the Vietnam War. Community members are encouraged to respectfully walk around the memorial as the names are being read. The Association of the United States Army is hosting the event. Details on parking and street closings will be available at a later date. For more information, call Jeff Wishik 468-9499 or email jwishik@yahoo.com.

USASAC ceremony

The public is invited to an assumption of responsibility ceremony Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. at the AMC parade field, 4400 Martin Road, to mark the arrival of Command Sgt. Maj. Rodger Mansker to the position of USASAC senior enlisted adviser to the commander. Mansker will be the first command sergeant major to be assigned to this position in the 47-year history of the organization. He previously served as the command sergeant major of the 404th Army Field Support Brigade at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, call 450-5637.

Motorcycle poker run

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will have a Poker Run on Saturday at Rocket Harley-Davidson in Madison to help raise funds to support veterans of North Alabama. Registration is from 8:30-10:30 a.m. First bike out at 10:30 and the last bike in at 3 p.m. The route starts at Rocket Harley-Davidson goes to MAC's Sports Bar, Sideline Sports Bar, Bishops Bar & Grill, North Alabama Biker Supply and ends at Fraternal Order of Eagles (2500 10th St. SW, Huntsville). There will be door prizes, 50/50, raffle and food and drinks. Entry fee is \$15 per hand, \$10 per rider, \$10 extra hand. Winnings include \$200 for best hand, \$100 for worst hand. For more information, call Tom Gerrish 313-0728 or 348-5898.

A&M athletic banquet

Alabama A&M University Athletic Hall of Fame will hold its 21st Induction Ceremony and Banquet on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Ernest Knight Center on campus. The tickets are \$40. To purchase tickets, call Shirley Alexander 372-5654. For banquet information, call Sandra Lyles-Jackson 426-5458.

Scholarship dinner

The Huntsville/Madison County Alumni Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni Association Inc. presents its annual scholarship dinner theater Friday at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park near Madison Square Mall. The dinner theater will honor the legacy of the university's fourth president, Dr. Joseph Fanning Drake, on the occasion of his 120th birthday. Attendees will be treated to a short play about Drake, written by Dr. Mary Stanley. Drake has been lauded as the "builder and savior" of Alabama A&M. Faculty, staff and students who were on the "Hill" during the Drake era will also be recognized. (Any Drake era faculty, staff or students are asked to call the chapter at 859-0894, 694-2038 or 851-9572.) Individual tickets may be purchased for \$40. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 694-2038 or 851-9572 or email 4timegrad69@gmail.com.

Logistics achievement award

Nominations for the Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award are being accepted for deserving individuals (civilian or military) assigned to Team Redstone who have made significant contributions to the logistics community and whose leadership and expertise have made a major, positive impact on the Army's logistics program. The 2012 "Ernie" format will include two awards – the Management/Executive Award for GS/GM-13s and above (or military equivalents), and the Professional/Technical Award for GS/GM-13s and below (or military equivalents). Nomination packages must have a cover memorandum signed by the nominee's director or deputy director. Nominations should be submitted by Aug. 31 to Barbara A. Harris, logistics management specialist, IMMC Business Management Directorate, at 876-3805.

