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## Early user feedback keeps missile developers in tow

*Fort Benning soldiers participate in TOW Fire and Forget exercises*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

The missile and target were simulated. The gunner and his enthusiasm were real.

Spec. David Eberhart, from Fort Benning, Ga., took aim with the TOW Fire and Forget system and fired. The video screen showed the missile converging onto the target and then the simulated impact.

"I like it a lot better than the old system," said Eberhart, 28, of Middletown, N.Y., a TOW gunner for about four years.

Eberhart was among the Fort Benning soldiers who participated in Early User Involvement exercises at the Research Development and Engineering Center. The intent was to get the users' feedback on the TOW Fire and Forget system during its design phase.

This next-generation TOW system differs from its predecessors which were wire-guided. The Fire and Forget version

doesn't use wires. Rather than having to hold his aim after pulling the trigger, the gunner is free to go hide and take cover.

"We are currently in month seven of a 42-month engineering, manufacturing and development program," said Johnny Taylor, a general engineer in the CCAWS technical management division, CCAWS Project Office. "Plans are to produce 4,000 missiles in a subsequent production contract."

Raytheon Missile Systems Company, Tucson, Ariz., received a \$126 million contract last September for engineering, manufacturing and development. The first unit equipped will be a light contingency force in fiscal 2004. Some 4,000 missiles are to be produced from fiscal 2005-08.

The early user involvement April 9-20 was a joint effort between the Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems Project Office, the TRADOC Systems Manager-Antitank at Fort Benning, and Raytheon. The Systems Simulation & Development

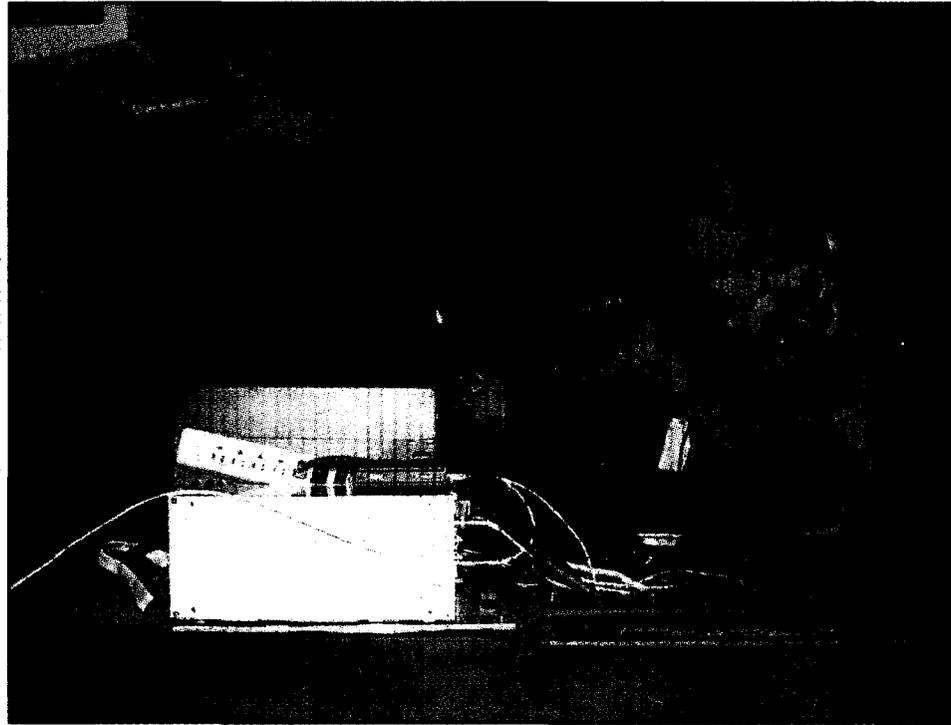


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**EXERCISE**— Spec. David Eberhart, from Fort Benning, Ga., aims the simulated TOW Fire and Forget system at the target on a video screen in the Research Development and Engineering Center.

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## Technology conference has new name, new look, new focus



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**TEAMWORK**— A main goal of technology conference coordinators Jim Link, left, senior vice president, SAIC, and William Gurley, senior vice president and group manager, SAIC, is to create a partnership between industry, academia, and government agencies including the Aviation and Missile Command, Marshall Space Flight Center, and the Space and Missile Defense Command.

### Up to \$1 million available in grants for R&D projects

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

To stay king of the hill when it comes to national defense and space exploration, Huntsville needs to attract the best and the brightest to the region.

Federal agencies such as the Aviation and Missile Command, the Space and Missile Defense Command and the Marshall Space Flight Center are the economic heartbeat of Tennessee Valley. As the federal work force ages, it is imperative to draw the best new minds of the 21st century to provide research and development of cutting edge technologies for future generations.

"Government can't do it alone," William Gurley, a senior vice president and group manager with Science Applications International Corp., said. "To build the future force of tomorrow, we all, industry, academia and government must work together, partner with each other to develop the

technologies that will keep us on top."

The new E2- TEAMS Conference, slated for May 15-16 at the Von Braun Center is the first step toward bringing everyone to the table. The conference, Education and Employment for Technological Excellence in Aviation Missiles and Space, replaces the traditional Technological And Business Exhibition and Symposium.

"TABES was a good conference but it wasn't getting the job done," Gurley, E2-TEAMS chairman, said. "We expect this new conference to pull in a different crowd, over a four-state area, to let industry and colleges and universities know what the government's needs are and to see who out there has some of the answers. It may be that a group from one university is working one aspect and can collaborate with a group from another university or even industry to develop the needed technology."

The conference is geared to professional engineers, scientists, and to research colleges and universities in the Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia area. The

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## Javelin workers hold tasty fund-raiser

With fund-raising for Army Emergency Relief in full swing, the Javelin Project Office held an AER chili fund-raiser April 10. Organized by Javelin AER fund-raising co-chairs Maj. Lewis Stewart and Gina Morgan, a panel of seven judges rated nine different pots of chili in blind-taste tests, with blue ribbons awarded for the Wimpiest, the Hottest, the Most Unusual, and the Best All Around.

For a donation to AER, hungry Javelinners were invited to enjoy the fruits of their co-workers' labors after judging had concluded. Judges awarded a blue ribbon to Grant Steele's recipe for the Wimpiest (after receiving this award, Grant revealed that his was actually "stealth" chili - wimpy now, but sure to provide ample heartburn in the middle of the night). The hottest honors went to Stewart's pot of road kill chili. Partakers of this pot were warned to watch for chunks of tire rubber, but all agreed that any tire rubber in this pot would have instantly vaporized from the spices used. Donna Bussell's hot chicken chili (complemented with a squeeze of lime) took

the Most Unusual chili award.

Top honors for the Best-All-Around chili went to Dawn Wood's pot of politically incorrect "Bambi" chili. Before traumatizing all with the thoughts of poor little Bambi being served up in a pot of chili to feed a bunch of hungry AER supporters, Dawn assures us that her special recipe actually used venison and not really Bambi. To round out the lunchtime meal, talented Javelin pastry chefs created desserts fit for a king, to quash the heat from the chili and to bring the end to a delicious event. The "Javelin Chili Cook-Off" raised \$217, bringing the 83-person Javelin Project Office's total AER contribution to date to over \$900.

The Javelin Project Office will wind up its AER fund-raising efforts with a hot dog cookout and bake/book sale in front of building 3651 on May 7. The bake/book sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the hot dog cookout will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. These sales will be open to the Redstone community, so be sure and come by.

David Easterling

## Tax center saves customers over \$142,000 in filing fees

By Capt. ERICK OTTOSON  
Tax assistance officer

Redstone Arsenal's free Tax Assistance Center shut down April 16, this year's tax filing deadline. Unofficially, this year's tax center filed 1,144 federal tax returns, and 601 state returns. Seventy-five percent of these returns were filed electronically.

"We were able to save our customers more than \$142,000 in tax return preparation fees," SFC David Watkins, NCO-in-charge of the Tax Assistance Center, said. "And we helped them get over a million dollars in refunds." (The actual dollar amount was \$1,000,482.)

According to Watkins, customer feedback was very positive. "We appreciate

the fact that many of our customers took the time to give us written feedback—the vast majority of it very positive — about the service that we provided. Our goal is to improve this facility every year."

Individuals who have yet to file, or who need additional assistance with tax-related issues, can visit the Internal Revenue Service office at 806 Governors Drive. The IRS office is open year-round, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to assist taxpayers. Tax Assistance Center customers who have questions or need further assistance regarding a tax return prepared by the center, should call the Legal Assistance Office at 876-9005.

## Soldiers thanked for helping telethon

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Charlie Company for volunteering its time to help at United Cerebral Palsy's annual telethon, "UCP, TV & Me." With the Children's Festival held in conjunction with the telethon this year, we had to double our volunteer effort. Without the members of Charlie Company, we would not have been able to set up on time and run efficiently.

We also are very grateful to the extensive representation from Redstone Arsenal on our pledge Phonebank. Assisting with raising funds for our center were: Col. and Mrs. Brent Swart, Col. and Mrs. Steve Taylor, Jim Flinn, Dr. Dave Branham, Lt. Col. Rich Walters, Todd Hutto, retired Brig. Gen. Larry and Brenda Capps, retired Brig. Gen. Bob and Ann Drolet and retired Lt. Gen. Jim and Judy Link.

"UCP, TV & Me" is UCP's largest fund-raising and community awareness event. Not only does the telethon provide

the necessary funds to operate the center for the year, it also serves as an important avenue in explaining the role of the CP Center, the success of our programs and the needs of our special students. We are very grateful for the continued support of the community through many donations, in-kind services and volunteer hours that make the telethon successful every year. Without the ongoing help of groups like Charlie Company, we wouldn't be able to be successful.

All proceeds of the event will go to fund educational and therapeutic programs at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Huntsville, which serves Madison, Morgan, Limestone, Jackson and Marshall counties. We look forward to next year's event and invite everyone to join us in this celebration of Alabama's children.

Amy Pope  
special events coordinator,  
United Cerebral Palsy

## Traffic accident witnesses sought

I am looking for anyone who either witnessed an accident on Friday, March 23, around 11:20 a.m., in front of PEO Aviation, or anyone who gave blood at the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in front of PEO Aviation, building 5681 on the same day between 10-11 a.m.

I would like to speak with the woman who summoned help for the man that got sick after he gave blood and had to be placed in a recliner around 11. I would also like to speak with the man that came up behind the nurse to help as she was pulling me from my vehicle.

If you witnessed this accident or have any information regarding these events, please call Debbie at 842-8140 or e-mail (debbie.roesch@redstone.army.mil).

Your help would be sincerely appreciated. Thank you so very much in advance!

Debbie Roesch



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## We are family

Dr. Paul Ruffin, acting deputy director of Missile Guidance Directorate, RD&E Center, and his wife, Vetrea, are founders of the Tenderlove Family Ministries Inc. The couple's organization, dedicated to aiding in the revival and restoration of the family unit, will hold an annual conference titled "It's a Family Affair," April 27-28 at True Light COGIC, 6380 Pulaski Pike. For information regarding transportation needs, call 851-0702.

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# Couple cruise to \$20,000 sweepstakes win at PX

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor

Greta Duvall has always liked the looks of the Chrysler PT Cruiser. Now she and her husband, Larry, can buy their very own.

The Duvalls won \$20,000 in the worldwide PT Cruiser Giveaway sweepstakes sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. They entered the holiday sweepstakes last December at the Post Exchange.

"Of course when we first heard we couldn't believe it," Larry Duvall, a retired Air Force major and Redstone civilian retiree, said. "We're both Christian and we feel like it's a blessing from the Lord. Nothing happens to us that He's not already aware of."

The Duvalls, who reside in Huntsville, plan to use the prize money to buy a 2001 Cruiser. They have a 1995 Cadillac and a 1991 GMC Jimmy sports utility vehicle

which needs to be replaced.

Kenny Barton, the PX general manager/store manager, presented the \$20,000 check in a ceremony at the exchange lobby. The sweepstakes was funded by WEBCO General Partnerships, a military brokerage firm out of Fairfax, Va. Companies represented by WEBCO include Riviera Concepts, Parlux, Liz Claiborne Fragrances, Escada Fragrances, Burberry Fragrances and Monet.

"It was a worldwide sweepstakes won by a patron here at Redstone," Bill Vickers, Eastern division sales manager for WEBCO, said. He was accompanied by Dave Morrison, the firm's area manager.

There were more than a million entries in the contest sponsored by the exchange service Sales Directorate's Jewelry and Fragrance Team. The giveaway was hailed as the largest customer participation event in the exchange service's history.

Larry Duvall, 63, retired in 1999 as a program analyst in the SHORAD Project Office. He and his wife, 64, have lived in Huntsville for about 21 years. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

"One granddaughter is really looking forward to seeing the PT Cruiser," Greta Duvall said. "She's been real excited about it. Every time I see one on the highway, I get real excited."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PRIZE VEHICLE**— Greta and Larry Duvall plan to use their \$20,000 sweepstakes prize to buy a Chrysler PT Cruiser like the one on display during the award ceremony at the Post Exchange.

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# Soldier risks life and property for injured civilian



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

**THANK YOU—** Donna Sue Myrick thanks SFC Luis Ortiz, of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, for rendering first aid to her boyfriend, David Peoples, after he was in a serious car wreck last year. Ortiz was seconds behind the accident that occurred on Drake and Patton right outside the Arsenal. Ortiz received a commendation from the Huntsville Police Department and the Secretary of the Army for his selfless service and personal courage.

## SFC Luis Ortiz recognized for aiding car wreck victim

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

At first all he saw was a brilliant flash in the sky.

Seconds later he noticed the car crash. Just a few vehicles ahead, the driver had lost control and hit a utility pole right outside the Arsenal on the corner of Patton and Drake. Upon impact, a transformer blew sending sparks in every direction.

Upholding the Army values of selfless service and personal courage, SFC Luis Ortiz, of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, who was mere seconds behind the wreck, jumped out of his truck and began to render first aid to the first victim he saw.

"The pole had actually split in half," Ortiz said. "The vehicle was sitting on its side. And I saw a dude crawling out of the window." The victim was slightly disoriented, Ortiz said. But it looked like his injuries were minor.

"And then he started asking me where his brother was," Ortiz said. Ortiz looked around the wreckage and saw a second victim trapped under the utility pole with several live wires still attached. David Peoples, a local father of two, was trapped under the pole. It was his brother, Michael, who had sustained minor injuries.

"It looked bad ... blood was everywhere," Ortiz said. "I tried to pull the pole off but it was too heavy."

Meanwhile, Ortiz had sent his 14-year-old son, Luis Jr., back to his vehicle to get a first aid kit. It wasn't there, and instead he came back carrying two wet-weather tops. "The dude looked like he was history. The pole was directly across his chest," Ortiz said.

It was then Michael Peoples, the first victim, became hysterical. "I said, 'Whoa.' I wanted to keep this guy away from the worst of the scene. I asked my son and another passerby to keep him calm and away from his brother," Ortiz said. While another onlooker dialed 911, Ortiz elicited the help of other onlookers to remove the pole.

"The first guy said 'No way, he's hamburger anyway,'" Ortiz said. And although Peoples was unconscious, it was obvious he was trying to breathe, Ortiz said.

"I said, 'No, look he's still breathing. If we're going to give him a fighting chance we have to get that pole off his chest.'" A few people reluctantly stepped forward and helped him move the pole. Once the pole was off, Peoples gasped for breath. Ortiz dropped to his knees and began immediately to treat him for shock by placing the wet-weather gear over him.

That's when Huntsville policeman Gerald Ray arrived on the scene. The following are details

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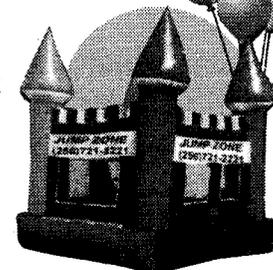
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## ■ Car wreck victim dies later in hospital

# Courage

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from his report: "Upon arriving and assessing the scene I observed an individual kneeling at the victim's side attempting to render first aid and reassuring the victim with an obvious disregard for his own personal safety.



Courtesy photo

**ACCIDENT VICTIM—** David Peoples was seriously injured in a car wreck last Dec. 2 near Redstone Arsenal. He died Dec. 8 in Huntsville Hospital.

"That individual was later identified as SFC Ortiz, who had witnessed the accident and thoughtfully positioned his personal vehicle so as to protect the scene before rushing to the aid of the fatally injured victim. Once there, he remained by the victim's side and continued to reassure him until HEMSI responders arrived and relieved him.

"During the entire chaotic ordeal Sergeant Ortiz remained calm and demonstrated exemplary courage and leadership. His help, his devotion, and his dedication to doing the right thing, for no reason other than simply because it was the right thing to do, did not and should not go unnoticed," Ray said.

The accident occurred last Dec. 2. On March 22, Maj. Mark Hudson, Huntsville Police Department section chief, presented Ortiz with a civilian commendation from the Huntsville Police Department.

"Not everyone would have done what he did," Hudson said. "The victim was lying in close proximity to live wires. Most people would just have dialed 911; he went above and beyond that. He put his own life in jeopardy."

"It's no surprise that Luis did what he did," Maria Ortiz, wife of SFC Ortiz, said after the ceremony. "He has always been a person with good intentions and a good heart and that is why I love him. I am very

proud of my husband."

Ortiz didn't see his actions as anything but ordinary. "It just happened," he said. "I was there, I just did what I could at the time. That's why we as soldiers should keep up on our CTT (common task training)."

Despite Ortiz's efforts, David Peoples died in Huntsville Hospital six days after the accident. Peoples is survived by his 11-year-old daughter, Collett Gibson and his 6-year-old son, Jacob Peoples.

For his uncommon valor and commitment to the Army Values, Ortiz also received an impact Army Commendation Medal from the secretary of the Army. In a special ceremony April 17, friends and family of Ortiz and soldiers from the

832nd Ordnance Battalion and the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, and David Peoples' longtime girlfriend, Donna Sue Myrick, were there to see Col. John Wright, commander of the 832nd, present Ortiz the ARCOM for his efforts.

On behalf of David Peoples' family Myrick thanked Ortiz for his actions. She said that because of Ortiz, friends and family were able to be at David's side when he died.

*Editor's note: Capt. Jo Brandon, 832nd Ord. Bn. operations officer, contributed to this story and was instrumental in ensuring that Ortiz was recognized for actions.*

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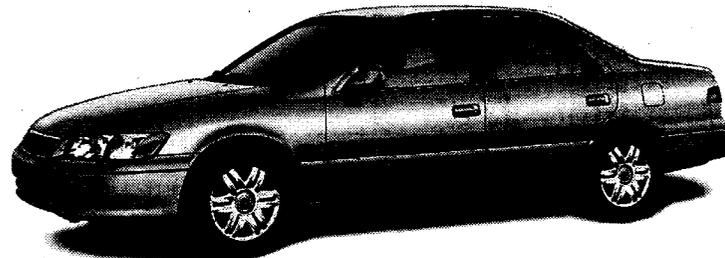
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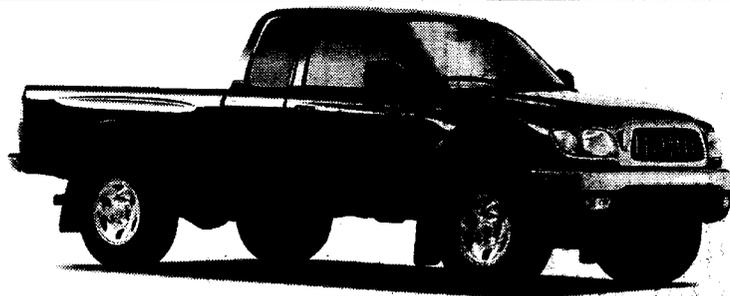
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## ■ Soldiers comment on new TOW system

### Feedback

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Directorate and Software Engineering Directorate provided simulation support.

Gunners for the exercise were soldiers from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment from Fort Benning. The first crew, from April 9-13, included SSgt. Michael Brown, Cpl. John Oakley and PFC Adam Curran. The crew from April 16-20 included Eberhart, SSgt. Edmond Marshall and PFC Aaron Pylant.

"It's fun to learn how to use it," Pylant, 21, of Houston, Texas, said. "I think it's going to be real easy to learn. It's not going to be hard to get people trained on it."

The soldiers used the virtual prototype simulator to perform simulated target engagements under varying conditions such as different ranges and targets. The early user involvement results are to be

incorporated in the system design and reflected in the preliminary design review scheduled for August.

Participants included Lt. Col. Terry Hemminger, the TRADOC systems manager-antitank; Capt. Kevin Geisbert, independent evaluator from the Army Evaluation Center, Alexandria, Va.; and John Kolberg, an engineer for product support from Raytheon, Tucson.

"We've had good results from the exercises," Taylor said. "Soldiers have been overall pleased with the system. We've had some comments on improvements we can do, but overall it's been very successful."

The TOW Fire and Forget missile will be employed from the Improved Target Acquisition System/Humvee launcher with ground mount capability. This missile is to provide the soldier with increased range, lethality and greater survivability while using a modular design for future growth.

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## Technology conference focuses on partnering

### Conference

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focus will include four technology areas selected by the government agencies: Advanced Propulsion and Hypersonic Systems, Robotics, Novel Power Sources, and Broad Spectrum Vision Sensors.

To highlight the importance of these issues, government agencies will provide up to \$1 million in grant money to be awarded competitively to colleges and universities in the region for relevant research in these areas.

"Research and development money has been drying up," retired Lt. Gen. Jim Link, former Redstone Arsenal commander, said. "We need to form a basis for future R&D in this area—the seed corn for the future."

Besides building ideas, the conference hopes to rebuild an aging work force by attracting younger professionals to the area.

"The train wreck is nigh upon us," Link, a senior vice president, SAIC, and conference program chairman, said. "The average age of AMCOM's work force is

50, with 41 percent eligible to retire in the next five years. AMCOM has more federal civilians over the age of 70 than under the age of 30. We believe the conference can be used as a recruiting tool to draw young professionals. The Chamber is working hard to show off the great things about Huntsville."

The conference will include virtual reality demonstrations and workshops, a job fair and tours of the Arsenal and MSFC and SMDC.

"We're giving people the red-carpet treatment," Gurley said. "We're going to the firing range for demonstrations, checking out helicopters, getting the sound and feeling of all we're accomplishing here."

Conference admission is free but registration is encouraged for better planning. Meals will be available for purchase. Leaders of government agencies are strongly encouraging their science and technology employees to attend, according to Gurley.

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# Last international student completes Hawk systems course

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

It could only be described as a bittersweet moment as the last international student graduated Thursday from the Hawk Systems Training, Missile Systems Training Department, here.

This graduation signaled the end of an Ordnance era where international students from all over the world came to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School to train on the Hawk system.

"For over 40 years, 17 countries have been trained at this school," Col. Stephen Taylor, OMMCS commandant, said. "This is an emotional day for those of us who have been associated with this system over the years."

The training will officially move to Fort Bliss, Texas, in the summer.

The Hawk is a surface-to-air missile system that provides medium-range, low to medium altitude air defense against a variety of targets, including jet and rotary wing aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, and cruise missiles.

It is a mobile, all-weather day and night system that is highly lethal, reliable, and effective against electronic countermeasures. The Hawk was originally named for the predatory bird but later the name was turned into an acronym for "Homing All the Way Killer."

Sgt. Bouzid Aanannaz, of the Netherlands Air Force, was the last student to graduate from the course. The Netherlands is one of several NATO countries to adopt Hawk as a primary air defense weapon. Today, Hawk systems are in the arsenals of more than 15 countries.

"The Netherlands is a small country," Lt. Col. Harry Oude Midden Dorp, of the Fort Bliss Patriot/Hawk Training Detachment, said. Oude Midden Dorp was a special



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

**HAWK WARRIOR— Sgt. Bouzid Aanannaz, of the Netherlands Air Force, signs an inert Hawk missile at the end of his graduation from the Hawk Systems Training, Missile Systems Training Department, OMMCS. He is the last international student to graduate from the course here. The training is moving to Fort Bliss, Texas.**

Netherlands Air Force guest speaker at this historic last graduation. "To date 44 students from the Netherlands have graduated from this OMMCS course.

"There are only 60 million people in the Netherlands," he said. It only takes two hours to cross the country in a vehicle. To date there are four Patriot and eight Hawk systems defending the Netherlands. There are only about

12,000 members in their Air Force. But despite these small numbers, he said, "We were there when we were needed."

Members of the Netherlands Air Force were involved in the Persian Gulf War, and most recently in the defense of Kuwait in 1998. "If anything happens in the future I'm sure the Netherlands is ready to help, mainly because of the outstanding training we have received here at OMMCS," he said.

Aanannaz said the training he received at OMMCS was what he expected and then some. The 26-year-old's visit to Alabama was his first to the United States. His mother wasn't happy about the trip.

"It was the first time I was out of her sight," he said. "She was worried." She was worried because the only shows his parents saw on television about the US highlighted the crime and gang violence of cities like New York and Los Angeles.

"I told them they have nothing to worry about," he said. Regardless, he still called home every two to three days, he said, "To let her know I was still alive."

Aanannaz has been here since Jan. 7 and will return home to go to college and defend his country. "Although I have made a lot of friends here, I'm happy to go," he said. While in training, he was able to play on a post soccer team and visit other places in the South including New Orleans. "I'm glad my training is over. I was beginning to get homesick. I miss my friends and family."

At the end of the graduation, Aanannaz, visiting dignitaries, Hawk instructors and other OMMCS alumni and visitors signed an inert Hawk missile. The missile, the last remains of the course that represents a long history of helping our allied nations, will go on permanent display at the Heritage Hall.



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BOUNDLESS

# Protocol lauded for logistics of congressional field hearing

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Turning a helicopter hangar at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, into an appropriate meeting place for the House Armed Services Committee doesn't just happen.

It took a lot of behind the scenes work to organize, prepare, seat, serve, escort and transport participants attending the subcommittee for Military Readiness field hearing March 23.

In recognition of the successful event, two Aviation and Missile Command workers, Dorothy Hosea, protocol officer, and Lucretia Townsend, protocol assistant, received certificates of commendation from CCAD Com-

mander Col. Thomas Dockens.

"We went down the week before the hearing for a couple of days for a site visit then went back down March 20-23," Hosea said. "They have their own protocol officer but she had just returned from a four-year Japan assignment so we went down to support them."

Participants included top Army Materiel Command staff, Congress members, five depot commanders plus additional staff. There were panel discussions, a depot tour and lunch served outdoors under a tent, in which the two along with help from the CCAD staff, had to set up, seat, serve and clean up afterwards.

"It was the best field hearing I've ever attended in my

time in the House and the logistics were impeccable," Congressman (Pa.) Curtis Weldon, Subcommittee chairman, said.

"The CCAD staff has an outstanding team," Hosea said. "Lynn Phillips (CCAD administration officer) did a great job pulling the support staff together. It was a lot of hard work but it was rewarding to work with such a great group."

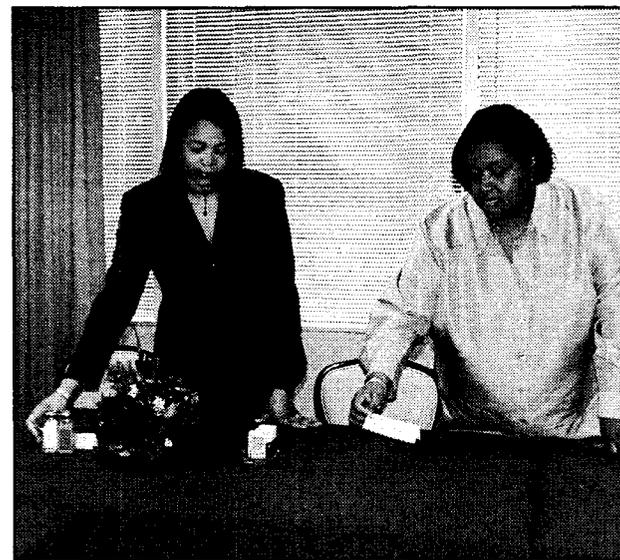


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**GOOD SHOW**— Protocol officers handle everything from lodging to transportation to seating charts for meals. Dorothy Hosea, left, protocol officer, AMCOM, and Lucretia Townsend, protocol assistant, AMCOM, were given special recognition for their support of a House Armed Services Subcommittee meeting held at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas, March 23.

## Defense professional group presents annual awards

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association has presented its annual awards to recognize outstanding service in support of the defense posture of the United States.

Defense Management Awards are given to a senior manager from the government and a senior manager from a company or corporation supporting the defense efforts of the United States in Huntsville. These individuals have contributed significantly toward the defense posture of the United States for at least 15 years in their primary area of endeavors. Areas of endeavors span the life cycle of the material acquisition process, from "cradle to grave." The award includes a \$2,000 savings bond, plaque and certificate.

Defense Technical Awards are given to two government and to two non-government employees. These individuals have contributed significantly to the materi-

al acquisition process or have significantly advanced technology toward the defensive posture of the United States within the past two years. The award includes a \$1,000 savings bond, a plaque and a certificate. All awardees' names will be placed on a plaque located in the SMDC building.

Defense Management Awards were presented to John Johns, principal assistant deputy for system acquisition, Aviation and Missile Command and Douglas Price, senior vice president and operations manager, Science Applications International Corporation.

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, nominated Johns for his significant contributions in support of numerous aviation programs. These include the establishment of the National Rotorcraft Technology Center, which provides matrix support

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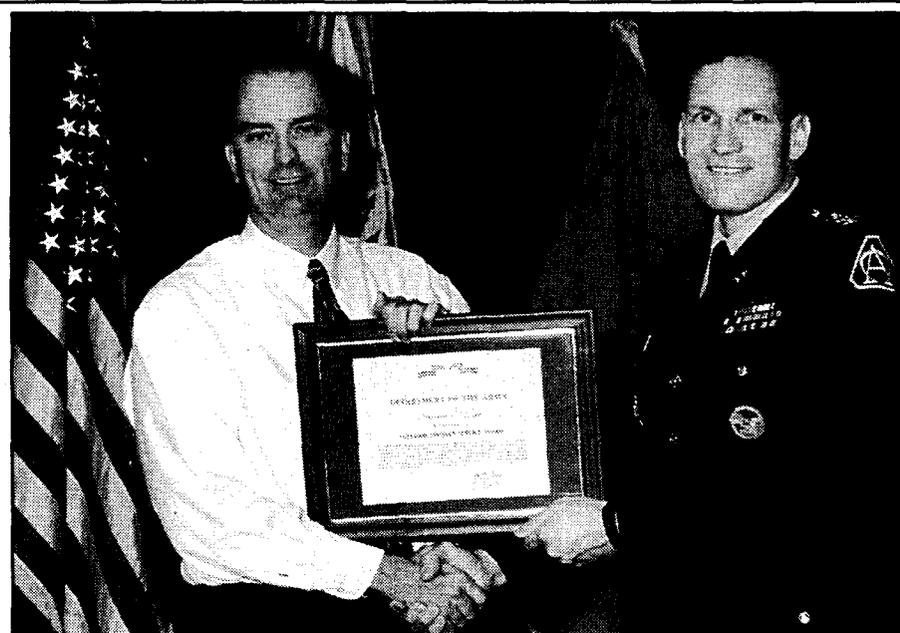

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## High award

The Superior Civilian Service Award is presented to Steve Low by Col. Patrick O'Reilly, THAAD project manager. Low was director of the Test and Evaluation Directorate for the THAAD Project Office for many years.

### Defense management and technical support recognized

## Awards

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to PEO Aviation, and recently the realignment of the Deputy for System Acquisition. Price was nominated by William Gurley, group manager, SAIC, for his continued service of performing technical analysis and managing technical programs spanning the entire history of ballistic missile defense in the United States.

Defense Technical Awards were presented to government nominees Dr. David Lukins and Arturo Medellin. Lukins, deputy product manager, THAAD Radar Product Office, THAAD Project Office,

was nominated by Col. Patrick O'Reilly, THAAD project manager. Medellin, assistant product manager, Tactical Airspace Integration System, was nominated by Lt. Col. Cory Mahanna, product manager for Air Traffic Control Systems.

The non-government awardees included Robin Cozby, task manager, Arrow Weapon System Support, Delta Research Inc., nominated by Louis Weiner, president, Delta Research Inc.; and, Mary Bowman, project manager, Computer Systems Technology Inc, nominated by Jay Newkirk, senior vice president, CST Inc.

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# Country singer looks forward to hometown debut

## Computer engineer reveals musical side to co-workers

By BETH SKARUPA  
Staff writer

There's something about Mary Frey that a lot of people don't know.

Not only is she a computer engineer for the Missile Guidance Directorate, she's also a country singer-songwriter.

"Until now I've really kept the two very separate, so ... I guess this is my debut announcement to my co-workers," she said.

Although she performs regularly in Nashville, Frey has never had the opportunity to sing in Huntsville - until now. She makes her hometown debut at Panoply Sunday at 6:15 p.m. She is scheduled to sing at the downtown arts festival until 6:45 p.m., then take her show over to Hog Wild from 9 p.m. to midnight.

"I'm not a pop country artist, but I'm

not a traditional country artist either. I leave room for whatever comes naturally," Frey said. She described her music as leaning "a little more toward Patty Loveless meets the Kinleys" and her style as having "a touch of Dixie Chicks sass."

Frey performs at well-known Nashville clubs such as the Bluebird Café, the Broken Spoke, the Boardwalk Café and 3rd and Lindsley. The Bluebird Café was featured in the film "The Thing Called Love" starring River Phoenix, K.T. Oslin, Samantha Mathis and Sandra Bullock. Garth Brooks played there on Open Mic and Sunday Songwriters Shows before he was discovered.

"You have to audition (to play at the Bluebird Café). They have different levels and you start out singing at certain times, then move up to different levels and times," Frey said. "On Dec. 28 I did the Thursday night early show. That was a big step up for me."

Five years ago, singing along with the car radio was the extent of Frey's public

performances. Thanks to what she described as a traumatic childhood experience (as a junior high school student she had to sing "Annie" in Spanish in front of 250 strangers despite having laryngitis), she had not pursued any aspirations to be a singer.

Her father, who studied to become a nuclear physicist, had steered her toward a more lucrative career in electrical engineering in light of her mother's financial struggles as a concert cellist. Then her husband Dan, an electronics engineer in the Engineering Directorate, heard her singing in the car and encouraged her to pursue a singing career after all.

She started out singing at karaoke bars, then became the main vocalist for a cover band called the "Dixie Express." She called the Country Music Association to find a voice coach and was referred to Cindy Overfield who worked with recording artists Kenny Chesney and Jeff Carson. Although her band broke up after having only one gig in three months, Frey was hooked.

On the advice of her voice coach, Frey began writing her own songs in order to develop her own style and discovered her passion for composing lyrics and music. She performed her original music at clubs in Nashville and received rave reviews. Now she has a six-song compact disc of original music she co-wrote with writing partner Tom Pepper and plans to record another CD in May.

"My absolute dream come true would be to win Entertainer of the Year from the CMA. You know, they say dream big and reach for the sky," Frey said laughing. "I get a lot of compliments on my stage show and I like to be an entertainer as well, not just a singer. In the meantime, there are a lot of people with that same dream. You know, we've all been to concerts where the person sings and we just sit there. I like to make my show energetic and fun for everybody."

In addition to her performances in Huntsville, Frey will play three hour-long sets at the Country Music Marathon in



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**ENTERTAINING ENGINEER—** Mary Frey, a computer engineer for the Missile Guidance Directorate and country singer-songwriter, will sing at Panoply in downtown Huntsville Sunday.

Nashville this weekend. She'll be at stage 26 on the north side of Davidson Avenue near the Shelby Park exit Saturday at 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Although pursuing a singing career can get hectic, Frey's husband and 5-year-old daughter Kayla are behind her 100 percent.

"Dan is really supportive. He kicks me out to go do this and takes care of (Kayla)," Frey said. "I've never been a person to do things halfway. People tell you when you find something you love to do, you'll do it for free. I have to pay to do this, because I have to pay my band, but I love it. I absolutely love it."

The show at Hog Wild Sunday is sponsored by Railroad Bazaar. They will be giving away free passes to the show as well as Frey's CD. More information about the show and Frey can be found on her web site at [www.maryfreymusic.com](http://www.maryfreymusic.com).



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## 'We were framed'

Marilyn Phillips, left, and Maxine Townsend, both from the Lead Integration Support Office, were among the many people arrested Thursday for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raiser jail.

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## MWR activities open to entire Team Redstone community

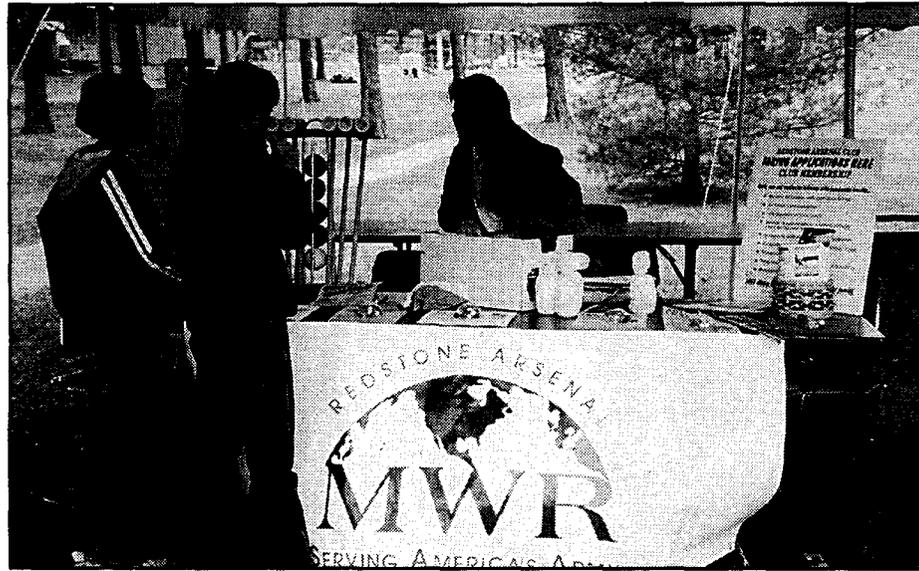
By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities aren't just for the military anymore. Unfortunately, Team Redstone workers haven't gotten the message, according to results from a leisure needs survey done on post last year.

"We are in the midst of an awareness campaign," Dan Ahern, director, Directorate of Community and Family Activities, said. "A lot of people on Redstone Arsenal, primarily civilians and contractors, aren't aware of a great employment perk—the use of MWR activities."

The Arsenal is brimming with recreational activities that are open to current and retired federal civilians and their families, contractors and guests, as well as active duty and retired military and their families. Guests are authorized for all user groups.

Activities include bowling, golfing, outdoor equipment rental such as boats, tents and camping and fishing gear, not to mention campsites along the Tennessee River. For the artsy type, the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center provides



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**I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT—** A sales and marketing representative answers questions on Morale, Welfare and Recreation at the Month of the Military Child block party.

instruction, equipment and supplies for the hobbyist interested in woodworking, painting, stained glass, engraving, matting and framing, plus specialty classes in several other areas.

Dining on the Arsenal ranges from the elegant atmosphere of the Officers and Civilians Club to the relaxed sports-bar experience at the Firehouse Pub. Open Monday through Friday at 4 p.m., Pub

patrons can cook free hot dogs and hamburgers, play video games, pool, darts or catch the game on big screen televisions. Diners looking for the unusual can grab a bite for lunch or dinner at the Soldatenstube, a cozy German restaurant on Gray Road. After dinner, head to the Challenger Club for an evening of bingo.

"The benefit of MWR activities is only accrued if you use them," Ahern said. "We

have some of the best deals anywhere and our customer service rating is top-notch, Providing activities and services that we know people want, saving them some money, and giving quality service are our priorities. Another benefit is that every dollar collected through MWR stays at the Arsenal and is reinvested in this community."

Child and Youth Services is a benefit much overlooked by the community, according to Ahern. From toddlers to teens, MWR provides age appropriate services, including the only accredited day care facility in the area.

Besides facilities, MWR sponsors special events such as the Mayfest, special dining occasions for holidays, including the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch May 13 and the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at Redstone Aug. 25.

Some of the confusion about who can use what may stem from certain activities and services that are reserved only for the military, such as the commissary, post exchange, Fox Army Health Center and the veterinary clinic. With a few exceptions, MWR activities are open to all of Team Redstone.

Certain facilities, swimming pools, fitness centers, library and the flying activity, are restricted from contractor use based

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# Cleanup crew revitalizes Rustic Lodge with landscaping

## More than 70 volunteers spruce up lodge for spring

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

Chilly temperatures didn't stop volunteers from coming out to the Rustic Lodge last week for the annual spring cleanup.

More than 70 people showed up April 17 to dust the lights, repair the tables, plant bright pink Impatiens and Begonias, weed eat, chip, shred and lay sod to beautify the grounds and make the lodge more appealing as a gathering place for Team Redstone folks.

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council owns and manages rental of the lodge for

any number of occasions, including birthday, anniversary and retirement parties, office get-togethers, baby or bridal showers, family reunions, organization day outings, weddings, receptions, prom parties, just to name a few. The Integrated Materiel Management Center sponsors Rustic Lodge by supplying volunteers to work the spring and fall cleanups each year.

"Anyone on Team Redstone can use the lodge, but you need to call way in advance for reservations because it stays booked, especially since we got air conditioning installed about three years ago," Hal Dilworth, lawyer at the AMCOM Legal Office and president of the CWFC, said. "Aviation and Missile Command organizations can use the lodge for an off-site meeting or luncheon Monday through Thursday, from January to October for a very reduced rate... well, really, it's free, but you do have to clean up afterwards."

Rental ranges from \$100 to \$275, depending on the day of the week and holiday use. The lodge offers a full kitchen (no pots and pans), ice maker, warmer ovens, stove, coffee pot, tables, chairs,

bathrooms, and a beautiful view overlooking the Tennessee River.

"Everything here can be used by the guests," Valerie Carey, CWF business manager, said. "Downtown places sometimes charge for the use of the kitchen or the tables and chairs. There's no extra charges here."

The CWFC uses the rental money, coupled with profits from the Post Restaurant Fund and a small amount from the Carlson Wagonlit Leisure Travel Office to provide services to the Redstone community.

"We offer reduced rate tickets to sporting events and attractions," Carey said. "We bought out the Stars game last Friday night to give away free tickets. We also put together bus trips and help sponsor organization days."

The CWFC is made up of 19 elected voting districts, representing organizations across the Arsenal. There are 1-9 representatives per district, depending on population. The council decides how to use the money and what events and trips are planned.

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**SPRING IS IN THE AIR**—Volunteers from IMMC do some gardening in a flower bed outside the Rustic Lodge as part of the annual spring cleanup. They are from left, Jan Pickard, CWFC member, Merita Sharp, Jan Bentley and Sheila Wilson, CWFC member.

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## Fair judges

From left a student shows his project to science fair judges Richard Kee, Sgt. Bryan Matkin and SFC Robert Barnes from the 184th IMA Detachment, U.S. Army Reserves and Weapons & Technical Management Office of Deputy for Systems Acquisition. They, along with six other persons, judged 300 to 500 high-school science fair exhibits at University of Alabama-Huntsville, April 6-7. For the last 15 years Barnes' reserve unit has provided judges for the Army Science Board regional and state science fair competitions.



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■ Community invited to MWR activities

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on capacity. As a countermeasure, MWR provides membership to these activities for a nominal fee. Membership may be purchased by all of Team Redstone, including contractors. With membership comes a host of discounts good at MWR activities across the post.

"We are expanding our services as much as possible to include everyone," Ahern said. "We're trying to make sure that everyone out there who drives by the golf course or the bowling center and thinks it's only for the military gets the word, MWR is for you."

To get a complete list of services and the latest on MWR activities and events, check their web site at: [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).



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### Chapel anniversary

The congregation sings April 8 during the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Bicentennial Chapel. Participants included former and current installation chaplains.

■ Volunteers landscape Rustic Lodge grounds

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"We encourage everyone to get involved," Dilworth said. "If you have ideas about things you want us to do, let your representative know or you can come to the meetings. We have an open meeting every third Tuesday of the month at the Rustic Lodge at 1 p.m."

"We're like the civilian Morale Welfare and Recreation, but we're open to all of Team Redstone. Our job is to find out the

things people want to do. We do sponsor a sports league with volleyball, softball and basketball."

Keeping the Rustic Lodge looking good is just one of their many responsibilities, but they are faithful. The cleanups began back in the days when awards were given through the Army Community of Excellence program. The program awards have since gone but the tradition lives on at the lodge.

"We want to keep the place looking good," Carey said. "It's such a beautiful place. People come here and they enjoy it. That's important to us."

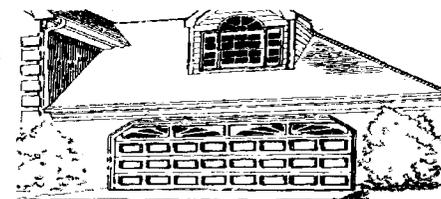
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## Sports & Recreation

### Golf scramble

The Northern Alabama UK Alumni Club invites area golfers to participate in a "Show Your Colors" Golf Scramble, Saturday. Registration is at 12:15 p.m. and a shotgun start is at 1 at the Redstone 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, call Jim 955-9106 day, or 721-1065 in the evening.

### Fishing tournament

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America is holding its Spring Bass Tournament May 5, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tournament will be on Wheeler Lake from the Redstone Recreation Area 1 (Easter-Posey). For more information call Bob Vlasics 837-0005, Bob Dean 313-1338 or Tom Geoffroy 313-0747.

## 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. For more information, call Emerson McAfee 955-0808 or go to the following web site: [www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm](http://www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm).

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon today at 11 at the

Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Col. Joan Campanaro, commander of Fox Army Health Center. For more information, call Matthew Boenker 885-4274.

### Interactive authoring

Team IADS (Interactive Authoring and Display System) will hold its second annual International IADS Users Group Conference May 8-10 at the Research Park Holiday Inn (next to the Madison Square Mall). 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 (Interactive Electronic Technical Manual) community. For more information see the IADS website at <http://iads.redstone.army.mil> or call Christy Wildman 876-4017, or Rich Gramly 876-8112.

### Training seminar

The annual Blacks In Government (BIG) Professional Development Seminar will be held Dec. 6 at the Tom Beville Center for a cost of \$125. "For planning purposes, please ensure the seminar is posted to your Individual Development Plan," a prepared release said. For more information, call 551-7230 and leave a voicemail. Your call will be returned.

### Enlisted soldiers

A briefing on the Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Post Theater. This is open to all military occupational specialties. The program director, SFC Hively of Fort Knox, Ky., is to give the briefing. For more information, call SSgt. Warrentina Berry 876-8675.

### University women

The Huntsville Chapter of the American

Association of University Women will meet May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Clock Tower Restaurant. Sarah Savage, Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform board member, is to speak about "Making Constitutional Reform Happen." For more information about AAUW or to make reservations for this meeting, call Pam Smith 882-2422.

### Toastmasters club

Are you nervous when briefing or speaking to a group of people? Are you preparing a briefing in the near future? Would you like to practice or improve your speaking/communications skills? The Communicators Toastmaster Club invites you to have fun and improve your speaking skills every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sparkman Center, building 5304, third floor, room 4366. Additionally, the Toastmasters Course is government sponsored. For more information, call Ronald Legowik 876-5619 or Christella Green 955-4007.

### Professional development

Maj. Gen. Al Sullivan will conduct a mandatory AMCOM Officer Professional Development session, 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. 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, provide your name to your activity POC for consolidation. An appointment time will be established and provided to your POC. If you have any questions, contact your POC or call Maj. McDaniel, AG, 876-1671.

## Miscellaneous

### Civilian welfare fund

The Civilian Welfare Fund is conducting a survey to determine what the programs will be next year. You can complete the survey online at <https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cgi-bin/cwfc/cwfcsurvey.pl> or get a copy from your local CWF representative. If you don't know who represents you on the council, call Valerie 955-6739.

### Ordinance reunion

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will have its fourth annual reunion at the Officers and Civilians Club, May 4 at 7 p.m. All present and former OGMS/OMMCS personnel are invited. Cost is \$10 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Response deadline is April 24. For more information, call Guy McAllister 539-1333 or Jack Matthews 539-2803.

### German picnic

Mayfest is coming to the Soldatenstube, May 5 from 12-5 p.m. They'll have a 5K and 10K Volksmarch, from 7 a.m. to noon, so make your plans now to attend. They will serve up German sausages, potato salad, and assorted Bavarian beverages on the patio. There will also be a May Pole Dance, complete with a live polka band. The Soldatenstube Restaurant is now serving homemade German cakes and pastries, "prepared especially for us by a

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## Blood drive

Alabama Industries for the Blind will hold a blood drive Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 3775, Maintenance Row (north on Patton, just before guard shack). Any donor gets a coupon for a free medium one-topping pizza from Domino's. To sign up or get more information, call the Base Supply Center 876.4011.

## Carport/yard sale

The Redstone community Spring Carport/Yard Sale will be held May 5-6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the housing areas. "This is a great opportunity for occupants to dispose of items they no longer need and provides others the prospect of finding treasures," a prepared release said. "Good selling and shopping to all!"

## Best yards competition

The Yard of the Month program will kick off right after Spring Cleanup (April 26-27). The competition will occur monthly from May through September. Judging dates will occur on the second Monday of each month, (May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, and Sept. 10). There will be four family housing winners selected each month. One award will be presented for each of the following judging categories: Officer, Senior Enlisted (E7-E9), Junior Enlisted (E1-E6) Single/Duplex units, and Junior Enlisted (E1-E6) Multiplex units. There will also be one unit winner each month. Judges will look primarily for general appearance, initiative and originality. The Housing Management Divi-

sion would like to extend to all of the housing occupants good luck during the coming months.

## Asian Pacific celebration

Team Redstone will hold an essay contest and unit/departments static display contest for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May. Entry deadline is May 8. Winners will be announced during the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration, May 17 from 2:30-5 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information call SFC Bryant, of AMCOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office, 876-8648 or SFC Quesenberry, 59th Ordnance Brigade equal opportunity adviser, 876-9224.

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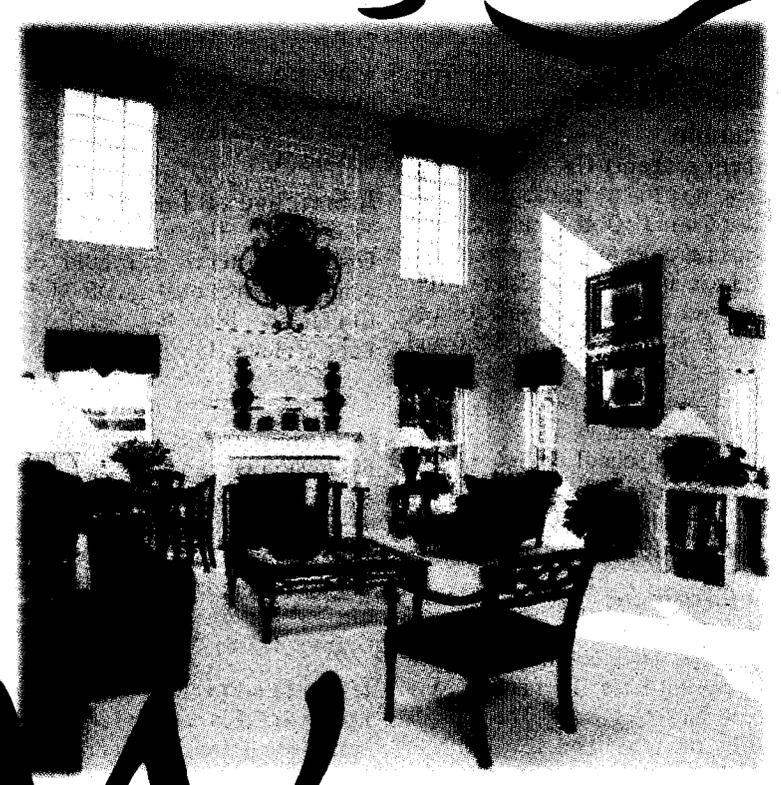
The Redstone Chapter of AHS (American Helicopter Society) International is sponsoring a \$2,000 scholarship for academic year 2001-02. The intent of this award is to encourage and assist an upperclassman or graduate student to pursue an engineering career in the fields of rotorcraft, vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, or fixed wing aircraft. Recipients must be a college junior, senior or graduate student from the Redstone Chapter region, and an AHS member or immediate family member of an AHS member and registered as a full-time student at an accredited school of engineering. Applications and instructions are available for download at [www.corridorofexcellence.com](http://www.corridorofexcellence.com). Deadline for applications is May 18. For more information, call Steve Parker 864-8347.

## Youth volunteers

The Red Cross Youth Program at the Fox Army Health Center is about to get under way and will provide valuable experience to teens. The youth volunteers will be staffed throughout the health center and assist in clinics, the records room, and in other areas. This is an excellent opportunity to find out just how rewarding volunteer work can be, as well as find out how the various clinics operate. Teen-agers 14 or older with valid military ID cards are eligible to participate in the program. Those interested in volunteering must call

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## Announcements

the Red Cross 536-0084, extension 210 to pre-register and then attend a training meeting to be held at the Red Cross Chapter House at 1101 Washington St. on May 31 at 9 a.m. All rules will be explained at that time and registration forms for them to fill out will be available. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting with their teenager. Placement in the program will take place within one week of each meeting.

### Training information fair

The Personnel and Training Directorate, Quality Institute Division is holding a Training Information Fair, May 1 in building 5304, rooms 4231-40 and room 4247. Come by and learn about the different training opportunities available to Team Redstone. Educational opportunities range from professional development to academic offerings. Information on various modes of educational services will be displayed—computer based to conventional classroom instruction. You can gather general information or ask the representatives specific questions. Automation classroom tour (room 4385) and the Army Learning Center tour (room 4319) also will be included in the activities. A partial participant listing includes local area colleges, Acquisition work force representatives, AMTEC, Quality Institute services, work force and leadership training, automation training, TIP help, room scheduling, and other Army Education Center services. Stop by and check out what's available. If you have questions, e-mail the following: [connie.meyer@redstone.army.mil](mailto:connie.meyer@redstone.army.mil).

### Family supplemental allowance

The Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance will be effective May 1. The FSSA authorizes a supplemental allowance to military members with dependents who are food stamp eligible and make application for such allowance. Maximum allowance is set at \$500 per month. Members will be eligible if total household income including the member's BAH entitlement (even if member is in quarters) is less than food stamp income eligibility ceiling. This allowance shall terminate upon: 12 consecutive months of payments, promotion or PCS transfer. Once terminated, the member may reapply

for the allowance if meeting the income standards. Army Community Service personnel will be trained in FSSA eligibility and Thrift Savings Plan in early May. Watch the Redstone Rocket for more information, as it becomes available.

### Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic community at the Bicentennial Chapel will have first communion practice Saturday at 10 a.m. First communion will be Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Confession will be Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m. and Sunday 8:30-9:15 a.m. Weekend mass is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

### Veterans tribute

A tribute to World War II veterans will be held May 1 at 7 p.m. in the Grissom High School auditorium. Students want to honor all the people who served our country in that conflict. The presentation will be 90 minutes and include choral, band, dance and theater students. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$7 for students/seniors, are available at Books-A-Million, Airport Road. Proceeds will go to the World War II national monument. For more information, call 428-8019.

### Pet adoption

The Huntsville Humane Society will sponsor "Pet Adoption 2001," May 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 6 from noon to 5 p.m. at their location, 2812 Johnson Road. For more information, call 881-8081.

### Gospel concert

Come share in a celebration of praise as the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presents "Sisters in Praise," featuring the Delta Choir in their fourth annual concert Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Bartley P.B. Church, 3020 Belafonte Ave., Huntsville. For more information, call Pamela Milton 859-9677 or Brigitte Fletcher 859-8003.

### Class reunion

Lee High School class of 1971 will have its 30-year reunion Aug. 11 at the Von Braun Center. For more information, call Liz Gamble Butler 533-9370.

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