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Grand reopening ceremonies

Base Supply Center moves closer to Sparkman Center for customer convenience

By Sandy Riebeling

Wow, what a difference. Customers browsing the store the morning of Redstone's Base Supply Center grand reopening were amazed at the new look.

"It's so much better," SSgt. Kimberley Jennings, B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "I love the appearance and the setup. It's not as spread out as before so I don't have to ask so many questions about where things are."

Jennings' shopping companion, Drill Sgt. Kimberly Motley, B Company, 832nd, agreed.

"We used to go to the old store only once a month because it was so far away," Motley said, "but we've come here twice in the last two weeks. The location is much more convenient to us."

The Base Supply Center closed the

doors to its Cottonwood Road location at the south end of the Arsenal Feb. 16 and reopened on Maintenance Row Feb. 23.

"We took the weekend to fine tune the store and get it ready for the grand opening," Elbert Campbell, store manager, said. "All of the feedback from the customers has been positive. We hope the changes in the store and the location will bring in not only more business from the post but also draw business from the federal agencies downtown."

Store employees were just as excited as their customers about the relocation.

"It amazes me that it's all together," Sarah Robinson, store clerk, said. "It looks so good. Of course, my favorite part is the air conditioning. I can stand the cold but working out in the warehouse in the summer with no air conditioning was rough. Our customers didn't like that either. Now you come in and it's bright and the temperature is right. You can browse just like you



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

COME AND SEE— The Base Supply Center, operated by Alabama Industries for the Blind, had a grand reopening last week at its new location on Maintenance Row. Shoppers were browsing the aisles before the ceremony while store employees, Heath Brock, left, and Jeff Mayo checked the stock to make sure everything was perfect.

do at Wal-Mart."

The Base Supply Center is operated by Alabama Industries for the Blind, a division of Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. The grand opening brought in several VIPs from the national and state Industries for the Blind organizations as well as Redstone

representatives Col. Steven Hamilton, deputy post commander, Col. Clifton Broderick, chief of staff, and Carol Sedlacek, procurement analyst for AMCOM's Small Business Office, who coordinates the JWOD program.

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Spirited ceremony welcomes shoppers to Thrift Shop



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GRAND CEREMONY— It was a beautiful March day for the grand reopening of the Thrift Store at its new location. Sullivan, along with store volunteers and staff, cut the ribbon and welcomed the awaiting crowd into the store.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

VOLUNTEER TURNS EMPLOYEE— Samuelson served as a volunteer with the Thrift Shop until his military retirement March 1, when he began his civilian career as the new assistant manager.

By Sandy Riebeling

As Chaplain Anderson took center stage to bless the official reopening of the Thrift Shop, he jokingly asked if the witch doctor had arrived.

"When there's an event like this in Hawaii, they invite the post chaplain to offer a blessing then they have their witch doctor come and remove the evil spirits."

But the only thing in the air on that breezy March 1 morning was excitement from volunteers, staff and guests as Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, cut the ribbon and ushered in a new era for the Thrift Shop.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of this operation," Sullivan said to the crowd gathered for the ceremony. "They've spent years giving back to the community. We owe a debt of gratitude to the great volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents."

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Drill Sgt., sir

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Internet usage policy

During my three tours of duty at Redstone Arsenal, I remember constant admonitions regarding the use of the official telephone system for private telephone calls. We did not have e-mail then. Now that e-mail has become the mode of communication, I notice almost unlimited private use of government e-mail and government access to the Internet.

My question is, are there any regulations and what is the AMCOM policy toward private use of the Redstone Arsenal e-mail system and government access to the Internet? What are the penalties, if any, for misuse of these facilities?

Aniceto I. Bagley
Retired CWO 4

The Legal Office provided the following response. "AMCOM Policy No. 25-8, 'Personal Use of Federal Communications Resources' (Sept. 23, 1999) sets out AMCOM's policy on personal use of office telephones, e-mail, and the Internet. The policy derives from the DoD Joint Travel Regulation (JER) paragraph 2-301, which authorizes personal use within specified parameters. Permitted communications are those that are most reasonably made from the normal workplace, such as checking on spouse or children, making medical, home, automobile repair, and similar appointments. To assure that such use does not adversely affect the performance of official duties and serves a legitimate public interest, the follow-

ing criteria apply: whenever possible, use personal communications before or after work hours or during lunch or authorized breaks; if personal communications are made during working hours, keep them infrequent and short; do not incur long distance tolls or other usage fees chargeable to the government; personal communications may not include soliciting business, advertising, or engaging in other selling activities in support of private business enterprises; fund-raising activities (other than those permitted by JER 3-210); or any other use that would reflect adversely on the Army or which is incompatible with public service (e.g., chain letters, harassing e-mail, surfing sexually explicit sites, or downloading sexually explicit material); and do not send group electronic mailings to offer items for sale or other personal purpose, e.g., selling an automobile or renting a private residence. Further, an employee may not send group electronic mailings to announce events sponsored by a non-federal entity without prior approval of the employee's supervisor.

"Employees should be aware that any use of government communications resources is with the understanding that such use is generally not secure, not anonymous, and serves as consent to monitoring. Employees who violate this policy subject themselves to possible disciplinary action, the severity of which will depend on the nature of the violation."

Parking problem response

The anonymous letter titled "Parking problem" in the issue of Feb. 23 is yet another example of what is surely a very disturbing trend, the writing (and worse, publishing) of abusive and defamatory attacks by parties who hide behind anonymity, thus avoiding the responsibility for these acts.

This latest broadside publicly defames a certain party but denies him the right to reply in the only coin possible in a case such as this, namely a suit for damages by

reason of clear malice. And what is worse, the Rocket colludes in this travesty of fair play by allowing the document to be published without naming the author, for surely this case is actionable by law. Both writer and publisher deserve to have to answer for this episode, for it is not only against ordinary decency; it denies the accused the right to face his accuser. Fie and shame!

D.J. Sherk

United Way

On behalf of all the Tennessee Valley United Way Organizations, we would like to thank the many federal employees who so generously designated their 1999 CFC contributions to United Way. Without your support, our local agencies could not meet the many needs within our communities.

We would also like to thank Melinda Seigler, Tennessee Valley CFC director for United Way of Madison County, and Wayne Patty, CFC chairman, Redstone Arsenal, for their professionalism and untiring efforts on behalf of CFC.

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Button scenario

Regarding the issue of the non-impaired pushing the automatic door opening buttons, the issue is heating and cooling energy waste in addition to laziness.

The automatic door opener opens both doors at the same time negating the effectiveness of the air lock. Therefore, in summer enormous migration of cooled air to hot occurs and in winter, of course, the opposite happens: cold air rushes into the building. Each of these scenarios forces our utility costs wastefully higher. The wasted money might have been the amount that eliminated your job! This is not to mention the discomfort that results for those unfortunate live human being receptionists who sit near the automatic doors.

C'mon ablebodied—be aware of the impact of your actions.

Name withheld by request

Carpools and work hours

Iwould be most appreciative if you could address a couple of questions in the Rocket.

1. Is the carpool/vanpool program still active? If so, do permits have to be obtained, and how is this done?
2. If one has worked their 80 hours, and the Arsenal is closed for snow and ice on their regularly scheduled (AWS) Friday off, how would this be addressed? Would they be allowed another off day?

Charlie Scott
TMDE Activity

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following answer to the carpool/vanpool question. "Carpools are still active. To get registered as an authorized 'carpool,' a permit is required. To qualify/obtain a Ridesharing permit, the following is required: the vehicle must have three or more persons working who are in a government owned or leased building; complete Form SMI-1231-1 and send to AMSAM-RA-EPW-MP—this form is available in room 232, building 111 or the individuals may call 876-1434 and a form will be sent to them; permits will be sent to the first name on the carpool list and a permit can be moved from vehicle to vehicle as the drivers on that list rotate driving duties. Reserved parking spaces for carpools are provided at most buildings on Redstone."

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the following answer to the work hours question. "The short answer is no;

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African-American Festival

On Tuesday, Feb. 29 at Sparkman Auditorium, Team Redstone celebrated Black History by presenting the fifth annual African-American Festival. The Theme for the program was "Though We Are Many, We Are One . . . And the Beat Goes On."

When participants walked into the auditorium, the first thing they experienced was a computer-based slide show depicting highlights from the African-American experience and significant contributions

made by famous African-Americans. Team Redstone's Chaplain Christian Anderson gave the invocation. An awesome female foursome from Lee High School (via videotape) sang the African-American anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Lt. Col. Charles Basham, acting on behalf of the MLRS Project Office, provided very significant information in his welcome by stating "Mission Statement: The annual Festival of African-American Music, Art,

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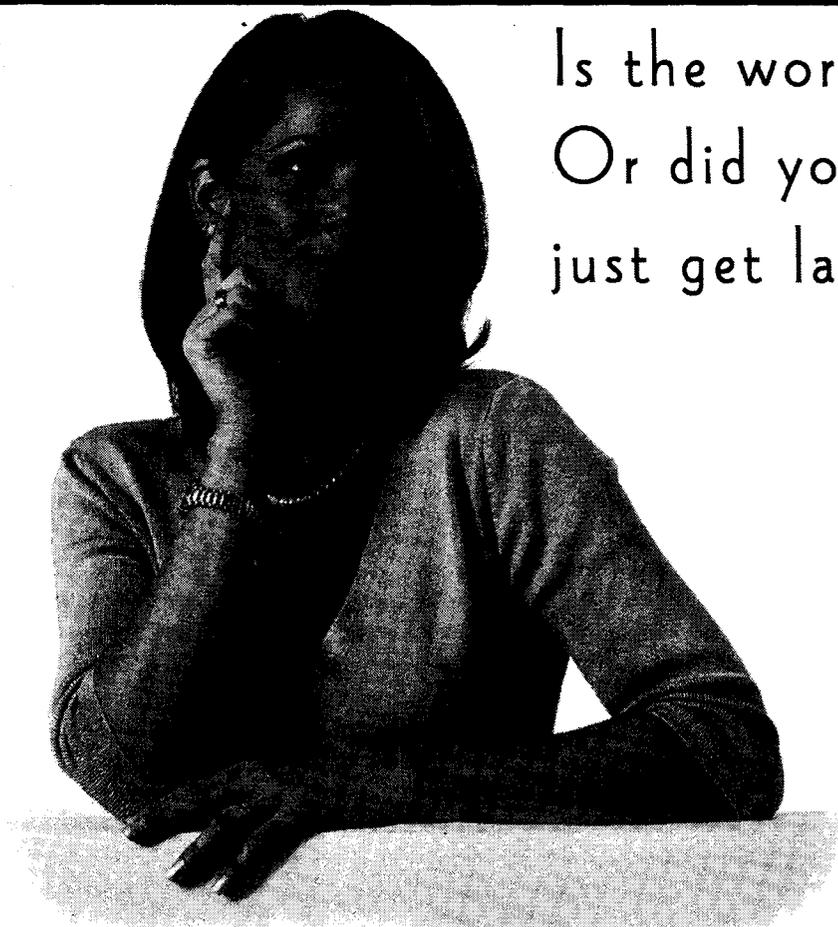
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Customers multiply at tax center as deadline nears

Tax center has served more than 500 clients so far

By Jim Bowne

Ever since the Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center opened Feb. 1, the number of clients has been increasing daily. With the deadline for filing taxes coming ever closer, the staff expects the number to keep growing.

According to Capt. Chin-Zen Plotner, the post tax officer for 1999-2000, appointments are currently being scheduled about two weeks out.

"There are only about five and a half weeks left until the deadline," she said. "But people do have a slight advantage. Since April 15 falls on a Saturday, the deadline for filing has been extended to Monday the 17th."

So far this year, more than 500 clients have used the services of the Tax Assistance Center. This free tax assistance program is available for active and retired military personnel. Located in building 3447, the Tax Center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extended hours are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. It is during these extended hours that "walk-in" clients may receive help in filing their 1040EZ forms.

"We file both state and federal returns,"



Photo by Jim Bowne

TAX HELP— Spec. Judy Williams, one of the full-time tax assisters working at the Tax Center, helps retired Capt. Cherie Miller prepare her tax returns.

Plotner said. "We also offer both computer-assisted tax preparation and direct electronic filing of federal returns. However, we do not assist with business tax returns— only with personal tax returns."

Through Feb. 25, the Tax Assistance Center filed 717 state and federal returns. Of these, 640 were electronically filed.

"By a large margin, our clients seem to prefer electronic filing," Plotner said. "Most of the paper files were for clients who did not bring their spouses with them to the appointment, or they owed money to the government. During this period, refunds due our clients totaled \$573,300. Additionally, since our service is free to active and retired military personnel, our

clients have saved over \$66,000 in tax preparation fees."

Plotner pointed out that when a client makes an appointment with the Tax Center, it is important they bring all of their tax documents and receipts.

"Some of the most common information clients forget to bring to their appointments are things like Post Secondary Education information," she said. "This is very important because it is a credit, not a deduction. They also sometimes forget to bring their 1099 INT's [interest statements]. Even though the amount of interest may be insignificant, all interest earnings are reported to the Internal Revenue Service."

Plotner also mentioned that clients should bring last year's state and federal tax returns, all bank information, including routing and account numbers, and checkbooks.

In most cases, electronic filing has gone smoothly. "Sometimes we occasionally get an error message," Plotner said. "But this is because a spouse may forget to notify the Social Security Office of a name change. Or, it may be because the client may provide the wrong social security number for their dependents." To avoid error messages, Plotner recommends clients bring copies of all social security cards.

Plotner also pointed out the Tax Center would appreciate receiving a phone call if a client cannot keep an appointment. "It would be helpful if they would give us at

least 48-60 hours advance notice," she said. "A common problem we have is that some folks are not showing up for a scheduled appointment, and we have already turned someone else away because we expected the client to keep his or her appointment."

To schedule an appointment, call the Tax Assistance Center at 313-3909 or e-mail taxappt@redstone.army.mil. Active duty military should schedule an appointment through their unit tax adviser.

Unit tax advisers include the following:

- SFC Rupert Bond, HHC 59th, 876-0133/1032; SSgt. Levon Green, HHC 59th, 313-5173; PFC Javier Velasco, HHC AMCOM, 842-2631; Sgt Tashia Chaderton, Headquarters & Alpha Company, 955-7021; SSgt. William Bailey, Headquarters & Alpha Company, 842-0598; SSgt. Jonathan Lee, Headquarters & A Company, 842-0585; SSgt. Clifton Hall, B Company, 842-0607; Sgt. Chelsie Stokes, C Company, 876-6594; Sgt. Heather Cobb, D Company, 876-5343; SSgt. Scott Rosenberger, D Company, 842-2123; SSgt. Craig Poshva, D Company, 842-7775;

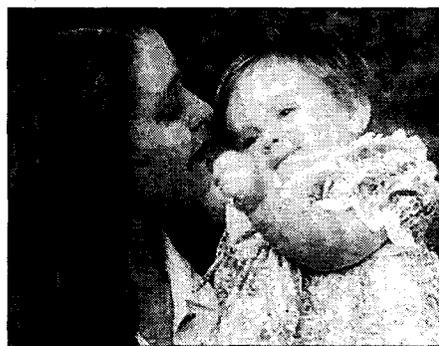
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AMCOM cited as top gun for charity campaign

The Aviation and Missile Command was awarded the CFC "Top Gun" trophy by the United Way of Madison County during its Annual Report Luncheon held Feb. 24 at the Huntsville Hilton.

The trophy was in recognition of AMCOM's efforts during the 1999 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. For the eighth year running, AMCOM raised the most money for charity (\$588, 836) among the 35 federal agencies participating in the drive. A close second was the Marshall Space Flight Center, which received contributions totaling \$449,378.

In total, the federal agencies contributed \$1,580,269, which was 108 percent of the goal established and the largest amount ever donated in the Tennessee Valley.

"AMCOM takes great pride in 'Team Redstone' and this truly was a team effort," Wayne Patty, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for 2000, said. "Without the inspiration of the Principal Combined Fund Organization (the United Way of Madison County); the untiring efforts of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, Loaned Executives, Financial Chairpersons, and Keyworkers; and the benevolent spirit of over 8,000 federal employees, this milestone would not have been reached. All federal agencies are commended for their efforts."

Since Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, had a previous engagement and could not attend the ceremony, Col. Clifton Broderick, chief of staff, accepted the trophy.



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ANNUAL PRIZE— From left are Patty; Broderick; Linda Readus, secretary of the general staff; and Melinda Seigler, United Way CFC director.

Mandatory travel card date extended to May 1

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON-- Servicemembers and DoD civilians now have until May 1 before use of the government travel credit card is mandatory, DoD officials said March 3.

DoD is one of a number of agencies given two extra months to implement the program, said Nelson Toye, DoD's deputy chief financial officer.

William J. Lynn, undersecretary of defense (comptroller), signed the memorandum announcing the extension March 1.

"Within DoD the primary reason for the delay is that we were so late receiving the guidance," Toye said. "Our components came back to us and asked for an extension. When we applied to the General Services Administration they were willing to grant us the extension."

Toye said that GSA officials made it clear there "would be no more extensions."

Toye's guidance in the meantime to DoD finance officials is to implement the travel card program to the extent possible.

He said the extension does not mean

Congress is rethinking the policy. It has just taken longer than expected for government agencies to work out the details.

DoD issued new policies in mid-February to implement travel card requirements in an amendment to the Federal Travel Regulation published by the GSA in the Jan. 19 Federal Register. The amendment implements requirements in the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998.

The Defense Department began using travel cards in 1983 to pay for lodging, transportation, rental cars and other allow-

able expenses.

The current contractor is Bank of America VISA.

The new travel card rules will be included in Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures," of the DoD Financial Management Regulation DoD 7000.14-R.

For more information on DoD's travel card program, visit the Defense Finance and Accounting Service website at www.dfas.mil or the Bank of America site at www.bankofamerica.com/government. (American Forces Press Service)

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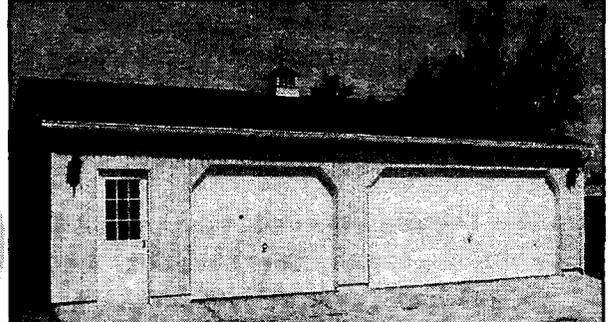
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Acquisition accolades

Two contracting professionals receive Besson Award from higher headquarters

By Sandy Riebeling

Changing how the Aviation and Missile Command does business isn't an easy job. It takes effort, resilience, determination, innovation and a desire to dig into the contracting system and come up with a better way to make it happen. Liz Moulder and Maj. Jeffrey Gabbert spent 1999 doing just that and their work has not gone unnoticed.

Moulder and Gabbert have been named as recipients of the AMC Frank S. Besson Award which recognizes outstanding accomplishments by individuals within the Army Materiel Command. The honorary award is presented annually to exceptional individuals in three categories: civilian careerist, military officer and intern.

Civilian careerist

As the lead contract specialist for the Omnibus 2000 program, Moulder has spent nearly two years developing a flexible and efficient program that will enable internal customers, three major program executive offices (PEOs) and tenant activities to acquire responsive, high quality services in a timely manner.

"We started back in 1997 when aviation and missile came together under the BRAC," Moulder said. "We realized that

we had drastically different contracting methods. We combined our approach, taking the best from both worlds, to build this program for our future."

One of the toughest hurdles was selling the concept of O2K, according to Moulder. Communication was key to the acceptance of this new way of contracting. In the past year she has briefed general officers, congressional staffers and local government and civic leaders.

"Our web page has really assisted us in keeping the lines of communication open," she said. "It allowed industry access to what we were doing and a way to ask questions and get the answers they needed. In the past year and a half, the website received more than 20,000 hits."

Approximately 60 current contracts have been identified that will fall under the program. The ceiling for the Omnibus 2000 program is set at \$2.5 billion.

"Once we signed the partnering agreement, things really started taking off," Moulder said. "We've gotten great support from management from day one. Ms. (Marlene) Cruze has believed in it all the way. One person doesn't make this happen."

Perhaps one person doesn't make it happen but the leadership and dedication

Moulder has demonstrated in the program set her apart for nomination. Moulder's supervisor Dana Holmes nominated her for the award, without saying a word.

"I was stunned when I got a congratulations e-mail from Ms. Cruze," Moulder said. "I had no idea I'd even been nominated. Of course, I'm honored but the award is at least half Dana's. She is a wonderful boss and an outstanding acquisition professional."

Moulder's family shared in her excitement about the award. Her husband, Christopher is a supervisory supply analyst for AMCOM. The couple has two children, Christine, a junior at Washington University in St. Louis, and David, a junior at Bob Jones High School.

Military officer

Being part of the solution, no matter what the problem, was foremost on the mind of Gabbert, when he arrived at Redstone in June 1998. One of his first achievements, automating the Apache Project Office's letter log and contract dissemination process, netted a savings to the office of more than \$450,000 during the next five years.

"When you're working with multiyear contracts, there is a lot of communication between the project office and the contractor," Gabbert, deputy, Apache procurement division chief, said. "Every letter has to be tracked and needs a special number assigned to it. If the one person who assigns those numbers is not at work, you couldn't send the letter. The system wasn't efficient."

Gabbert set about devising a computer program that could assign numbers for correspondence automatically, as the proper tracking information was input into the system. This Apache Business System man-



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

AWARD WINNERS— Two of the three recipients for the AMC Besson awards are from AMCOM's Acquisition Center. Moulder was chosen as the civilian careerist and Gabbert as the military officer.

ages incoming and outgoing correspondence, electronically stores the original document and allows the user to send these documents via e-mail.

Another contracting evolution was the creation of a secure web page that both the government and contractor use, in an alpha contracting fashion, to develop a fully qualified proposal. The negotiations are for a multiyear contract that includes 298 Apache attack helicopters with trainers support, a \$2.3 billion contract.

"Using the web, everyone involved can see what's going on and how it affects their particular area of responsibility," Gabbert said. "Everything is out in the open, issues can be discussed and resolved as the contract is written."

He was also looking for a better way to demonstrate the value that AMC provides to the Apache project manager, while at the same time, improving his division's support. In an effort to reengineer the Apache

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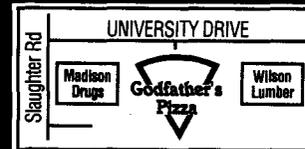
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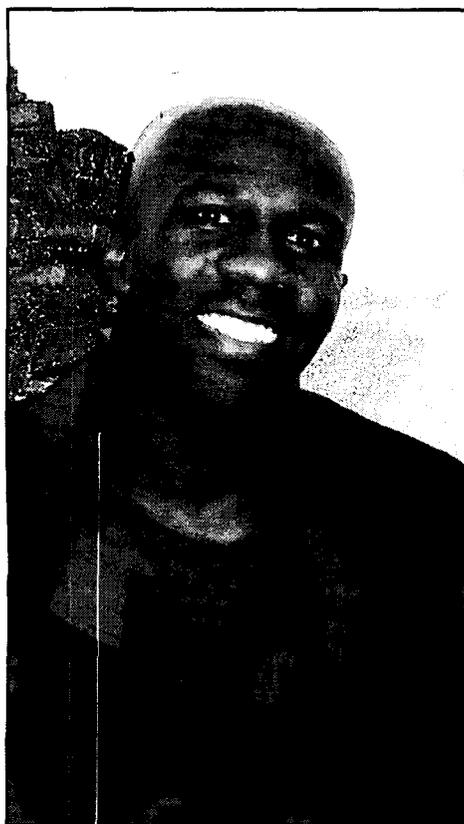


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NATIVE SON— Mitchell was born and raised in Huntsville. When he entered the Army, he chose the missile repair field in the hopes that he would be stationed close to home.

'I love to train soldiers'

Drill Sergeant of Year says his goals include sitting on other side of competition table

By Sandy Riebeling

Headed for college on a track scholarship, a car accident during Harold Mitchell's senior year at Johnson High School changed his life forever.

"I didn't want to stay at home and wait around for a year after the accident so I joined the Army," Mitchell, drill sergeant, B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "I was looking for something close to home so I became a 27 E— TOW and Dragon missile repair."

Mitchell joined the Army in 1988. In September 1999, 11 years later, he finally made it back to his hometown of Huntsville. What better place to earn the post drill sergeant of the year title? And as Redstone's Drill Sergeant of the Year, Mitchell received hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes from Army organizations and local business sponsors.

"I took my son and eight of his buddies bowling last Saturday with some of the MWR prize money," Mitchell said. "I'm looking forward to wearing the dress blues I won to the Ordnance Ball that's coming up."

When asked what he does with his spare time, Mitchell flashes that winning smile,

tilts his head to one side and laughs. "What spare time?"

The job of a drill sergeant, according to Mitchell, is to transform civilians into soldiers, and it's a job he loves.

"It's our job is to insist on high standards and then assist the soldiers in reaching those standards," he said. "It's our duty to train soldiers and reinforce the seven Army values— teach them to do the right thing. It's a challenging job. Probably the worst part is the lack of spare time. But the reward is seeing the soldier complete the rite of passage— to see the transformation from civilian to soldier. I love to train soldiers."

One way to train the soldier is to lead by example, Mitchell said. It's a philosophy he applies as drill sergeant as well as a husband and father. A task that is especially difficult now because his family is separated. His wife, Valerie, is an elementary school teacher, finishing out the school year in Liberty County, Ga., where the family was formerly stationed. Their daughter Danielle, 6, remained with Valerie and his son, Harold Jr., 9, lives with Mitchell.

"Just about the time I'm leaving to go to the national drill sergeant competition in Virginia, she'll be arriving here from Georgia," Mitchell said, adding that he is grateful for the family support of his parents while his wife is away. "My mom really helps out, but then again she always has been there for me. That goes for both my parents. They've been married 30 years. I think that's amazing. They've always

come through for me."

Mitchell is grateful not only to his parents for their support but to all the people that have helped him prepare for the Redstone competition and those that are continuing to support him as he prepares for the nationals.

"CSM Larry Taylor has been great," Mitchell said, "and 1st Sgt. Thomas Lettis, he has done a lot of stuff to help me prepare for the boards. I've also gotten a lot of assistance from the S-3 shop (support operations)— the OIC Capt. Martha Brooks and SFC Renee Kelly. Last but not least— my main support has come from my fellow drill sergeants who stepped up and took over some of my responsibilities to give me time to study. I think that says a lot about the kind of people they are."

Mitchell is training to compete and goes to the nationals expecting to at least place if not win. He understands the odds, though. It's been a long time since an Ordnance drill sergeant even placed in the competition. It just makes him that much more determined.

And as for his future?

"I'm comfortable with the way my career has progressed," he said. "Hopefully I'll make sergeant first class this year. One day, though, I want to be sitting on the other side of the table— preparing the drill sergeants for the board. I want to be in CSM Taylor's position—'holler if you hear me.'"

The national competition will be June 5-9 in Fort Monroe, Va.

Higher headquarters honors two contracting professionals

Awards

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procurement division, Gabbert developed a set of metrics which is integrated into the employees evaluation and Total Army Performance Evaluation System.

"The metrics allow the customer to see our value to them and at the same time, get feedback on areas they feel need improvement," Gabbert said. "The results are measurable and can be used to improve our organization internally."

It was this "can do" attitude and ability to embrace change that captured the attention of AMC. But like Moulder, Gabbert said that it was the support of management that makes these changes possible.

"We owe this award to the workers and management in the Acquisition Center," he said. "Ms. Cruze, Col. (Scott) Wilson, Bob Deppe— they've created an atmosphere

that will allow change to happen. They empower the employees to act on their ideas. Bob has been just super to me."

It was Deppe, Apache procurement director, who first called Gabbert with the news of his award.

"I'm honored to be recognized for the contributions I've made to the organization," he said. "I was surprised though. It's rare that someone in the military is recognized in this fashion— by a predominately civilian organization. I'm honored to be part of this team."

It is a fitting end to the Redstone chapter of his life. In May he and his wife, Doreen, along with their children, Greg, 10, Jennifer, 6, and Allison, 3, will transfer to Washington D.C., to work in the Personnel Command as an assignments officer.

Moulder and Gabbert will receive their Besson awards April 6 at an AMC sponsored conference.

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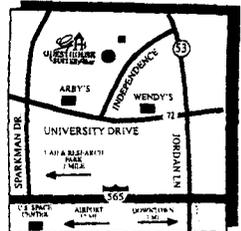
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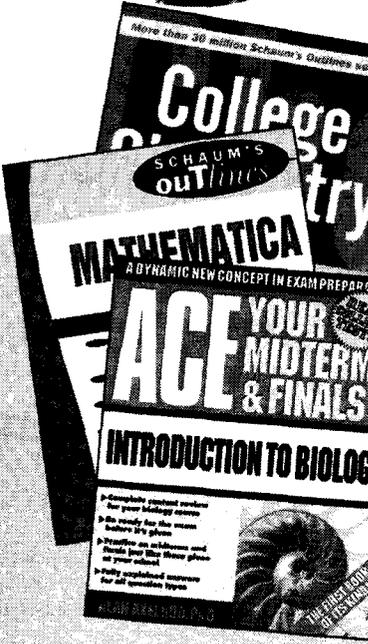


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Festival artwork...

Palmer Washington, a clerk at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, looks at artwork on display Feb. 29 for the fifth annual Festival of African-American Art, Music and Portrayals. The Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, MLRS Project Office presented the Black History Month event at Sparkman Auditorium.

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Supply

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Hamilton was presented an award for outstanding support of the JWOD (Javits-Wagner-O'Day), which is a program to support the production and sale of blind-made products within federal agencies.

During the ceremony, Billy Sparkman, executive director for AID, thanked the command and the Base Supply Center staff for bringing this effort to fruition.

"The staff has gone beyond the call of duty to make this happen," he said. "They've put in long hours and have brought about this major transformation."

Lori Thomason, assistant store manager, is pleased with the new store as well.

"The staff here did a wonderful job," she said. "We do hope that the changes will better suit our customers' needs; that is important to us. We also hope to sell more blind-made products which will enable us to increase employment opportunities for the visually impaired."

With the new location, the hours of operation have been changed. The store will now be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Elbert said that the later opening time will allow the staff more time to restock and prepare the store each morning before opening.

■ Thrift Shop begins era at new location

Thrift

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It was the drive and hard work of some 60 Thrift Shop volunteers plus the staff that made the relocation to building 3209 on Hercules Road a success—volunteers such as Maggie Bennett who has worked at the Thrift Shop since 1968.

As a military spouse, Bennett calls herself a "thrift shop follower" working in thrift shops around the world, wherever she happened to be stationed, which was Redstone in 1968. Then in 1972 the couple retired here and she's been volunteering ever since. "I just love the people," she said. "They are wonderful. It's also a lot of fun."

Generations of the same family have served as dedicated volunteers as well.

"My dad retired here in 1961," said Jenny Myrick. "My mother, Pidge Osterman, started working here then. I went away in 1970 to serve in the Air Force and then came back here 20 years later. Mom and I volunteered together for a long time."

Osterman died last year but Myrick continues to carry on the volunteer tradition, whimsically calling it her "one social outlet."

The new assistant manager, Lee Samuelson, was first introduced to the Thrift Shop through his wife, Sharon.

"Sharon is a volunteeraholic," Samuelson said. "Then she volunteered me. Before I retired, I was the liaison between OMMCS and the Thrift Shop. I've been helping throughout the move. Then, after I retired, I picked up the job here."

CWO 3 Samuelson served as the personnel proponent to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, which sponsors the Thrift Shop. His official retirement date was March 1. He is attending Columbia University at Redstone Arsenal and will continue his schooling full time while he works at the Thrift Shop.

Another new employee, Judy Barlow, joined the staff as an afternoon cashier, just in time to see the grand opening.

So it's more than just a new location—it's new employees, higher expectations and even new hours.

Beginning in April, the store will be open for sales from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the first Saturday of each month. Mary McCarthy, Thrift Shop volunteer representative, said that the extra hours of operation are mainly to accommodate the needs of the student soldiers on post that have no other opportunity to get to the store.

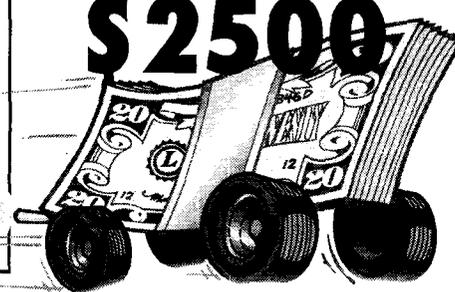
"They are in school all day during the week, and then marched to and from lunch. There's really no good time for them to shop," she said. "We're doing this new schedule on a trial basis and see how it goes."

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the employee would not be allowed another day off. If the Arsenal is closed on a day that is a non-workday for me such as Saturday or Sunday, I do not receive another day off. The non-workday employees gain by working the Alternative Work Schedule, Compressed Work Schedule, is no different than the Saturdays and Sundays employees have off working a regular 8-hour-a-day-5-day-a-week tour. The closing of the Arsenal is only of importance to those employees that are prevented from working their regularly scheduled tour-of-duty. Those employees,

through no fault of their own, are prevented from working and therefore are not charged with leave and do not incur a loss of pay. However, if I am not scheduled to work on a day the Arsenal is closed, it in no way impacts my reporting for duty since I was not scheduled to report for duty.

"I think the employee is maybe confusing the closing of the Arsenal due to inclement weather with a federal holiday. When a federal holiday falls on a non-workday, by law each employee is entitled to the Holiday. So if a federal holiday falls on a non-workday, an appropriate workday is designated as the in-lieu-of-holiday."

Festival

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and Portrayal will allow for a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere to enhance employee relations through appreciation of cultural diversity. The military, civilian and contractor professionals who make up this extremely diversified community are our most important resources. The more we learn about one another, the more we grow to appreciate each culture's rich heritage. Not only does it contribute to American's greatness, it allows for a stronger national defense."

Lt. Col. Basham introduced Brig. Gen. John Holly. Brig. Gen. Holly noted that, after the festival is over, it was his hope that everyone leaves more enlightened, encouraged, and determined toward making life better for all Americans.

Ms. Diane Bryant of AMCOM's CPOC and Mr. Samuel Wright (NCCIM Inc.) served as the emcees for the program. The program took the audience back in time with singing of the African words "Kum Ba Yah" which were later translated by

African-American field slaves (dressed for that era) into "Come By Here." The awesome singing coupled with portrayals in the beginning gave the audience the opportunity to just sit back and reflect. Tributes and honor were given to prominent African Americans dating back as far as slavery and concluding in the modern era. The Redstone Multicultural Band really set the tempo by taking us back to how awesome musicians were unfairly not paid, during the Cotton Club era, but later prospered during the initial Apollo Theater era. The Redstone Multicultural Choir provided the audience with both Negro spirituals and modern uplifting gospel songs from our current era. The closing song incorporated Stone Middle School Save the Youth students, the Redstone Multicultural Choir, the entire cast, and Team Redstone personnel, singing the "Grand Finale" tune "You Are the Wind Beneath My Wings."

If you weren't there, you really missed a treat.

Festival Planning Committee

Hail to the retiring chief

Personnel and Training Directorate members give Broderick goodbye gifts he can use

By Skip Vaughn

The "Rocky" theme was playing on the sound system but it could have been "Hail to the Chief" as the guest of honor made his entrance.

"Hooah, hooah," said Col. Clifton Broderick, the retiring chief of staff for AMCOM. "What are we doing here?"

The members of Personnel and Training Directorate had gathered Feb. 29 in the electronic meeting room at building 5309 to say a special farewell to Broderick, who will retire today. They presented him with a golf wedge, a foot pan (for his recent broken ankle), and other mementos.

"You are my special folks," Broderick told the personnel workers. They gave him a standing ovation.

Broderick is retiring with 29 years and eight months of service, the last three years and seven months of which were spent at Redstone Arsenal. He arrived in 1996 as chief of staff and saw the Aviation and Missile Command formed the following year through the merger of the Missile Command with the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis.

"It's been a heck of a ride, gang, it really has," Broderick said. "P&T Directorate has always been one of my favorites.

"You continued to step up to the plate and made it happen. When the chips were down, I could always count on you to bring that

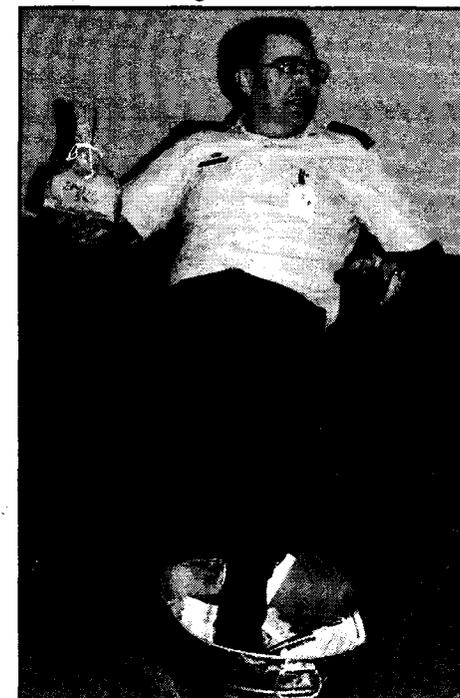


Photo by Skip Vaughn

RETIRING CHIEF— Broderick enjoys his farewell gifts from the Personnel and Training Directorate.

home run ball right over the fence; and you always did. You did it with professionalism."

Col. Micheal Coleman, director of P&T Directorate, said the farewell event represented "a great team effort on short notice."

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Skintight delivery system

Patch may deliver nutrients to American warfighters

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON— U.S. combat troops may get part of their daily diet through their arms if a new concept works out. Army Soldier Center researchers in Natick, Mass., are working on a transdermal nutrient delivery system -- a skin patch similar in concept to nicotine and motion sickness patches. The new system could be a part of every combat servicemember's kit by 2025.

Gerald Darsch, joint project director for the DoD Combat Feeding Program at Natick, said the current developmental version is about the size of a conventional adhesive bandage and three to four times thicker. The final version will be encased in some polymer to be very flexible, he speculated. "Servicemembers probably won't even notice they have it on," he noted.

The patches would contain "micronutrient" reservoirs and microscopic "pumps" and "plumbing." The nutrients would augment or supplement a warfighter's diet during periods of high-intensity conflict. Officials see a use for the system to combat cold weather and high altitude stress, for instance.

"The idea is to keep the warfighter's cognitive and physical performance sharpened at the optimal level," Darsch said. "It could mean fewer dead or wounded U.S. servicemembers."

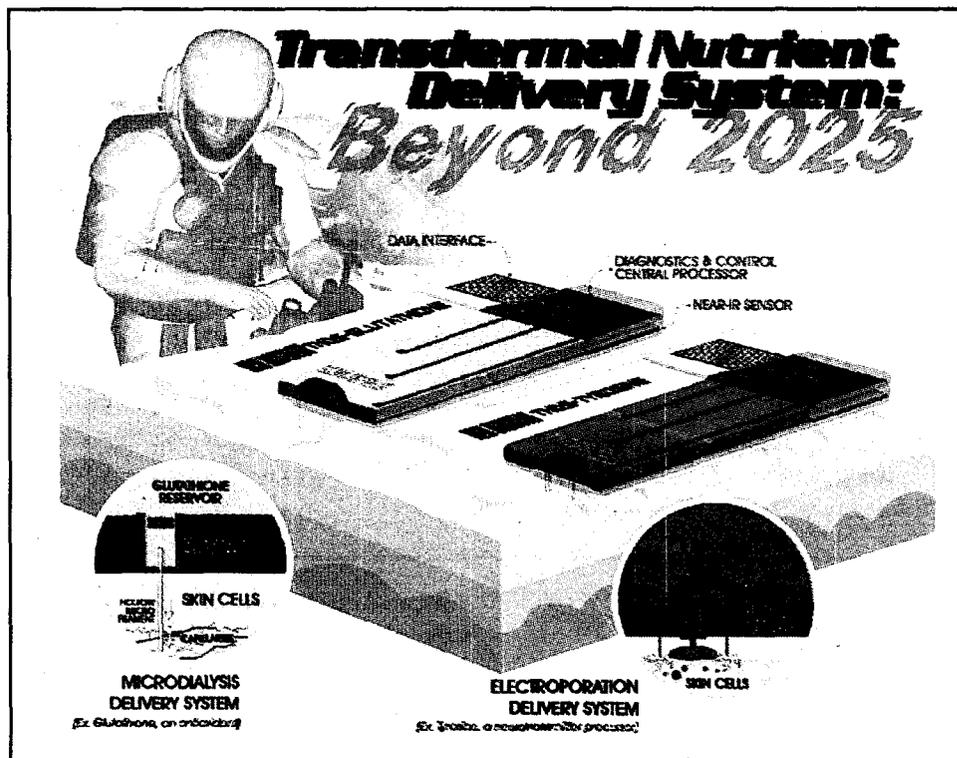
Darsch said the system could incorpo-

rate various micronutrients. Researchers, he said, are considering 65 to 70 chemicals that might be effective and safe. Two candidates, for example, are tyrosine, which has been proven to help combat cold and high altitude stress, and glutathione, which could help reduce muscle fatigue and increase the ability of the liver and kidneys to filter out metabolic wastes.

"We have identified some that might be beneficial, but there still needs to be a lot of research done. What are the doses that we should administer? What are the lasting effects?" he asked. "We need to be sure before we start giving these to warfighters." The system would dispense micronutrients when a self-contained near-infrared sensor determines the wearer needs them. The chemicals would be absorbed by osmosis through the skin.

Even using the transdermal patch, though, service members will still be hungry because the patches won't replace food. "You can still eat even with the transdermal system," Darsch said. "Am I going to tell you that a Milky Way or a Snickers bar still won't find its way into the rucksack of a soldier? Our servicemembers are pretty bright. They'll take whatever pogy bait is necessary."

Darsch said researchers could probably add an appetite suppressant or something



American Forces Press Service

FUTURE FUEL-- An artist's concept of how the transdermal nutrient delivery system would work. A sensor and micropumps in the adhesive patch would deliver nutrient chemicals that could help wearers weather the effects of cold, high altitude, muscle fatigue and other stress.

that will make the hypothalamus think the stomach is full. "We probably could do that, but would we want to? I'm not sure," he said.

Darsch said some outside agencies are interested in the concept. "We need to get industry and academia together with us on this," he said. "Firefighters, police, moun-

tain rescue people, all could benefit from this concept."

He said the Army has spent just "thousands" on the concept. If accepted, he thinks a "50 percent solution" to the engineering of the transdermal patch system is possible by 2010. (American Forces Press Service)

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The featured speaker for Infosurv's F.I.S.T. program was Victor Charles, a subject-matter-expert in computer security.

Infosurv is a minority-owned, small business founded in 1996 and incorporated in Alabama. Infosurv's founder and president, Leroy Caudle, has focused the corporate business pursuits on Information Technology (IT) services provided both to governmental and private-sector clientele. Thus far, Infosurv has several contracts with DoD in Alabama and Georgia as well as private-sector clientele.

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Cardinals vs. Braves on dream weekend

CWFC sponsoring trip to Atlanta for baseball games featuring big league heroes



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SHOWDOWN— Cardinals fan Mona Buneta has fun with Braves fan Sylvia Searcy. Buneta works at International Apache Security Assistance Office, Aviation PEO; and Searcy works at Hardware-in-the-Loop, Systems Simulation and Development Directorate. See their teams tangle Aug 25-26.

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

When you're sitting at the dinner table this summer, flipping through the newspaper to get the skinny on the baseball scores, serious National League fans will be there watching the games. The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is offering 40 Redstone Arsenal baseball fans here a chance to attend Atlanta vs. St. Louis games, Aug. 25 and 26.

These games in Atlanta are like a dream come true for baseball fans.

"Beyond being the national pastime, baseball—deservedly or not—crosses over into the fabric of American culture more than most sports, becoming the storehouse of many an American's metaphors of

innocence and timelessness," said Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, CWFC representative.

A bus will take the Atlanta Braves and St. Louis Cardinals fans from Redstone Arsenal to Atlanta, 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25 and return Sunday, Aug. 27 around 6 p.m.

Cost is \$175 per person with double occupancy at the Holiday Inn Express-Stadium. This includes transportation, food and beverages on the bus, hotel with continental breakfasts and two game tickets. Non-refundable deposits of \$100 per person made payable to CWFC are due by March 15.

Game times Friday night, 6:40 p.m., and Saturday night, 6:10 p.m.

For more information, call Meyer-Schuck at 313-3395.



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Playtime...

Aaron and Matthew Norton visit Kids Space with their friends from Playmorning. New Parent Support Program offers Playmornings for children up to age 6 every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 876-2798.

Environmental study slated to check groundwater flow

The Redstone Arsenal Environmental Office, through its contractor, International Technologies Group, will perform a dye-tracer study at Operable Unit 10 (OU-10) located on Army property.

OU-10 is located along the eastern boundary of Redstone Arsenal, north of Redstone Road and south of Martin Road. This study is being performed, along with other activities, as part of the environmen-

tal investigation at OU-10. The purpose of the dye-tracer study is to characterize the direction and velocity of groundwater flow in and around OU-10. Dye-tracer studies are commonly performed as part of environmental studies. Several dye-tracer studies have been performed at Redstone Arsenal in the past.

In mid-March three fluorescent dyes will be injected into the groundwater at

three separate locations within OU-10. The movement of the dye in the groundwater will be monitored at selected locations, both inside and outside of OU-10. After injection, the monitoring will continue until June or July. Dyes approved for groundwater injection are colorants common in household products and are not harmful to humans or wildlife.

It is possible that the dyes may

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Clarke wins annual Engineer 10K, 5K races

Marty Clarke won both the 10K and 5K at the 17th annual Engineer Run held Feb. 26 at Redstone Arsenal.

Clarke finished the 10K in 36:53 and the shorter race in 16:41.

Amanda Bradford was the top female finisher in the 10K in 41:13. Cindy Longo won the 5K in 23 minutes. The races are sponsored by the Huntsville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

• **10K male results:** Overall— Marty Clarke (36:53). 15-19— David Riddle (36:59). 25-29— Robert Youngren (39:33), Mark Colburn (51:40), Kevin Sykes (53:45). 30-34— Dan Northern (44:19), Brent Wren (51:57), Damon Brantley (1:00:40). 35-39— Conrad Meyer (39:41), Bert Gangl (45:10), Byron Bartlow (45:15). 40-44— Paul Bryant (41:47), John Steitler (42:36), Greg Bradford (43:41). 45-49— Jim Atkinson (44:26), Al Wilhite (49:32), Bobby L. Quinn (51:18). 50-54— Steve Rice (37:06), Thomas Small (47:31), Dennis Lampiasi (48:25). 55-59— Mike Moran (57:52), Gary Deere (1:00:32), Mervin Budge (1:05:10). 60-64— Carl Griggs (54:13), Ray Moses (1:00:44). 70-over— Michael Dooley (1:11:31), E.R. Ritch (1:14:15). Teams— UAH Business Team (2:27:30), Chrysler Viper (did not finish).

• **10K female results:** Overall— Amanda Bradford (41:13). 20-24— Sarah Bloemker (1:10:12). 25-29— Kathy Youngren (44:54). 35-39— Brenda Morgan (58:18), Rachel Kruse (59:07), Becci Greif

(1:02:14). 40-44— Vicki Kurtz (55:55), Shelia Sneed (57:40), Janet Salverson (1:05:44). 60-64— Ann Park (51:54), Barbara Meyer (57:58). 65-69— Joann Long (59:01).

• **5K male results:** Overall— Mary Clarke (16:41). 14-under— Randall Love (31:11). 20-24— Zac Wible (18:29). 25-29— Arthur Ellis (18:06), Rob Osterried (21:35), Keith Bain (22:46). 30-34— Paolo Longo (23:40), Jay Crawford (24:02). 35-39— Norm Schmoeker (18:23), Darin Kruse (18:36), Randal Whonton (19:15).

40-44— James Sampson (18:32), Milton Love (21:46), Kevin Crawford (22:24). 45-49— Dewey Richards (20:24), Randall Phillips (22:16), Scott Millhouse (46:01). 50-54— Terry Bentley (24:16), Mike McMinn (24:18), Steve Nordstrom (25:34). 55-59— Ramiro Herrera (19:32), Don Roberson (30:08), Lee Edwards (30:33). 60-64— David Washington (20:52), Roger Chassay (25:03), Arnold Vanderschali (31:37). 65-69— Billy Serton (24:28). Teams— Adtran (1:01:05), Chrysler Prowler (1:11:14).

• **5K female results:** Overall— Cindy Longo (23:00). 14-under— Elizabeth Steele (26:30), Katlin Kurtz (35:27). 20-24— Whitney Herrera (26:14), Lorillee McFadden (29:01). 25-29— Janet Edwards (23:12). 35-39— Frances Steel (29:14), Cheryl Hall (29:57), Meri Duggan (31:45). 40-44— Jennifer Bryant (26:22), Mary Millhouse (45:59). 45-49— Mary J. Compton (29:42). 50-54— Pam Duke (25:36). 55-59— Barbara Roberts (37:04). 70-over— Betty Dooley (35:44).

Stand up and be counted

Every resident of the U.S. should be accounted for in Census 2000

By Skip Vaughn

Uncle Sam takes a full accounting of himself every 10 years.

It's called the decennial census, when every man, woman and child residing in the United States has to be counted. This is especially important for military people; and the Census Bureau has an additional form specifically for them.

"We want to have the best count that we've ever had so we can get our fair representation (in Congress) as well as get the proper grants and so forth for all the agencies that deal with our area," census representative Chester Marty said.

He has this message for all fellow Americans: When you get a letter in the mail from the Census Bureau by April 1, don't throw it away. Fill out the form and return it as soon as possible. No postage required.

Joe Winston, census project officer for AMCOM, has an additional message for military people. They have to fill a form called the "Military Census Report" which they will receive from their unit representative. Winston and Marty are to meet with the unit representatives March 20 for 1-2 hours of training; and the representatives will be sworn in at that time. Swearing in See Census on page 20

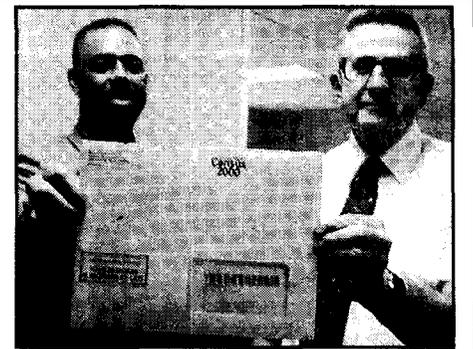


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FRIENDLY REMINDER— Winston, left, and Marty show an envelope from the Census Bureau and remind residents that they should fill out the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. Military people also must complete the Military Census Report which they will receive from their unit representative.

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Making an investment in education

Contract specialist teaches children as tutor in sorority's after school program

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Some of the students at Terry Heights Elementary School stay after school, but it is not for detention.

They stay because of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's educational after-school program. Cynthia Gurley, contract specialist for the Patriot Project Office, is one of those volunteers from the sorority who works with these children.

"Education is one of our goals in my sorority," Gurley said. "As fathers and mothers spend more time on the job, working late at their office or working overtime, the children don't have anyone to push or drive them to get ahead. This problem affects everyone, whatever their background, income, or occupation."

Gurley believes the success of her sorority's program begins with teachers and students working together in the classroom. Also, parents need to encourage their children to pay more attention to the math, reading, writing and science programs in school. If they find a student who needs additional help, Gurley and her sorority sisters are there to offer assistance.

Twenty volunteers from the sorority are involved in the after-school program. They mentor fourth and fifth graders every Tuesday for an hour. Their main mission is to encourage students to reach their full potential. The program is designed to enrich their learning. Some time is spent doing special activities to help them with their reading, math, science, social studies and language skills; and the remainder of the time is devoted to homework.

"We provide services for the students to catch up or get ahead," Gurley said. "I mentor Gabrielle Watkins, a 10 year old fourth-grader. Gabrielle was bashful and shy when I first met her. Today, she hugs me and asks, 'what are we going to work on today?'"

In addition to helping the students with their studies, Gurley and her sorority sisters took them on a field trip to the Galaxy of Lights display at the Botanical Gardens during Christmas time. Last month, she had a

sorority member, Evelyn Rich, talk to the students on the subject of "Respect," and then had a Valentine's party for them afterwards.

The sorority has planned quite a few upcoming activities for the students. They would like to take them to the Huntsville Library, and some sport and cultural events. Before the school year is finished, the sorority volunteers plan to have a celebration ceremony to recognize the students' accomplishments in the program.

At Johnson High School, the sorority volunteers help on a one-on-one basis by mentoring and tutoring students. Gurley has a male student she works with whenever he calls her for help on a particular subject. If she does not understand the subject he needs help with, she recommends someone else who has more knowledge in that area.

Ever since Gurley's daughter, LaToya, who is an A/B honor-roll 11th grade student at Johnson, started first grade, she has always shown an interest in her daughter's education. Gurley worked with the Parents, Teachers and Students Association at every school her daughter attended. When LaToya started middle school, Gurley began tutoring and mentoring other students in the school.

Gurley also finds time to tutor children from her church, and the YMCA, which is now the Dr. Richard Showers Recreational Center. Presently, Gurley helps students at Ed White Middle School on Saturday mornings to prepare them for the Stanford Achievement Tests, ninth edition.

"Mentoring and tutoring aren't easy, but our sorority proves it can be done," Gurley said. "Because of these after-school programs, students now will have a better chance to excel in their classes. That's really what this is all about. We must keep on investing more and demanding more. We owe it to these children and to their future."

Right now Gurley is on the executive board of Johnson's PTSA, where she serves as the public relations coordinator, chairperson of the parents/guardians volunteer program and the membership committee. Every other Friday when Gurley is off from her full-time job, she feels the need to go to

her daughter's school and work in the administration office. She helps out by answering the telephones; photocopying, filing or doing whatever job is needed for her to do.

At a younger age, Gurley thought she wanted to be a teacher. While in high school, her interest changed toward the field of business. She attended college and received a bachelor's degree in 1980 and a master's of business administration in 1983 from Alabama A&M University.

While working on her master's degree, Gurley started work at Redstone Arsenal as a graduate co-op in the Acquisition Center for the TOW procurement office. From 1983-85, she worked for the Acquisition Center's TMDE office, and then went to work in the Patriot procurement office until October 1987, when she transferred to the Patriot Project Office as a contract specialist in the acquisition management branch of the program management division.

As a single parent and a full-time employee for 20 years, Gurley always found the time to mentor and tutor to her daughter and other students. She feels education is important in every person's life, especially a child's. According to Gurley, if we do not educate our children while they are young, then when they get older they will be lost.

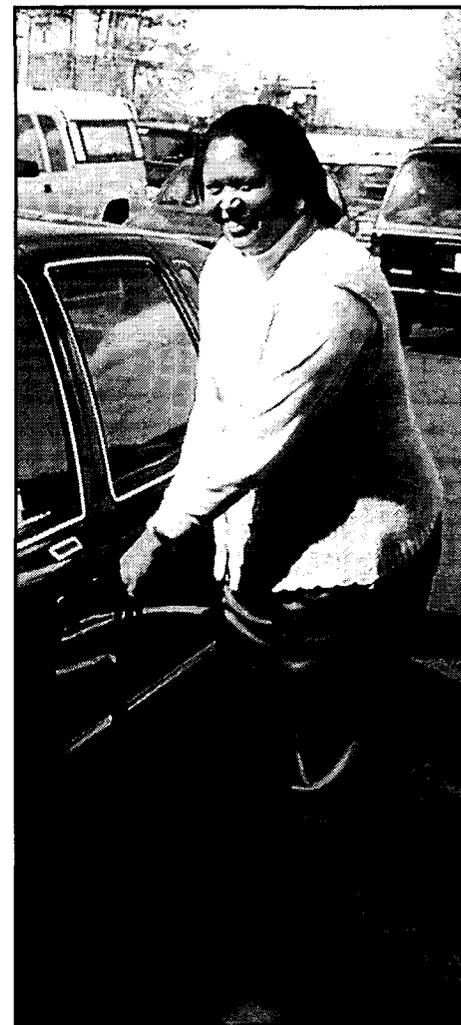


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EN ROUTE— Gurley is on her way to Terry Heights Elementary School for her sorority's educational after-school program.



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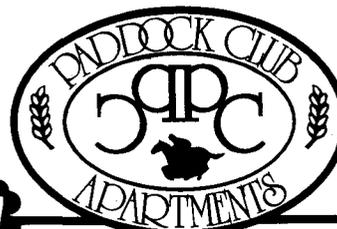
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Professional help for high anxiety

Counselor serves as gatekeeper for people experiencing problems of depression

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Karen Scott, licensed professional counselor in the behavioral medicine division for Fox Army Health Center, takes time every day to talk one-on-one with active duty military, retired military or their family members who are encountering any kind of trauma in their lives.

Scott served in the military for four years as a behaviorist science specialist. After returning to her home in Huntsville, she went to graduate school at Alabama A&M University and received her master's degree in psychology in 1985. She worked for three years at the Veterans Administration before coming to Redstone Arsenal in 1988.

"During Desert Storm, things were the most hectic," Scott said. "We would see 300 active duty military, Army Reserves and National Guard family members show up at the chapel on Monday nights scared to death about their loved ones. We had to console children who were worried about their mom, dad, brother or sister not coming home."

Today, Scott sees an average of about 125 people a month, some for the first time, others she's been counseling for months. She is known as a gatekeeper for all kinds of conditions: fear, panic disorder, anxiety, depression, and marital or family problems. One particular case Scott recalled was a pilot who was injured in an automobile wreck. The pilot would not leave his house

for three years. After one year of treatment, he was able to leave his house and found a full-time job.

"Here in the military, the commanders are concerned about their soldiers," Scott said. "The drill sergeants and first sergeants at this training post know what to look for in their young soldiers before their problems become three-alarm fires. They encourage them to come forward in a private way and talk to a trusted adult about their problems."

Mental health experts say people don't get help for depression because they don't recognize the symptoms, or because they are too embarrassed to admit they have a mental illness. According to Scott, 15 percent of people with major depression will have thoughts of suicide.

"The brain affects many, many systems in the body," Scott said, which goes along with the symptoms of depression that people have: trouble thinking and concentrating, changes in appetite, or changes in motor activity."

In her job, Scott sees a lot of depression and anxiety among retirees over the age of 65. These people did not plan for retirement, or they have problems with their spouses, children or grandchildren. The idea is to catch depression as early as possible, when it's easier to treat. If someone has an emergency problem, he or she can or should always get a hold of a counselor.

Anxiety group sessions are held Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. The sessions can range from 60 to 90 minutes. When a person gets well, he or she leaves the group.

"In our job we don't get many letters to the commander praising us for our work," Scott said. "It happens when I run into someone in a restaurant or shopping center, and they tell me how much they appreciate how much I helped their relative with their problem."



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson
REVIEW WORK— Scott and Sgt. Charles Jackson review this week's caseload of clients.

Sparkman Cafeteria diners see price adjustments

By Skip Vaughn

Price changes are inevitable from time to time in the food service industry, according to Sparkman Cafeteria manager Bill Bullen.

So it shouldn't be a shock that Sparkman Cafeteria adjusted its prices last Wednesday. Prices were generally increased for soups, omelets and pancakes.

But the addition of three new specials represents a price decrease on other items, according to Bullen.

"We've gone up on some of the prices that needed to be adjusted because of the food costs," he said. "And we're charging a little more for the items that took longer to prepare. We think the lines will move faster and also those people that want those specialty items should be willing to pay for them."

The cafeteria is set up to prepare cheese omelets and western omelets, for example. When someone comes along and requests a specialty omelet, this slows down the food line.

Price changes will also occur in the cafeterias in buildings 5250 and 5400. Bullen serves as business manager for the post restaurant fund.

"Basically soups went up, omelets went up and pancakes went up," he said. "Soups because they were well under priced compared to anywhere you go. Omelets are

labor intensive and were under priced. And the same with pancakes."

The new prices in Sparkman Cafeteria include the following: 8 ounce soup, \$1.25; 16 ounce soup, \$1.95 (up from \$1.45); cream cheese, 35 cents (up from 15 cents); muffins, \$1.10 (up from 95 cents); cheese omelet, \$1.95; western omelet, \$2.55 (up from \$1.95); specialty omelet, \$2.95 (up from \$1.95); two eggs with toast, \$1.40 (up from \$1.25); bread, 30 cents (up from 20 cents); steak and biscuit, \$1.20; french toast, \$1.50 (up from \$1.25); water, 60 cents (up from 50 cents); breakfast special including sausage or bacon, biscuit, hash browns, coffee, \$2.25 (down from \$2.40); lunch grill special No. 1 including hamburger, fries and drink, \$3.25 (down from \$3.85); and lunch grill special No. 2 including chicken sandwich, fries and drink, \$3.65 (down from \$4.30).

The new prices in Sparkman Food Court include: 8 ounce soup, \$1.25; 12 ounce soup, \$1.45; 16 ounce soup, \$1.95 (up from \$1.45); vegetable sub-sandwich, \$3.25 for 6-inch (up from \$2) and \$5 for 12-inch; ham sub-sandwich, \$3.50 for 6-inch (up from \$3.25) and \$5.50 for 12-inch (up from \$5); turkey sub-sandwich, \$3.50 for 6-inch (up from \$3.25) and \$5.50 for 12-inch (up from \$5); and roast beef sub-sandwich, \$3.50 for 6-inch (up from \$3.25) and \$5.50 for 12-inch (up from \$5).

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Baseball/softball registration for ages 5-12 continues through March 18. A copy of each child's birth certificate and a current physical will be required at registration. The cost is \$25 per child. Take advantage of the "Family Sports Plan" which is \$100 per family for one year. Active duty, retired military, DoD, DA, NASA and contractor family members are invited to sign their children up at the Youth Center, building 3148, Monday through Saturday, 1-7 p.m. For more information, call 876-2255. Babe Ruth baseball is available through Brahan Springs Recreation Center at 883-3710 for youths 13-15.

Bowling weekend special

Rocket Lanes is offering a Weekend Special now through April. Cost is \$1.25 per game open bowling every Saturday from noon

until 11 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Rocket Lanes is located in building 3707 on Aerobee Road. For more information, call 876-6634.

Redstone 10-miler

The 27th annual Redstone Arsenal Ten Miler and 5K road races will be held March 18 in front of Pagano Gym. The 10-miler starts at 8 a.m., and the 5K at 9:45. Registration for both events begins at 7. The entry fee is \$3 for one or \$4 for both races postmarked by March 12, or \$4 and \$5 thereafter and on race day. For more information call William Alvarez, race director, 430-1071.

Youth dance classes

Youth Services is offering Ballet, Tap and Jazz Classes beginning in March. The cost is \$28 a month for one weekly class, \$45 month for two weekly classes, or \$55 a month for three weekly classes. Call 876-5437 for more information.

Volleyball meeting

Civilian Welfare Fund Council (CWFC) Volleyball meeting is scheduled for today at 5 p.m., at the Redstone Wellness Center, Patton and Aerobee Roads. For more information, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-3395.

Wellness class

The Redstone Arsenal Wellness Center will present "Healing with Magnets" from 11 a.m. to noon March 23 at building 5302, room 2139. Do you have tired or aching feet? Trouble sleeping? Chronic discomfort from an old injury? Learn how to take command of your own health and well being. Call 955-6844 to register or for more information.

Golf tournament

The annual ASMC Golf Tournament will be held April 14 at Redstone Golf Course. There will be prizes for first and second place, plus closest to the pin and longest drive. This event is open to members and guests, and non-members. Entry fee is \$5 for non-members. Green fees are \$16; and cart fees are \$8 per person. To sign up call Pepper Takayama 876-8442, April Brooks 842-6944 or Sandra Garris 876-4885.

Motorcycle club

The Redstone Riders Motorcycle Club invites all area motorcyclists to its 16th annual Poker Run, March 19 at the Dairy Queen in Madison, just north of I-565 on the Wall Triana Highway. The fun begins at 10 a.m., and riders may saddle up from 11

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes, plaques, drawings, door prizes and games for kids of all ages. "Proceeds from the day will benefit the family of our friend Richard, who departed our world all too soon," a prepared release said. For more information, call after 6 p.m. Ron 895-0138 or Rick 771-7886.

Miscellaneous

Ammo/missile/TMDE meet

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will hold the 2000 Worldwide Ammunition, Missile, and TMDE Conference, March 15-17 at Redstone Arsenal. Information about the conference and on-line registration can be found on the OMMCS website at <http://www.redstone.army.mil/ommcs>. For other information not available on the website, call the WAMTC 2000 coordinator, Capt. Duncan MacMullen 876-9177.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held March 16 at 4 p.m. between buildings 5303 and 5304 at the Sparkman Center Parade Field. Military retirees who wish to participate in the ceremony should call MSgt. Loew, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819 by Friday.

Government/industry symposium

The upcoming Government / Industry See Announcements on page 16

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Supportability Engineering Exchange (GISEE) 2000 is accepting proposals for presentations. The symposium will be held June 20-22 at the Sparkman Center. This year's event is co-sponsored by the Logistics Support Activity and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE). The symposium will provide participants with an insight into new and changing, high-level Department of Defense (DoD)/service policies. The symposium will again be an open forum, affording both industry and government personnel the opportunity to share ideas relating to best practices, lessons learned, process improvements, and new techniques for logistics acquisition. You can submit your proposals to any of the following addresses: mailing address Commander, Logistics Support Activity, Attn.: XMXLS-AL (Emerson McAfee), Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898-7466; access the e-mail address: emerson.mcafee@logsa.army.mil or robert.salinas@logsa.army.mil; or via fax 955-9865. For more information, call Emerson McAfee 955-0808.

Reengineering certification

The Strategic Planning Office, teaming with the Quality Institute, is sponsoring the DoD Business Process Reengineering certification program at Redstone. Mountain Home Training & Consulting Inc., the former Army Management Engineering College BPR Group, will conduct the training. The series of classes in this program

includes the original seven-course training curriculum developed by AMEC and required for completion of the DoD BPR Certification Program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Classes begin March 21 and run through Aug. 11. For more information on the certification program, call Danita Clarke of the Strategic Planning Office 842-9456 or e-mail her at the following address: danita.clarke@redstone.army.mil.

Community donations

March 17 is the deadline for contribution requests from the Thrift Shop. Anyone who qualifies under the 501c category of non-profit organizations is eligible to make requests. Requests for funds for the needs of a specific individual are ineligible. Requests must be specific about what the money is needed for and must include: name and address of the requesting party; to whom the check must be made out to; and a telephone number in case more information is needed. Also, include in the request if funds have been requested from other organizations. Gift certificates may also be requested; and these certificates are for merchandise from the Thrift Shop and must be used within a certain length of time, to be determined by the board of governors. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributions twice a year. Requests can be addressed to the Thrift Shop, welfare chairperson Fran Rubery, building 3209, Redstone Arsenal 35898 or faxed to the Thrift Shop 881-9807.

Entertainment volunteers

If interested in volunteering to critique the entertainment at Panoply, April 28-30, call Janice Nash 876-5689, Amy Harris 922-1022 or Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558.

Retired employees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Martin Barinata of the Redstone Federal Credit Union is to address financial counseling, planning and investments geared toward seniors. Refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Space Camp scholarships

Each year Army Community Service awards full scholarships to attend a week of Space Camp (fourth, fifth, or sixth graders), Space Academy (seventh or eighth graders), and Aviation Challenge (seventh, eighth, or ninth graders). These scholarships are open to children of active and retired military living within a 50 mile-radius of Redstone Arsenal. Applications for the Space Camp/Space Academy and Aviation Challenge Scholarship will be distributed through the schools and are also available at the Post Exchange, Commissary, and ACS beginning Friday. For more information, call Ann Cooper 876-5397.

ACS education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee serves as a liaison between the Redstone Arsenal community and the Huntsville City Schools. The committee meets monthly (during the school year) with representatives from the area schools. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. The next meeting is noon March 15 in the ACS conference room, building 3491. This meeting is open to everyone. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. For more information, call Ann Cooper 876-5397.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting March 16 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For

more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

Army family members

Army Family Team Building (AFTB) is an educational, self-development program for military family members which provides the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and family readiness. Topics covered will include military terms, acronyms, customs and courtesies, Introduction to the Chain of Command, Chain of Concern, military and civilian resources, benefits and entitlements, family and military expectations, impact of unit mission and family life, and beginning problem solving. Join the group March 20 and 21, from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3491. This class is fun and informative, so bring a friend. Call 842-8375 to register.

NCO spouses

Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will hold a membership drive/meeting for all spouses and soldiers (E-1 through E-9) at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Challenger Club. "Come join the fun, there will be door prizes and great food," a prepared release said. Child care will be provided. For more information, call Evelyn Teats 722-8493.

Children's inspirational show

The "Psalty and Friends Live" show is coming to the Whitesburg Baptist Church auditorium March 17 at 7 p.m. This professional touring show features life-sized animated characters that sing and perform. The show focuses on character-building principles for children from ages 2 through 9. Advanced tickets are available for \$5 at Lifeway Book Store, Family Christian Stores, Whitesburg Baptist Church or order by ticket line 1-817-491-0855. Call 880-5300 ext. 245 for more details.

Wine tasting

An "International Wine Tasting" will be held March 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. Open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 830-2582.

Childbirth class

The Public Health And Education Center has openings for their Healthy

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Officer/civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a luncheon March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Scheduled speaker is Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer. The menu is marinated chicken, rice pilaf, green beans almondine, tossed salad and hot fudge sundae, or chef salad. For reservations call: A-L 772-0977 M-Z 464-0583.

Ordnance ball

Ordnance Ball 2000 will be held 6 p.m. March 17 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Robert Shadley. This formal event includes a meal, entertainment, the guest speaker, mementos, and several displays. The menu is chicken breast supreme (\$23) or char-broiled ribeye (\$25). For tickets call 1st Lt. Sam Deboard 842-0609.

Logistics center reunion

The former Joint Logistics Systems Center will hold a reunion 4-7 p.m. March 22 at the Officers Club, Wings Room at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. All former JLSC government personnel and contractors are invited. For information call Sue Shirey (937) 255-0341

Williams school

Williams Elementary School is looking for volunteers to assist in the cleanup of its Big Backyard/Outdoor Classroom. The cleanup will take place Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. Individuals interested in assisting with this project should call Patty McKee 772-5130.

Corvette owners

Some Redstone Corvette owners are joining Circle City Corvettes of Dothan in their April 28-29 Corvette Caravan to Panama City Beach, Fla. Last year more than 200 Corvettes participated in the caravan. Any Corvette owner who would like to participate should call Randy McClure 651-2705 or c3vette79@hotmail.com, or contact Jim Worrall at explosivedog@gateway.net.

Cost estimating group

The Huntsville Chapter of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA) will hold its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 14 at the Holiday Inn Madison Square. Dr. Stephen Balut, director of the Cost Analysis and Research Division of the Institute of Defense Analyses, is scheduled speaker. Cost of the luncheon is \$10. For reservations call Wayne Johnson 971-6632.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast at 8:30 a.m. March 11 at Mullins Restaurant. All members and guests are invited. For more information, call retired Col. Jim Allred 882-6286.

Junior league

The Junior League of Huntsville will hold "A Kosmic Cajun Affair," a rummage rampage kickoff party and auction, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Huntsville Country Club. There will be a Cajun dinner, entertainment by the band "Kosmic Mama," silent and live auctions and more. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call the Junior League Office 533-3554.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Rosary is recited daily at 11:30 a.m. Mass or a communion service is held noon Monday through Friday. Ash Wednesday masses will be held today at noon and 6 p.m.

Art show/competition

The Art League of Madison will present its annual art show and competition April 7-9 at the Madison Public Library with free admission to the public. Entries must be postmarked by March 17 in order to avoid a late fee. Categories include oil and acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, photography, three dimension, pastels, charcoal, pen and ink, etc. For an entry form, call Dee Watt 772-7744.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals invites you to attend a membership recruitment luncheon, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' and Civilians' Club, ballroom 2. Please reply to Diane Horton, AMSAM-RD-WS-PL, Bldg 7804, 876-8181, fax 876-7360 or e-mail: dianeh@ws.redstone.army.mil with your name, office symbol, e-mail and phone number if you would like to attend.

Charitable agencies

Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from non-profit charitable human health and welfare organizations wanting to receive contributions. Under federal law, the organizations must be 501 (c) (3) agencies. The open period for accepting applications is March 1-30. The CFC campaign raises money from federal employees in Cullman, Lawrence, Madison, Marshall and Morgan counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn.

For more information or to obtain an application, call Melinda Seigler of United Way of Madison County 536-0745, ext. 108.

Monthly prayer breakfast

The March Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the IMMC, will be held March 21 at 7 a.m. in the Sparkman Complex, building 5308, room 8124 (conference room). Evangelist Raymond Summar (former MICOM employee) is scheduled speaker. "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or come and feast on the spiritual food that will be served," a prepared release said. "Everyone is welcome and invited, so join us for prayer, praise and fellowship." For information call Clifton Canady 313-1317.

AFGE union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its regular monthly meeting 4:30 p.m. Monday at building 3202 (union office). All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Logistics university

The Logistics University is a consortium of nationally accredited local universities that teach undergraduate courses at the junior and senior level on post. The LogU program is jointly administered by the Integrated Materiel Management Center and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. To make LogU more relevant to the command's requirements and the student

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needs, the LogU course scheduling process is being overhauled. The IMMC, CPAC and Corporate Information Center (CIC) have developed an automated process where the students can record their requirements for LogU courses—the courses they need to complete their course of study. The automated system called the LogU automated requirements system (LogU ARS) is accessible through the web at <https://intranet.redstone.army.mil/> and is available for current students as well as employees who want to take advantage of LogU. The word needs to get out to the students to access the website and complete the survey. Input and support from LogU students are critical. Students are asked to complete the survey by March 14 to assist in selecting and scheduling courses to be taught spring quarter. Graduate level requirements will be evaluated at a later date. Questions related to the survey should be directed to the IMMC Training and Career Management Office, 876-4580 or James Foster 313-0268. Questions concerning the Training Information Program (TIP) should be directed to the AMCOM Help Desk 876-6297.

Breakfast meeting

The Madison County Republican Men's Club meets for breakfast on the third Saturday of each month at the Senior Center, 2200 Drake Ave. This month's meeting will be on March 18 at 8 a.m. Speakers will be candidates for Alabama Supreme Court. Cost is \$5 for breakfast. For more information, call Melba Peters 859-3186.

Marshall open house

Preparations are under way for a May 20 open house at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. People nationwide are invited to join in the excitement of America's future in space when the center opens its doors to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free to the event, featuring appearances by NASA astronauts, space exhibits, souvenirs, entertainment, live propulsion test firings and an up-close look at real space flight hardware. Admission is free. For more information, call (888) 901-NASA or visit <http://openhouse.msfc.nasa.gov>.

Communication training

Universal Communicators, International Training in Communication, will hold its next meeting Thursday from 4:45-6 p.m. at building 5681 (PEO Aviation), Wood Road, conference room 125. Learn to speak before two or 2,000. If you are interested in improving your communication skills, attend the meeting to see if ITC is what you're looking for. For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216.

Moonbuggy race

More than 40 teams, representing colleges and high schools from across the country and Puerto Rico, will roll into Huntsville April 7-8 for the seventh annual Great Moonbuggy Race at the Space and Rocket Center. The race is inspired by development of the first lunar roving vehicle, which was designed and tested at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. The event challenges students to design and build a human-powered

vehicle to address engineering problems similar to those faced by the original Marshall Center lunar rover team. For instance, prior to the race the unassembled vehicle must occupy a space no more than 4 feet high, 4 feet wide and 4 feet long. During the race, each vehicle is powered by two team members, one male and one female, over a half-mile obstacle course of simulated moonscape terrain. Winners in each category – high school and college – are determined by the fastest vehicle assembly time plus time through the course. An additional prize is awarded to the team with the best technical approach to solving the engineering problem of navigating the "lunar" surface. The event is sponsored by the Marshall Center, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Event details, including the rules, information on the course and photos, can be found at the Great Moonbuggy Race website at: <http://moonbuggy.msfc.nasa.gov>. For more information, call Frank Brannon, the Marshall Center's university relations coordinator, 544-5920.

Black History Month winners

Winners of the Black History Month display contest included: first place, ETTD, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; second, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; and third, D Company, 832nd. The essay contest winners included: first, Pvt. Jeffery Rausch, B Company, 832nd; and second, PFC Karen Brown, B Company, 832nd.

Warrant officer recruitment

A warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters, Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief on qualifications and application procedures to servicemembers interested in becoming Army warrant officers. The briefing will be held in building 3301, second floor auditorium at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. March 14 and 15. More information can be found at web site www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or you can call Jean Manley 876-3148.

Pastoral appreciation

First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road will honor its pastor, Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, with its Pastoral Appreciation service Sunday. The Rev. Dennis Ward from the Main Street Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., is to deliver the message at both the 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

Book sale fund-raiser

The Command Analysis Directorate is sponsoring its annual AER Book Sale. CAD is accepting donations consisting of paperback and hardback books, textbooks, encyclopedias, CDs, cassette tapes, videos, and video games. Please, no magazines. The sale will be during the last two weeks of April, building 5300, second floor, CAD lobby, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. "Please help us in supporting the AER (Army Emergency Relief)," a prepared release said. The following people may be contacted for pickup and dropoff of donated items: Marla Cobbs 842-9925 or Joan Baites 955-0147.

Retired eagles

Retired colonels/captains with their spouses, and widows of retired colonels/captains, are invited for cocktails and dinner March 25 at the Officers' and Civilians' Club. Reservations are required. These semiannual "gatherings of retired eagles" are social affairs to renew acquaintances and meet other retired O-6s from the Tennessee Valley. For more information or an invitation, call 880-6701.

Pager found

A pager/beeper was found Thursday outside building 3321 on Mauler Road. To identify and claim this item, call 876-6541.

Tactical missiles conference

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army will hold a conference on tactical missile issues March 23 at the Huntsville Hilton. The conference theme is "Transforming the Army—Providing Tactical Missiles to Meet the Vision." For more information call 539-1700, extension 113.



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of persons handling census materials is required to protect the confidentiality of data collected.

The military people will receive the military census forms April 5 and should return them to their unit representative by April 7. Like everyone else, they will also receive the Census 2000 form at home in the mail. They should complete both forms.

"It's economically beneficial for all persons to fill out the census form," Winston said, "because it means appropriate funding that this area will receive based upon the complete and accurate enumeration of persons living in the Redstone/Huntsville community."

And it's the law. A decennial census is

required by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution in order to apportion congressional representation according to each state's population. Decennial census data is also used to apportion state legislatures and to provide housing and economic information.

The secretary of defense endorses the Census Bureau plans to enumerate military and civilian people living on military installations and vessels; and the secretary has agreed that the military will participate in the military census.

April 1 is "Census Day." The information collected in the decennial census reflects the status of people and housing as of that date.

Redstone's census 2000 project will conclude April 13. For more information, call Winston at 876-7217.

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