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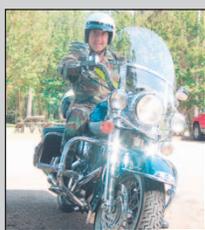
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Construction projects rolling along

New bowling center on tap for March

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The new bowling and fun center is among many ongoing major construction projects on post.

Dwain Elder, chief of operations division in Directorate of Public Works, outlined the projects during the community town hall meeting Sept. 21 at Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Some have already been completed within the past year including the first phase of the Von Braun Complex, the dining facility and the ammunition surveillance facility.

"Very proactive (construction) programs here on Redstone Arsenal," Elder said.

Structural steel work is under way on the \$6.4 million bowling and fun center which will replace the existing 16-lane bowling center. The project, located north of Honest John Road, between Zeus Drive and Patton Road, will



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FUN SITE— The bowling and fun center will be north of Honest John Road, between Zeus Drive and Patton Road.

construct a 32-lane facility. It will include bowling lanes and support areas, Strike Zone Restaurant, Sports Bar, party/meeting rooms, arcade, control counter, offices and support areas. Expected completion is next March.

"It's a big asset to Redstone," Elder said.

Other ongoing projects include the not-yet-finished

hazardous devices school expansion, the state-funded widening of Martin Road, the installation information infrastructure modernization program, a cafeteria for the Research Development and Engineering Center, and electricity-conserving peak shaving generators which should reduce the post energy bills.

Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, the

provost marshal, addressed the Provost Marshal Office's relocation to building 3623 on Gray and Patton roads, Halloween, motorcycle safety, bicycle safety and jogging safety. Halloween trick-or-treating in the housing areas is 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31.

"Safety first when you're doing something like this (for Halloween) and we're going to be out in full force to ensure people are observing these safety issues," Scofield said.

Other speakers included transportation division's Ray Boles on school bus operations; Joe Winston, garrison director of human resources, on voting assistance, Education Week (Nov. 15-20) and Red Ribbon Week (beginning Oct. 25); Post Exchange general manager Carl Carpenter on PX holiday plans; and Adrian Baker, of MWR sales and marketing department, on Morale Welfare and Recreation activities.

"This is your meeting," Darrell Brewer, deputy to the garrison commander, told the attendees. "We want you to see what's happening on Redstone."

AMCOM Express should cut shipment time to Iraq

Repair parts flown directly from depot

By AL SCHWARTZ

For the Rocket

It's being called "AMCOM Express" and according to Charles Reeves, the AMCOM transportation officer, if the concept works as planned, units in Iraq will get critical Class IX parts quicker.

"We have arranged to have an Air Force C-17 fly from Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, Texas, to Balad, Iraq," Reeves said. The plane will carry large items, such as engines, helicopter blades and transmissions that support all the aviation systems.

Materiel is being gathered and palletized at both Corpus Christi and Defense Distribution Depot Red River, Texas. The pallets being built at Red River will be trucked to Corpus Christi and staged to meet the plane. Once the plane is unloaded in Iraq, it will return to Corpus Christi the next day with critical retrograde parts.

The first flight at the end of September is a test to prove out the concept; if it works well, the plan is to fly monthly. The focus is on quickly getting critical aviation parts to units that need them with minimum handling once the materiel leaves the depot.

It became clear early on that the materiel would have to be held for 3-4 weeks if the plane was going to be filled with only parts from Corpus Christi Army Depot. "That was totally unacceptable to us," Reeves said. "We want to move the parts faster to Iraq and holding the materiel until we could fill the plane didn't make sense."

AMCOM parts are stored at several depots, so Reeves and his organization in AMCOM's Integrated Materiel Management Center worked with Red River Army Depot to move their critical parts to Corpus Christi and those parts would also fly to Iraq. "It's a great cooperative effort and hopefully a success story for our Soldiers."

The Aviation and Missile Command is working closely with the Theater Aviation Single Manager (the central point of contact who coordinates all AMCOM efforts in theater) and with the 13th COSCOM in Iraq so they can get the plane unloaded and

prepared to fly back with retrograde items.

"It's really going well," Reeves said. "There had been some resistance primarily because this is being intensively managed and is not routine. But we all realize the bottom line is to get parts quickly to our troops and when we work toward that common goal, any resistance falls away."

Today the repair parts are sent from Corpus Christi and other storage locations to the Consolidation and Containerization point at New Cumberland, Pa., then trucked to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and then flown to Balad. With AMCOM Express, they go directly from Corpus Christi to Balad. According to Reeves, that's why this is a test. "We think we can reduce the overall delivery time by shipping directly from CCAD," he said, "but that is one aspect we'll study carefully."

The cost for the plane and crew to fly the round-trip mission will also be factored into the analysis.

"We'll track the repair parts from CCAD into the theater and all the way to the customer," Reeves said. "Then we'll analyze the process and the results and present a recommendation to Maj. Gen. (Jim) Pillsbury in mid-October."

Letters to the Editor

Cyclist goes with traffic flow

In response to the Sept. 1 letter, "Bicycling on the edge," I agree that riding on the roads around here can sometimes be daunting. But that doesn't deter me from riding my bike to work, for pleasure, and for my health. I do obey the laws of Alabama, which by the way, are almost exactly the same in all 50 states and everywhere else I've ever been.

Bikes are required to obey the "rules of the road," the same for all vehicles, when riding on the road; this is called vehicular cycling. Some degree of "pedestrian cycling" is also legal. Only in certain municipalities is riding on the sidewalk prohibited. In Huntsville, where you can find a sidewalk, riding on the sidewalk is perfectly legal. However, riding the wrong way in traffic is never legal or recommended. The perception that it is safer to ride a bike facing traffic is simply not supported by the facts of

accident causes. It may be scary to think a car won't see you and hit you from behind. But overtaking drivers see cyclists just fine when they are right in front of them in the lane. It's when cyclists are in an unexpected location, like traveling the wrong way down the road, that driver's won't see them, because they aren't looking for traffic there. This is especially dangerous at each driveway and intersection, where the majority of all traffic accidents occur.

Here are some statistics to consider as you try to justify defying the rules of the road: 2.5 cyclists are killed in bicycle accidents per million people (in 2000); and 127 persons are killed in motor vehicle accidents per million people (in 2000).

Jamie Miernik
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Marshall Space Flight Center

Kudos to police detail

Thank you, Security Police. It's not very often that you guys get an "attaboy" from the public. I was proceeding down Martin Road east and approaching Patton Road under construction. I hit a 35 mph and then a 25 mph zone (I am a very good driver). At the end of the 25 mph, I got the flashing blue light; stopped, got out my ID, driver's license and insurance card while the Security Police was calling me in. I knew I was not speeding and the Security Police said I did nothing wrong; he had observed an expired registration on my license plate and explained he had to issue a ticket (\$25) since it was his job. I fully agree on this since I served in the Military Police and was in antiterrorism/force protection

before I retired.

The incident was an embarrassment and after checking I had three more with expired registration. I immediately sent in the check for the \$25 and updated all my registrations which also hit me with a \$15 penalty fee each.

Some would be mad and upset; as I see some letters downgrading the law enforcement on the good ol' Redstone Arsenal.

I will say: Thank you for your attention to detail and keep up the good work. It makes me proud to see the Security Police so detailed in securing our installation.

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retired Army/civil service

An open lane random survey

Is heckling a part of being a fan at sports events?

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Pvt. Jerry Lovin
Bravo Company
"Yes, mainly baseball. There has always been heckling. It builds up the crowd. When it gets to the point where it becomes violent is when it stops being heckling. Heckling is just making fun of the other team and that's OK. It's just in good fun."

Pvt. Jon Graves
Bravo Company



"I myself heckle, so I think it adds a competitive edge. It shows you the composure of a player and how good they really are, whether they can handle the pressure."

Sgt. 1st Class Susan Robinson
National Guard

"I don't think it should be. Go to have a good time, but not to cause trouble and make it miserable for everyone else. The athletes should be more sportsmanlike and not throw chairs or temper tantrums, but the fans shouldn't be heckling."



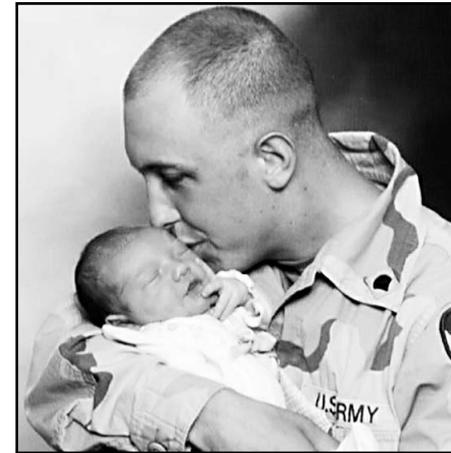
Spc. Dwayne Flowers
National Guard

"I think it's part of the game. Fans have a right to voice their opinions if a player is not playing up to their expectations. It's just part of having a good time."



Deployed Soldier a new dad

My son-in-law, Spc. Brandon Giles, is deployed to Iraq. He is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and is in the 1st Cavalry Division. In the picture I am forwarding, Brandon is shown holding his first born, Brianna Marie Giles. Brandon was able to make home to Alabama for two weeks. He arrived in Huntsville on Aug. 28 and she was born Aug. 30. He spent two weeks R&R and departed back to Iraq on Sept. 13. We are so proud of him. His wife Michele, my daughter, is staying here in Huntsville until he returns to Hood in March 2005. He also has a stepson, Brandon, living here. Thought this might be a nice story to share in the *Rocket*.



Courtesy photo

FATHER'S LOVE— Spc. Brandon Giles kisses his first born, Brianna Marie Giles.

Barbara Davis
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Quote of the week

'Money you can make and money you can lose. But history you can never erase.'

— Bernard Hopkins
middleweight boxer, after beating Oscar De La Hoya to defend his title Sept 18

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Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

Sept. 17: An individual reported that his vehicle was damaged when five bread cases fell on the hood of his vehicle.

Sept. 17: An individual reported that his vehicle window was shattered by unknown means.

Sept. 17: An individual reported that someone removed a government computer from his vehicle while it was parked at his residence. Investigation continues by Huntsville Police and the Post Marshal Office.

Sept. 17: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting various items and then exiting without rendering proper payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

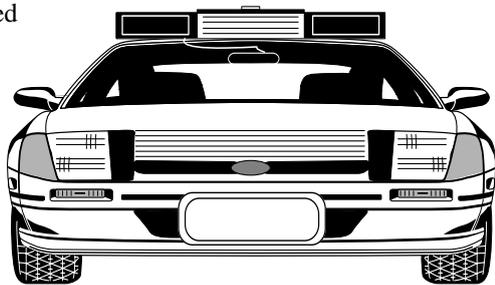
Sept. 18: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant during an inspection at Gate 10. He was detained and released to the Huntsville Police Department.

Sept. 19: An individual was found to be in operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 8. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was issued a violation notice and then detained until his blood alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Sept. 19: An individual physically assaulted another on Magnolia Circle. He was transported to the police station, processed and released to his unit. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 20: An individual reported that someone removed a saw from a construction trailer on Buxton Road. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 21: An individual was found to be in possession of a concealed weapon during an inspection of his vehicle. Investiga-



tion continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 22: An individual was found to be in possession of marijuana during an inspection at Gate 9. The individual was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Sept. 23: An individual was found to be in operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during a traffic stop. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was issued a violation notice and then detained until his blood alcohol level reached an acceptable level.

Sept. 23: An individual was found to be in operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

Sept. 23: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant. He was detained and released to the Huntsville Police Department.

Traffic accidents reported: 8 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 15 speeding, 1 no driver's license in possession, 1 open container, 1 parking in handicap parking, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 1 larceny, 2 driving under the influence, 2 expired tags, 1 driving with a suspended license and 1 possession of a controlled substance.

Getting to know you

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Name: Natalie Taylor

Job: Exceptional Family Member Program Manager, Army Community Service

Where do you call home?

Bunkerhill, Ind.

What do you like about your job?

Probably I enjoy most, working with families that have young children and finding the resources to enhance the quality of life for their special needs. Also I enjoy the special events we do, like Special Olympics, and see the interaction between the Soldiers and the kids.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Bike, shop, watch home and garden TV



shows, go to the theater and spend a lot of time with my new puppy, Jake.

What are your goals?

When I retire to open up some kind of specialty boutique like an interior design or clothing boutique.

The Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert, and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

Signs point to traffic clarification

GARRISON RELEASE

The Directorate of Public Safety has received a request to clarify the traffic flow right-of-way at the intersection of Burose Road as it turns left (east) into the Sparkman Center complex at the entrance to the Sparkman Circle.

The issue reported to this office indicates possible confusion as to who has the right-of-way, either personnel traveling south and turning left into Sparkman Circle or those traveling north and turning right into Sparkman Circle. The Directorate of Public Safety has con-

ducted a vehicle traffic flow survey and concluded that personnel traveling north on Burose Road and exiting Burose Road into Sparkman Circle must yield the right-of-way to vehicles traveling south on Burose Road and turning left into Sparkman Circle who may travel into the far right-hand lane after or during their turn.

The yield sign was erected at this location in order to prevent both turning lanes (north and south) from having the right-of-way simultaneously during a green light for the turn lanes exiting Burose Road.

Identical twin Soldiers have people seeing double

*Willett brothers
training together*

By **KELLEY LANE**
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Soldiers dress alike but these two young men look exactly the same whether in uniform or street clothes.

Kareem and Hasheem Willett are identical twins who have made Army life their own.

The 19-year-olds, who most recently called Florida home, joined the active duty military from their local Reserve unit, on the advice of friends and family. With numerous family members involved in the armed forces, service seemed like a logical step.

"I was getting into too much trouble," Kareem said. "My mom thought it would be the best thing for me to join the military."

The current war on terror has their mother, Cerene, understandably concerned for their safety. The twins also have a brother and sister at home.

Although they joined about the same time, problems with paperwork delayed Kareem's entry.



Photo by Kelley Lane

IT TAKES TWO— Pvt. Kareem, left, and Pvt. Hasheem Willett are taking Army life and training in stride together.

"We were supposed to join together, but I had to change (military occupational specialty)," Kareem said. "They changed it back so that I could be with my brother."

They are happy to be reunited at Redstone, where both attend the 27M training course. Being together eases the stress of transitioning to the military lifestyle, even if their training doesn't give them much time together.

"It's pretty hard," Hasheem said. "With all of the rules, most of the time we can't be together or even go out together."

Kareem is a member of Headquarters & Alpha Company, while Hasheem belongs to Bravo Company.

While their physical similarities have been the cause of confusion here, Hasheem says that at home people have no trouble telling them apart.

"People at home know the difference between us," Hasheem said. "Here, they have a hard time sometimes." While Kareem is outgoing and quick to smile, Hasheem is more reserved and keeps to himself.

After six months in uniform, both say it is too soon to predict how long their military careers will be. Kareem looks forward to taking advantage of the educational opportunities that the Army offers.

"I'm going to go to college while I'm here (in the Army) and have the chance," he said.

Hasheem sees himself taking the managerial skills and confidence gained through military service into the professional world when his service ends, although he is unsure which field.

"I plan to do something with business and management so I can open my own business," he said. "I like music, so I'll probably go into movie and audio production or something like that."

While they do not know where their paths will lead, they do know their next destination is Fort Sill, Okla., in March 2005. They hope to be stationed together again and continue to watch people they pass do a double take.

Bright suggestions for home lighting

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office provided the following tips regarding lighting.

- Use light colors to decorate a room. Dark colors will absorb light, which encourages using more (or higher wattage) lights to brighten the room.

- To give your house an occupied appearance while away, use timers to con-

trol lights and save energy.

- Get into the habit of turning off lights when leaving a room (at home or in the office). You are an example for others who are nearby.

For more information, call energy manager Mark Smith 842-0014 or resource efficiency manager Bob Quick 842-0235.

Red ribbons reflect drug abuse prevention efforts

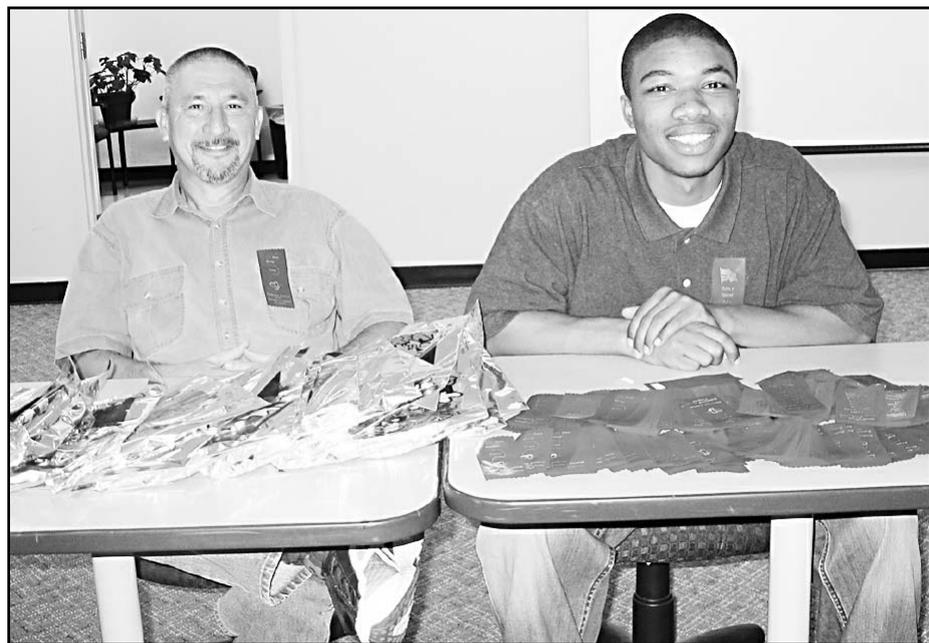


Photo by Skip Vaughn

CAMPAIGN READY— Don Glosson, left, of Military Personnel Office, and summer hire Keith Perkins of the Army Substance Abuse Program Office show their support for Red Ribbon Week.

Weeklong observance nationwide in October

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The death of an undercover drug enforcement agent 19 years ago continues to impact Redstone Arsenal and the rest of the nation.

Red Ribbon Week, a national observance, was established in 1988 in memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was murdered in Mexico in 1985. The red ribbon has become a symbol of the efforts to eliminate illegal drugs in schools, workplaces and communities.

"Prevention of drug abuse – use and abuse," Ruby Turner, alcohol and drug control officer in the garrison's Human Resources Directorate, said. "And I think that's why it's a national campaign and people just ought to partnership during this time."

Team Redstone will kick off Red Rib-

bon Week on Oct. 25 with a presentation by Pete Collins, a former Mississippi state trooper captain, tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. He is to speak that afternoon at Butler High. On Oct. 26 he is to speak to Soldiers in the morning and again at Bob Jones Auditorium that afternoon, probably at 1. Times are to be confirmed later.

"We're encouraging people to come and hear his presentation. He's a dynamic speaker," Turner said. People who have not had their yearly substance abuse training can receive credit for this, she added.

Also during that week, members of the Army Substance Abuse Program Office will go to the Child Development Center to read to the youngsters about the observance and deliver Halloween "boo bags" filled with goodies on the drug-free theme. Informational booths are to be set up at various locations on post.

"Team Redstone has been very supportive of this (annual) campaign," Turner said. This year's theme is "Drug Free – I Have the Power."

Mentors wanted for local school children

The calls come in frequently from local schools but the requests must go unfilled. There just aren't enough volunteers.

That's the situation these days with the Team Redstone Community Mentor Program which started in 1995. More volunteers are needed from the work force.

"I am still in a great need for mentors," program leader Ruby Turner, the garrison's alcohol and drug control officer,

said. "We've got so many boys and girls that need somebody to help them emotionally as well as academically. I get requests all the time from the schools but I don't have the bodies. We're looking for positive role models for these kids."

The volunteers spend at least an hour weekly with a child, giving that youngster his or her individual attention. "And you don't have to be a parent to be a mentor," Turner said.

Anybody can be a mentor – Soldiers,

government employees, family members or retirees. "The number of mentors is low at this time," Turner said.

People interested in becoming mentors can call her at 842-9895 or e-mail ruby.turner@redstone.army.mil.

Early intervention can prevent emotional problems

Counselors prescribe employee assistance

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The worker has been an emotional wreck for a long time and he becomes such a troublemaker that his supervisor tries to fire him.

During the firing process, the supervisor is asked if he ever tried to get counseling for the problem employee. No is the response. The supervisor is told he'd better try that first.

Ruby Turner, the garrison's alcohol and drug control officer, has seen instances like this fictitious case. Early intervention through the Employee Assistance Program might have helped.

"I would love to encourage supervisors to start attending the monthly employee assistance training," Turner said. "We don't hear from managers until somebody is just about to be fired. We can do some prevention so it won't have to get to that.

In this monthly training they can learn how to identify and refer employees for help."

Marshall Reiss, employee assistance program professional, conducts the training the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5300, first floor, room 5140.

"We have been seeing people that have not even been coming to work because of depression, because of addiction to drugs, stress, family problems," Turner said. "And it's not just for supervisors. We also encourage employees to go so they can see what we can provide to assist employees that are in trouble."

The Army Substance Abuse Program Office is not a treatment facility but does provide assessment and evaluation. These services are free and confidential.

The monthly employee assistance training is open to all comers. "If they have at least seven people to train we can come to their organization to do it because we feel that it's so important that people know what to do," Turner said. Organizations can call Reiss at 955-0748.

Engineers gain experience on unit flight lines

Mechanical work proves uplifting

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

Nine days – 216 hours – may not seem like a lot of time. But for those who have been through “The Engineer on the Flight Line” program of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, those days are jam packed with on-site experience in aviation maintenance.

“New AMRDEC engineers and technical personnel are assigned to aviation engineering, maintenance or supply management positions, and on many days, leave the flight line sore, dirty and tired,” AMRDEC’s Doug Felker said. “Nonetheless, they will understand how something that seems so simple on paper can become a major burden for flight line mechanics. It has been an eye-opening experience for each engineer who has been through the program.”

During those nine days, flight-line students get actual experience on phased maintenance; 30-hour/42-day inspections; cleaning, scrapping and painting; Safety of Flight tasks; blade servicing; control rod maintenance; transmission removal; floor panel maintenance; tub area maintenance; and engine maintenance.

This on-the-job, hands-on action provides engineers and technical analysts an



Courtesy photo

HANDS-ON— Jason Lawler, AMRDEC engineer, works on a UH-60 Black Hawk main rotor blade.

up-close and personal glimpse of the challenges faced by Army aviation maintenance personnel.

“By actually turning wrenches, performing inspections, and doing maintenance management information system write-ups, the engineers gain a unique perspective on how decisions that they make affect personnel on the flight line and in the maintenance hangar,” Felker said. “Students work under the direct supervision of aviation maintenance personnel performing various scheduled and unscheduled maintenance tasks.”

Each engineer is placed with an experienced mechanic.



Courtesy photo

MOBILE FLIGHT LINE— AMRDEC engineer Jason Smith, left, and Sgt. Bobby Seibert work on the safety wiring of an Alabama National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk stabilator.

Jason Lawler and Jason Smith recently spent 216 hours with the Alabama National Guard in Mobile, for example. At the beginning of day one, Lawler started by working with a mechanic performing a Black Hawk tub inspection, which is performed every 30-36 months on the area below the troop and gunner seats.

First, he and the mechanic removed the seats and began removing screws from the floor to remove the floor panels. Next, he helped the mechanic move the aircraft to the wash area and tied it down to complete an aircraft wash. Lawler and the mechanic to whom he was assigned spent the entire day on a 30-hour/42-day inspection. “This was a unique opportunity to find out what components were inspected during the inspection,” Lawler said.

On day two, Lawler completed the final, Area 6 – rotor head — inspection. The 30-hour/42-day inspection covers every area of the aircraft and has proven to give great insight to the engineers as to how long an inspection of this magnitude takes and just exactly what a technician is looking for during this inspection. Lawler vacuumed the tub to allow for greater visibility of corrosion and mildew, for example.

Next he cleaned, scraped and used wire brushes to remove any flaking paint and corrosion from the bottom of the tub. The aircraft was then moved outside to steam clean the tub and remove any excess mold and mildew.

“The engineers learned just how difficult and in depth the process of doing what would seemingly be a simple job can actually be,” Felker said. “Actually scraping and wire brushing the tub and panels to prevent corrosion from forming preceded the engineers painting the inside of the tub using yellow epoxy.”

On day three, the engineers worked with maintainers, pulling the main rotor blades to comply with a Safety of Flight message. This SOF was issued in response to cracks being found in between the bolts which hold the main portion of the blade to the cuff.

“Each engineer was given the opportunity to attach the crane to the blade and

guide the blade to the work area where the SOF would be performed,” Felker said. “Once the blades were removed, Lawler was given the task of scraping the Proseal from each bolt with a plastic chisel and hammer to give the technical inspector the opportunity to examine for cracks between the bolts.”

On day six, the engineer applied the second coat of epoxy to the bolts on the main rotor blades. Next, they removed the front cowling that covers the flight controls and moved aircraft stands into position to allow for access to the top of the aircraft. These stands are required before removal of flight control rods. All told, 12 rods were inspected upon removal from the aircraft.

“We found this job to be the most difficult to perform during our entire stay,” Lawler said. “The rods had at least two bolts per side with a cotter pin in each nut, and care had to be taken to not drop the pins or nuts onto the deck to prevent foreign object damage. The Alabama National Guard unit felt this task really gave me an idea of the difficulty and tediousness of these inspections.”

“Both Lawler and Smith feel that this was an amazing opportunity for them to experience the challenges faced by mechanics,” Felker said. “Knowing that many of these challenges are driven by decisions made by engineers like ourselves has provided us with key knowledge and insight into making future decisions.”

In addition to working with the Alabama National Guard, recently AMRDEC engineers completed a stint with the North Carolina National Guard in Raleigh, working on AH-64A Apaches.

“This unit had just returned from Operating Enduring Freedom deployment,” engineer Kris Walker said. “They were really glad to have us, and thankful that somebody cared enough to be with them and find out what’s going on. The aviation maintainers had some unique OEF issues, and we are now in a position to help them do their jobs better in the future. They

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Bicentennial Chapel delivers blessing for animals

Event is tribute to patron saint

Animals need love, too.

A special celebration to bless the animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, is Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy "Father George" Rzasowski will conduct the annual service.

This celebration is a tribute to St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, who died in 1226. He was noted for his love for nature and all creatures. It is said that ani-

mals responded to his kindness by listening to his sermons.

"The celebration at the chapel offers a way to thank God for our relationship with our animal companions, and reminds us we are all creatures of God," a prepared release from the chapel said.

All pets are welcome, accompanied by their owners. All pets should be leashed or in cages. Bring your dogs, cats, snakes, turtles, hamsters, horses, sheep, rabbits or any other pet you happen to have. Stuffed animals are also welcome.

Refreshments will be available for pets and humans. For more information, call Patty Wilson at 876-6874.



Photo by Patty Wilson

CATNAP— Acony Bell, age 6, takes a nap to prepare for the Blessing of the Animals, Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. She invites all her animal friends, of all species, to come.

■ Unit flight lines get help from engineers

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were able to come up with some clever 'work-arounds' to meet the challenges of OEF deployment conditions."

Getting the right data is a key part of successful maintenance, Walker added.

"When it comes to trouble shooting and problem solving, it's important to see an actual part and what it does, compared to looking at a write-up on a piece of paper."

"A lot of the best solutions come from Soldiers," program leader Felker said. "These are smart, motivated kids. This is a win-win program. We get value-added experience and National Guard maintainers get extra pairs of hands, at no extra cost."

"Engineers in the program are told to be the first to show up, the last to leave, to work hard and to do what they've been told. This program has been so well received that we're now planning on expansion to CH-47D Chinooks, following our Black Hawk and Apache successes."



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

Armywide honoree

Spc. Wilfredo Mendez accepts the award and title of 2004 Soldier of the Year from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preson Sept. 17 at Fort Myer, Va. Mendez represented U.S. Forces Korea in the competition.

Graveyards house spirits of the past

*Mysterious encounters
traced to ex-residents*

By KIM HENRY
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Redstone was home for many rural residents until 1941, when the Army purchased the land. There are at least 48 known cemeteries across the Arsenal.

When people talk about cemeteries, they often get a little spooked. Just the mystery of the unknown can cause shivers. Stories are passed down about spirits lingering to take care of unfinished business or remaining to watch over their loved ones. Folklorists say that some wandering ghosts don't know they're dead.

Several Arsenal workers say they have encountered some of these residents from the past.

One Department of the Army police officer and his dog were patrolling Redstone Road around Gate 3. "It was a misty, rainy night," the DA officer said. "And I saw a lady in a long dress walking across the street." At first the officer said

he thought it was just the fog that was causing the image.

Kelly, the officer's dog at the time, jumped up to the front seat when she saw the figure. The officer said this was strange because Kelly always sat in the back and never moved or barked until told to do so.

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"When I saw the lady, Kelly came up to the front seat and put her front paws on the dash and her back paws on the center console," he said. "The dog was watching her cross the street. The fur was standing up on the back of her neck and she had low growl."

The officer said as he turned the vehicle around Kelly jumped to the back seat to keep watching the figure. "The lady walked straight across the street into the field and Kelly kept a low growl," he said.

The officer said more than anything it was the dog's behavior that made him uneasy. "You know I probably wouldn't have thought much about it had I been by



Photo by Kim Henry

ETCHED IN STONE— The lives of many who lived on Redstone are marked by tombstones. There are at least 48 cemeteries scattered across the installation.

myself," the officer said. "But when a dog reacts, it makes you know something is there."

On another occasion, a DA officer remembered a military policeman coming back from Gate 3 scared to death.

The MP had gone to check the gate to make sure it was locked. "As he was checking the gate he heard someone whistling in the tree line," the officer said. "He probably thought it was a farmer."

As the MP turned to look in the direction of the whistling he felt a presence over the back of his shoulder. A voice said, "What're you doing down here?" The MP was so frightened he ran back to his car and drove back to the station.

Another DA police officer has a story that particularly sticks out in his mind.

"I was working as the desk sergeant on the early shift and around 1 or 2 a.m. one of the female military police came walking in the front door." The officer described her face as extremely white and she wouldn't talk to anyone.

Finally, the officer got her to speak. "She said that she had been patrolling around the south end of post (alone) and looked up in her rearview mirror and saw someone sitting in the back seat of her car." Startled by the unwanted passenger, she got out of the car and walked back to the station. It was approximately eight miles.

The officer said what struck him as peculiar was that the female MP didn't seem to scare easily. "She didn't give the impression that she was scared of anything."

He sent two officers to get her car. They found no one in it. The officer said from that day forward, when the female MP worked after dark, she never went down to that end of post again.

Since the Army's purchase of the Arsenal, the cemeteries are pretty much the only legacy left of those who called it home. For some, Redstone is a hallowed ground suitable for a final resting place. Or is it?

Air defenders support community activities

Association contributes to veterans museum

By **DICK PENDLETON**
For the Rocket

Air Defense Artillery Association chapter president Col. Michael E. Johnson presented a \$2,000 grant to the founder and director of the Huntsville Veterans Memorial Museum, retired Lt. Col. Randy Withrow, on Sept. 9.

The grant is to pay the shipping cost to transport an M-42 “Duster” to Huntsville where volunteers will restore it for display at the museum. The M42A1 Duster was an improvement on the old M19 Twin 40mm Anti-Aircraft Tank of World War II. During the Vietnam War, Dusters played a key role in ground support and anti-guerilla suppression missions.

The ADA Association is a private organization formed in 1980. Its goals are to support the Air Defense Artillery Sol-

diers and retirees, to foster a spirit of unity and esprit de corps among members of the branch and to provide both moral and financial support to the Air Defense Artillery Museum and other programs of the museums division.

Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is among six ADAA chapters. Chapter activities and community support actions include:

- Support of the Air Defense Museum at Fort Bliss, Texas, the Madison County Veterans Museum, and the Army Community Service’s Space Camp Scholarship Program for military dependents
- Endowing a ROTC Scholarship program open to cadets at Alabama A&M University and the University of Alabama-Huntsville
- Donations to the Redstone Arsenal Chaplain’s Holiday Food Basket program
- Annual grants to Redstone-Huntsville community programs such as Total Tots
- Supporting the 1st Battalion Patriot, 203rd ADA, Alabama National Guard.

World traveler ready to settle down for a while

The life and times of Father George

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Father George wasn't thrilled about moving again but that's the Army way.

The Catholic priest, originally from Poland, had just returned from nearly a year in Iraq. He expected to stay longer at Fort Campbell, Ky., so he'd bought a house which he was starting to remodel. Then he got surprise orders to Redstone Arsenal, a place he didn't know existed.

But he's happy now.

"I feel welcome," Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy Rzasowski, aka Father George, said. "Everybody's very friendly. I like the surroundings, those mountains behind, the valley. I love Huntsville. I already went to symphony orchestra once and plan to

many more times. The community welcomed me with open heart and arms, I would say. And we plan many things to do in our community in order to joyfully grow into the Lord, to become more part of Christ."

Father George, who rides his new motorcycle to work, arrived Sept. 15 as the command's new chaplain and the Catholic pastor. He succeeded Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen who retired to Birmingham. Chilen will serve as a volunteer at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Birmingham.

At Fort Campbell, Father George was the 159th Aviation Brigade chaplain. He arrived there in January 2003 and was in Mosul in northern Iraq for more than 11 months, from late February 2003 until last February.

"It was a right cause, I would say," he said of the war. "We knew that it was the right thing to do that we went but it was tough."

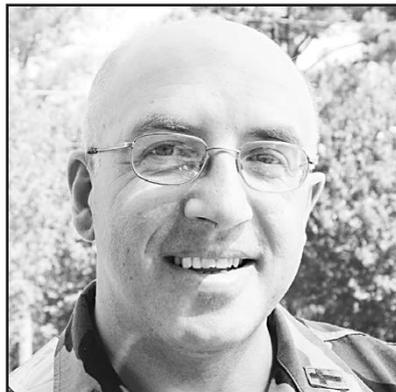


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READY TO SERVE— "I want to joyfully serve the Lord and support all people who want to do the same in my capacity as an ordained priest," Father George says.

He was the senior Catholic chaplain for the 101st Airborne Division

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHAPLAIN ON WHEELS— Chaplain (Maj.) Jerzy Rzasowski, aka Father George, rides his Harley to work.

New law spells relief for servicemembers

Civil relief act gets update

By Capt. ALLEN STEWART
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The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, effective Dec. 19, 2003, was enacted to help ease the economic and legal burdens on servicemembers serving on active duty. It provides substantial rights to servicemembers with respect to a wide variety of matters in an effort to help them meet their obligations while they are away from home.

The SCRA updates and strengthens the protections previously afforded by the Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act and, among other things, affords servicemembers rights with respect to certain civil and administrative proceedings, high-interest loans, and certain residential and automobile leases.

Civil and administrative actions

The SCRA provides various rights with respect to civil actions and administrative matters, but no rights with respect to criminal proceedings. One of the rights the SCRA provides with respect to civil and administrative proceedings is the right to a stay of those proceedings in certain instances. A stay effects a delay in the proceedings and a stay of at least 90 days is mandatory when the servicemember requests a stay in a writing setting forth an explanation of why the current military duty materially affects the servicemem-

ber's ability to appear and gives a date upon which the servicemember will be available to appear. Additionally, a stay of at least 90 days is mandatory when requested by a commander in a writing including the same information plus a statement that leave is not authorized at the time of the letter. Multiple stays are possible, and requests for stays under the SCRA do not waive any substantive or procedural defenses.

The SCRA also increases the procedure required for the entry of a judgment against a servicemember based upon his failure to appear in an action. In addition to making default judgments against servicemembers more difficult to obtain, the act also affords servicemembers certain rights with respect to the setting aside of such judgments. Pursuant to the SCRA, a servicemember may have a default judgment entered against him or her while on active duty set aside upon application to the court within 90 days of separation from active duty. Upon timely application, the servicemember is entitled to have such judgment set aside upon proof that he or she has a meritorious defense to the action and that military service prejudiced his or her ability to defend.

High-interest rate loans

The SCRA generally provides that a lender may not charge a servicemember more than 6 percent interest per year on loans originating before the servicemember's entry on active duty. Further, the SCRA generally requires that all interest

in excess of 6 percent per year be forgiven. A servicemember properly requests this interest rate relief by sending a written request to the lender along with a copy of his or her military orders. The relief is effective as of the date of the servicemember's entry upon active duty. Although interest is generally capped at 6 percent, the lender is not bound to charge that limited rate if the lender can prove that the servicemember's military service has not materially affected his or her ability to repay the loan.

Residential leases and evictions

The SCRA allows a servicemember to terminate a lease entered into prior to entry upon active duty if the premises had been occupied by the servicemember or his dependents. Additionally, the SCRA now allows an active duty servicemember to terminate leases entered after entry upon active duty if the servicemember subsequently receives orders for a PCS or a deployment for a period of 90 days or more. Unfortunately, it is not clear whether the SCRA will relieve a spouse of a servicemember from his or her obligations under a lease the spouse has also signed. As such, servicemembers should continue to negotiate the inclusion of military clauses prior to leasing. In order to obtain the protections of the SCRA with respect to termination of leases, the servicemember must provide written notice of the termination along with a copy of the applicable orders. The termination is effective 30 days after the next rent pay-

ment due date following the landlord's receipt of the termination letter and accompanying orders.

The SCRA also restricts a landlord's ability to evict a servicemember or his or her dependents from leased premises in the absence of a court order for eviction. The restriction applies provided that the monthly rent does not exceed \$2,465 per month for the year 2004.

Automobile leases

The SCRA also provides a servicemember the ability to terminate certain automobile leases without termination penalty. With respect to automobile leases, the SCRA allows a servicemember to terminate automobile leases entered into prior to entry on active duty if he or she receives orders to active duty for 180 days or more. Additionally, the SCRA provides that a servicemember may cancel an automobile lease entered into while on active duty if he or she receives orders to deploy for 180 days or more or orders for a PCS outside the continental United States. A servicemember terminates the automobile lease by providing written notice of termination along with a copy of the applicable orders.

If you have specific questions about the SCRA or its application to a particular situation, call the Legal Assistance Office at 876-9005 in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Appointments are available on weekdays and on occasional weekends.

Editor's note: Capt. Allen Stewart is the claims attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

■ Catholic priest spends nearly a year in Iraq

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in northern Iraq. His successor, Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Vakoc from Fort Lewis, Wash., was seriously injured by a mine in late May in Mosul, and has been hospitalized five months.

"I see Catholic community as my family," Father George said. "I'm not married, I have no children so this is my family. I want to support those who have charism, a special gift from God. I want to empower leadership. I don't want to do everything myself. First, I feel I am unable to do it."

He's used to installations with larger troop populations, like Fort Campbell and Fort Riley, Kan., so mostly-civilian Redstone is a new experience for him. He would like to attract more Soldiers to services at Bicentennial Chapel.

"I want to see more active duty Soldiers in the church," he said. "I believe they are somewhere (Sundays) but hibernating."

Father George, 44, was born in what

was formerly central but now eastern Poland. His parents, Krystyna and Jan Rzasowski, reside with his younger brother, Marek, 41, and Marek's wife and daughter in Walbrzych in west Poland. Marek is an entrepreneur and local politician there.

Father George was ordained in 1985 at Wroclaw Seminary in southwest Poland and spent the next four years in Lubin as assistant pastor at the Catholic parish. One of seven priests at the Lubin parish, he taught children who were third-graders through high school. He was moderator, the supervisor of altar servers, and a chaplain for the underground Solidarity. While he was in seminary, his younger brother was imprisoned for about seven months as a leader of the youth Solidarity movement while in high school.

"It was an exciting time," he said of the struggles during that era of Communist dictatorship. "There was no legal Solidarity then. They came to pray and study."

The Communist government toppled after the first semi-free election in June 1989. Father George left Poland in

December 1989 and arrived at the Buffalo (N.Y.) Diocese where he became assistant pastor. He served in Dunkirk for a year and then three years in Buffalo. He joined the Army in January 1994, entering as a captain.

He became chaplain for the 234th Armor Battalion at Fort Riley from 1994-96. This included two deployments to Guantanamo to help with refugees. "There I learned a little bit of Creole and Spanish," he said. In 1996 he was transferred to the 135th Armor Battalion in Germany, joining that unit in Bosnia. He was pastor in Baumholder, Germany, from 1998-99. From there he joined the 40th Combat Engineers in Kosovo. Two years later he went to Egypt and became a

multi-national forces chaplain for units from 11 countries in the Sinai.

"I like traveling and to meet new people and see new countries; and the Army helps me to do it – even more than I really want," he said, laughing.

His hobbies include listening to music, riding his motorcycle – a Harley-Davidson Road King Classic which he bought in May in Clarksville, Tenn. – reading, hiking and watching professional football.

"I want to joyfully serve the Lord," Father George said, "and support all people who want to do the same in my capacity as an ordained priest."

Maybe he'll get to stay a couple of years to do that here.

Devastating Dragons show preseason fire

Delta beats MEDDAC for tournament title

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Delta Company had ample opportunity to settle for second place last week in the preseason flag football tournament.

The Devastating Dragons had to battle from the losers bracket to get to the final. Needing two wins over unbeaten MEDDAC, the Dragons were in a scoreless struggle until they finally scored the winning touchdown with less than a minute left in the first game. Then they fell behind in game two.

But Delta mounted a second-half comeback and beat MEDDAC 18-16 for the preseason title Sept. 21 at the football field on Patton Road. Delta won the first game 6-0.

"It was just one solid effort from all Dragons trying to maintain the legacy of champions," Robert Coppage, Delta linebacker/backup wide receiver, said. "Dragons are back."

Delta successfully defended its preseason title from last year. It was the post runner-up to HHC 59th in 2003.

"We just never quit," Chris Frazier, wide receiver/coach, said. "We were down but we knew there was too much time in the (second) game to give up. We knew if there was still time on the clock and if we had timeouts we could win it."

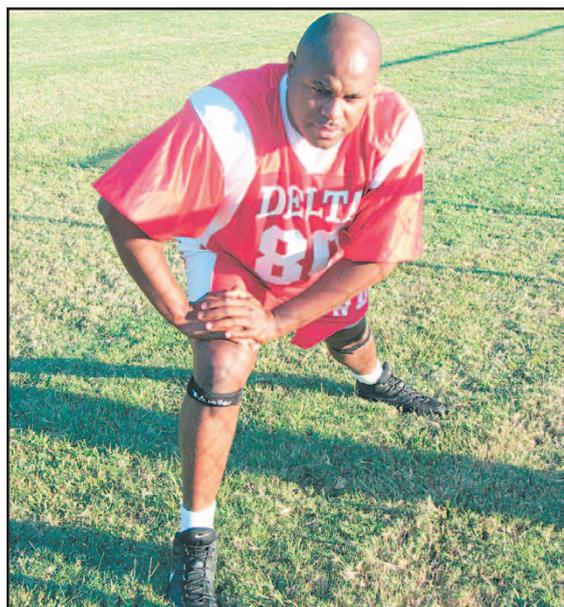


Photo by Skip Vaughn
LIMBERING UP— Delta wide receiver Rod Brown stretches before the preseason tournament final.

MEDDAC scored late in the first half to lead 8-6 at halftime and went up 16-6 in the second half.

Delta cornerback Stacey Cooley sparked the comeback. Four minutes into the second half, he intercepted a pass and pitched the ball to Tremayne Frison who scored from 10 yards out. This cut the deficit to 16-12.

With 8:19 left, Cooley intercepted another pass in MEDDAC territory. Running back Keith Broughton took a pitch from quarterback Johnie Walker and scored on a 10-yard run to put Delta up 18-16. The defense took over from there.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
DELTA FLIGHT— Delta wide receiver Chris Frazier (6) tries to elude MEDDAC defenders in the deciding game.

Frazier made an interception at 4:38 to stop a MEDDAC drive deep in Delta territory. The Dragons tried to run out the clock but faced second down at their 8 with 2:40 left. Broughton responded with a 12-yard run, stretching the ball to the 20 for a first down at 2:23. But MEDDAC forced the Dragons to punt from their own 25 with 45 seconds left.

After Delta's punt, the medics took over on their 19 with 43 seconds remaining. They were on their 35 with six seconds left when defensive lineman Anthony Hunter sacked the quarterback to end the game.

"We played with some heart. We came out hard," MEDDAC quarterback/coach Ray Lee said. "They had a little more depth. Everybody played their hearts out."

Walker gave Delta a 6-0 lead in the game's opening minutes with a 20-yard touchdown run on a quarterback option. The Dragons won the first game on his 30-yard scoring pass to Frazier.

MEDDAC advanced to the final by beating Charlie Company 24-22 on Sept. 20. Delta advanced by beating Headquar-

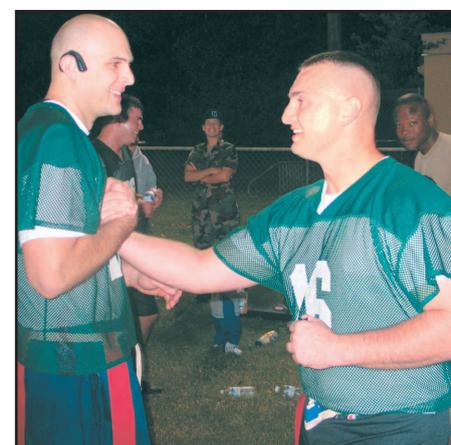


Photo by Skip Vaughn
HAPPY HALFTIME— MEDDAC's Eric Moorman, left, and Scott Pearson celebrate their 8-6 halftime lead but the medics would lose to Delta 18-16.

ters & Alpha 20-6 and Charlie 12-6, avenging a 44-40 loss from Sept. 14.

"We did it the hard way," Coppage said. "We had guys step up."

Auburn's running game should rock Rocky Top

Tigers favored over Tennessee

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Here are Skip's Picks (102-41 so far) for this week in college football:

- South Carolina at Alabama — **Alabama**
- Arkansas at Florida — **Florida**
- Auburn at Tennessee — **Auburn**
- LSU at Georgia — **LSU**
- Ohio at Kentucky — **Kentucky**
- Arkansas State at Ole Miss — **Ole Miss**
- Mississippi State at Vanderbilt — **Vanderbilt**
- Alabama A&M at Texas Southern — **A&M**
- Arizona State at Oregon — **Ariz. State**
- TCU at Army — **TCU**
- BYU at Colorado State — **BYU**
- Baylor at Texas — **Texas**



- Massachusetts at Boston College — **BC**
- California at Oregon State — **Calif.**
- UAB at Cincinnati — **UAB**
- Colorado at Missouri — **Colo.**
- The Citadel at Duke — **Duke**

- East Carolina at Louisville — **Louisville**
- North Carolina at Florida State — **FSU**
- Miami at Georgia Tech — **Miami**
- Illinois at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**
- Michigan at Indiana — **Michigan**
- Michigan State at Iowa — **Iowa**
- Iowa State at Oklahoma State — **Okla. State**
- Kansas at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
- Kansas State at Texas A&M — **Kan. State**
- Penn State at Minnesota — **Penn State**
- Wake Forest at N.C. State — **Wake Forest**
- Purdue at Notre Dame — **Notre Dame**
- Ohio State at Northwestern — **Ohio State**
- Texas Tech at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**
- Rice at San Jose State — **San Jose State**
- Rutgers at Syracuse — **Rutgers**
- SMU at Boise State — **Boise State**
- Southern Miss at South Florida — **Southern Miss**
- Washington at Stanford — **Stanford**
- Utah State at Troy — **Troy**
- San Diego State at UCLA — **UCLA**
- West Virginia at Virginia Tech — **W.Va.**

Hispanic Americans share nation's dream

Heritage month event planned

By ANGELA MORTON
For the Rocket

What do a baseball star, an astronaut, and a top Soldier in Iraq have in common? They are all making history — and they are all Hispanic Americans.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, Americans celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in honor of the great contributions that Hispanic Americans make to our society. In 1968, Congress declared National Hispanic Heritage Week to honor the contributions of Hispanic people living in the United States. September was chosen because that is the time several Latin American countries celebrate winning independence from Spain. In 1989, Congress expanded the week to a month.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we take pride in the generations of Hispanic Americans who have served in America's armed forces, served to protect and defend our nation. Forty-two Hispanic Americans have earned the highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor. Through the lives of these great heroes, it is clear that the American dream belongs to everyone.

Today, men and women of Hispanic heritage continue to serve and sacrifice in the defense of freedom. Almost 200,000 Hispanics serve in the U.S. military. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sánchez, a Mexican American, is the former the commander of U.S. and British forces in Iraq. He says he owes his success to his upbringing. "The Hispanic family is all about loyalty, taking care of one another, and a willingness to sacrifice," he says.

Hispanics make a difference in many areas. Great strides have been made in science. Mexican-born scientist Mario Molina won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1995 for his studies about the ozone layer, a layer of gas that protects the earth from the sun's harshest rays. Astronaut Ellen Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman to fly into space in 1993. She visits schools to encourage students to do their best. "Don't be afraid to reach for the stars," she tells them. In sports, Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa is originally from the Dominican Republic and basketball star Rebecca Lobo has Cuban roots. Hispanics have created some of the world's greatest art as is evident in the colorful



Courtesy photo

OBSERVANCE SPEAKER— Armando Rodriguez, chief of diversity management and equal opportunity, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., is scheduled speaker for the Hispanic Heritage Month Observance, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at Richard C. Shelby Auditorium, building 4544.

murals and wall paintings of Mexican artist Judith Baca. Increasing numbers of Hispanics are involved in government. Loretta and Linda Sánchez made history last year as the first sisters to serve in Congress.

All are invited to join us Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. as Redstone Arsenal celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. A dynamic agenda presenting the history and culture of Hispanics will be held at the Richard C. Shelby for Missile Intelligence Auditorium, building 4544 on Fowler Road. The keynote speaker is Armando Rodríguez, chief of diversity management and equal opportunity, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.

Essay theme awards, corridos and mariachis musical presentations along with the culinary delight of a Hispanic food sampling will also highlight this culturally charged and educational event. All are invited to attend. This event was planned and organized by the Combined Team Redstone Hispanic Heritage Month Committee. If you require special accommodations, please call Peter Espinosa at 313-7285.

Editor's note: Angela Morton is an equal employment opportunity specialist at Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

Hungarian student learns about America

Travel, sightseeing prove educational

Hungarian Staff Sgt. Tamas Urban has learned more than ammunition during his time at Redstone Arsenal.

He has discovered the American way of life.

"I traveled a lot, visiting historical buildings, famous sites. I tried out everything I could," Urban said. The member of the 25th Light Infantry Brigade-Hungary is here from July 28 to Nov. 5 for the Ammunition Basic NCO Course.

"I enjoyed every minute. It's a lifetime experience," he said.

Urban, 22, is assigned to Headquarters & Alpha Company.

"The people (in America) are very friendly especially when they find out I am from another country," he said. "My opinion is that this a great nation and now I know why."

The most memorable thing about his stay has been seeing the Gulf of Mexico and Florida, he said.

He plans to use his training as much as possible and handle things differently than before his course. Outside the classroom, the International Military Student Office provides informational activities for Urban and other foreign visitors.

"They were of great assistance to me,"



Photo by Scott Huther

INQUISITIVE— Hungarian Staff Sgt. Tamas Urban is taking the Ammunition Basic NCO Course.

Urban said of the IMSO staff. "They were helpful all the time. I don't know what I would have done without them."

Interns learn how to develop their career skills



Michael Davis/Human Resources Directorate
KEYS TO SUCCESS— Acquisition Center executive director Marlene Cruze tells interns how she became a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Quarterly meetings train future leaders

By **MARY E. WILSON**
For the Rocket

The interns, SCEPs (Student Career Experience Program), and AMC Fellows held their first AMCOM quarterly meeting Sept. 13 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

An initial meeting, coordinated by Raymond Nabors of AMCOM Human Resources Directorate, took place June 8. This time the interns, SCEPs and fellows of AMCOM organized the session.

As many may know, it is a goal of the AMCOM Strategic Workforce plan to hire and train employees who will carry on the services of Aviation and Missile Command after many begin to retire.

"I am committed to integrating these employees into the work force quickly, and assuring they receive the support and training required to build their skills and develop their knowledge base," AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury said in a policy letter.

In support of this effort, quarterly meetings are conducted to help train the AMCOM interns, SCEPs and Army Materiel Command fellows in the organization. Members of the quarterly meeting committee say this is training for Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders.

The September meeting featured Mar-

lene Cruze, executive director of Acquisition Center; Sgt. 1st Class Tamara Williams, and Nabors. Cruze gave an enlightening presentation about becoming a member of Senior Executive Service. Williams talked about chain-of-command; her speech was very refreshing and comprehensive to those schooled and unschooled about Army and AMCOM order.

Nabors gave a presentation with a "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" theme.

He described each developmental program and those career programs within the intern program at AMCOM. He asked various questions and rewarded those who answered correctly with T-shirts, CD cases and packages of the candy 100 Grand.

For more information about the quarterly meetings, call Nabors at 876-6079.



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Unpacking brochures

Members of the Marine Corps Detachment help unload 22,000 CFC campaign brochures that were delivered Sept. 22 from The Huntsville Times to the Combined Federal Campaign office. "We really appreciated their support," Donna Johnson, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for this year's charity drive, said. "Team Redstone has truly been stepping up and helping us to prepare for our 2004 campaign."

Workers' vigilance wanted for security awareness

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

While security is the primary duty of several security organizations and Redstone Arsenal personnel, security remains the responsibility of each and every Team Redstone member. The Global War on Terrorism and the events of 9/11 have made us realize that responsibility more than ever. The world situation that we face each day requires all of us to apply a renewed focus on security policy and procedures, addressing today's ever-changing threat environment.

"As part of this renewed emphasis on security and the promotion of Army security programs, the Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G-2, Lt. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, has established October as Security

Awareness Month," Alvin Odoms, Garrison director of personnel, training, mobilization and security, said. "During October, we should strive to reenergize our level of security awareness and review organizational security policies and practices. For example, we all need to pull together — every day — to continue assuring that Redstone Arsenal remains a secure environment for everyone."

The following list should draw the focus of all for the continued maintenance of Arsenal security, according to Odoms:

- Be sure to wear your security badge at all times during work hours.
- Be sure to remove and safeguard your security badge during non-work hours.
- Protect your security badge as you would your wallet, don't leave it lying around in plain view or in an unlocked

vehicle.

- If your security badge is lost or stolen, contact your organizational security point of contact and report it stolen to the Provost Marshal Office.

- If your job or position requires you to access classified information, be sure to properly protect that information, never leave it lying around unattended.

- Be sure not to share any classified information with anyone who doesn't have a need-to-know, and make sure the individual has the appropriate security clearance before you share the information.

- Protect your computer passwords; never share your password with another person or write it down.

- Be sure to complete your annual Anti-Terrorism Awareness Training to refresh yourself on what to do if ever put

in a situation that might compromise security.

These are just a few of the things you can do to protect yourself and others and to safeguard sensitive information on the installation. Being aware of what is going on — situational awareness — is the primary way Team Redstone members can help installation security forces. If you see something that might compromise security, report what you see to your organizational security POC as soon as possible, or to the Provost Marshal Office.

"We are not going to be able to continue in secure environment by promoting Security Awareness with a once-a-year event," Odoms said. "We are going to establish a continuous Security Awareness, Education, and Training Program, maintaining the security awareness level of the entire Redstone Arsenal family."



Photo by Kristi Foster

Come hungry

Customers enjoy a meal and dining experience at the Soldatenstube restaurant at Redstone Golf Course. The dining room was recently remodeled to accommodate the authentic German eatery as Morale Welfare and Recreation refurbished it for \$56,974. The restaurant offers German lunch specials Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 5-9. The restaurant's grill is open daily until 8:30 p.m. For more information on the Soldatenstube and MWR activities, visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Feeding the mind with a heart healthy diet plan

Live long and prosper through smart nutrition

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

Believe it or not, there is a good answer to the question: What's the best diet around today?

"The one you can keep up," Rosemary Gates, Fox Army Health Center dietitian, said. Now, of course, she is not talking about a Snicker diet or anything of the sort, but rather a heart-healthy diet. For example, three meals a day, including snacks, can be comprised of smaller meal portions eaten more frequently throughout the day.

"Smaller more frequent meals increase metabolism which burn calories faster and can help prevent overeating and picking up the wrong foods," Gates said.

She also stressed the importance of adding more fruits and vegetables, mainly because they are a good source of fiber.

"Fiber is important because it helps fill you up which can help prevent overeating," she said. "Fiber can also help lower cholesterol and help regulate blood sugar. It's important to try to get all different kinds of fiber including those that come from fruits, vegetables and whole grains. In fact, everybody needs about 20 to 30 grams a day. And it's sad to say, but most people only get about

half of what they need."

Gates also points out that many people operate under misconceptions or are confused about what represents a heart healthy diet. Although American eating habits have shifted, foregoing fat free and pursuing Atkins' or South Beach, many still are trying low-fat diet plans and need to know that everything fat free is not fat free and tasteless. Gates suggests taste testing before deciding on something that leaves a bad taste in your mouth.

Good fat, bad fat

And what about fat? People need fat. Yes, you read correctly, healthy fat, but fat none the less. Specifically, Omega 3 fats and Omega 6 fats. These fats are necessary — in the right balance — to protect hearts.

Many Americans consume too much Omega 6 fat, which is found in corn oil and vegetable oil. These fats can raise blood pressure and lead to the blood clots that can cause heart attack and stroke, according to WEBMD, a popular website. Gates suggests only consuming two kinds of saturated fats: olive oil and canola oil, period. All the other necessary Omega 3 fats should come from food.

Gates emphasizes that proper Omega 3 fat levels help reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer. Omega 3 fats can be found in nuts such as peanuts, almonds, walnuts and pecans. In fact, the only bad nut is one that is loaded with oil and salt.

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Iraqi prime minister thanks Soldiers on Capitol Hill

By DENNIS RYAN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Ayad Allawi, the interim prime minister of Iraq, addressed Congress Sept. 23 and expressed his gratitude to America and its Soldiers.

"We are succeeding in Iraq," Allawi said. "Thank you America. We know Americans have made enormous sacrifices. We promise you your sacrifices are not in vain."

The prime minister of Iraq also expressed his thanks personally to a group of Soldiers, who served in Iraq over the past two years. The Soldiers sat in the gallery next to Mrs. Cheney and had the opportunity to meet dignitaries in the vice president's Senate office.

Maj. Dan Schnook served with the 3rd Infantry Division in its push from Kuwait to the Baghdad Airport.

"They wanted to represent the different trades of the Army," Schnook said about being invited to the Capitol. "They needed a logistician. We supported all the needs of the 1st Brigade. They were a great unit. The brotherhood you get in a deployed unit is awesome."

"I told my wife, 'guess where I'm going tomorrow?'" he said. "She said 'right.'"

Eventually the major's wife realized he was telling the truth because he had come early to get a haircut and make sure his Class A uniform was squared away.

Sgt. Jason Lang, an Army Reserve Soldier with the 352nd Civil Affairs team, helped to get



Photo by Sgt. Reebea Critser

VISITING DIGNITARY— Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, right, escorts Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi past a 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard) Soldier in the joint-service honor cordon as the prime minister arrives at the Pentagon.

the medical equipment operating after the Iraqi hospitals were looted.

"It's a shame such smart doctors had to work in such conditions," Lang said. "The Iraqi doctors were phenomenal. They spoke like six languages."

Lang earned a Bronze Star with a V device for valor for giving aid to fellow Soldiers with complete disregard for his own safety.

"I was wounded," he said. "I

was doing my job."

Allawi told Congress, "elections will occur in Iraq on time in January." He listed some problems, but stressed, "They will take place and they will be free and fair."

Lt. Col. Fared Betros, a second-generation Lebanese-American, worked on the political side of the fence. He served with the Coalition Provisional Authority as an expert on Middle Eastern affairs.

"I got there right after major combat maneuvers," Betros said. "My job was the stipend pay program. It paid former Iraqi military a monthly salary. Ambassador Bremer had dissolved the Iraqi military."

Former Iraqi troops were rioting and causing all sorts of trouble, so Betros helped to formulate a plan to pay 310,000 former Iraqi military personnel a total of \$250 million until the end of next year. The Iraqi Veterans

Agency is operating the program now.

"It definitely helped to maintain stability," Betros said. "We have made a lot of progress. There is still a severe security problem. I believe they are mostly pro-American."

Staff Sgt. Grant Northrup served with the 307th Military Police Company from May to December 2003. He was wounded when an improvised explosive device went off and destroyed his vehicle.

"We did law and order in Baghdad and helped to establish the new Iraqi police force," Northrup said. "We trained them and got them up and running."

Sgt. Carlos Maraz, now stationed at Fort Myer, worked in communications network support with Combined Task Force 7 from November 2003 until July of this year.

"I was there when V Corps was leaving and III Corps took over," Maraz said. "It was pretty quiet. We used to get hit every now and then with mortars. One month before I left we got hit with two rockets. They hit about 1,000 yards from our tent. That was kind of scary. I saw it get worse and worse, but now it's quieting down."

The Iraqi Prime Minister reiterated a positive result of Operation Iraqi Freedom in his speech.

"Today we are better off," Allawi said. "You are better off. The whole world is better off without Saddam Hussein."

Editor's note: Dennis Ryan writes for the Pentagon newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.

Ingredients given for proper eating habits

Nutrition

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Additionally, Gates stresses the importance of eating fish, including shell fish like shrimp, as well as salmon, tuna, trout, striped bass, sardines and herring. But it is important that pregnant women remember to check the mercury levels of certain fish to prevent risk during pregnancy. As a good rule of thumb: shark, swordfish, and king mackerel are the fish to avoid during pregnancy because they tend to carry the highest levels of mercury.

Tofu, soy milk, flack seed and avocados are also healthy ingredients to add to a heart healthy diet.

Drinking up calories

Another common mistake made by the health conscious is underestimating the calories in drinks. Gates points out that drinks have a lot of calories.

"Many people eat a healthy diet but are drinking a lot of calories," Gates said.

She offered the example of a man who ate a well-balanced meal, but was drinking two gallons of sweet tea a night and wondered why he was not losing any weight.

"We must be mindful of the amount of calories taken in by drinking alone," Gates said. She encourages cutting down the drink calories by skipping the juice and picking up the fruit, cutting down soft drinks and other sugary drinks and drinking 8 to 10 eight-ounce glasses of water daily.

Doing one or two things in your daily life such as adding breakfast, eating fruit or yogurt will go a long way toward improving your health. Then, when you've made it a part of your everyday life, add another, until it becomes part of your new health-conscious lifestyle and don't give up after a month or two.

"Everyone has something to work on," Gates said. "The bottom line is this: when people decide to change their eating habits they tend to feel overwhelmed and get frustrated. But if they make good food choices 80 percent of the time, if there is a slip that other 20 percent won't make

that big of a difference."

Exercise common sense

Gates also points to the importance of incorporating diet and exercise. She says that "diet is the necessary fuel needed when it comes to exercising."

Angie Lamb, recreation specialist for

the Sparkman Fitness Center, agrees.

"It is proven that combining balanced nutrition and exercise gives the best of both worlds," Lamb said. "Exercise and a heart-healthy diet together work to improve health, manage stress and strengthen the immune system. There is really no down side."



Sports & Recreation

Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America, Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold its 2004 Fall Bass Tournament at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, launching from the Easter-Posey Recreational Area. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Tom Geoffroy 895-4162 or Tony Giannelli 313-6054.

Cycle and walk benefit

The Corps of Engineers will hold its second annual CFC Cycle and Walk for a Cause at 8 a.m. Oct. 16 at Kent Johnston Park on Mountain Gap Road near Bailey Cove, adjacent to Publix. Ride 10, 20, 40 or 60 miles or walk for as many miles as you wish. The entire family can ride on the Aldrich Creek Greenway. Voluntary contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign are appreciated. Suggested donations are \$15 per participating bicyclist or \$20 per family. For more information, call Yazmine Gerousis 895-1830 or Todd Watts 895-1868.

Hunter safety

The annual Redstone Hunter Safety Briefing will be given at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 7 and 21, as well as Nov. 4 and 18. You need only attend one of the briefings. This is an annual requirement for those who wish to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Cross-country cycling tour

The 2004 Five Points of Life Ride kicked off in Seattle on Aug. 25, as a team of 13 amateur bicyclists began a 4,000 mile cross-country ride to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Raising national awareness for various lifesaving donations, the cyclists will stop in Huntsville on Oct. 4 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center for a city welcome and blood drive. Sponsored by LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, the biannual Five Points of Life Ride consists of a small team of cyclists selected through a national application process. Each member has a compelling personal story about one or more of the Five Points of Life: whole blood, apheresis, bone marrow, cord blood and organ and tissue

donation. As the team will arrive in Huntsville Oct. 4, LifeSouth is calling for interested bicyclists to join the team at the Alabama state line as they ride to the blood drive at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Approximately 20 miles, the local ride will have a police escort into Huntsville. Transportation to the starting point will be provided by Huntsville Hospital. All cyclists will receive a training pack and a one-month membership to the Huntsville Hospital Wellness Centers. For more information or to register, call 265-8317.

Monday night football

Visit the Firehouse Pub each Monday night for NFL Monday Night Football. Doors open at 4 p.m. for game prep, pre-game rivalry and trash talk. There are free hot dogs, hamburgers and other foods with beverage purchase. And as always, watch the game on the big screen. This deal runs all season long. For more information, call 842-0748.



Conferences & Meetings

Reliability workshop

The SAE G-11 Reliability, Maintainability, Supportability, and Logistics Division and Probabilistic Methods Committee will meet Oct. 4-6 at Huntsville Hilton. The meeting will be hosted by both the Army and NASA. For more information, call Charles Birdsong of the Research Development and Engineering Center 876-5119.

Men singers

The Rocket City Chorus, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Aldersgate Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 12901 Bailey Cove Road. For more information, call John Gonzalez 842-2992 (work) or 852-2408 (home).

Air Force association

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association invites all former and any present Air Force members to the Firehouse Pub for an informal gathering on the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. For more information, call Terry Rook (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m.

Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne

Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month; and the next meeting is this Saturday. 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. For more information, call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

Blacks in government

Huntsville Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will present its annual Professional Development Seminar on Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Research Park. Registration fee is \$ 125. Featured speakers include motivational speaker Jewel Diamond Taylor of Los Angeles, Pastor O. Wendell Davis of Huntsville and former Lithonia, Ga., Mayor Marcia Glenn. For more information, call C. Kelly Brinson 876-1888. The TIP registration code is F42PDS.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 21 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Knight 876-8036.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. A \$5 per person breakfast will be served at 9 a.m., followed by the program at 10. Scheduled speaker is Jay Gates, director of fire and safety community relations. For more information, call 881-4944 or 882-2406.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Hartlix Antique Mall in Madison for a catered dinner and shopping experience. It costs \$12. Child care is available for members by calling Jennifer Kennedy 837-3310. For dinner reservations, call Evelyn Teats 325-3326.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to www.gsauctions.gov. For more information, call 544-4667.

Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesdays 9-5 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. Military personnel and their families should contact the manager for an appointment. The shop will be open for sales this Saturday from 10-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

Special sale

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 10 -2. "All active duty military personnel and families members E5 and below, we are having a special sale in your honor," a prepared release said. "All donation tickets (will be posted) are 50 percent off this day only. This is to include National Guard/Reserve members. You must have a valid ID or be in uniform for this special. We would also like to remind the entire active/retired military and DoD community of our great bargains."

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel's Fall Bible Studies will meet at the Bicentennial Chapel every Thursday. Morning studies are 9:30 a.m.; lunchtime study is 11:30 to 12:15; and the evening study starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Faith 890-0685 or Tonie 489-5646 for more information.

Computer classes

Army Community Service offers free computer classes to help boost your career opportunities. You will learn the basic and

advanced features that will help maximize your productivity, help you manage documents, organize your communications, build spreadsheets, databases and professional looking presentations. Classes are available for Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access and Publisher. At the conclusion of each class, you will receive a certificate of completion. You may take the classes during ACS regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Value engineering award

The Robert B. Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award is presented annually to acknowledge individuals' notable contributions to the RDECOM Value Engineering Program. Nominations are now being accepted for a deserving individual who is assigned to AMCOM and has made significant contributions to the AMCOM VE Program. Criteria for nominations can be obtained from the RDECOM VE Office by sending your request to sharon.aldijaili@rdec.redstone.army.mil. The honoree is selected by a voting panel comprised of the RDECOM Value Engineering Office. Questions concerning the award may be directed to Juanita Gooden 842-9402. Nominations must be submitted by Oct. 6. This year's award will be presented at the FY 2005 VE Kickoff and Awards Ceremony.

Group life insurance

For the first time in five years, the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program is having an open season through Thursday. This open season gives employees in FEGLI eligible positions the opportunity to enroll in the program (if they don't have Basic now) or change or increase their current FEGLI coverage. The director of the Office of Personnel Management, Kay Coles James, stresses the importance of this open season: "Like many things, life insurance needs change over time. That is why I want to make sure you have every opportunity to elect FEGLI coverage without having a physical examination or answering any medical questions." For more information, visit www.fegli2004.opm.gov. "Army employees who wish to make an open season election must do so by contacting the Army Benefits Center-Civilian," a prepared release said. "Although the FE 2004 open season election form was included in

the information package, Army employees should not use this form. While we regret any confusion that this has caused, we are pleased to offer the convenience and accuracy of the ABC-C's automated systems to Army employees. To contact the ABC-C, visit <https://www.abc.army.mil> or call 1-877-276-9287 toll-free. Both the ABC-C's web and phone systems provide personalized information concerning your benefits, including the options carried and the amount of life insurance coverage. When making an election, please remember to include the options that you already carry if you wish to continue them."

Calhoun College courses

Calhoun Community College's registration for the second eight-week term continues through Oct. 13. Term dates are Oct. 18 through Dec. 16. Check Calhoun's web site, www.calhoun.edu, for complete details and a list of courses or call 876-7431.

Organizational day

RDEC organizational day is Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. Softball, volleyball, horseshoes, bingo, cake walk, dunking booth, etc., are planned. Lunch tickets can be purchased from each directorate; adults are \$7 (pork/chicken barbecue) and \$3 for children 12 and under (hot dog). For more information, call Steve Smith 876-8331.

CFC kickoff

The 2004 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign kickoff celebration will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center Auditorium, building 4544. John Reitzell will be the keynote speaker; and the Grissom High School Jazz Band and the MSIC Quartet will provide musical entertainment. Bus transportation will be available to pick up employees at 9:30 at buildings 5300, 5400 and 4488 to take them to the celebration.

Hispanic month observance

Hispanic Heritage Month Observance 2004, sponsored by Team Redstone Combined Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, is Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at Richard C. Shelby Auditorium, building 4544. Armando Rodriguez, chief of diversity management and equal opportunity, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., is to speak on the national theme, "Hispanic Americans: Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation." Essay

theme awards, mariachis musical presentations and Hispanic food sampling round off the afternoon. All are invited. If special accommodations are required, call Peter Espinosa 313-7285. Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Hispanic festival

The Alabama Hispanic Association invites everyone in the community to the sixth annual Hispanic Community Festival on Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. at the Roundhouse Depot in downtown Huntsville (corner of Jefferson Street and Monroe Avenue. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. For information on AHA, visit the web site www.alabamahispanicassociation.org or call president Margaret Rotger (256) 325-8464 or 325-4242.

Older drivers' course

The AMCOM Safety Office will sponsor the American Association of Retired Persons Over 50 Safe Drivers Program on Oct. 6-7. The program is designed for drivers over the age of 50. It addresses the specific risks as driver's skills change over time. The course utilizes defensive driving techniques. However, it addresses age-related physical changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Typically older drivers do not commit traffic violations such as speeding, drunk driving or reckless driving to any significant degree. Older drivers do have problems when involved in driving situations requiring quick response, full vision and interaction with other drivers. Typical violations include failure to yield right-of-way, improper turning, incorrect lane changing, passing, and entering and leaving expressways. This course teaches attendees how to adjust their driving to these age related changes. The Over 50 Safe Drivers Program has proven results in reducing accident claims by 10 percent. Successful completion of the course may entitle the attendee to an insurance savings; this issue will be between the attendee and their individual insurance company. The course is limited to 30 people. The course will be given in two four-hour classes on Oct. 6 and 7 from noon- 4 p.m. in building 5304, room 4333. The cost of the course is \$10. This cost will be covered for AMCOM government civilian and military employees. The commanding general has approved duty time to AMCOM employees to attend this training. To sign up or for more information, call Mike Davis 842-8642 at the AMCOM Safety Office.

Modeling/simulation council

The Alabama Modeling and Simulation Council invites you to its second annual public transaction, the "AMSC Fall '04 Event" on Oct. 19 at the Huntsville Marriott. The focus of the event is to review AMSC organization and participation and disclose AMSC activity, products and value during 2004. For more information call Sharon Hardy 922-9952, ext. 250, or Charlotte Sallas 922-0802.

Parents' night out

Child and Youth Services is offering the Redstone community a "Parents Night Out" every third Saturday of the month. Reservations for this after-hours care can be made by calling the Child Development Center 876-7952. Military personnel

may make their reservation starting at the beginning of each month. All others in the Redstone community (including contractors) must make their reservations starting the Monday prior to the third Saturday. Fees for Soldiers E-4 and below is \$10 per child; all others will pay \$15 per child. A 10 percent multiple child reduction will also be given. Evening snack is provided. For more information, call 876-7952.

A&M homecoming

Shoshana Johnson, a former Soldier who was wounded and captured during Operation Iraqi Freedom, is scheduled speaker for the Alabama A&M University homecoming convocation at noon Oct. 5 on the A&M campus in the Clyde Foster Multipurpose Room at the new School of Business Building. Admission is free. For more information, call Elizabeth Sloan-Ragland 372-5793 or Richard Ruffin 372-5776.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation, Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m. until noon at building 3338 on Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths and a tour of Redstone Arsenal. Attendees will receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Newcomers also receive a 10 percent discount on any framing or matting done at the June Hughes Arts and Crafts Center, building 3615 on Gray Road. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently assigned to Redstone; and spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is available through the Child Development Center. Shot records are required for children using the child care services. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Marine Corps ball

The 229th Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration is Nov. 5 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Happy hour begins at 6 p.m. and the ceremony at 7. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Wiggins (256) 468-6278.

Parking permits

The existing Official Vehicle Parking Permits will expire Oct. 31; and the new permits are ready for issue. To obtain Official Vehicle Parking Permits, send a letter of request to Bobby Noles, AMSA-RA-DPW, or e-mail bobby.noles@redstone.army.mil. In your message, state the number of permits required and point of contact and telephone number of the person that will be responsible for maintaining control of the permits.

Flying open house

The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have its annual Open House on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be Mini Flying Lessons for \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. Certified flight instructors will be on hand plus aviation videos, simulators, and free hamburgers/hot dogs and refreshments. This event is open to the entire Redstone community including active duty, retired, and Guard/Reserve military, DoD, Redstone/NASA contractors and dependents. First month's dues will be

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK04152266	Secretary (OA)	4-Oct-04	IMMC	GS-0318	6	6	26,836 - 34,891		X														
SCBK04133930	Financial Systems Specialist	4-Oct-04	AMCOM	GS-0501	9	9	40,699 - 52,871				X												
SCBK04029943R	Technical Support Assistant (OA)	5-Oct-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-0303	7	7	33,247 - 43,221							X		X			X				
SCEG04002284	Aerospace Engineer	6-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	69,762 - 90,692							X		X			X				
SCBK04073301	Inspector Support Assistant (OA)	6-Oct-04	Office of the IG	NJ-1802	2	2	26,841 - 47,868	X															
SCBK04121928	Protocol Assistant	6-Oct-04	AMCOM SGS	GS-0303	7	9	33,247 - 52,871	X	X														
SCBK04155946	Budget Analyst	7-Oct-04	ACQ Center	GS-0560	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X															
SCBK04174612D	Electronics Engineer	7-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	III	III	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04174612	Electronics Engineer	7-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	III	III	58,977 - 91,174		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04117758	Engineering Technician	7-Oct-04	TMDE	GS-0802	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X															
SCBK04117165D	General Engineer	8-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04117165	General Engineer	8-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04079502R	Mgmt Assistant (OA)	8-Oct-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0344	7	7	33,247 - 42,177	X	X														
SCEG04080873	Electronics Engineer	11-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-0855	13	13	69,762 - 90,692				X		X	X		X	X		X				
SCBK04126824	Logistics Management Specialist	13-Oct-04	PEO SIM	NH-0346	III	III	58,977 - 91,174							X		X	X		X				
WTST04139376	Program Analyst	14-Oct-04	PEO SIM	GG-0343	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04124774D	Lead General Engineer	14-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04093679D	Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Chem Engr	15-Oct-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0830, 0850, 0893	15	15	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04124774	Lead General Engineer	18-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04160570	Information Assurance/Information Technology Officer	21-Oct-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735		X	X					X	X			X				
SCBK04160570D	Information Assurance/Information Technology Officer	21-Oct-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735		X		X	X			X	X			X				
SCBK04154730	Supv Contract Specialist	22-Oct-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-1102	4	4	82,876 - 126,735			X				X		X	X		X				
SCBK04127389	Supv Electronics Engr	22-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735		X	X	X			X		X	X		X				
SCBK04108505D	Supv International Program Management Specialist	22-Oct-04	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK040154749	Procurement Analyst	25-Oct-04	ACQ Center	GS-1102	13	13	70,133 - 91,174							X									
SCEG04045152	Flight Test Pilot	29-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-2181	13	14	69,762 - 107,170				X			X		X	X		X				
SCEG04080873	Electronics Engineer	10-Nov-04	ATTC	GS-0855	13	13	69,762 - 90,692				X		X	X		X	X		X				
SCBK04646611OC	Architect; Chem Engr; Civil Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Architect	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X														
SCBK04914966OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		X				
SCBK04914142OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04920074OC	Engineering Technician	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0802	11	12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04964710	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667							X					X				
SCBK04964596	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667							X					X				
SCBK04974896	Equipment Specialist (General)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667							X					X				
SCBK04983599	Logistics Management Specialist	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,133 - 91,174							X					X				
SCBK04651453OC	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		X				
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X					X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK04651434OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X					X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK04941367OC	Physical Security Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04685735OC	Civ Engr; Architect; Chem Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Architect	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0808, 0893, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	12	13	54,024 - 89,369	X	X					X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK04697994OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	12	13	57,812 - 89,369	X	X					X		X	X	X	X				

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X-SP-04-6729-FL	Logistics Management Specialist	30-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6783-FL	Director For Business Management	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6804-AT	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Ind Engr	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0810	15	15	96,670 - 126,064	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6843-FL	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6844-FL	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	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.
- B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- 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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

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