

# Redstone Rocket

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## Electronic meeting facility serves as community role model

*Children's advocates visit room in Sparkman Center*

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

The Electronic Meeting Systems facility at Redstone has changed the way business and training are conducted. No more pads and pencils. No more fear of speaking your mind in front of the boss. Everything is real time, anonymous and documented — all at the touch of a few key strokes.

"I was so impressed with the technology and abilities when I toured the facility three years ago," Jan Payne, training director for the National Children's Advocacy Center, said. "I brought our people back with me, so they could see for themselves the benefits of this type of system."

Three years ago, the National Children's Advocacy Center was in the drawing board phase of a new facility in Huntsville. That's what brought Payne to the Arsenal — to see what could be designed into their new plan. Now that the site near Five Points is being cleared and their building is becoming a reality, Payne returned to the EMS

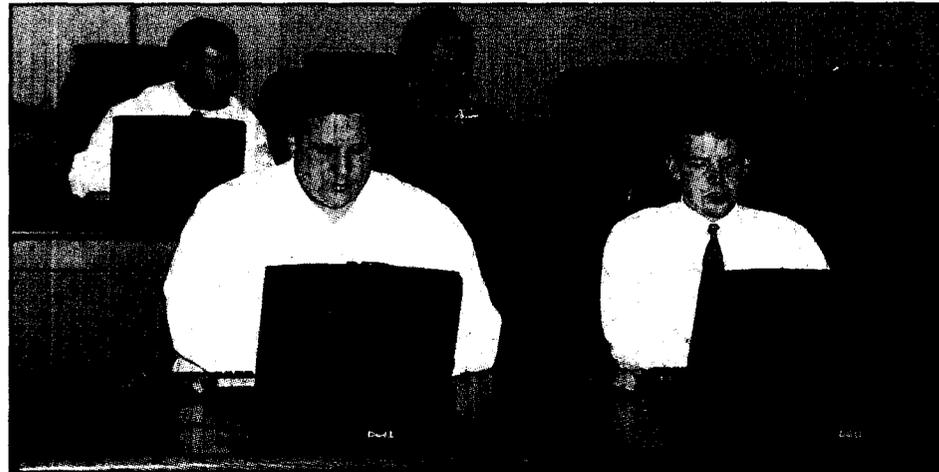


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**TECHNOLOGY TEST—** Representatives from the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville visited the electronic meeting room in the Sparkman Center Dec. 4 to check out the system as a model for their new facility. NCAC personnel include, in foreground, David Freeman, left, and Brad Arnette; and in background, Eric Strickland and Stacy Ikard.

Dec. 4 along with 11 representatives.

The non-profit NCAC is a combination of local services to children and families and regional and national programs for child abuse professionals.

"We run a number of national trainings here each year," Payne said. "We bring in

groups of child abuse professionals from around the country about 20 times a year plus additional conferences and the National Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse held every March in Huntsville. The facility at the Sparkman Center gives us new ideas about how to deliver training to professionals."

Only part of the EMS facility is at the Sparkman Center. The Corporate Information Center began using the new technology-driven meeting rooms in 1992 in building 3448 in the missile school area. In 1998, two new rooms were set up in building 5309. The Green Room is the largest with a possible 54 users. A breakout room across the hall can handle 16 users. The Red Room with a capacity of 24 users is housed in building 3448, and there is a mobile lab to accommodate 25 users.

Users sit at computer terminals built into the tables in the conference room. The system allows meeting topics or issues to be viewed on large screens in the front of the room. Attendees can input suggestions, ideas or requirements at their terminal simultaneously and anonymously, which appear on the front screens.

Time savings, continuous documentation, equality and more participation buy-in are among the top benefits of this system. Participants don't have to fear retribution for voicing their opinions because comments are not traced back to the terminals.

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## Updated rocket system launcher gets high marks in first test firings

*New version delivered 23 months after contract*

By BILL McARDLE  
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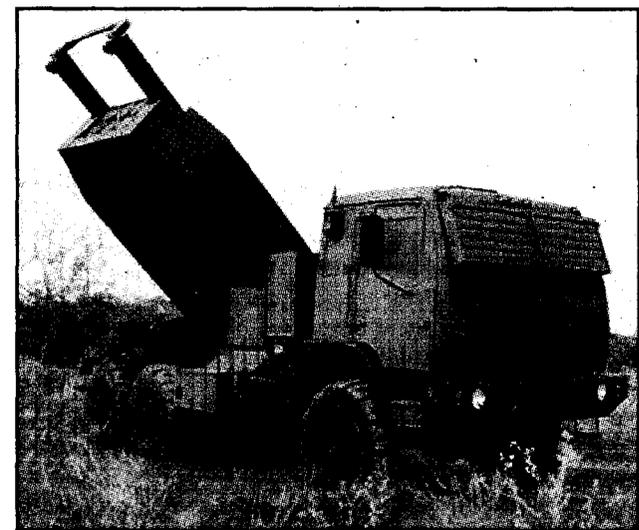
The new updated version of the Army's High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launcher achieved success last week during its initial flight test firings at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The new HIMARS launcher, built during the Engineering, Manufacturing, and Development phase of the program, is a completely updated version of the preliminary prototype design vehicle built for troop evaluation in support of the Rapid Force Projection Initiative Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration. The prototype launchers, delivered to Fort Bragg, N.C., for evaluation in 1998, are still on the job with the 3/27th Field Artillery providing them with long-range precision strike capability using a variety of Multiple Launch Rockets System rock-

ets and Army Tactical Missile System munitions.

The XVIII Corps Artillery is so impressed with the performance of the prototypes that it requested and received permission from the Army leadership to retain this lethal capability to augment the deep fires of its rapid deployment forces. The prototypes remain ready for deployment to support warfighting contingencies.

The Precision Fires Project Office, the TRADOC Systems Management Office, and Lockheed Martin worked closely with the Fort Bragg artillery community to glean insight into the attributes and deficiencies of the initial prototype design. Based on user feedback and the incorporation of new technologies, the EMD HIMARS is a radically new upgrade over its predecessor. The new launcher incorporates a revised self reload system similar to the MLRS M270A1, a new man-rated cab that is more efficiently designed for crew drills and amenities, and an updated fire control system that is state-of-the-art. The



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**FIRE MISSION—** The High Mobility Artillery Rocket System conducts a mock fire mission.

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## Customer not sold on store policy

First of all, I'd like to say that the Redstone Thrift Shop is and has always been a wonderful place to find great bargains and get rid of unneeded items of your own. The shop personnel are always friendly and willing to offer assistance. However, I'd like to have some of the practices that seem to be commonplace clarified.

One of the rules has been that no "new" items will be accepted for resale. This is a joke! Every week, foreign-made tools appear in their original packing; some even have the original price tags. It is obvious, to me, some people are using the Thrift Shop to promote their own enterprises. I questioned management about this and their answer was, "some items get through anyway." It appears management isn't doing their job.

The main reason I'm writing to express my concerns is an experience I had this morning (Nov. 28). I had been watching an item for five weeks - waiting for it to go on sale. On the day the item was reduced, I was the first one in the store. The item was gone. It was there the evening before - I could see it through a window. An employee had obviously purchased the item or was holding it for a friend. If employees of the Thrift Shop get first chance on sale items, why put them on sale? The general public, oh by the way - who support the shop, aren't getting a fair shot at sale items. If this is Thrift Shop "policy," it needs to be posted so bargain hunters, like myself, don't waste their time on the Thrift Shop.

**Phil Davis**  
Army retired

*Editor's note: The Thrift Shop board of governors provided the following response. "We would like to address three issues in your letter. First, your statement addressing the policy that no 'new' items will be accepted for resale is true. However,*

*from time to time, some items have found themselves on the shelves with the original packaging and price tags. The board of governors has addressed the problem, and the volunteers and employees of the Thrift Shop will be reminded of the policy and will more carefully inspect these items in the future. Thank you for pointing that out to us.*

*"Second, your allegation that an employee held an item for him/herself or a friend is not true. It is strictly against store policy for any employee or volunteer to 'hold' items for themselves or other persons prior to the sale of the item. The only time merchandise is held is when it has been sold to a customer. If the customer cannot physically remove the item from the store that day, it is marked 'sold' and held for customer pickup. Items are never held before they are purchased.*

*"Third, we would like to define the 'general public' to which you referred. Our employees and volunteers become 'the general public' once they leave the office/consignment area in the back of the building. Once they enter the store, they are free to shop just like any other customer as long as that shopping does not interfere with their normal Thrift Shop activities. Our volunteers and employees arrive well in advance of the store's opening, not unlike other employees of retail organizations. Once their designated pre-opening duties have been performed, they enjoy the same advantages as retail store employees in that they can shop until the store opens. This is a common practice for most, if not all, retail stores, and ours is no different. Our employees and volunteers are free to take advantage of sale items at this time.*

*"If you would like to speak personally to the chairperson of the board of governors, Gail Askew, please call the Thrift Shop to arrange a meeting."*

## Sergeant Audie Murphy Club promoted

Members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club represent some of the best NCOs in the Army. Induction and membership in the FORSCOM SAMC is a reward for non-commissioned officers whose leadership achievements and performance merit special recognition. The SAMC is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and a combat ready Army.

Members exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs,

training, development and welfare of soldiers and concern for families of soldiers.

I am attempting to contact any members present on our post. The intent is to create a functional SAMC on Redstone Arsenal and then promote the SAMC boards to those who reflect the ideals set forth in FORSCOM Regulation 215-7. Members are asked to contact me either by phone 955-6504 or via e-mail at the following address:  
Thomas.Perkins@se.amedd.army.mil.

**SSgt. Thomas J. Perkins**

## Knights of Round Table keep PX tradition

For many years retired military and civil service employees have been drinking coffee and socializing in Redstone Arsenal's food exchange court located in the PX/Commissary complex.

In 1998 that all changed. A group of 6-10 retirees decided to form a coffee club that would become the Knights of the Round Table with a membership that is in excess of 50 and growing. J.C. Herring, a charter member, decided to approach Ken Barton, the Post Exchange manager, and attempt to acquire a much needed larger table for the coffee drinkers. Mr. Barton was appreciative of the idea and he, along with his more than willing staff, came up with a large round table for the drinkers, hence Knights of the Round Table.

The Knights are extremely appreciative of Mr. Barton's staff for their efforts in making signs to identify the retirees' corner, a large bulletin board and printing of the Knights bylaws.

Membership in the Knights is very loose. The only thing you really have to be is retired, either military or civil service. The bylaws, which each member must agree to, are quite simple: no boss, leave

your rank at home and always have a kind word for your fellow man or woman. Women are welcome.

Each Knight is provided with a complete, up-to-date list of all members. If a member does not show up for a few days, someone will be checking on him.

The Knights represent over 1,000 years of military experience and consist of members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and civil service.

It is thought that this is the only official, and organized, group of military retired coffee drinkers in the continental United States.

The Knights would also like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the PX staff and food court employees for putting up with their sometimes offbeat behavior and demands.

**J.C. Herring**  
Huntsville

*Editor's note: The Knights range from age 44-88 and include two Pearl Harbor survivors. Their informal coffee club meets from 8:30 a.m. to noon six days a week at the Post Exchange. "We really have a ball," charter member J.C. Herring said.*

## Redstone Rocket has holiday break

The Redstone Rocket staff will celebrate the holidays by taking a two-week break Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Our last issue of the

year is Dec. 19 and our first issue of the new year is Jan. 9. We hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

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# Special Forces servicemembers awarded Purple Heart honors

Five treated at medical center after injured in Afghanistan

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LANDSTUHL, Germany — Four of the five U.S. servicemembers injured recently during a bombing in Afghanistan were awarded the Purple Heart by Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert, commanding general, U.S. Army Special Forces Command, Dec. 1 during a ceremony at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. The fifth servicemember attended the ceremony, but elected to receive the Purple Heart when he returns to the United States.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war, and is a combat decoration. Four of the injured have been released from the hospital, and the remaining patient was in good condition. He was expected to be released soon.

Following the award ceremony, U.S. Special Forces personnel, known throughout the world as the "quiet professionals," talked with reporters. In describing the Special Forces members, Lambert said they are people with adventurous spirits who believe in their country, love their families, and are willing to pay with their blood in the fight against terrorism.

Using only first names for operational security reasons, three of the Purple Heart recipients described their experiences in Afghanistan. They told reporters about the day they received word that heavy casualties were being inflicted on the Northern Alliance by the Taliban forces, and some of the events that occurred after they entered the combat area. According to the Special Forces crew, they were subjected to small arms fire and mortar rounds prior to the bombing.

"Everything went brown," according to one of the servicemembers. "I felt myself flying through the air and I was awake and conscious the entire time. I prepared myself for the impact and at first thought I couldn't see or hear. My biggest worry was that the Taliban had overwhelmed our people, but that didn't happen. I heard American voices and cried out for help. One of our crew helped me to a safer position."

He added that two other team members, while under Taliban fire, heroically rescued a more seriously injured soldier. All five were medically evacuated to a nearby hospital and later to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

In discussing their experiences, they said they were received with open arms and a lot of smiling faces by the Afghanistan people, and described the Taliban forces as dedicated to their cause and highly motivated.



Photo by Spec. Phillip Breedlove Jr.

**MEETING THE PRESS**— Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert, commanding general, U.S. Army Special Forces Command, left, responds to media questions about U.S. troops in Afghanistan along with Special Forces servicemembers who were injured in a recent bombing incident.



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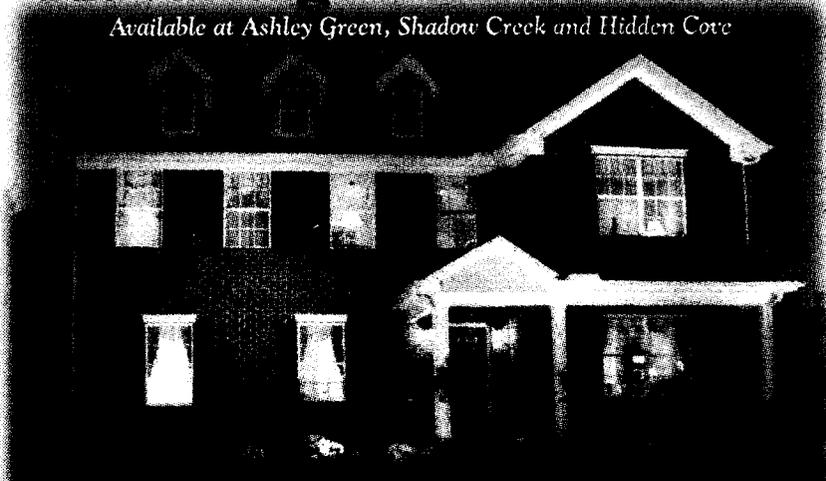
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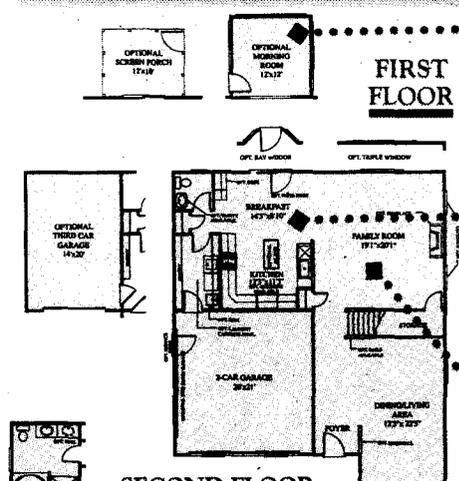
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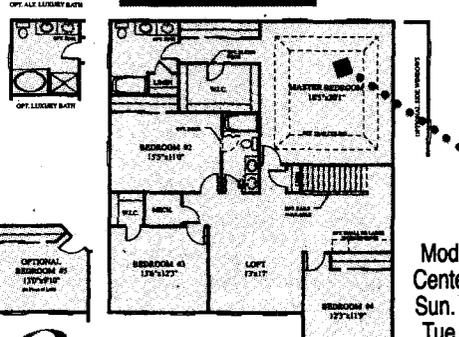
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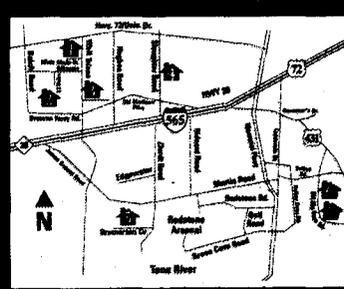
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# Missile school's largest company has new leader of pack

**Capt. Kevin Moore joins C Company**

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

The largest student company in the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School gained a new leader Dec. 4.

Charlie Company, the Wolfpack, said goodbye to Capt. Kevin Burke, its com-



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride  
**FOND FAREWELL—** Capt. Kevin Burke, former commander of C Company, embraces Capt. Mary Walsh, former commander of B Company, after his change of command ceremony.

mander for the past two years, and welcomed new commander Capt. Kevin Moore in an early morning change of command ceremony.

In November 2000, C Company was up to 500 soldiers with only six drill sergeants. The drill sergeant-to-student ratio was 83-to-1. In the past two years, Charlie Company had to deal with how to house and feed this large number of students.

The unit's leaders found a way, according to Lt. Col. Craig Cotter, 832nd Ordnance Battalion commander who spoke at the ceremony.

"He (Burke) and first sergeant (Marcus Markham) were the ones who stood in front of the wrecking ball when they tried to tear building 346 down," Cotter said. "But through all this he maintained his cool and provided sound leadership."

"One of my biggest challenges (during command) was handling the surge of soldiers," Burke said. "At one point we were over 200 percent of our capacity. We peaked out at over 600 soldiers. We had limited resources and we had to get creative. It has been a tremendous honor to serve in C Company."

"But I'm looking forward to getting back to a FORSCOM unit," Burke said. "I'm going from a teaching mode to actually being on the ground with the troops and performing the mission."

Burke is headed to Fort Bragg, N.C. In his

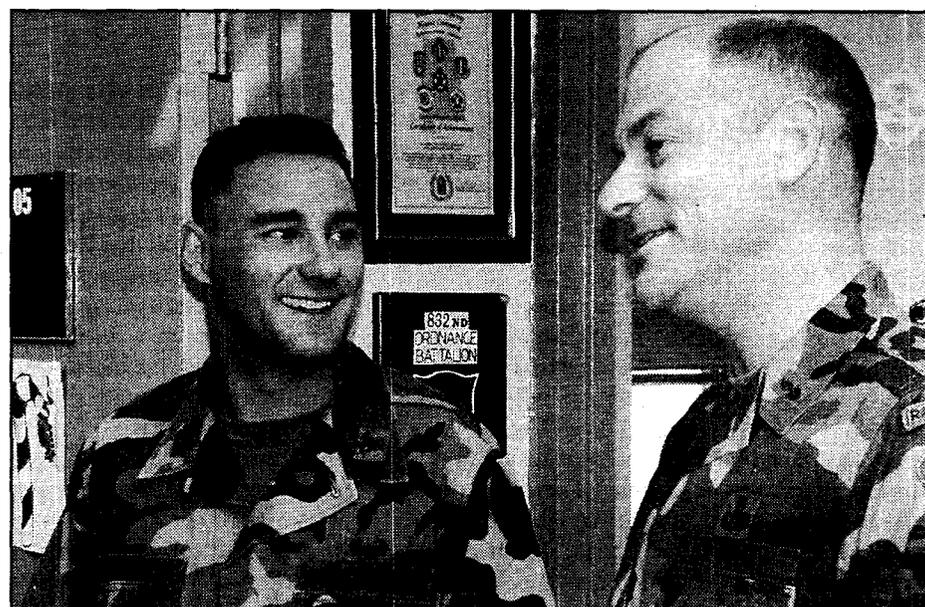


Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride

**NEW COMMANDER—** Capt. Kevin Moore, left, new commander for C Company, talks with Lt. Col. Craig Cotter, 832nd Ordnance Battalion commander, after the change of command.

farewell remarks, he thanked cadre, instructors and other personnel within OMMCS for making his tenure as company commander successful during a stressful time.

"Charlie Company will always be the largest company here on Redstone Arsenal and within OMMCS," Cotter said. "We train the best ammo specialists and explosive ordnance specialists in the world."

"Capt. Burke been here for 24 months. In his term the first sergeant, drill sergeants, cadre, instructors have sent 2,300 soldiers into the field. That's not too bad. Thank you for your leadership."

Moore, the new commander, was born into a military family at Fort Ord, Calif. After high school, he attended West Point and graduated with a degree in environmental engineering in 1996. He was commissioned as a quartermaster officer. His most recent assignment was as the counter-drug support operations officer at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

"It's a great pleasure to take command of such a well established company," Moore said, "and to have cadre that is so full of talent. I look forward to working and serving in Charlie Company."

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# Future officer traded desk job for military career



Photo by Sgt. Sharon McBride  
**BRAVO BULLDOG—** Spec. Joseph Brown of B Company takes a break during a field training exercise for his 35Y class that graduates Dec. 17. The active lifestyle of a soldier is what drew him to join the Army. Brown will attend officer candidate school this summer.

## Sedentary lifestyle just didn't cut it

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
 Staff writer

Sitting behind a desk every day just didn't sit well with him.

So he joined the Army.

Spec. Joseph Brown, of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, traded his life of computing other people's finances for a life with a rucksack. And now he's taking his decision of a military career one step further; he's been accepted to attend Officer Candidate School after he graduates in December.

Brown, from Grand Prairie, Texas, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration. Soon after he graduated, he found a job that landed him behind a desk.

"I hated it, I wanted more options," he said. And he decided that the Army could give him those options.

Besides the opportunity to earn a master's degree of his choice, Brown said it was the military lifestyle that appealed to him most. A self-described natural athlete, Brown said that the Army gives him the best of both worlds, a "technical and tactical" life.

"I can actually get out and use what I learn," he said. As a 35Y, or Integrated Family of Test Equipment operator and

maintainer, he gets technical knowledge and experience as well as an active lifestyle in the Army.

OCS for him was just another step in the right direction.

"I decided, 'why not?'" he said. "I'll make the best of my military career." Brown graduates Dec. 17 and is scheduled to report to OCS on July 14. He said that his parents and other family members are proud of his decision to attend OCS.

"I come from an Army family," he said. "But they were all enlisted. My grandfather is a retired first sergeant."

He said that his new wife, Bobbie Jo, is also proud of his decision. "I learned that I was accepted on Nov. 8," he said. He married his wife, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Nov. 9. "She supports me 100 percent, even though it means we will be apart a little longer." His wife graduated from the 27T course here earlier this year.

Brown said he has a lot to be thankful for.

"I would like to thank Capt. Sihra, my company commander, for all the help he gave me," Brown said. "Without him, me going to OCS wouldn't be possible."

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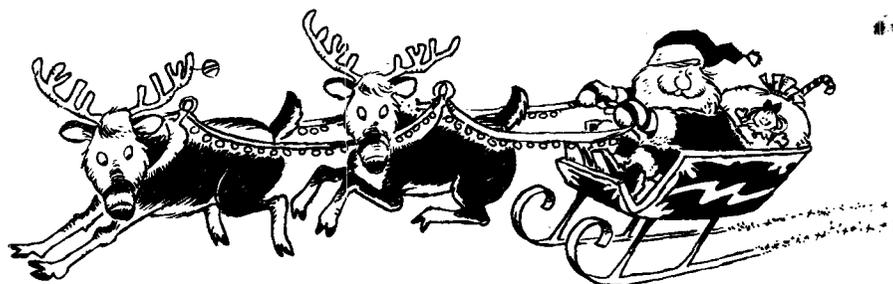


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# You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout...



*Santa visits housing areas Saturday beginning 9 a.m.*

By Sgt. SHARON McBRIDE  
Staff writer

Normally he flies around with eight tiny reindeer, but not when he visits Redstone Arsenal. When he's here, he travels in style aboard a big, red shiny fire truck complete with wailing sirens.

Santa Claus is scheduled to visit the family housing

areas Saturday and he's bringing a bunch of sergeants major full of Christmas spirit with him. Atop the fire truck, courtesy of the Redstone Fire Department, and with the help of the Sergeants Major Association, the Big Guy will deliver treats to children who live on post.

"There will also be two elves to help Santa out," said C.J. Johnson, a retired sergeant major and the spokesman for this year's Sergeants Major Association Santa Run.

"Kids should get their wish lists together because Santa will be looking for them," he said. "So when you hear the sirens in your neighborhood come on out and

visit with Santa."

The jolly guy with the big belly will begin his run at 9 a.m. Saturday. "It's as much fun for us (sergeants major) as it is for the kids," Johnson said. The association has allocated \$400 for treats and candy to be given out. From 20 to 30 sergeants major, both active and retired, will be on hand to give Santa and his elf buddies a hand.

Santa will visit all the housing areas sometime Saturday morning, Johnson said. "Just listen for the sirens and come out of your house."

## LOGSA workers share Christmas spirit with children's home

*Gifts, supplies, groceries contributed during party*

By BERNADINE JACKSON  
Logistics Support Activity

Members of the Logistics Support Activity were in a giving mood at their ninth annual Christmas Party, Dec. 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The theme, "A New Hope for Christmas," was synonymous with the new hope that LOGSA employees gave to the boys and girls of the Huntsville-based Harris Home, this year's chosen charity. The party had the largest turnout ever with more than 200 attendees.

After the meal Shafunda Holtzclaw, public relations coordinator for Harris Home, provided the attendees with a good

description of the Harris Home for Children. The most poignant part of her presentation was stating that neither the gifts nor the money were the most important emphasis to the Harris Home boys and girls, but rather the honor of being chosen and remembered by the LOGSA employees this holiday season.

LOGSA presented the Harris Home with more than a dozen boxes filled to the brim with toys, gifts, supplies and groceries. A significant cash contribution as well as a portable television and VCR were also presented.

Mrs. Santa Claus surprised the employees of LOGSA with a special visit, since Santa Claus was entertaining the troops in

Afghanistan this year. She handed out door prizes to more than 30 people. Timeless Productions provided musical entertainment throughout the afternoon and had everyone keeping time to the music. This year's emcees were James Bryant and Bernadine Jackson. The special guest was Sue Weidenthal, wife of the commander of LOGSA, Col. Kurt Weidenthal II.

The Christmas Committee of "hard working" elves, chaired by Reena Strong, included David Adkins, Bryant, Mary Davis, Sharon Gilbert, Jackson, Jean Johnston, Cherrie Peloquin, Phillip Proston, Laura Reasner, Tara Tanner, Charlotte Turner and Adria Wilder.

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# Automated time card system sets holiday schedule

*Timekeepers can post leave for Dec. 16-29*

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The window of certification for pay period Dec. 16-29 will open 7 a.m. Dec. 17 and close noon Dec. 31.

Timekeepers can start posting leave now for that pay period. If the primary certifying officials plan to be on leave during the window of certification, they are encouraged to make sure that alternate certifying officials are available and have been established in the Automated Time Attendance and Production System. If the primary certifying official's telephone number has recently changed, they need to ensure that it has been changed in the ATAAPS.

The next holidays are Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Timekeepers will not have to use bulk leave to post the holiday leave for Christmas Day and New Years Day, provided the employee's Exception Reporting indicator in the file maintenance is set for "Y" and the Holiday Leave indicator in the file maintenance is set for "Y." (Note: Timekeepers

can use the bulk leave option in ATAAPS to post the holiday leave; Dec. 24, Christmas Eve is not a standard holiday.)

All employees are encouraged to review a memo published by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, "Holidays and In-Lieu-Of Holidays," dated Dec. 18, 2000.

Resource Management Directorate and the Corporate Information Center personnel are still encouraging users to post daily and to log off the mainframe properly. Some users are clicking on the close button located in the top right portion of the window identified by a box with an "X" inside of the active window. Users should not exit through this method. Users should follow the instructions provided on the ATAAPS screen when exiting and logging off the system or use "F3." Use of the close button logs a user out of the telnet section, however the users will remain logged into the mainframe. This causes the system response time to slow down severely.

For more information, call Vanessa Williams 876-8078 or Margaret Till 876-7104.



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## Christmas cheer

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# Armor School invites nominations for annual Franks Award

*Longtime contributions to fighting force cited*

MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFICE RELEASE

The eighth annual General Frederick M. Franks Award will be awarded during the 2002 Armor Conference to an active duty or Reserve officer, noncommissioned officer, or Army civilian who has demonstrated a longtime contribution to the ground fighting and war fighting capabilities of the Army.

A Franks Award nominee should possess two or more of the following characteristics of duty performance during the year or years preceding the award: offered a vision for the future of the mounted war fighting force that significantly improved combat survivability, lethality, maneuverability or mobility; developed an innova-

tion in equipment, material or doctrine that significantly enhanced the effectiveness of mounted elements of the combat arms; exemplified professional excellence in demeanor, correspondence and leadership on issues relevant to mounted warfare; displayed a love of soldiering through leadership skills, recognition of the sacrifice and achievements of subordinates, and attention to the intent and direction of higher commanders.

In keeping with the example demonstrated so well by the award's namesake, any soldier in the Army can recommend another soldier or civilian for the award. Each brigade level commander may nominate, and division/post level commanders must endorse and forward to USAARMC. The chief of Armor has final approval authority. Each unit/command must develop a process by which you allow

nominations from the lowest level that fulfills the aforementioned requirements. At the very least, nominations will be made in the form of a detailed letter to the president of the panel discussing the achievements of the nominee according to the aforementioned criteria. A short video or pictures of the nominee that highlight the individual's character, leadership abilities and contributions to the mounted force may also accompany nominations. Video submissions may also include endorsements by the nominee's superiors, peers or subordinates.

Nominations must be submitted to the U.S. Army Armor School by April 1. Recommendation of an awardee will be made by the Franks Award Selection Panel and forwarded to the Chief of Armor for final approval. The selection panel typically consists of the following: the USAARMC

and Fort Knox, Ky., deputy commanding general as president, two Armor Center colonels and the Armor School command sergeant major. Selection is accomplished on a scoring system much like the promotion scoring system. The winner will be presented the award May 22 at the annual armor conference held at Fort Knox. The U.S. Army Armor School will pay cost of TDY for the award recipient.

If anyone has questions concerning the award, visit the armor conference web site at [WWW.KNOX.ARMY.MIL/ARCONF](http://WWW.KNOX.ARMY.MIL/ARCONF), or call SFC Douglas E. Kennedy (502) 624-7364 or e-mail at [douglas.kennedy@knox.army.mil](mailto:douglas.kennedy@knox.army.mil)

Nominations should be submitted to arrive at the Military Personnel Office by Feb. 26. Send nominations to the Aviator and Missile Command, ATTN: AMSAM, PT-MO-AG-SPO, Redstone Arsenal 35898-5193.

## Pact made with United Kingdom for common missile

The Army announced Friday that it has signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the United Kingdom for the cooperative development of the Common Missile.

A single missile system, CM will be employed on a variety of platforms meeting both ground and air requirements for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps as well as the UK's armed forces. CM will meet future battlefield

needs at dramatically reduced costs, while increasing the warfighters' operational flexibility and reducing the logisticians' footprint in theater.

CM is the primary missile system for Comanche and a lethality candidate for the cornerstone of the Army's Objective Force, the Future Combat Systems. Additionally, CM will be backward compatible with many of the existing platforms that fire either the TOW or Hellfire missile.

With the memorandum, the UK and the Army will cooperatively work together in Concept and Technology Demonstration, mitigating overall program risk and leveraging evolving technology to match interoperability requirements between forces.

CM entered Concept and Technology Demonstration phase in late fiscal 2001, and will enter System Development and Demonstration phase in fiscal 2004.

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## First off line

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Col. Craig Naudain, project manager for Precision Fires Rocket and Missiles Project Office, and Ron Abbott, vice president, Fire Support Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control-Dallas, stand in front of the first Army Tactical Missile/Bat system to come off the production line. Naudain took possession of the system Nov. 26 at a ceremony at the Lockheed Martin Facility in Horizon City, Texas.

## ■ Reservations necessary for e-meeting facility

### Facility

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"We're very proud of what we have here," Ruth Ann Hammond, team leader for EMS, said. "The staff is great at what they do. They're all information technology specialists and know their jobs well."

The facility stays about 95 percent booked so advance scheduling is imperative. The facility has been used for everything from Army Materiel Command board of director meetings to joint services projects to Team Redstone meetings

and training. The staff, upon request, can build electronic surveys, gather results and compile the information into the user's specified format.

"We were so pleased with the willingness of their staff to work with us and make the facility available for us," Payne said. "I'm astounded that they would work with the community in such a way. They've been a great help — very generous in lending their time and expertise. We can see what's out there now and plan for new technologies down the road."

For a virtual tour of the EMS, check their web site at: <http://ems.redstone.army.mil>.

## ■ Launcher on mark in test firings

### Launcher

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new launcher also weighs about 2,000 pounds less than the prototype allowing for more peacetime training opportunities on tactical field landing strips (dirt runways).

Of particular significance to the HIMARS program is the fact that the EMD launchers were designed, built, and test fired within 23 months after contract award.

"I am not aware of any major Army weapons system going from EMD contract award to a firing system within 23 months; a great achievement by the HIMARS team," Lt. Col. Max Carroll, HIMARS product manager, said.

What started out as a planned effort to simply rebuild the prototype design turned into an engineering challenge to achieve significant weight reductions while incor-

porating additional new technologies while still maintaining structural durability. An effort by the entire HIMARS team has enabled the program to maintain its ambitious and success oriented program schedule that will culminate in the fielding of the system in fiscal 2005. This fielding date is 18 months sooner than the date required by the Army in the program's approved acquisition plan.

The firings at White Sands were organized and executed by a team of engineers and technicians from White Sands' Material Test Directorate, Lockheed Martin's White Sands facility, and the Precision Fires Project Office's Test Branch. The success of these preliminary flight tests is also shared by the engineers and technicians at Lockheed's HIMARS Integration Facility in Dallas.

*Editor's note: Bill McArdle is a senior staff engineer at Systems Studies & Simulation Inc., support contractor to Precision Fires Project Office.*

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# Redstone worker named foster parent of year in community

*Jean Matlock and her friends became foster parents together*

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

She takes the kids nobody else wants.

That's the way Jean Matlock had it planned from the beginning. At the end of her 40 hours of training, the class was given profiles of children needing therapeutic foster homes.

"I watched everyone else look through the summary of the kids," Matlock said. "I wanted the kid that nobody else wanted. And that's what I got."

She was 18, pregnant, and had no where left to go. She'd been through other foster homes, group homes and the agency, at wits end, came to Matlock.

"I thought there was something I could offer her," she said. "I understood her situation. I tried to treat her like she was my child. I was strict though."

Matlock was in the delivery room when the baby was born and took care of both of them for four months. Mother and baby were moved to an adult living facility in hopes that they would one day be

able to live independently.

"She took some very difficult children," Heidi Hardman, regional program director, Therapeutic Programs Inc., said. "But that's only part of the reason she was selected."

On Oct. 22, Matlock was named Foster Parent of the Year by Therapeutic Programs Inc., an agency that provides therapeutic homes to foster children. The agency has 46 children in care and about 50 licensed homes. A staff of 15 selects the winner each year.

Matlock is an acquisition management specialist at Tactical Operations Centers/Air and Missile Defense, Command and Control System, and just finished training in the comptroller field and is awaiting a permanent assignment.

"She (Matlock) goes beyond just taking these children in," Hardman said. "She works to build their self-esteem, teaches them social skills, she teaches them not to settle for less in their life. On the other side, she works well with other foster parents, counselors, teachers, birth families — all the agencies that work



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**TAKING THE TOUGH ONES**— Jean Matlock, acquisition management specialist with Tactical Operations Centers/Air and Missile Defense, Command and Control System, was selected as foster parent of the year by Therapeutic Programs Inc., a Huntsville therapeutic foster care agency.

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## Local World War II veteran honored with Normandy medal

*Toney served aboard transport and fought in six battles at sea*

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer

In 1943 Riley Toney Jr. thought he was doing everything he could to serve his country. He was working six days a week as an ammunition handler at Redstone, supporting his wife and eight children. Then he got his draft notice.

"I wanted to serve in the Army but it wasn't up to me," Toney, 93, said. "It was the Navy that checked off on my card and that was it. I spent most of my time fighting from the water on a troop transport. We saw a lot of action. I saw a lot of men die. I thank God for taking care of me through all the action I seen. I could have been any one of the men I saw destroyed."

To honor his participation in the Normandy invasion of World War II, Riley received the Medal of the Jubilee of Liberty during a ceremony Nov. 12 in Big Spring Park with Congressman Bud Cramer presiding. It is given by the French people "in recognition of the bravery, sacrifice and excellence displayed by the victorious Allied troops."

Toney spent most of his two years of service aboard the USS Lamar serving as steward mate first class, which meant he prepared food for the officers and cleaned their quarters.

"That's what you did during regular time," Toney said. "But in a battle zone, everyone had a battle station. When they sound general quarters you knew just where to go regardless of rank. You get trained as you go. I was assigned to the 20mm guns because I had good eyesight."

Suicide bombers were a well-known threat to Allied ships. Toney remembered one particular incident when he shot down a suicide bomber but the flaming mass struck the end of the ship, destroying the rudder and killing two of his crewmates that jumped from the ship trying to avoid being hit.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**PROUD VETERAN**— Riley Toney, 93, was presented the Medal the Jubilee of Liberty (Normandy medal) Nov. 12 for his service in battle during World War II. Toney and his wife, Kate, have been married 74 years.

"We were also attacked by suicide swimmers," he said. "They would come close in little boats, with explosives strapped around their bodies. They had a long cord attached to them with a steel nose on the end of it. They'd stick that part into the side of the ship and blow it up."

"One night we saw a little boat coming up close. When they called out, 'What ship is this?' the gunner didn't recognize his voice and opened fire on him. That was our orders, to shoot anything we couldn't recognize. He was a suicide swimmer trying to blow up our ship."

From his ship at sea, coming out of Okinawa, Toney heard the rumble of the "big bomb that caused Japan to unconditionally surrender." A short time after that, word on the ship came that any enlisted man who was 38 years

or older or had at least three children could get a discharge at his own request.

"I reckon I was the first one in line when our ship got back to the states," he said. "It was after I got out that my ear started failing me. I know it was because I wasn't wearing cotton in my ears during practice. The 5-inch guns were practicing and I was too close without the cotton. They didn't have ear plugs for us at the time and I didn't have any cotton. I heard them pop then and start to ring but they said I'd have to stay in a hospital three months before it could be service connected. I didn't want to go to the hospital. I wanted to go home and I did."

Toney returned to his Huntsville home, wife, Kate, and eight children.

"I didn't know when he was coming home," Kate said. "I know I was scared I'd never see him again. I prayed hard. Then one day he just showed up."

"We saw this man come walking down through the cotton fields and we knew it was him," daughter Eloise Jones said. "I was the littlest one at the time but I think I got to him first. We was all over him."

Toney didn't return to work at the Arsenal but went on to do contracting and construction work, never leaving the area where he grew up, except for his wartime experiences. He and Kate had two more children and he retired at age 66 from his job as custodian of the Weatherly Heights Baptist Church. He has 47 grandchildren, more than 130 great-grandchildren and has lost count of the number of great-great grandchildren. Daughter Betty Toney Burress works at Redstone.

When Jones heard the announcement on television about the Normandy medal, she made first contact and filled out the paperwork.

"We're all very proud of our father's service," she said, adding that about 15 family members were able to attend the ceremony.

"The medal means a lot to me," Toney said. "It shows that someone is thinking about the people that had to fight. I was honored."

# Letters wanted from soldiers fighting war on terrorism

*Letters to loved ones sought for publication*

ARMY CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELEASE

WASHINGTON — The Army Times is embarking on an ambitious project to collect original letters to and from troops deployed in support of the war on terrorism.

"Letters from a Two-Front War" is a joint effort of Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times, Marine Corps Times and USAWeekend.

The war on terrorism is obviously the impetus behind this project but they have indicated they would welcome letters to and from soldiers that are deployed or serving anywhere in the world, not just as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Army Times is asking for original letters written specifically for this project. It will be similar to Valentine personals posted for loved ones and published in local newspapers.

Beginning on Feb. 10, letters and photos (if they care to submit them) will be posted on a special web site, and the best ones will be published in forthcoming editions of the Army Times and USAWeekend (40 million circulation).

All participants, families and soldiers should send letters written to a specific parent, spouse, child or friend — a personal letter expressing love, hopes, fears, patriotism and/or pride in service, etc. They should tell what they are able to tell about what life is like where they are, what they miss most, what they want to do when they get back. This letter should not be shared with anyone; the Army Times wants loved ones to see this letter for the first time in print.

Due to production and mail delays, letters should not make reference to the upcoming holiday season, nor should they exceed 250 words in length. In recognition of security concerns, letter writers may choose to be identified by first name and last initial, with a hometown. But all letter writers must provide a full name, address and, if possible, phone number for verification purposes. Soldiers deployed can use the name and address of a public affairs point of contact, if necessary.

The Army Times prefers e-mailed submissions but they will obviously accept all mail. Send letters to: Letters From a Two-Front War, c/o Times News Service, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, Va., 22159. Send e-mails to the following web site: twofrontwar@atpco.com.

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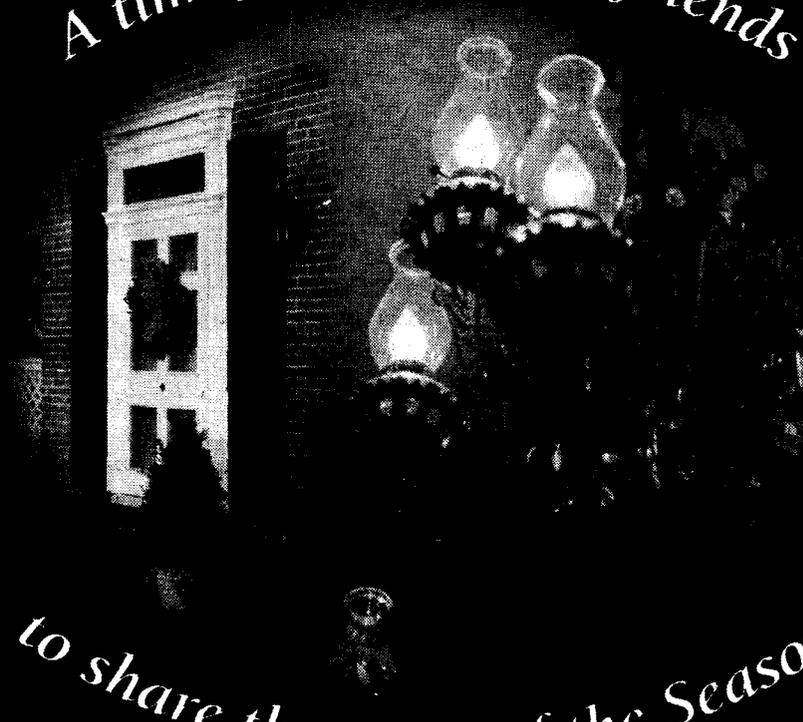
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# Team Redstone honors participants in cost cutting programs

## Value Engineering saves \$244.5 million

By MIKE PRICE  
Value Engineering specialist

The Aviation and Missile Command's Value Engineering program and Operations and Support Cost Reduction program held their fiscal 2001 awards ceremony Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Key representatives from the Redstone community were recognized for their efforts to both VE and OSCR during FY '01.

"Both the VE and OSCR initiatives are vital to achieving the goals of this command, the Department of Defense, the taxpayers, and every soldier in the field," keynote speaker Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, said.

The Team Redstone VE efforts saved \$244.5 million in FY '01. This amounted to 305 percent of its \$80 million goal. Some 88 VE initiatives were settled during the year.

The Army Materiel Command VE Achievement Awards were presented to the following Team Redstone organizations/individuals for their VE accomplishments: Field Command, Aviation and Missile Command; Installation, Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.; Contractor, Fabritech; Program Executive Office, PEO Tactical Missiles; and Special Initiative Individual, Tom Reynolds.

The following organizations received VE award plaques for achieving their FY '01 savings goals: Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office, Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office, Integrated Materiel Management Center, Army TACMS-Bat Project Office, CCAWS Project Office, Javelin Project Office, THAAD Project Office, Research Development and Engineering Center, Aviation Electronic Systems Project Manager's Office, Corporate Information Center, TMDE Program Office, Fixed Wing Product Management Office, SHORAD Project Office, Corpus Christi Army

Depot, Texas, and Letterkenny Army Depot. Value Engineering certificates were also presented to VE coordinators and contracting personnel for their accomplishments.

The FY '01 OSCR efforts were just as successful during the year. A total of five projects were approved with an initial investment of \$2.2 million. The 10-year field savings for three of these projects are estimated to exceed \$19.2 million. The other two projects were for aviation parts repair and reclaim for a field saving of

\$20.2 million. In addition, there were six OSCR projects implemented in FY '01 that had an initial investment of \$2.6 million and have 10-year projected field savings of \$133 million.

The following organizations received OSCR award plaques for their fiscal '01 accomplishments: Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office, and the Integrated Materiel Management Center. Operating and Support Cost Reduction certificates were also presented to key OSCR personnel for their accomplishments.



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ADDED VALUE—Recipients of Army Materiel Command VE Achievement Awards include, from left, Tom Reynolds, Jim Flinn, Don Barker and George Williams.

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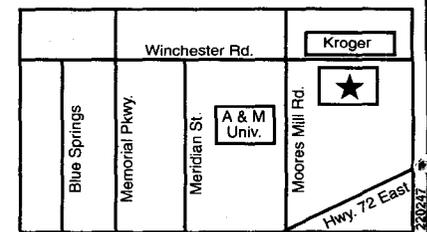
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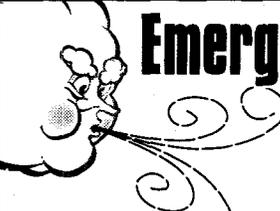
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# Jamie Martin wins annual Tarquine Achievement Award

*Value engineering work by individual recognized*

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The award, named after the late Robert B. Tarquine, is presented annually by the Command VE Office to a key individual for outstanding achievements in VE.

"Mr. Tarquine was a key participant and contributor to the early success of the Command VE Programs. His leadership and expertise had a major, positive impact on Team Redstone. He truly was a benefactor of the AMCOM VE Program and

we present the annual award in his honor for his sustained achievements in Value Engineering," Tom Reynolds, AMCOM's VE manager, said.

This year's recipient is Jamie Martin, an electronics engineer in the Production and Configuration Management Division of the Lower Tier Project Office. She was nominated for her aggressive application of the VE methodology on the Patriot Remote Launch Communication Enhancement Upgrades and the Patriot Switch Multiplexer Unit programs.

Other nominees for the award included Larry Easterwood, director of the Manufacturing and Product Assurance Directorate in the THAAD Project Office, and Thomas Prohaska, an electronics engineer for Redstone Technical Test Center.



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**HONOREES**— From left are nominee Larry Easterwood, THAAD Project Office; winner Jamie Martin, Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Project Office; and nominee Thomas Prohaska, Redstone Technical Test Center.

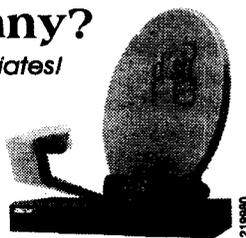
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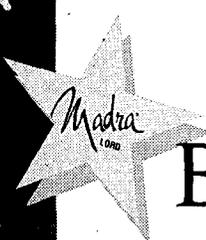
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# Library checking out e-book technology

*Arsenal's MWR library participates in e-book testing program for Army*

By **BETH SKARUPA**  
Staff writer

Want to check out an e-book? The MWR library now has three types of electronic format books ready for circulation.

As one of 12 Army libraries participating in the Department of the Army's e-book testing program, the post library is offering its patrons e-books through the Netlibrary collection and on two different reading devices.

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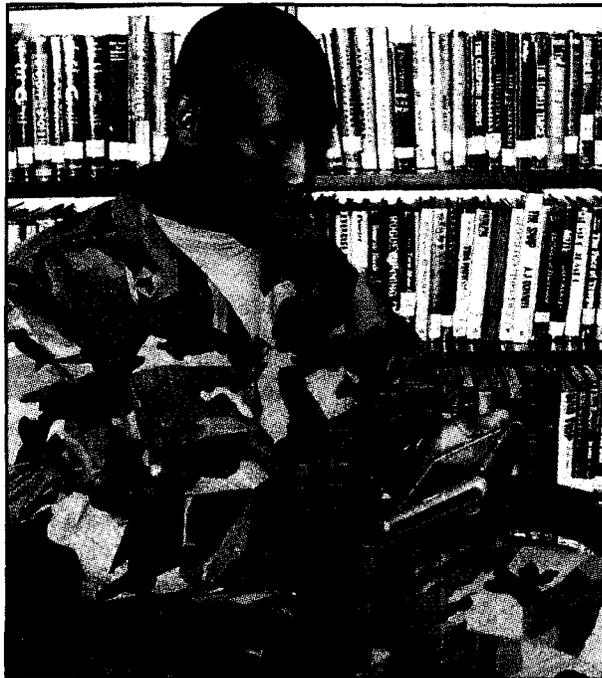


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**CHECK IT OUT—** Sgt. Corey Waiters, vice president of Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers, enjoys reading a popular science fiction novel on an e-book reader at the post library.

access the site from your desktop at Redstone Arsenal, you will immediately be taken to the "U.S. Army General Libraries eBook Collection" page.

"It's like the concept of 24/7. Anywhere, anytime you can access the books. There are 2,300 titles in the library collection and it's expected to grow. Since Redstone is IP based, anybody on Redstone can access (the books) from their desktop," Young Walker, post librarian, said.

Patrons who want to check out a book have to register with a user name and password. Walker says it's a very simple process that can be done from the desktop or in person at the library. Any authorized post library patron can register, including military personnel, their dependents, retired military and Army civilians.

"At your fingertip, you can search books by title, author, subject or keyword. There is an embedded dictionary in every e-book, so you can look up the definition of any word by simply double clicking on it," Walker explained.

The RCA REB1100 reading device and the eBookman reading device are the two types of e-book readers available for circulation. Six readers, three of each type, are ready to be checked out by library patrons. Five books have been downloaded on each reading device, although each one can hold up to 150 titles.

"(The e-book reading device) kind of makes it fun to read and you can do it anytime, anywhere," Sgt. Corey Waiters, vice president of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the NCO-in-charge of physical therapy, said. "I think you'll see a lot more people willing to read just because they want to explore it. I think it's a good ploy."

Waiters first learned about e-books at a world BOSS conference he attended in Washington, D.C. in September. When he saw that Redstone's library was one of 12 chosen to test the new technology, he was determined to check one out. Once he returned from the conference, he contacted Young about the e-books and offered to help the librarian spread the word about them.

"My sergeant, Sr. Med. (Paul) Goodspeed, was amazed as far as how the Army's changing when I showed him (the e-book). Using new technology and bettering today's soldier as far as how to read and better our-

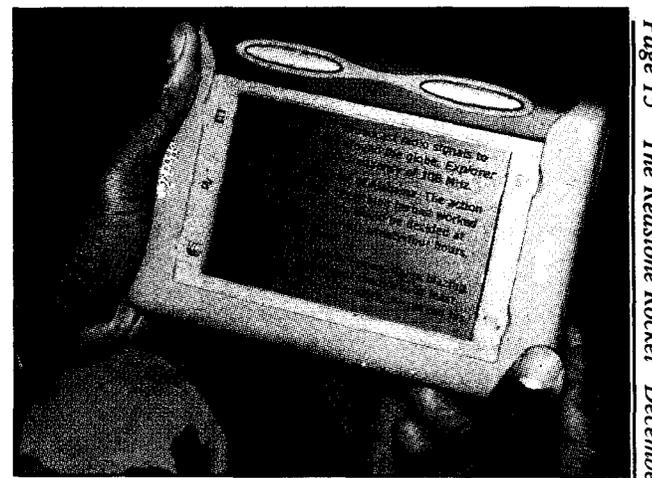


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selves," Waiters said. "I got good response at MEDDAC about it, in fact I'm afraid there are not enough to go around."

Waiters sees the advantage of the e-book for soldiers as being able to carry many books in a small device. He says it's easy, space-saving and gives a whole new perspective to reading books with its "GameBoy look." It can actually fit into his cargo pocket. He also expects Army field manuals and other required reading to be digitized so they can be carried into the field in an e-book reader.

Although Waiters joked about e-books making paper books into collector's items, Walker said she believes regular books will always be around.

"We're going toward digitization. Once we digitize books, we can process them in different formats," she said. "I think we'll benefit from that a great deal and preservation will really be no problem ... I think there will always be a need for hard copies, but as we move on to different types of technology there will always be a need for (digitization) too."

The post library is in building 3323 on Redeye Road. Walker says it's most easily found if you look for it off of Vincent Drive near the fire station. Hours are Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the new e-books, it offers online databases, research support, reference and information services, books-on-tape, popular magazines and newspapers, bestsellers and books. Call 876-4741 for more information.

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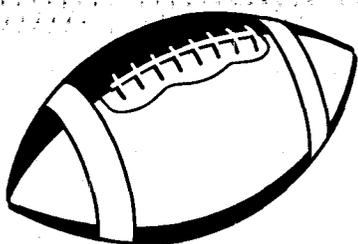
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# Skip's picks

*Cornhuskers should squeeze by Miami for 'national title'*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
Rocket editor



Tennessee's loss to LSU rocked my bowl predictions from top to bottom. It means of course Nebraska, rather than Tennessee, will face Miami in the Rose Bowl for the mythical national championship. Look for the Cornhuskers to take advantage of this new opportunity.

Here are my bowl game predictions:  
**Bowl Championship Series games**

- Rose, Jan. 3 in Pasadena - Nebraska over Miami
- Orange, Jan. 2 in Miami - Florida over Maryland
- Fiesta, Jan. 1 in Tempe - Colorado over Oregon
- Sugar, Jan. 1 in New Orleans - Louisiana State over Illinois

**Non-BCS bowl games**

- New Orleans, Dec. 18 in New Orleans - Colorado State over North Texas
- GMAC Mobile, Dec. 19 in Mobile - East Carolina over Marshall
- Tangerine, Dec. 20 in Orlando - N.C. State over Pittsburgh
- Las Vegas, Dec. 25 in Las Vegas - Utah over Southern Cal
- Independence, Dec. 27 in Shreveport - Alabama over Iowa State
- Seattle, Dec. 27 in Seattle - Stanford over Georgia Tech
- Gallery Furniture, Dec. 28 in Houston - Texas A&M over TCU
- Holiday, Dec. 28 in San Diego - Washington over Texas
- Music City, Dec. 28 in Nashville - Georgia over Boston College
- Alamo, Dec. 29 in San Antonio - Iowa over Texas Tech
- Insight.com, Dec. 29 in Phoenix - Syracuse over Kansas State
- Motor City, Dec. 29 in Detroit - Toledo over Cincinnati

# Fort Carson soldier wins drawing for Harley-Davidson motorcycle

*Bowling center contest won by novice rider*

CFSC RELEASE

FORT CARSON, Colo. - SSgt. Timothy Adams, of 32nd Transportation Company at Fort Carson, is the winner of the 2002 Harley-Davidson Sportster in the "Bowl Hog Wild" drawing.

According to Don Cade, the Bowling Center manager, Adams is a regular customer and bowler at Thunder Alley Lanes. He bowled enough games to collect 15 logo-ed glasses - which equates to 300 games - and eats lunch there almost every day.

The drawing was held Nov. 29 at Headquarters, Community and Family Support Center. Brig. Gen. Tony Taguba, commander of CFSC, placed a call to the Fort Carson Bowling Center to congratulate the winner. Cade had it set up with his first sergeant to take him to the bowling center for lunch, and the center paged Adams to come to the phone. When Taguba asked him what he was going to do with the bike, he said "I guess I'm going to learn to ride it, Sir."

Fantasy Cycles, a local Harley customizer, has agreed to present a leather biker jacket when the bike arrives later this month.

- Humanitarian, Dec. 31 in Boise - Clemson over Louisiana Tech
- Liberty, Dec. 31 in Memphis - Louisville over Brigham Young
- Peach, Dec. 31 in Atlanta - Auburn over North Carolina
- Silicon Valley, Dec. 31 in San Jose - Fresno State over Michigan State
- Sun, Dec. 31 in El Paso - Washington State over Purdue
- Citrus, Jan. 1 in Orlando - Tennessee over Michigan
- Outback, Jan. 1 in Tampa - Ohio State over South Carolina
- Cotton, Jan. 1 in Dallas - Oklahoma over Arkansas
- Gator, Jan. 1 in Jacksonville - Florida State over Virginia Tech

## ■ Foster parent earns recognition for her work

### Parent

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together for the kids. She's able to go with the flow, help other parents with respite care and is just very available to us and the kids."

Matlock doesn't see herself as extraordinary, though. Things seem pretty simple to her.

"I grew up in a big family in Texas," she said. "We were care givers to everyone else. That's just how we were brought up. I've always wanted to be a foster parent. But all I did was talk about it - to my friends, my co-workers. They all knew."

About three years ago, she saw an ad in the newspaper for foster parenting classes. Her friends and the secretary at work also saw the ad and called her about it. Her son,

Chris, 26, was living on his own in Texas. She lived alone. It was time. Not just for her but for her two friends, Sheila Pike and Juanita Curtis, also Redstone workers.

"All three of us did it together," she said. "It's nice to have friends in the program so we can plan activities together with our kids. Plus, when we go out of town, we do respite care for each other."

"Jean really goes the extra mile with her kids," Pike, administrative assistant in the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project Office, said. "She's dedicated. She takes off work to go to court, makes sure they have everything they need, and is a real advocate for her kids."

Since '98, Matlock has had three children in her home, including a 9-year-old girl that is with her now.

"It's funny now but before she came, the house was empty and I was enjoying

my time alone. I joined two gyms and had all these plans to work out."

Then Matlock got a call. This time there was no profile, no summary, just an on-the-spot decision of whether or not she could take this child.

"She's a lovely little girl," Matlock said. "She's learning a lot and working very hard at her school work. She's very disciplined."

"Sometimes I'm surprised by what they don't know," she said. "I guess I think kids at that age should know what I did then but that isn't the case. I guess the most important thing I can give them is hope. Hope that they'll see their parents, hope that they'll get to go home, hope that tomorrow will be better."

The hardest part, though, is letting them go.

"I try not to show much emotion around them," Matlock said. "They know I love them and I encourage them all the

time but I never forget that they are someone else's children. I have to remember that and be able to let them go."

Besides parenting, Matlock spends her time reading and volunteering in her member organizations which include the Delta Sigma Theta Inc. sorority and Blacks in Government.

Matlock is also celebrating her first writing competition win.

"I wrote this romance fiction (short story) called 'The Phone Call' for the International Training in Communications speakers group I belong to. There was a contest and I won first in the region for fiction and my poem got an honorable mention."

Matlock plans to continue to write and foster children.

"Getting the award made me rethink some things," she said. "I'm trying to make a few changes and improve what I'm doing - the way I talk to people and especially kids. It's all been a great lesson for me."

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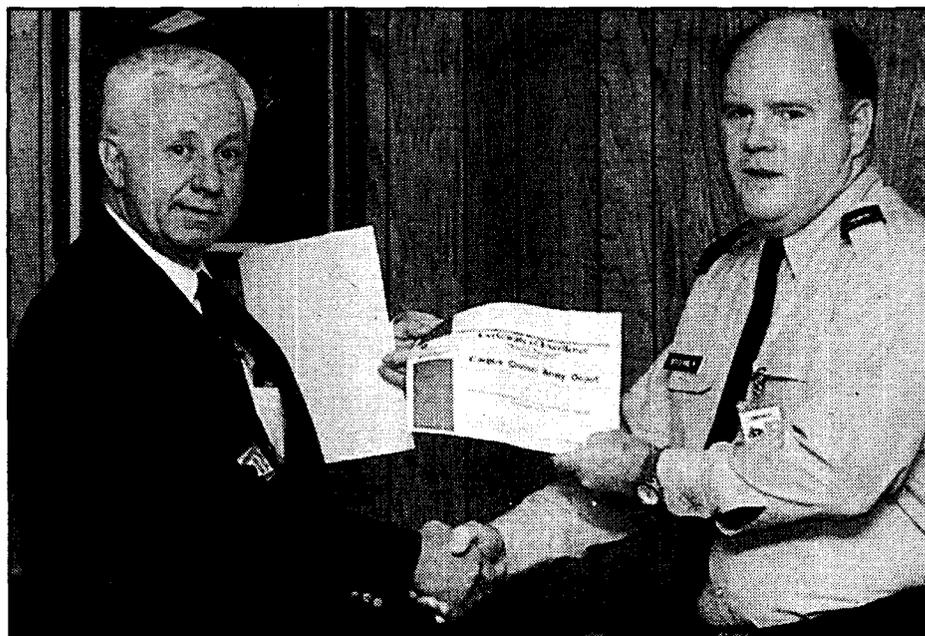
By FLORENCIO MARTINEZ  
Corpus Christi technical training adviser

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Corpus Christi Army Depot was awarded a Gold Certificate of Excellence by the Federal Aviation Administration on Dec. 7 because of efforts toward training its work force.

Col. James Budney, depot commander, accepted the award from FAA representatives Jesse Cavazos and Ed Greer.

In October 1991, the FAA determined that a need existed for an incentive program to encourage aviation maintenance technician employees and employers to aggressively participate in available initial recurrent maintenance training courses. Through this presentation, the FAA recognized the efforts that Corpus Christi is committed to by the establishment of the Del Mar Co-op Program. By participation in FAA sponsored training, Corpus Christi is continuing its efforts to provide a trained and educated work force for the future needs of the depot.

The Gold Certificate of Excellence Award accompanies the FAA AMT Award that each individual Del Mar Co-op stu-



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**AWARD PRESENTATION—** Ed Greer from the Federal Aviation Administration presents a Gold Certificate of Excellence to Col. James Budney, depot commander, for efforts in providing a trained and educated work force.

dent received for participating in the necessary training. The AMT Awards Program is divided into two separate programs: one for the technicians and one for the employers. The Del Mar College Co-op students

have each received the Phase V-Diamond award which requires that each receive the total training of 100 hours. This includes (1) attending two hours of training of FAA regulations and policy, (2) satisfactorily

completing a college level course of three credit hours or 40 classroom hours in mathematics, English, science, management subjects, or related courses, and (3) satisfactorily completing 10 days or 58 hours of aviation maintenance training.

The employer award requirements are based on the percentage of the total number of eligible employees who receive AMT awards during the calendar year. Corpus Christi has earned the Gold Certificate of Excellence which requires 15 percent of the eligible employees within a line station/work station participate in FAA training. It is also required that the employer be involved in full-time repair of aircraft or aircraft component repair parts, that a certain number of technicians be working full-time, and that employees attain a FAA AMT Certificate of Training for the applicable calendar year.

Corpus Christi is proud to receive this certificate for continuing dedication toward pursuing aviation maintenance training for its employees. As Corpus Christi's role in helicopter maintenance increases and its missions to the Army and the Department of Defense multiply in importance the training that is received today by employees will provide dividends in experience for years to come.

## Revised NCO evaluation report to hit field in January

By SSgt. MARCIA TRIGGS  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A revised regulation on the Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report is scheduled to be fielded Jan. 2.

One of the changes will be less time required for complete-the-record reports. Two optional reports are also being added to the regulation: the senior rater option report and 60-day short tour option report. NCOs in the zone of consideration for promotion, who have been in their current assignment at least 90 days, will be able to get a complete-the-record report for promotion-board members to see. Instead of having to wait six months to submit a complete-the-record report, as required under the current regulation, the allotted time will be cut in half.

The complete-the-record report is only one of the changes that will show up in the new regulation, but it will be one of the most pertinent for NCOs, said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Everette, the chief and policy maker for the Enlisted Evaluations Branch.

"The complete-the-record report is a significant change primarily because the promotion-board meetings are such a prominent event in all of our lives," Everette said.

Complete-the-record reports are only authorized when an NCO has changed

jobs or has been re-assigned, and performance in that slot has not been rated. The six-month provision was a concern for NCOs because they felt that they were at a disadvantage when the board met, Everette said.

The change, however, will not affect the upcoming master sergeant selection board in February, Everette said. Those reports should have a thru date of Nov. 30, and will fall under the guidance of the previous regulation, he said.

Previously, a change of rater could generate a new report, but not a change of senior rater. A Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report with just rater input is valid, and is still looked at by promotion board members, but it doesn't allow the individual to have the benefit of the senior rater comments, Everette said.

On the NCO-ER in Part V, Overall Performance and Potential, the senior rater has to mark a numeral from one to five, with one being the highest, to rate the NCO's overall performance and overall potential for promotion.

Having senior rater comments on the NCOE-ER is extremely important for some NCOs. SFC David Cleveland, an operations sergeant at Fort Monroe, Va., said that the senior rater option report is for him the most important change to the regulation.

"A lot of times, due to rotations, we're not afforded the opportunity to get senior

rater comments, but it's important that board members see what our potential is ... from a neutral observer," Cleveland said.

The other optional report to be added to the revised regulation is the 60-day short tour option. It will be granted in instances when NCOs are deployed overseas for 14 months or less, and have more than 59 days but less than 90 days under their current rater. The rater may initiate a 60-day short tour option report.

"This new report will allow NCOs to receive reports highlighting their contributions and accomplishments while on short tours," Everette said. "Due to a high personnel turnover rate in short tour areas, many NCOs were not receiving reports in the past and they instead accumulated a lot of non-rated time."

In another change to NCO-ERs, the numerical Army physical fitness test score will no longer be required to justify excellence.

Raters may still include the APFT score on the NCO-ER, but it's not required, Everette said. Instead the rater may simply put, "Awarded Physical Fitness Badge," he said.

Under the new regulation, command sergeants major who work for three- or four-star generals will not have to be evaluated.

"Removing the requirement for command sergeants major to be evaluated was

done to eliminate an administrative burden at that level," Everette said. "The NCO-ER is rarely, if ever, a factor in the selection at that level. They are nominated and hand-picked for assignment."

The last revision to the NCO-ER under Army regulation 623-205 occurred in April of 1992. This revision rides the heel of the newly implemented NCO-ER, Department of the Army Form 2166-8 and the NCO Counseling and Checklist, DA Form 2166-8-1.

A major change to the NCO-ER is that the values under Part V of the form now reflect the seven Army core values. Both the new NCO-ER and Counseling Checklist are currently available online at the following web site: <http://www.usapa.army.mil/forms/forms3.html>.

The regulation changes are also outlined on the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command web site at <http://www-per-scom.army.mil/> under MILPER messages.

"The revised regulation shows a continuous effort to support the advancement of the NCO corps," Cleveland said. He explained that the new regulation will allow "greater flexibility within the rating scheme."

Everette encourages all NCOs and raters to become familiar with the changes so that they are applying the most current policies and procedures.

"Not following procedure could impact the soldier's career and livelihood," Everette said.

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# Reservists on active duty covered for health care

*Legal assistance attorney explains insurance plans*

By Capt. DOUGLAS W. MOORE  
Legal Assistance chief

In the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, many reservists and National Guard members called up for active duty are asking questions about their health care coverage. To what extent are employers required to provide health insurance for active duty military members and their dependents? What happens to non-employer purchased health insurance if active duty military members are forced to cancel their coverage due to financial constraints? Is there an automatic reinstatement of either employer or non-employer health care coverage after ser-

vicemembers deactivate? Two primary federal statutory creations address the aforementioned concerns.

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 provides job protection and rights of reinstatement to employees who participate in the National Guard and Reserve. Specifically, USERRA addresses the reinstatement of health care as it applies to employer purchased health care insurance. USERRA stipulates that for those reservists and National Guard members called to active duty and absent from work for 30 days or less, the employer is obligated to continue health care benefits as if they were not absent. However, for absences of 31 days or more, the employer can stop health care coverage unless the employee elects to pay out-of-pocket for

the employer-sponsored plan (commonly known as COBRA). If elected, the coverage can be maintained for 18 months. Despite the cancellation of coverage after 31 days of absence, all active duty servicemembers are automatically enrolled and obligated to participate in the Military Health System's Tricare prime health care program. Following deactivation, the employer must reinstate the health insurance with no waiting period the day an employee is reinstated. Thus, even if the employer cannot put the employee back to work immediately upon application, the health insurance must be restored immediately.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act provides various broad protections for active duty servicemembers to include the reinstatement of health insur-

ance benefits for the non-employer purchased health care insurance situation. Active duty servicemembers who purchased their own health insurance prior to active duty and terminated this coverage after entering active duty are qualified to later reinstate their coverage upon being deactivated. Similar to USERRA protections, the SSCRA prohibits the health insurance company from imposing a waiting period prior to coverage reinstatement.

If you have any questions concerning the protections provided under either USERRA or the SSCRA, the Legal Assistance Office can assist you Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An appointment with a Legal Assistance attorney can be made by calling 876-9005.

# Volunteers show appreciation for retirement home residents

*Soldiers' and Airmen's Home has day for salute to veterans*

By RUDI WILLIAMS  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Nearly 170 volunteer soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and family members recently spent a morning showing their appreciation to residents here at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home.

The adults raked leaves, trimmed trees, assembled bed frames and mattresses and called bingo while children made thank-you cards and a large banner for the aging veterans. The banner read, "A Salute to Our Veterans."

It's called the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, but more than 1,000 men and women veterans of all services, including the Coast Guard, live there. It's nestled in the heart of the nation's capital on 32 secure acres in a park-like setting. With an average age of 76, the veterans come from every state, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

"I grew to love and appreciate the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the residents. When the Joint National Family Volunteer Project was announced, it was a must do for me," said Air Force Lt. Col. Dana Born. Her six-month-old daughter, Heather, was in a baby carrier strapped around her neck. "It's a family affair. Our 3-year-old, her cousin, my brother-in-law,

my husband and baby decided to come out and bring a little joy to the veterans who risked their lives to help protect the freedoms of America."

Born is a member of the Mission Support Squadron Command at nearby Bolling Air Force Base.

Stacey Bernabela, 20, a dental technician at Bolling's 11th Dental Clinic, said she volunteered to help veterans at the home "because they've dedicated their lives to getting us to where we are today."

To Tracey Brooks, volunteering at the home was a lesson for her daughters, Mariah, 9, and Myra, 6.

"We decided to come out because we wanted to share our love with someone else and to teach my children that it's better to give than to receive," Brooks said. "We just wanted to give a big hug and thanks to all of those that have served in our armed forces. Our hearts go out to them today."

Brooks' husband is Air Force Staff Sgt. Otis H. Brooks III who works for the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon.

Noting that the Boy Scouts celebrate hometown heroes during November, Scout leader Brian Nickols said he and four Cub Scouts came out to support the veterans and show their appreciation to them. The Cubs, from Den 2 in Pack 987 of Vienna, Va., helped make more than 230 thank-you cards and a large banner.

Marie Cavalcante, 12, said she wanted "to compliment the veterans for the good job they've done for our country." The daughter of Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Robert Cavalcante, she attends Mattawoman Middle School, Waldorf, Md.

Her sister Jamie, 14, of Westlake High School in Waldorf, said she was "just helping out and fitting in wherever I can in making a difference — letting them know that they're really special to us."



Photo by Rudi Williams

**SMALL THANKS** — Air Force Lt. Col. Dana Born and six-month-old daughter, Heather, make a thank-you card during a volunteer day at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington. "It's a family affair," Born said of the event at the home Nov. 17. "Our 3-year-old, her cousin, my brother-in-law, my husband and baby decided to come out and bring a little joy to the veterans who risked their lives to help protect the freedoms of America."

"This is the Navy family month so we wanted to do an activity that involved our families," adult volunteer Kevin Macey said. "We also wanted to give a little back to the men and women that have defended the nation."

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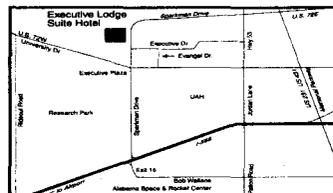
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## Sports & Recreation

### Karate classes

The Wado Ryu Karate Association of Alabama is offering free karate classes to the soldiers and civilians (and families) of Redstone Arsenal. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m. at Highlands Baptist Church gym, near Jordan Lane and Sparkman Drive. For more information on the Wado Ryu style of karate, one of the four traditional Japanese styles, call Chris and David Button 851-8518.

### Hockey trip

Huntsville Area Youth Hockey will sponsor a bus trip to the Nashville Predator/Anaheim Mighty Ducks game Jan. 12. This trip is open to the entire community and the cost includes a ticket to the game and roundtrip coach transportation from Huntsville. For tickets/reservations call Debby or Mike Howell 880-9887

### Youth basketball coaches

Youth Services needs basketball coaches for the following age groups: 9-10 girls, 13-14 boys, and 15-16 boys. If interested call Missy Richards 313-3699 or 720-9204.

### Bingo special

Buy one, get one free at the Challenger Bingo Program (building 1500), Friday

starting at 5:45 p.m. For "night owls," there will be free food and refreshments as well as extra door prize drawings. For more information, call Connie 837-0750 after 4:30 p.m.

### UAH hockey tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has tickets to the remaining eight University of Alabama-Huntsville hockey games that will be played at the Von Braun Center arena. The tickets are \$2 each and can be used at any one of the remaining games, which start at 7:05 p.m.: Dec. 28-29 vs. Wayne State, Jan. 4-5 vs. Mankato, Feb. 8-9 vs. Findlay and March 8-9 vs. Bemidji State. For more information call Jerry Campbell 876-8138, Randy Bigler 955-0505 or contact your CWFC organization representative.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Warrant officers

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next WOA meeting is today at 11 in the Officers and Civilians Club.

### Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. Membership in

the association is open to anyone who is airborne qualified, as well as anyone who has served in a unit assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. Anyone interested in the association or attending the meetings can call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers luncheon is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Ronald Grimes, of NASA Protective Services, is to speak on Home Security. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Mary Ann Green 313-0561.

### Alabama State alums

The Alabama State University, Rocket City Alumni Chapter will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Hilton, Sunroom. For more information, call Joe Henderson 851-0512.

### Admin professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Officers and Civilians Club. IAAP members and non-members are welcome. For more information call Jenny Glazner 313-9803, June Pockrus 842-9888 or Jackie Kenner 876-8131.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Dec. 20 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Redstone Golf Course. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

### Environmental technology conference

The fifth conference on Aerospace Materials, Processes, and Environmental Technology announces its call for papers and posters. Deadline for abstract submission is Jan. 15. This premier venue in which the materials, processes, manufacturing, and environmental communities showcase technologies vital to the evolution of safe, next-generation, reusable and expendable aeronautics and space vehicle systems will be hosted by the Marshall Space Flight Center, Sept. 16-18 at the Von Braun Center. Abstracts for the call for papers and posters must be unclassified, non-restricted, English-language and not exceeding one page. Authors should emphasize advancements in materials, processes, and manufacturing applications and implementation of environmental replacement technology in their discussions. Abstracts must indicate whether a paper or poster will be presented, and must include the title, name of author, complete return address, e-mail address,

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### Town hall meeting

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity will hold a Community Town Hall meeting, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. All residents, retirees, and employees are invited to attend. Community Town Hall meetings are intended to provide information and feedback on community developments. Members of the Team Redstone staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns from the community. For more information, call Ivy Downs 876-3376.

### Parents council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Dec. 18 at the Childwise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Devel-



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### Midcourse change

Brig. Gen. (promotable) John Holly delivers remarks after becoming the system program director for ground-based midcourse defense Nov. 20 in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. He succeeded Maj. Gen. Willie Nance when the National Missile Defense program was retired with the beginning of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office in Huntsville. Nance became the program executive officer for ballistic missile defense systems in BMDO. Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, officiated at the ceremony.

opment Center, Youth Services and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. As a reminder, parents earn PAC participation points for attending. For more information, call Anita Epps 774-6737.

## Miscellaneous

### Apprentice program

The Department of Defense initiated the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program in 1980, at the direction of the Executive Office of the President, to involve academically talented high school students in hands-on research activities and student-mentor relationships during the summer. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude and interest in science and engineering courses and careers. A major benefit of the program is the pairing of students with university and professional research and engineering mentors. The high school program is designed for students who are U.S. citizens and 15 years old by the beginning date of the program, June 10, 2002. The College Apprentice Program is designed for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP and are enrolled in a scientific or technical college major. Other criteria are stated on the applications. Both programs are fast paced and require disciplined professional work habits. Junior and senior scientists and engineers gain additional experience by serving as mentors through the process of guiding first time students through interactive research processes. The points of contact for applications include the senior counselor at all public, private and parochial high schools and the college placement services. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The deadline for postmarking applications is Jan. 31, 2002. If the student is unsuccessful in receiving an application from the high school senior counselor, or college placement service, call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Customer Support C, Betty Duke located in building 5308, at 313-4790.

### New Year's Eve gala

The Officers and Civilians Club will have a New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31. You can choose between three different parties: One, the ROCC Gala will have dinner served 7-9 p.m. and live music by "The Usual Suspects," \$35 per person or \$65 per couple; ticket price includes dinner, entertainment, full breakfast, party favors,

and champagne for toasting; limited seating of 336. Two, the Firehouse Pub will be in full swing from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; tickets are \$15; karaoke, hors d'oeuvres, and champagne for toasting; limited seating of 100. And three, the Challenger New Year's

Party where doors open at 8 p.m.; continental breakfast 12:30-1:30 a.m.; \$15 per person ticket price includes DJ, cash bar, continental breakfast, party favors, and champagne for toasting; limited seating of 100. See Announcements on page 24



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### Spreading cheer

Redstone fire inspectors Jim Hughes, Harry Hollingsworth, John Williams and Art Murtha took Sparky the Dog and Pluggie, a robotic hydrant, to visit children in the pediatrics ward at Huntsville Hospital East. Kaylin Wilcoxon and her mother, Dawn DuBose, got some helpful fire prevention tips and a lot of laughs during their visit.

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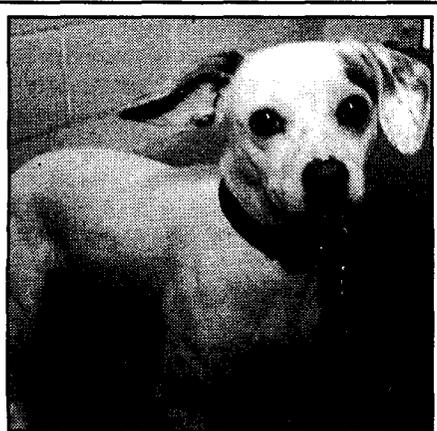
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837-4130 or 876-5713 for the New Year's Eve Gala Package.

### Angel tree at PX

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring the Redstone Arsenal Angel Tree program which began Nov. 10. The Angel Tree will be set up at the Post Exchange lobby (civilians and contractors can also participate by coming by the mall area to pick up an angel or star from the tree — no ID is required to get into the front mall area of the PX). Angels and stars on the tree will contain an age, sizes or wishes for a Christmas present that a child may not otherwise receive. Presents should be wrapped with the star attached to the outside. Turn the presents in to the PX or to Youth Services, building 3148, through Friday after 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 313-3735.

### Merit awards

Officer and Civilian Women's Club dependents (high school seniors or college students), spouses, and members may compete for merit awards to pay for tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. To be eligible to apply for merit awards, the club member must be an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 1, 2001. Applicants have four topics from which to choose an essay theme: How I See Myself in Ten Years, My Personal Ambitions and Goals,

How Army Values Have Affected My Life, or My Personal Hero. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5. Students receiving fully paid scholarships and previous OCWC award recipients are not eligible for these awards. The applicant's primary residence must be within a 50-mile radius of the Huntsville area. For an application, call Chris Swart 722-3087.

### Weather alert information

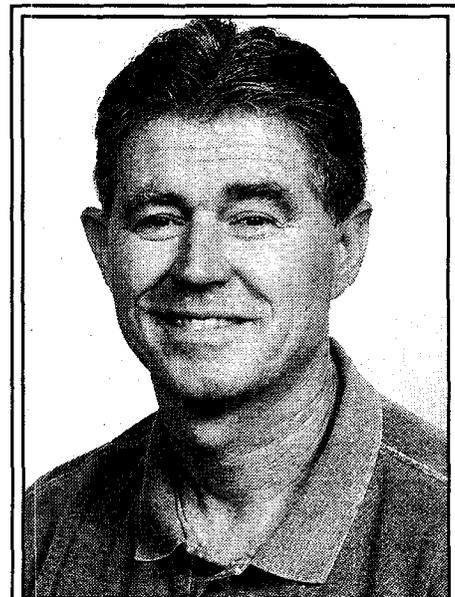
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### Ebony fashion fair

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will sponsor the 44th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair, "The Changing Trends of Fashion," Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit scholarships and other community projects. Ticket prices are reserved \$26, general \$21, and students (K-12) \$15. Persons purchasing general or reserved tickets are entitled to a one-year subscription to Ebony magazine or a six-month subscription to Jet magazine. Student ticket purchasers are entitled to a one-year subscription to Ebony magazine only. For tickets call 707-1212.

### Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information and registration meeting on its Master of Business Administration program 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Calhoun



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## Redstone bound

James Goins, chief of the Circuit Card Repair Branch at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., is heading to Redstone Arsenal. He was selected to become a maintenance operations specialist, serving as Letterkenny's liaison officer to AMCOM. "I will be performing integrated logistics support, customer services and other duties to support the life cycle management of a variety of ongoing and future electronic work projects and systems managed at Huntsville," he said.

Community College, conference room 101-E at 102 Wynn Drive. For more information, call 800-672-7223.

### English as second language

Classes on English as a Second Language are designed to improve people's English speaking skills. They also offer an opportunity to make friends with people from around the world. For more information, call Rosie Douglas of Army Community Service 876-5397.

### Santa run

The Sergeants Major Association will sponsor its annual "Santa Run," Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. The run features Santa, Elves, and members riding on fire

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trucks through all of Redstone's housing areas passing out candy to the children. In addition, Santa will be along to hear those Christmas wish lists. So kids, remember, on Saturday morning, when you hear the sirens blaring in your neighborhood, come out for treats and a visit from Santa. For more information, call C.J. Johnson 955-8703.

### Retirement seminars

Doug Dutcher of the Benefit Advisory Group Inc. will conduct retirement seminars today and Thursday from 1-3 p.m. in the union office, building 3202. A \$5 fee will be charged for non-AFGE members. To reserve a seat, call 876-4880 or 881-7430 by close of business Monday.

### Thrift savings briefings

SFC Lolethia Gordon of Military Personnel Office will conduct Thrift Saving Plans Briefings, open to the Redstone community, at 1 p.m. today through Friday in Bob Jones Auditorium.

### Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday at 7 a.m. at building 5308, room 8124 (conference room). "No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own, or feast on the spiritual message that will be served," a prepared release said. "Everyone is welcome and invited to attend." For information call Clifton Canady 955-7224.

### Nutcracker ballet

Danzartz will present its 11th annual Nutcracker performances Saturday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Call Ticketmaster 1-800-277-1700.

### Christmas trees

All offices, day rooms, military personnel on active duty, and other activities requiring Christmas trees are authorized to cut trees on a self-help basis in the area northeast of the Ammunition Supply Point which is across the road from the Redstone Arsenal Saddle Activity. Trees should not be cut for commercial or unauthorized use. This area has been marked

with orange flagging for easy recognition. Travel will be limited to the single pasture trail along the east side of the open pastureland. Cutting operations will be limited to inside the Christmas tree cutting area only. Extreme caution should be exercised to prevent straying outside the area or off the access route and removing any objects other than a Christmas tree. Trees should be cut by Dec. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tree trimmings should not be left on grassed rights-of-way, railroad tracks or access roads. For more information and a map, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

### Women accountants

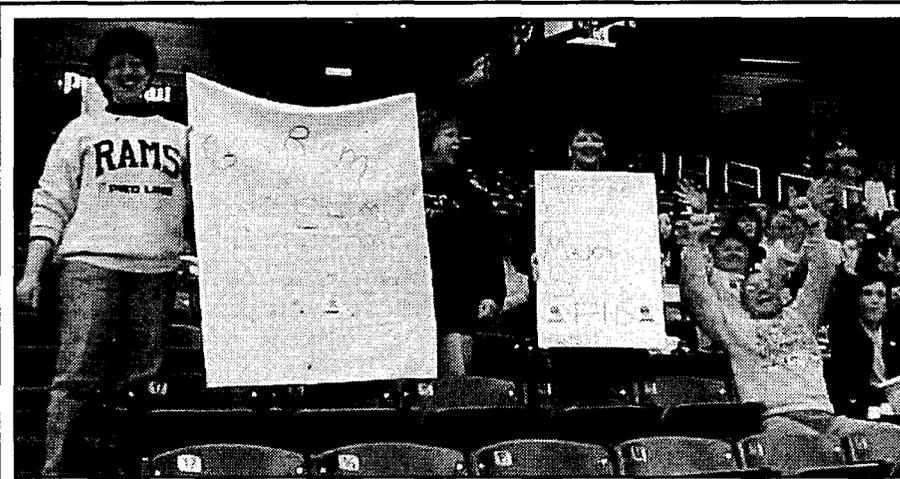
The American Society of Women Accountants will have its Christmas party and gift exchange, Monday at the UAH Tom Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and the party at 6:30. Cost is \$15 for members, \$16 for non-members. Reservations and cancellations are necessary; call 830-0377.

### Army Family Team Building

Attention, soldiers: Does your spouse know what to do if you are deployed tomorrow? Can he or she be self-sufficient when you are gone? Does your family know how to find help if there is a problem? Well, Army Family Team Building can help. AFTB can educate and prepare you and your family to be ready in case of deployment. The next Army Family Team Building Level 1 classes will be held Jan. 8-10, from 6-9 p.m., at building 3491, Honest John Road. Space is limited. Child care is free. Call 876-5397 by Jan. 7 to enroll.

### Certified logisticians

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE is offering a 16-week Certified Professional Logistician preparation course for the CPL exam scheduled for May 4. The course is a comprehensive review of the logistics disciplines from program concept, design, fabrication, production, distribution and sustainment, through product retirement, and prepares students for the CPL exam. The Tennessee Valley Chapter has achieved a high rate of success with this course. The class will meet



Courtesy photo

## Rams fans

St. Louis Rams fans from Redstone show their allegiance during the Rams' 35-6 win over the Atlanta Falcons Dec. 2. About 90 Redstone workers and family members traveled to Atlanta on a bus trip Dec. 1-2 sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund Council.

each Monday, beginning Jan. 14, from 5-8 p.m. The Jan. 14 session will be held in the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies' (HATS) facility on South Memorial Parkway. Instructors are local CPL volunteers. Cost of the course is \$75 to cover administrative costs, payable the second night; students are required to purchase three textbooks, and submit an exam application and fee to SOLE in

Washington, D.C. Membership in SOLE is not a requirement, but CPL applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements. Visit the SOLE web site at [www.sole.org](http://www.sole.org) to check out the qualification requirements and fees required. For more information, or to register for the course, call Mike Osborne 313-4660 at work or (931) 433-6271 at home.

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# Announcements

## Fox health center hours

Fox Army Health Center will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas. On Dec. 24 and 31 and Jan. 1, the Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and the Pharmacy will be closed. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day, year-round, at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice.

## Galaxy of lights

The Galaxy of Lights, the Botanical Garden's holiday light show, is now open for viewing 5:30-9 each evening until Dec. 31. New animated scenes have been

added to the displays; and visitors of all ages can enjoy the new nursery rhymes. The Southeast Tourism Society has named Galaxy of Light to its list of Top 20 Events in the Southeast. A drive through this event is \$10 per car. Donate a non-perishable food item, new toy or used coat and get a \$1 discount.

## Soldatenstube meals

"You've enjoyed delicious German lunch on Thursday, dining on weekends, now enjoy it 'to-go,'" a prepared release said. Call the Soldatenstube 881-5181 on Thursday, Friday or Saturday after 4 p.m. to place your dinner order on your way

home and pick up your favorite German meal. For evening dinner reservations, call Monday through Saturday 881-5181 or 830-CLUB. The Soldatenstube German Restaurant is located off the corner of Vincent and Gray Roads in building 3512. Regular dining hours are: Wednesday (family style), 5-8:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 5:30-9 p.m.; and lunch on Thursdays only, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Disney deal for military

Disney theme parks and cruise lines are offering a deal to active duty military and Reservists and National Guard who have been called to active duty. You can save

up to 50 percent on the vacation of your dreams. These special prices are available only through Disney. There are time limitations and restrictions on this offer. Stop by the Recreation Center, building 3711 or call Wednesday through Friday from 1:30-8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 876-4531 for more information. If you have a fax or e-mail address, contact the Recreation Center and they will forward the Disney fact sheet to you.

## Dental clinic hours

The Dental Clinic will close at 1 p.m. Friday for unit training and will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Monday. The clinic will be closed Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

## Central mail

As a new year approaches, Central Receiving at building 8022 reminds offices to mail or fax a current copy of their MOR (office listings), "This will help expedite your packages quicker," a prepared release said. "Also anyone that has not received personnel packages for home quarters, please check with building 8022 (phone 876-2839). There are several packages that have not been picked up."

## Aviation scholarships

The Redstone Chapter of AHS International is sponsoring two \$2,000 scholarships for academic year 2002-03. The intent of this award is to encourage and assist an upperclassman or graduate students 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 the following web site: [www.corridorofexcellence.com](http://www.corridorofexcellence.com). Deadline for applications are Feb. 1. For more information, contact Steve Parker at the following e-mail address: [steve.parker@qr.com](mailto:steve.parker@qr.com).

## PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will have the following holiday hours Dec. 24: Main Store, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Concessions, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Mall Barbershop, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Beauty Shop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Barbershop, building 3479, closed; Food Court - Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cinnabon, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Baskin Robbins, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Robin Hood, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Churches, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All facilities will be closed Dec. 25.

## Commissary hours

The Commissary is open seven days a week in December. The hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, 9-8 Monday through Friday and 8-8 Saturday. The Commissary is closed Dec. 25.

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF DEC 7 01	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING DATE	ORGANIZATION LOCATION	PAY PLAN & SERIES	GRADE LEVEL	POT GIRD	PAY RANGE (FROM - TO)	WHO CAN APPLY?																				
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																												
01BK0044085DT2	Program Support Asst	12-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DK-0303	III	III	29,392 - 42,321	X																				
01BK0039088FM2	General Engineer	12-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0030281EDB1	Budget Analyst	12-Dec-01	RASA	GS-0560	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X																				
01BK0039239ES2	Program Support Asst	12-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DK-0303	2	2	23,723 - 34,380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0042470SH11	Contract Specialist	12-Dec-01	SMDC	GS-1102	13	13	57,345 - 74,553	X																				
01BK0043710ES2	Aerospace Engineer	12-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0035767DT2	Ammu/Expl Support Asst	13-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	29,392 - 42,321	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	9,11	12	42,091 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
S00CE043077CM5R2	Electrical Engineer	13-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	51,650 - 65,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK003947PO1	Program Integrator	13-Dec-01	Acq Office	GS-0301	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																				
01BK0040607VWV1	General Engineer	14-Dec-01	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X																				
01BK0009007JC1	Police Officer	14-Dec-01	RASA	GS-0083	6	6	26,449 - 34,380	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0039487PO1	Program Integrator	14-Dec-01	DSA	GS-0301	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																				
01BK0039081OD2	General Engineer	17-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	III	III	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0031123AC2	General Engineer	17-Dec-01	IED T.M	GS-0801	14	14	67,765 - 88,096	X																				
01BK0041679PO1	Budget Analyst	17-Dec-01	PISO	GG-0560	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
02BK0048726JH3	Equipment Spec (Air)	18-Dec-01	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X																				
01BK0045011SH1	Public Affairs Spec	19-Dec-01	SMDC	GS-1035	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK043218PO1	Pers Mgmt Spec	19-Dec-01	CPAC	GS-0201	11	12	43,503 - 67,776	X																				
01BK00370036ES2	General Engineer	19-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0046300PO1	Human Resources Spec	20-Dec-01	CPAC	GS-0201	9	9	35,954 - 46,736	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0036045BM1	IT Specialist (PLCYPLN)	20-Dec-01	CIC	GS-2210	14	14	73,268 - 95,249	X																				
S01BK0044792CM5	Civil Engineer	21-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810	11	12	45,600 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
S01CEBK0044818CM5	Arch,Civil Engr,Mech Engr,Elec Engr.	21-Dec-01	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808-0810-0830-0850	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																				
01BK0046655BM1	Inte Prog Mgmt Spec	21-Dec-01	SAMD	GS-0301	13	13	62,001 - 80,607	X																				
00BK032894ES2	General Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0801	2	3	29,392 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0001385ES2	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	AMRDEC	DB-0861	2	3	29,382 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK0035812PO1	Prog/Acq Mgmt Officer	4-Jan-02	DSA	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X																				
S01CE0042115RM5	Supv Contract Spec	7-Jan-02	CofE Huntsville	GS-1102	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
AGM92700	Medical Technologist	12-Jan-02	Army Intern	GS-0644	5,7,9	11,12	23,633 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
EG-02-037	Aerospace Engineer	25-Jan-02	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	61,749 - 80,278	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK000012JH3	Equipment Spec (Air)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
01BK000002JH3	Equipment Spec (Gen)	6-Feb-02	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	48,223 - 62,686	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
AGM1428029	Counseling Psychologist Social Worker	8-Mar-02	MEDCOM	GS-0180-0185	9,11	12	35,818 - 73,330	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
AGM93436	Pharmacist	26-Apr-02	Army Intern	GS-0660	9,11	12,13	35,808 - 80,279	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
AGM1427198	Nurse	30-Apr-02	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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X-SP-02-3363-JB	Aerospace Engineer	18-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-02-3364-JB	General Engineer	18-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-02-3373-JB	General Engineer	18-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SL-02-3362-JB	Supply Mgmt Spec	19-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-2003	12	12	52,139 - 67,776	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-02-3325-JB	Maintenance Mgmt Officer	21-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-02-0026-JB	Aerospace Engineer	31-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	GS-0861	13	13	63,211 - 82,180	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-BL-01-3022-JB	Electronics Engineer	31-Dec-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	2	2	23,729 - 56,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-TM-02-3365-ST	Supv Contract Spec	3-Jan-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-1102	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SL-02-3372-JB	Prog-Acq Mgmt Officer	8-Jan-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	15	15	86,182 - 112,037	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0645	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Pharmacy Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0661	5	5	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Health Technician	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0640	4	5	21,123 - 30,726	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Medical Instrument Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0649	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Diagnostic Radi Tech	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0647	5	8	23,633 - 42,149	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-Medical-JB	Dental Hygienist	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0682	5	7	23,633 - 38,053	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-CP-01-NURSE	Clinical Nurse (PT)	28-Feb-02	Office Sec of Army	GS-0610	9	11	35,808 - 80,363	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
X-SP-02-3374-JB	Aerospace Engineer	19-Mar-01	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	52,139 - 80,607	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. Citizens are eligible to apply for Army Positions)																												
A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.																												
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D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																												
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																												
F - All Federal Employees																												
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																												
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																												
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																												
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																												
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																												
U - All U.S. citizens																												
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