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Smoking, swimming, satellites among issues at Community Town Hall

Pool construction took a dive due to pricey design-build bids

By SANDY RIEBELING
Staff writer

There's no butts about it, come September all MWR activities go smoke-free.

"Don't shoot the messenger," Cathy Ryan joked as she began the Morale, Welfare and Recreation briefing at the Community Town Hall April 3. "We're not instituting the smoke-free policy in the Bowling Center until September because leagues have already formed and there wasn't enough time to get the word out. The golf course restaurant goes smoke free in September too, but there's still time to get your patch."

The announcement met with unexpected approval from the crowd of about 40 people attending the meeting at the Recreation Center. Ryan, Quality of Life program manger, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, also said they anticipate having separate smoking areas when possible at MWR activities.

Allowances are expected in a designated section of the Challenger ballroom after 4:30 p.m., the Redstone Officers and Civilians Club Big Springs Lounge and a yet-to-be-determined area in the Firehouse Pub.

Other MWR news included a list of calendar events for



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TREE TALK— Tanna Oyler, right, mayor of Pathfinder Pointe, discusses the possibility of transplanting trees and shrubs in the housing area at last week's Community Town Hall meeting.

activities which can be accessed through their web site at www.mwr.redstone.army.mil, the sealed bid property sale in May, Flying Club open house June 2, and the new Challenger Ballroom Dance-party Program. Latin Night at the Challenger Club April 14 is the first in a series of entertainment offerings in the three-month program.

"These 90 days are a trial to see how it goes," Ryan said. "If you want to keep it going, you have to get out and support it."

Events taking shape on post include Month of the Military Child activities. Due to low participation, the Youth Services Talent Show scheduled for April 6 was cancelled but those signed up to participate will perform at the Block Party April 21.

"We've got a lot going that day," Missy Richards, youth sports coordinator, said. "It is a carnival-like atmosphere with face painting, Moon Bounce, super slide and lots of other fun stuff. We're even having an inflatable boxing ring, something you adults will want to see."

The Block Party bicycle and scooter rodeo will be from 1-4 p.m. with safety briefings and bicycle registration. An obstacle course will be set up in the Bicentennial Chapel parking lot. It was reported that only 11 bicycles on post were registered. All bicycles and vehicles on post should be registered.

League play for youth baseball begins the first week of May with opening day ceremonies April 28 at 9 a.m. on the Little League fields on Goss Road.

The Easter egg hunt will be April 14 at 9 a.m. at the Youth Center.

Dwayne Elder from the Directorate of Environment and Public Works presented updates on the construction projects including Patton Road paving, Goss Road gate 8
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PLAY BALL— April 28 is opening day for youth baseball. Ceremonies start at 9 that morning at the Little League complex on Goss Road. Redstone offers two minor league teams (9-10-year-olds), one major league team (11-12), two coach-pitch (7-8), three tee-ball, and two softball teams.

Arsenal youth ready to play ball

Opening day ceremonies top this season's lineup

By BETH SKARUPA
Staff writer

It's that time of year again. Opening day for youth baseball is April 28. Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. at the Little League complex on Goss Road. All teams will be introduced and those age groups with two teams will compete against each other in a four-inning game.

"We have 10 teams this year - two softball and eight baseball teams," Glen Long, baseball commissioner for Redstone Arsenal, said. "We're still accepting applications for tee-ball, the minor leagues and the 9-and 10-year-old softball team."

Redstone inter-leagues with City of Huntsville teams and has two teams in the

minor leagues (9-10-year-olds) and one team in the major leagues (11-12-year-olds) this season. Two coach-pitch teams (7-8-year-olds) and three tee-ball teams are also being offered. The two softball teams are for 7-8-year-old and 9-10-year-old girls.

"The younger baseball teams are co-ed, but since we have two softball teams this year most of the girls chose to do that. Of course if you have a hard-core girl who wants to play baseball, she can," Long said.

Long, who retired from the Army in 1997 and now works for Dynetics, has coached at the Arsenal for the last five years. He is an assistant coach this year as well as serving as baseball commissioner and helping all the new coaches.

"Sometimes (being a new coach) can be a daunting task because you have a bunch

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Commanding general recognizes significant support from fine volunteer force in Redstone community

National Volunteer Week was established by executive order in 1974 as an annual celebration of volunteerism. This year, April 22-28 has been designated National Volunteer Week. During this week we take time to thank the many volunteers who contribute their time and talent to improving the quality of life in our community.

This year's national theme is "Change the World - VOLUNTEER." It applauds the significant role volunteers play in

helping others and in resolving social issues through their compassion and willingness to get involved.

Without volunteers, many services we enjoy would not be possible. Volunteers support our community through human services, health care, and education. They help guide our children through mentoring, scouting, religious education, and sports programs. They help beautify our surroundings. Our outdoor life and recreational programs are supported by

volunteers, and our civic organizations raise funds for scholarships, space camp, special events, disaster relief, and welfare in the community.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize our fine volunteer force and join others throughout the country who, this week, celebrate volunteers.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan
commander,
AMCOM and Redstone

Many kind thanks

I'd like to thank all my friends and coworkers at Team Redstone who kindly remembered me in my time of grief over the death of my sister. The donations, cards, and visits certainly helped me and made me smile, even during a time when I wasn't smiling too often. Again, thank you so much for your friendship and support.

Deb Griffin,
Strategic Planning Office

Heritage Hall decked out for missile school graduation

Ceremony marks first in renovated Ordnance facility

By Sgt SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

At the first consolidated graduation ever held in the newly Ordnance-ordained Heritage Hall, 29 students walked across the stage April 3.

The Heritage Hall was recently renovated by the 832nd Ordnance Battalion to host consolidated graduations like this one and as a special place to house Ordnance memorabilia.

Several friends and family were in attendance at this special "first" graduation. The soldiers graduated from 55B, the ammunition specialist course, and 27E, the land combat electronic missile system repairer course. Retired Lt. Col. Paul A. Michael, the current deputy director of the Munitions Training Department of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School was the special guest speaker.

"You have reached another milestone in your career," Michael said. "I'd like to charge you with (several) things to remember once you walk across this stage."

Michael stressed that training the troops is number one on that list. "Do the job professionally and competently," he said. "Train from the bottom up, not only from the top down."

He said that the new graduates also



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

FIRST TO WALK THE HALL— Honor graduate Pvt. Peter B. Avram was the very first to walk across the Heritage Hall stage to receive his diploma in the first consolidated graduation held at the facility April 3. OMMCS Commandant Col. Stephen C. Taylor (left) hands Avram his diploma. Avram graduated with 28 other students from the 55B and 27E courses taught on the Arsenal.

need to educate themselves further. "Everyone has an associates degree these days, you need to go beyond that," he said.

"Look out for the youngsters," he continued. "Sometimes soldiers are too individual and self-centered, you need to look

out for each other.

"Encourage the truth," he said. "Don't tolerate deceit.

"Never ask someone to do something you would never do yourself," Michael said. "...Have compassion. Every warrior

has compassion. Treat others with dignity.

"...Maintain a 'can do' attitude," he said. "And maintain a positive attitude. For example, is the glass half full or half empty? Also practice safety."

And finally he left the soldiers with one last bit of wisdom, "Never let a day go by where you don't say something good about someone either at home or at work."

And although Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, chief of Ordnance, could not be at the ceremony in person, he had a special message taped beforehand which was shown the day of graduation.

"I'm very proud of your achievements," Stevenson said. "This is not an easy course to complete... and remember to always set the example. Go Ordnance!"

OMMCS Commandant Col. Stephen C. Taylor was also on-hand to give some special words of encouragement.

"Remember you only have one chance to make a good impression on your unit. Show them what you are made of; you are proficient as a soldier and in your MOS."

Pvt. Hector I. Ruiz, Jr. (55B) and Pvt. Peter B. Avram (27E) were the distinguished honor graduates, Pvt. Kenneth M. Smith (55B) and Pvt. Paul C. Park (27E) were the honor graduates.

Other students to graduate from the first consolidated graduation were: Pvt. Ray A. Anderson Jr., Pvt. Jay R. Bruce,

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Command analysis assures taxpayers get their money's worth

Directorate weighs costs, risks of AMCOM weapons systems

By GINGER SNYDER
For the Rocket

They are a quiet, modest group that packs a big punch when it comes to making sure the Army is efficient and the taxpayer gets his money's worth.

AMCOM's Command Analysis Directorate is in the business of helping the Army operate like a business by making good economic decisions. They do that by providing cost and risk analysis for weapons systems within AMCOM, for program managers and the Program Executive Offices.

"We're the folks who ask questions," Frank Lawrence, director, Command Analysis Directorate, said. "We are a service organization. We not only do good work but at a good price."

The Cost Analysis Division provides

cradle to grave estimates for weapons systems, studies ways to reduce costs of fielded weapon systems as well as the costs associated with improving reliability. They support the program managers and PEOs helping establish a true, best cost estimate standing by their customers defending those estimates to the Department of Army and Department of Defense.

Retaining credibility with DA and DoD is critical according to Wayne Bruno, chief of the Cost Analysis Division. "There is a certain level of integrity and independence that's expected from us keeping us valuable to both our customers and DA," he said.

Weapon system managers call on the cost analysis division to not only assist in establishing a cost estimate but also to validate numbers to prevent over-inflation or underestimation allowing the program to successfully move on to the next step of development.

Some programs have their own analysts who rely on CAD to certify that

their estimates are valid. "We're a second set of eyes for the PM," said Bruno. "They use us because we're value added. We're good and affordable."

But CAD cannot always serve the number of customers needing their help because of a lack of manpower. The alternative is for the customer to use a competitor but according to Lawrence, "we can compete against a contractor and win on best value."

System Analysis Program headed by John Dally is another division of Command Analysis that is valued by AMCOM. The two primary programs within System Analysis are Operations Research Analysis and Earned Value Management Systems (EVMS) analysis program.

Operations Research analysts study the performance and effectiveness of weapon systems, what it takes to remain operational after fielding and analyzes cost, technical and schedule risks.

The EVMS program helps the project manager monitor a contractor's progress in holding to the contract schedule and cost terms. The program compares achieved and expenditure schedules in accordance with a pre-approved plan. A schedule delay costs money and is almost always caused by a performance problem

according to Daly.

"We track the contractors performance with his expenditures to insure the contractor meets the schedule," Daly said. "We try to prevent big surprises. If you see a cost overrun coming it is almost too late to recover but not too late to get management emphasis."

As in other areas of AMCOM, the transformation initiative is ongoing in the Command Analysis Directorate but focused in the cost analysis division. The recapitalization of legacy systems

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requires a cost/benefit analysis to be performed. CAD helps the project managers with their analysis so scarce recapitalization dollars are spent in the most cost beneficial way.

CAD is also on the DA Cost Integrated Product Team for Future Combat Systems according to Lawrence. The team is chartered to develop methods of estimating costs for objective Future Combat Systems alternatives.

Editor's note: Snyder is a public affairs specialist in the AMCOM Public Affairs Office.

Missile students graduate in Heritage Hall

Graduation

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Pvt. Sy A. Camphor, Spec. Anthony Cardona-Barrios, Pvt. Richard P. Cawley, Spec. Nancy L. Cooley, Pvt. Brandon P. Cutlip, Pfc. Heather L. Davis, Pvt. Derek A. Fender, Pvt. Michael W. Gola, Pvt. David S. Graham, Pvt. David J. Guild, Pvt. Ashley Y. Hawkins, Pfc. Jesse L. Heibert, Pvt. Dennis R. Jackson, Pvt.

Ghia N. Johnson, Pvt. Yolanda Martinez, Pvt. Marty D. Moore, Pvt. Kamarlo E. Palmer, Pvt. Edison E. Phillip, Pvt. Henry M. Ramirez, Pvt. Tyrel C. Wellmaker, and Pvt. Tom B. Woods Jr. All these soldiers earned the 55B MOS. Pvt. Jimmie J. Hernandez and Pvt. Russell Mann earned the 27E MOS.

This was the first of many consolidated graduations to be held in the Heritage Hall. Other special functions will also be scheduled at the Hall throughout the year.

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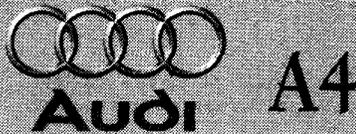
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Army doesn't pay moving losses

Soldiers may file claims against civilian carriers

By JAMES FRIDAY JR.
 For the Rocket

Recently the Claims Office received several inquiries from soldiers and their dependents about whether "inconvenience claims," and other expenses not directly related to the damage of personal property, were payable by the Redstone Claims Office.

Expenses that have nothing to do with the loss or damage to personal property resulting from a PCS, ETS or TDY move (i.e. interest charges, attorney fees, cost of food or lodging while awaiting shipment, vehicle rental costs, and long distance telephone charges) are often thought of as "inconvenience" expenses.

First of all, "inconvenience claims" are not payable by the U.S. Army. DA PAM 27-162, paragraph 2-32d(6) states, "Claims for inconvenience due to a carrier's failure to meet a scheduled or preferred delivery date and for claimant's personal expenses incurred above normal living expenses that are not covered by AR 27-20, chapter 11, or any other regulation or statute, may in certain cases be paid by the responsible carrier. Generally, however, the dislocation allowance granted on a change of duty station is intended to cover those personal expenses incurred above normal living expenses."

For example, if you PCS'd to Redstone from Korea and had your baggage tem-

porarily misplaced or held for an extended period of time overseas (either through fault of a civilian or government carrier), your inconvenience or loss of use of your property would not be compensable through the Redstone Claims Office.

However, if your baggage was misplaced or held for an extended period of time by a civilian carrier causing your inconvenience, you might be able to file an "inconvenience claim" directly against the civilian carrier. Although there are no specific rules observed by the carrier industry, reasonable claims usually include hotel/motel expenses, food expenses, laundry expenses and other emergency items of sleeping, eating and required comfort. The individual carriers may have their own established guidelines as to what they will pay and for what amount, if at all.

You should first deal directly with the civilian carrier who is at fault for causing your inconvenience or loss of use, and file an "inconvenience claim" with them. If you cannot resolve the problem, you should consult the Redstone Transportation Office and the Legal Assistance Office for assistance.

For questions on this matter or concerning any other household goods claims issues, you may contact the Claims Examiner at 876-9006. You may also access claims information at the AMCOM Legal web site: <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/>

Editor's note: Friday is a claims examiner for Redstone Arsenal.

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Equal opportunity representatives help co-workers handle problems



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NEW EO REP— SFC David Barger, right, is the newest Equal Opportunity representative for the NCO Academy. Lt. Col. Richard Walters, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade and OMMCS chief of staff, left, was on hand to give each new representative their diploma and to congratulate them on a job well done. EO reps help commanders monitor the EO climate of their commands and are instrumental in keeping morale and welfare up in their units.

Concerns should be discussed before causing disruption

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE
Staff writer

Understanding who we are, that's the main emphasis behind the Equal Opportunity Representative Course held here recently.

The 10-day course had 11 graduates from all over the Arsenal both military and civilian who are now fully qualified to be EO representatives for their units.

"Everyone has issues, concerns, and prejudices," SFC Terry Quesenberry, EO advisor, with the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, said. "It's how you deal with those things that count."

And now those soldiers and civilians know how to deal with any type of issue, concern, or prejudice amongst themselves and within their units that might crop up.

"Graduates have a better understanding of EO issues, trends, and know how to effectively help their commander with the EO program," Quesenberry said.

The Army has mandated that each company must have at least one equal opportunity representative, Quesenberry said. The EO program can be more effective, however, if each unit not only has one representative but an alternate as well.

Since its implementation in the early 1970s, the Equal Opportunity program has played an important part in the morale and welfare of units across the Army.

The representative course is for staff sergeants and above, first lieutenants and above who want to improve their overall effectiveness as a leader and increase their awareness of understanding diversity, he said.

These representative soldiers are on the "front lines," he explained. They help the commander monitor the climate within the command and know firsthand what EO concerns are developing and help the commander deal with those concerns before they become "full-blown" issues.

"They listen, screen and help the commander develop a course of action," Quesenberry said. It's not an easy task; it requires soldiers that have personality and people skills, sensitivity and open-mindedness. Those selected to attend the course must be approved by their chain of command. Commanders must interview their prospective appointees and determine if they are right for the job, he said.

For information on the next class, or for more information on the EO program soldiers and commanders can call the OMMCS EO office at 876-9224 or the Aviation and Missile Command EO office at 876-8648.

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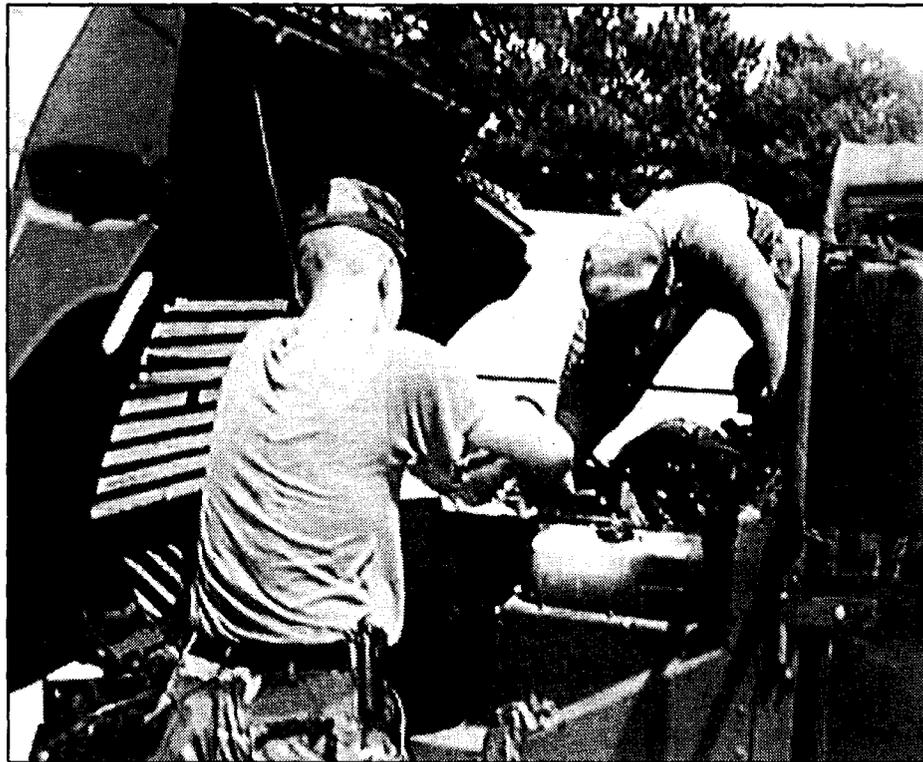
By LORNA WORLEY
For the Rocket

While speaking at the Army Logistics Summit in April 2000, the Chief of Staff of the Army General Eric K. Shinseki, emphasized that transformation of the force is fundamentally a logistics process. A part of that logistics process involves using new technologies that provide real-time logistics control and information support at all echelons. The power of logistics information will serve the light-weight objective force by making it easier to prepare and execute movement plans, by providing the ability to track shipments, and by allowing it to be more strategically deployable and more agile with a smaller logistics footprint.

Commanded by Colonel Jerry J. Warnement, the USAMC Logistics Support Activity is a separate reporting activity of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, a tenant of Redstone Arsenal, and located in the Sparkman Complex. The LOGSA is the Army's Center of Excellence for logistics data management that directly impacts today's field Army and Army leadership as well as the future Army transformation structure. Its mission includes providing logistics information and technical support to warfighters wherever they may be located.

The Army Strategic Logistics Plan identifies six goals to be used to achieve Army Logistics Transformation. They are:

- Create a seamless logistics system
- Transform to distribution-based logistics



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TECH TOOL— On-line access to Logistics Support Activity information is a valuable tool to these motor pool soldiers performing maintenance on a Humvee.

- Maintain an agile infrastructure
- Fully field Total Asset Visibility
- Achieve a rapid force projection capability
- Maintain an adequate logistics footprint

The LOGSA supports each of the six goals while providing major support to two of them: fully field TAV and create a seamless single logistics system.

The Army Logistics Transformation goal to fully field TAV is supported by LOGSA's In-Transit Visibility, Automated Identification Technology, and Army TAV information that will reside in the Logis-

tics Integrated Data Base. Through these data bases, LOGSA is able to provide accurate visibility and logistics information accessibility. Using LIDB in its final form, customers will be able to track materiel movement, including commercial shipments, via radio frequency tags.

The LOGSA also plays a key role in achieving the Army Logistics Transformation goal to 'Create a seamless single logistics system' via support of Global Combat Support System-Army, Single Stock Fund, and information access. The GCSS-A program forms the base-

line for migration to a single, integrated logistics system. The GCSS-A is currently developing a web-based property book system that will access and store asset information in LIDB creating a seamless property book environment. Similarly, information that supports the SSF process will be resident in LIDB and can be viewed from the soldier-level to the national-level. The LIDB integrates data and reports from the soldier-level with national-level data, bringing the Army into a "virtual" environment.

The LIDB is one of LOGSA's major logistics products and is currently in the final stages of development. The initial version has been available to customers since September 1999. The final version will integrate 66 stovepipe legacy data bases into one relational data base that is accessible with a single log-in and password. Supporting all six Army Logistics Transformation goals, this data base will play a key role in the success of Army Logistics Transformation.

The LOGSA has an important logistics role in the transformation of the Army into a strategically responsive force that is dominant across the full spectrum of operations. The need for speed, agility, dependability, and precision demand even further improvements in the Army's logistics operations. The Army logistics system must continue to migrate to a leaner, more agile delivery system focused on meeting new warfighter needs – but at even lower costs and greater efficiency. This migration is Army Logistics Transformation and LOGSA is here to support it.

Editor's note: Worley is a logistics management specialist in the Strategic Planning Division, Logistics Support Activity.

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Huntsville lights draw singer-songwriter to center stage

Intelligence and Security worker plays lead role for local band

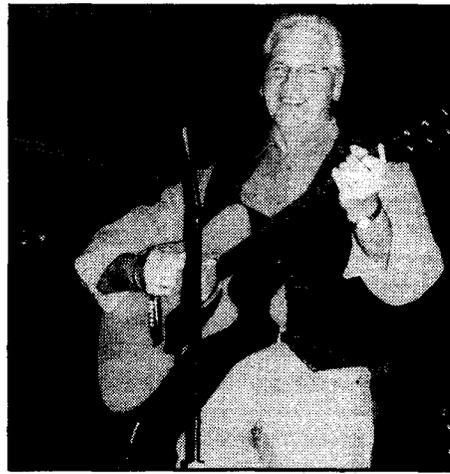
By MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON
For the Rocket

Bobby Brooks was born in 1943 in Sparta, N.C., to a family in which everyone played musical instruments and sang. He was particularly drawn to the piano and guitar, and decided at a young age that he would become a musician.

Brooks immersed himself in the local music scene along with his three brothers until he went into the Army. Brooks was stationed in Vietnam, Germany, Fort Eustis, Va., and Fort Jackson, S.C. While in Vietnam in 1966, Brooks was wounded and received a disability. In 1970 he was sent to Redstone Arsenal and attended school as a Hawk pulse missile radar repairman.

"One evening I went downtown with a friend to the old Peppermint Lounge," Brooks said. "The band offered me a job playing with them three nights a week. I was also writing songs and wrote 'Huntsville Lights' which everybody loved."

Brooks recorded it Jan. 11, 1971 for Little Pine Records; and it was released in February. The song took off and Brooks began to travel on weekends to perform in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama. By this time, the song hit 23



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IN SPOTLIGHT— Bobby Brooks enjoys singing "Huntsville Lights," a song he wrote, to an audience in a Decatur lounge.

on the top-40 chart.

"The record was headed toward the top in April 1971, when I got transferred to Okinawa," Brooks said. "I was unable to promote the song because I was not there."

When he got to Okinawa, his song was playing on Armed Forces Radio. In his off duty time, Brooks performed at the Air Force, Navy, Marines and Army officer and non-commissioned clubs with a six-piece band.

In 1973 Brooks was transferred to Fort Eustis, Va., and joined another band there.

He performed at clubs all the way up the east coast until he got out of the Army in 1975.

For the next few years, he juggled a schedule of rehearsals and nighttime concerts with college and work. Brooks received his degree in Forensic Science and Law Administration from Northeast State in Rainsville. He applied for employment with the Sheriff's Department, and worked as a deputy sheriff in Madison County for two years.

Brooks got an offer to go back on the road with a band from Mississippi, and make some videos. In the midst of concert touring, an investigator from Pinkerton's found him. He told Brooks a record company from California was impressed with his video and wanted him to audition for them. Brooks flew out to California, and began writing and recording music and doing beer, perfume, tobacco and jean commercials.

"You have to get up early in the morning and work till God knows what time in the evening, day in, day out," he said. "I decided it was time to leave California, and come back to Huntsville, Ala., and be with my family."

He applied for employment at Redstone Arsenal under the VRA in 1982. Brooks went to work for the Provost Marshal Office as a security guard, and was picked up by the Intelligence and Security Directorate in 1992.

Brooks let his recording career lapse

for a few years. He had grown disillusioned with the music business. Brooks took time away from performing so he could give his full attention to songwriting. His goal is to publish and record his own stockpile of songs after he retires.

Once again Brooks jumped headfirst into singing. He is the lead singer for a band called "Nashville Underground" which performs at clubs in Decatur. He is happy with his life. He loves music and singing live for people.

"I would not trade places with anybody," he said. "I am a man who has had an easier time singing about his life than living it." And Brooks admits he has had plenty to sing about.

When he looks at himself, what does he see?

"I see myself as a daddy and a mate and a partner, as a member of a band who plays music, a performing artist and a songwriter— as well as a happy and grateful citizen."

His family is Scotch, Irish and Mohican Indian. His Irish grandfather migrated to Kentucky from Minnesota in the early 1800s. Brooks' 6-foot-1 grandmother was a Mohican Indian. They saved up their money and moved back to his grandfather's birthplace in the Smokey Mountains in the town of Sparta, N.C. They settled on a farm. His grandfather and

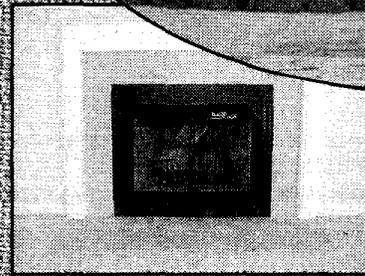
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■ Worker moonlights as singer-songwriter

Musician

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father were musicians.

His father had four sons: Larry played the drums, Aubury played the guitar, Delbert played the bass, and Brooks played the piano and guitar and was the lead singer. They performed at church functions and fiddlers' conventions until he went to Vietnam.

"When I first came back in 1967, I had some Vietnam buddies that lived out in Iowa. One day I called Charlie and decided to go

out there. I worked on a ranch for a while and then made up my mind to go back home again. I played music for money and food until I could get back to N.C. I went back into the Army and went to Fort Jackson."

Brooks has written approximately 400 songs. He's written songs for Waylon Jennings and Ronnie Milsap.

He's been nominated for the Alabama Hall of Fame.

"I'm happy with my life," he said. "I wouldn't trade places with anybody. I love helping people along the way all I can. And I'll always keep God in my life. He is my rock."

■ Community meeting covered variety of issues

Issues

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widening and paving, driveway paving for 39 housing units and the exterior painting project in housing area 3.

"We'd also like to remind our residents about the equipment at Self Help," Elder said. "They've got a lot of equipment, including roto tillers for those who have garden plots. You ought to go by and just check it out if you haven't been there lately. It's amazing all they have available."

Other housing issues included creating a new satellite dish policy. Currently no satellite dishes are allowed in housing because, "they used to be as big as a moving truck and we didn't want them all over housing." But now, with the smaller dishes available, new policies are being discussed.

There's also a new contractor for garbage collection on the Arsenal. After a reported "rough start" from the California based 8(a) company, SI-NOR, Inc., things

are beginning to settle down. Elder called the slowed service "growing pains" for a quality company that perhaps didn't realize the magnitude of garbage collection at the Arsenal. "They are a good company, though, and we've heard good things about them. I believe they'll be up to speed very soon."

Swimming pool construction was the major issue brought up when the meeting opened for questions. Elder explained that there had been some activity on that front, including picking a spot in the housing area near the ball park on Goss Road. Two design-build proposals for the sight were submitted, one for \$798,000 and the other topped out at \$1.4 million. Both were hundreds of thousands of dollars out of budget range.

"That was just for the pool, pool house, parking lot and fencing," he said. "But I haven't given up hope. It's not going to happen as quick as I wanted it to but I still think it's a good idea and we're still pursuing it."



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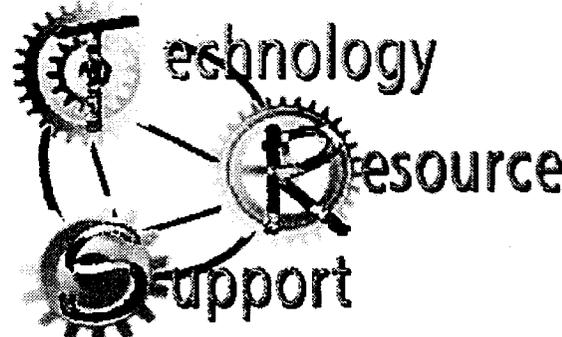
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Auto skills center staff continues to improve and expand services

By **BETH SKARUPA**
Staff writer

Walk into the auto skills center and you'll see tool boxes, automotive equipment, people working on cars and instructors ready with help for anyone who needs it. Stay for a while and you'll gradually become aware that someone is missing.

If you visited the center in the past 15 years, you may have known Mark Poole. He began working there as the tool room attendant in 1985 and was the center's manager until Nov. 2000. He died Nov. 1 from a heart attack, but the legacy of his hard work and dedication live on.

"He loved his job," Debbie Poole, his wife, said. "I used to tell him all the time that it must be nice to have your hobby as your job. He loved his job and the people he worked with and the customers he worked with every day were like his family. He just had a passion for cars, motorcycles ... I mean, he could fix anything. In the Navy he worked on jets, A-7s."

Poole served in the Navy as a maintenance technician and onboard the U.S.S. Nimitz from 1979-1985, then transferred to the Naval Reserve. He returned to his



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TOOL MEN— From left, Mike Todd, tool room attendant, Mark Poole, former auto skills center manager, and Dennis Fitzgibbons, automotive instructor, enjoy working together in 1996.

hometown of Huntsville and devoted himself to his work at the center.

"He actually was responsible for a lot," Dennis Fitzgibbons, automotive instructor and Poole's co-worker for more than 5 years, said. "He was pretty much the driving force for getting the shop renovated back in the mid-'90s. It cost \$115,000 to

have new ceilings, offices, bathrooms and all."

He also was responsible for several modifications to the center, including upgrading the paint booth and acquiring the toolboxes and the Mitchell Repair Information System. The computer system can tell you everything about foreign

and domestic cars from 1983 to the present, with information ranging from detailed instructions on how to change the oil to how to rebuild the engine.

"Basically, he didn't treat his office as his office, he treated it as a place for you to come and talk about anything you wanted to," Fitzgibbons said. "He'd get whole families or customers in there just to see what they were up to ... The only thing that exceeded his technical ability was his heart."

The center provides a place for "do-it-yourself" enthusiasts to perform repairs on their own vehicles. A welding shop, body shop equipment, tools and instructors also are available to active military, retired military, retired military family members, reservists and Department of Defense personnel.

"(Mark) was just such a good man. He cared a lot about his program and put a lot into it," Debbie Poole said. "Another project he had worked on was the car wash that's going to open this summer. He got the ball rolling on that. He did all the research and did everything for it."

The Poole's were married in Feb. 1998. They met on the Arsenal while Debbie was working for Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Now she works at Redstone Arsenal supporting the Unmanned

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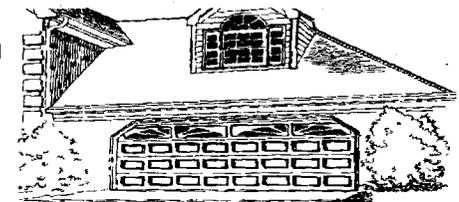
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■ Tool man's legacy lives on at craft center

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"So we were pretty much newlyweds," she said. "He had dreams. He was going to build a shop at home and rebuild cars, build kit cars and motorcycles and do restorations."

She said it's different down at the shop without him, but a lot of regular customers are there who often stopped by to talk or work on their cars. Fitzgibbons agreed and said they are trying to continue on with his work.

Bill Woosley, the new manager, has big plans for the center too. He has added to it and requisitioned new equipment including some for front-end alignment. He also plans to make the outside of the shop look better and to have air conditioning installed.

"As much as it grows on me, I'm going to grow it ... We have a lot in the works. Some contractors don't even know they're able to use (the shop) and a lot of personnel on this base are unaware of what all we have here," he said. "We're hoping to get more business. We certainly could use it."

The auto skills center is located in building 3617. For more information, call 955-7727 or 955-7728.

■ April 28 brings first pitch for youth baseball

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of 9- and 10-year-olds running at you asking things at the same time. So I try to help them all out," he said. "As commissioner, I try to get everything organized."

Missy Richards, the youth sports director, also has a daunting task according to Long. She maintains all the fields and all the equipment on the Arsenal and usually acts as a "team of one." Long expressed

his appreciation for all she does to make sure youth sports continue on the Arsenal.

He also acknowledged Max Carroll, an Eagle Scout and son of Lt. Col. Max and Bobbie Carroll, who initiated a project to paint all the dugouts at the Little League complex. "They were painted green and a flag was put up. They did a nice job. It was really a good Eagle Scout project," Long said.

For more information, call Richards 876-5437 or Long 964-4740.



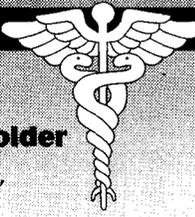
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Army 'Civilian Tester of the Year' answers the tough questions

McPherson assisted FBI during TWA crash probe

By LINDSAY VAUGHT
For the Rocket

Glenn McPherson knew he wanted to do something different after six years as an engineer at the old Saginaw. Steering Gear Plant in Decatur. Now, 13 years into his government career as a test engineer he has risen to the top of his profession.

Nominated by Redstone Arsenal Commander Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan for the Army Civilian Tester of the Year, McPherson was presented the award at the National Defense Industrial Association Conference on March 27 in Long Beach, Calif.

Among his many accomplishments was being handpicked by Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster to assist the Hornet (Smart Munition Land Mine) product manager at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., in passing a critical milestone.

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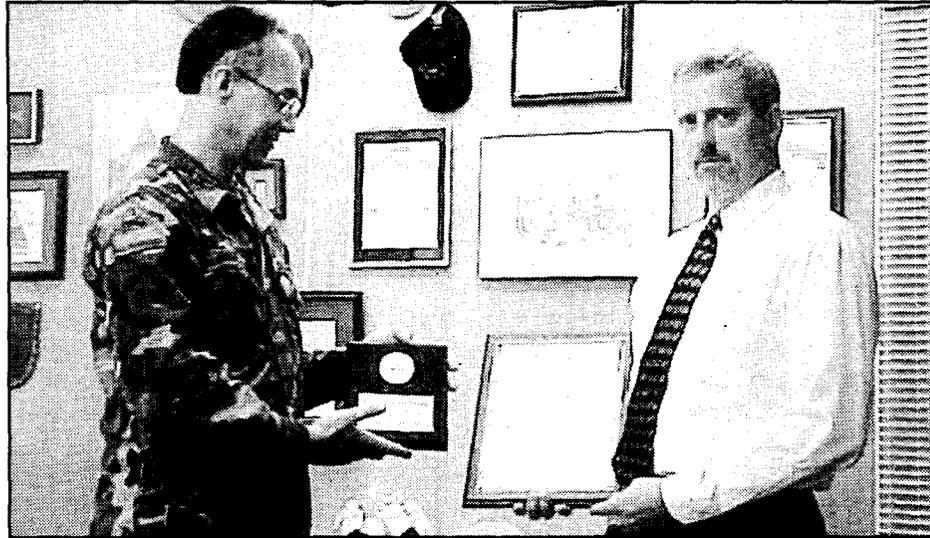


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PASSING THE TEST— Glenn McPherson, chief, test branch, SHORAD Project Office, shows his award to Col. Bob Arnone, SHORAD project manager.

tests. Now they are in full production."

As SHORAD Project Office test branch chief, he leads a team of six test engineers and two contractors. His branch is responsible for lot acceptance and production verification test firings of Stinger missile, Avenger Air Defense System, and various launch platforms from Apache helicopter to Dual Mount Stinger. "We do a lot of support for Navy, Air Force, and Marines in addition to Army and Foreign Military Sales," McPherson said.

Another of his accomplishments was

developing a test program for Turkey, which built their own air defense system. "We helped with integration of Stinger launcher on an armored personnel carrier and land rover, much like an Avenger. We had a successful firing over the Black Sea area," McPherson said of one of his many overseas trips.

The Stinger got some unwanted visibility in the investigation of the crash of TWA Flight 800 over Long Island Sound. McPherson was called in to help determine if the cause could possibly have

been a missile.

It was a grueling experience McPherson explained. "We met with the FBI during the investigation phase and conducted a test to fire Stingers into simulated aircraft panels to capture damage assessment. I went to Calverton, New York where the plane was reconstructed in an old Grumman production hangar. It was a sobering experience, seeing all the pieces put back together and all the seats laid out just like on the plane. There was no damage that I could see caused by a missile, not a hole with jagged edges with shrapnel like a missile would cause."

McPherson, 45, is a graduate of Lakeshore High School in Atlanta and has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He is in the two-year Masters program at the Naval Post-graduate School in Monterrey. He spends one day a week in a distance learning classroom at building 5304 and will go to Monterrey for an eight-week wrap-up course later this year.

McPherson lost his wife Patty to cancer three years ago. He spends any free time away from work with his two children. Steven, 14, is an eighth grader at Monrovia Middle School and likes to ride his mountain bike and play golf. Anna is in sixth grade, plays soccer and is active in church youth groups.

Editor's note: Vaught is a program analyst in the SHORAD Project Office.

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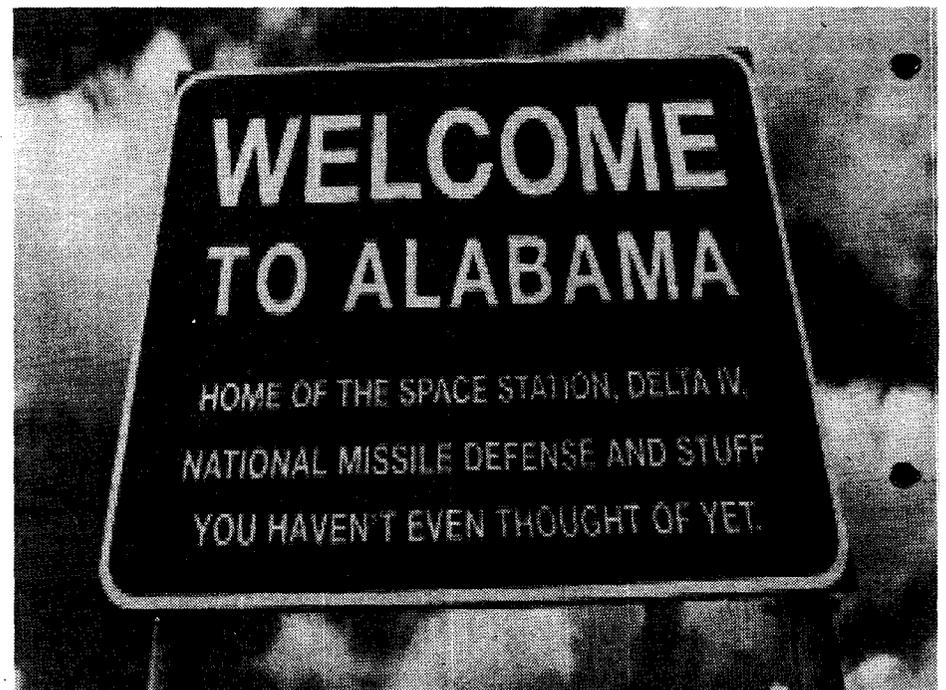
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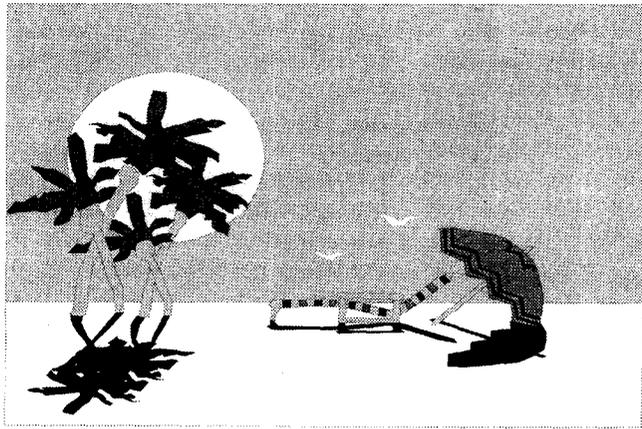
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Sports & Recreation

Golf Scramble

The Northern Alabama UK Alumni Club invites area golfers to participate in a "Show Your Colors" Golf Scramble on Saturday, April 28. Registration is at 12:15 p.m. and a shotgun start is at 1 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Golf Course. Fees are \$50 per person/\$200 per team, with a first place prize of \$400 and second place \$200. Food will be served after the tournament and prizes awarded. Fees include green fees, cart, and food. Be sure to wear your school colors, even if they are crimson or orange. For more information and registration contact Jim at 955-9106 day, or 721-1065 in the evening, or send an e-mail to charlespopp1@home.com.

Bowling center

Stop by the Bowling Center and register for the Peterson Point summer handicap league. The league begins April 19 at 6 p.m. with an organizational meeting at 5. Three new Triton Heat bowling balls will be awarded to the first place team and one to the bowler with the most individual points. Redstone Lanes will also award \$250 of MWR money for additional awards. Teams must have three members and a combined score of no more than 570. League fees are \$7.50 per week. Call 876-6634 for registration. Rocket Lanes is now open Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30

p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to midnight. Open bowling is held all day for \$1.25 per game; and lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 876-6634 or drop by building 3707 for more information.

Baseball tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund has tickets for the Huntsville Stars baseball game April 20. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Military vehicles will be on display at the stadium. Tickets are available at the Post Exchange, Commissary, Burger King, Rustic Lodge and MWR facilities. There will also be an autograph session at the PX on the April 14 with a few Stars players and the team Mascot. Baseballs will be given out to children 13 and under to have autographed by the players and mascot.

Conferences & Meetings

Logistics support symposium

The Joint-Government/Industry Supportability Information Exchange Symposium 2001 will be held May 7-11 at the Bob Jones Auditorium and the Huntsville Hilton. Pre-registration is under way through April 9. Check and credit card payments are the only method of pre-registering for the \$75 fee. Cash payments will only be accepted at the door, and they will require the payment of a \$100 fee. For more information, call Emerson McAfee 955-0808 or go to the following web site:

www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm.

New AA meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous has scheduled a new meeting on Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the Sparkman Center, building 5304, room 4309. AA is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. For more information call, 885-0323.

Variability reduction workshop

The Aviation and Missile Command will sponsor the "Variability Reduction Workshop," April 18-19 at Bob Jones Auditorium. The workshop will provide an applications-oriented overview of the concepts and tools of variability reduction. There is no charge, and contractor participation is encouraged. Sponsorship for the workshop is provided by the Research Development and Engineering Center's Engineering Directorate. The overall administration of the workshop, including registration, is provided by the University of Alabama-Huntsville Systems Management and Production Laboratory. A tentative agenda and registration requirements are available online at the below web site. You may call the workshop hotline 876-2628 or visit the workshop web site at <http://smaplub.ri.uah.edu/vr/>.

Toastmasters

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TROA meetings

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast April 14, at Mullins Restaurant, at 8:30 a.m. For further information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup Jr. at 881-0652. The monthly luncheon meeting will be at the Redstone Arsenal Officers and Civilian Club April 25, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Lt. Col. Joan Campanaro, commander, Fox Army Health Center. For additional information, call Matthew Boenker, 885-4274.

Communicators club

The Universal Communicators Club, International Training in Communication, will hold its next monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday at building 5301, conference room 1148. The education for this month is "Secrets of Successful Speakers." For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216.

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IADS conference

Team IADS will host the Second Annual International IADS Users Group Conference May 8-10 at the Research Park Holiday Inn (next to the Madison Square Mall) in Huntsville. This conference is open to all IADS users and there is no registration fee. The schedule includes presentations by government and private industry leaders in the IETM community. For more information see the IADS web site at <<http://iads.redstone.army.mil>> or contact Christy Wildman at 876-4017, or Rich Gramly at 876-8112.

Prayer breakfast

The April Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the IMMC will be held April 24 at 7 a.m. in the Sparkman Center, building 5308, conference room 8124. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Clifton Canady 955-7224.

Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held on April 24 at 11 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel. Amy Sledge from the Center for Developmental Learning will discuss, "Kindergarten Readiness." Parents with children at the Child Development Center, Youth Services, and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. For more information please con-

tact Anita Epps, 895-4483.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting April 19 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Bob Furia 842-9770.

AMC roadshow

The Army Materiel Command (AMC) executive staff will come to Redstone Arsenal May 3, for an all-day AMC Roadshow in the Bob Jones Auditorium. The Roadshow will include executive informational briefings: "Report out to the Field." The Roadshow will focus on new developments, current key issues and the critical role that AMCOM plays in those developments and issues. AMCOM employees and in-house contractor employees must wear badges and are asked to be seated by 7:45 a.m. Training credit will be issued for all-day attendance. The Roadshow will be broadcast on Team Redstone television Channel 42. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in the auditorium's section 7. For more Roadshow information visit <http://www.amc.army.mil>. No questions from the audience will be taken after each presentation. However, written questions will be accepted.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-

trollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Paul Bogosian, deputy for the Program Executive Office for Aviation. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 non-members. For reservations call Lisa White 955-6806.

Federal Bar Association

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present Stuart Miller, Administrative Judge with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, at its monthly luncheon meeting, April 26, 11:30 a.m. at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 6000 South Memorial Parkway. Judge Miller will present the "Do's and Don'ts for Attorneys in MSPB Practice" (the good, the bad and the ugly of the attorney's role and conduct in Board practice from filing an appeal through the hearing). Call 313-1295 for reservations.

Miscellaneous

Easter egg hunt

Child and Youth Services Easter egg hunt will be Saturday at the Youth Center, building 3148. Starting times will be: ages 5 and under, 9-9:30 a.m.; ages 6-8, 10-10:30 a.m.; ages 9-10, 11-11:30 a.m.; ages 11-12, 12-12:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place (identified eggs) for each age group. Please bring

your own basket. For more information, call 876-KIDS.

Latin night

Challenger Community Center is hosting a Latin Night on Saturday at 8 p.m. We'll have D.J. Signey Hernandez on hand for your entertainment from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is only \$5. We're hosting one Saturday Latin Night per month for lots of fun and dancing. Call Connie at 837-0750 for information.

Habitat help needed

Team Redstone- we need your help. We are soliciting for volunteers to build a Habitat for Humanity home, to be built solely by Redstone employees. Before the hammers can hit the nails, we need to know there will be enough volunteers to make this happen. We are tentatively looking at starting the house in August of this year. Please call Dorothy May, 883-2389 or Dorothy Scott, 852-4685 if you can help.

Block party

The entire Redstone Community is invited to come and celebrate this Month of the Military Child event. The Block Party will be at the RSA Youth Center, building 3148, from 1-4 p.m. April 21, rain date April 28. We'll have clowns, balloons, static displays, face painting, spin art, Moon Bounce, and a bike rodeo, as well as

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Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel will hold Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. every Friday during Lent. Special Holiday services are as follows: Holy Thursday mass, 6 p.m.; Good Friday service, 6 p.m.; Holy Saturday service, 8 p.m.; Easter mass, 9:30 a.m. Weekend mass is held at 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Youth job workshop

Army Community Service will sponsor a workshop to help teenagers get ready for the annual job fair, April 19 from 4-5 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Topics will include how to fill out application forms, how to dress, interviewing techniques, and job performance. To register, call Debra Jefferson at 876-5397.

Tobacco cessation

Fox Army Health Center/Public Health and Education Center will offer another series of tobacco cessation classes, starting April 17. The class will be offered at 5 p.m. Tuesdays for 10 one-hour sessions over two and a half months at Fox Army Health Center. These classes are free and limited to military eligible beneficiaries. To register call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0196. For more information callileen Bailey 842-0149. Space is limited.

Administrative professionals

It is time to acknowledge Administrative Professionals Week (formerly Professional Secretaries Week) April 22-28. Administrative Professionals Day is April 25. The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will offer a free 2-hour training

session to Redstone Arsenal Administrative Professionals on April 17 from 9-11 a.m. in the SELA Auditorium in Building 5400. There is no organizational costs; however, participants should register through TIP, Course Code 01LBL. If you have any questions, call Julie Manning, 876-1501, or julie.manning@rdec.redstone.army.mil or Kathy Johnson, 895-4449, or johnsonkw@tuav.redstone.army.mil.

Zoo trip

Join the Recreation Center on a tour to the Birmingham Zoo April 27. Cost is \$16 for adults and children and includes transportation, admission, and a ride on the zoo train. The tour departs from the Recreation Center, building 3711 at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. For more information call the Recreation Center at 876-4531 Wednesday-Friday after 1:30 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday after 10 a.m. The tour is open to the Redstone community.

AER campaign

Upcoming fund-raisers for the Army Emergency Relief campaign include the following: Thursday- Aviation Systems plant sale, NE Corner of building 5309, parking lot 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for information call Ms. Rice 313-1641. April 16-30- the Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for AER, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in building 5300, Sparkman Center, on the second floor by the elevators. Several new hardbacks by authors such as, Nora Roberts, Sidney Sheldon, Tami Hoag, Mary Higgins Clark and Patricia Cornwall will be available. They will accept donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotapes until April 23. If you have items to donate, call Brian Barry 842-9909. April 25 and May 9- LOGSA Burritos Breakfast, building 5307, 2nd floor break room, 8 a.m., for information call Capt. Adams 955-9943. May 10- Aviation Systems plant sale, NE

Corner building 5309, parking lot, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for information call Ms. Rice 313-1642. May 15- RASA Fund Day, building 112, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., for information call CW2 Cage, 876-2317. (Rain date is May 17.)

Job fair

Are you 16 years or older and looking for a convenient and safe way to apply for summer jobs? Then make plans to attend the annual youth job fair on April 21 from 9 a.m.- noon at the Huntsville High School Gymnasium. Huntsville-Madison County employers will be on hand to conduct interviews and provide summer job applications. If you would like additional information, please contact Debra Jefferson at 876-5397.

Education benefits

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will host an open house April 17 from 9-11 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. at 1515 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville. The public is invited to enjoy the festivities and learn about the free educational services the agency provides, beginning with students in the sixth grade, including tutoring, careers, GED preparation and college financial aid.

Professional development

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan will conduct a mandatory AMCOM Officer Professional Development session on April 27 at 7 a.m. in the Bob Jones Auditorium. All Team

Redstone officers, warrant officers, civilian raters and senior raters of officers are invited to attend. This is mandatory for all AMCOM officers/warrant officers. PERSCOM Acquisition Branch will present a briefing and there will be a panel of senior leaders (including PERSCOM representatives) to discuss opportunities within the military and answer questions/concerns officers may have. Interviews will follow the question and answer session. All directorates/activities should have appointed a POC/representative by April 5 for further coordination. On April 26, PERSCOM will conduct interviews from 1-5 p.m. (more interviews will follow question and answer session on April 27). If you'd like an interview, please provide your name to your activity POC for consolidation. An appointment time will be established and provided to your POC. Requests for interviews need to be received by April 19 in order for final coordination with PERSCOM. If you have any questions, please contact your POC or call Maj. McDaniel, AG, at 876-1671 or DSN 746-1671.

Blood drives

The Redstone Arsenal Blood Drive Schedule for April 2001 is as follows: Thursday, building 5309, aerobics room, 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Easter Broadway 876-0027, Roxann Arrington 955-6369, Joan Baites 955-0147 and Betty Mountain 313-1779.

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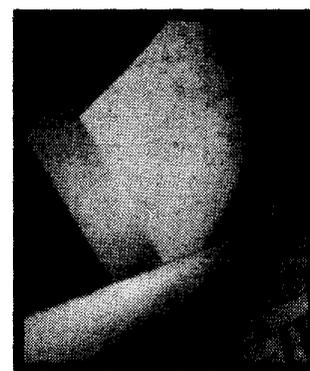


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