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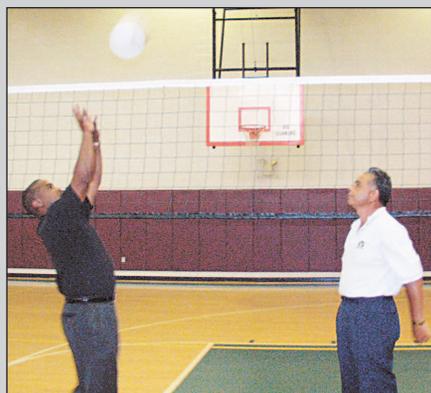
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## Base support operations stay in place

Change to Garrison won't cut services

By SKIP VAUGHN

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There's no such thing anymore as Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, not the name anyway.

The Garrison has taken its place — same organization, same mission, different name. Eventually the Garrison will include more jobs related to base support operations. Many positions currently within the Aviation and Missile Command will transition to the Garrison.

This is happening at posts throughout the Army as part of the Transformation of Installation Management. Todd Hutto, director of business management for the Garrison, outlined the changes during the Community Town Hall Meeting, Oct. 8 at the Recreation Center.

"What does this do? It gives the Army a corporate structure for installations," he said.

Installations will be managed by regional headquarters; and base support dollars are "fenced" specifically for base support. Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen,

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**RESIDENT ISSUE**— Talking after the community town hall meeting Oct. 8 are, from left, Don Olsen, director of logistics for the Garrison; Bob Whiteford, logistics program manager for Northrop Grumman Corporation; Sgt. Stephanie Crewse of HHC AMCOM and her son, Nicholas, 7. Crewse expressed concern about discipline on her son's school bus.

## Colonel Gavora takes charge of aviation tech directorate



Courtesy photo

**23-YEAR VETERAN**— Col. William Gavora formerly served as product manager for Scout-Attack helicopters and acting project manager for aviation systems at the Aviation and Missile Command.

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Col. William Gavora is looking toward the future of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate.

Gavora succeeded Col. Waldo Carmon as AATD commander on Aug. 28. Carmon is on terminal leave until his retirement Jan. 31.

Gavora had served as product manager for Scout-Attack helicopters and acting project manager for aviation systems at the Aviation and Missile Command.

"AATD has a long and distinguished history as a major contributor to the successful mission accomplishment and advancement of Army aviation," he said. "I am currently in the process of developing a formal long-term vision and strategy for the organization which I will unveil in early to mid-December. My primary immediate goal is to create and maintain an organizational climate that is conducive to success, so that AATD can continue to do the things it excels at, i.e., developing immediate and long-term solutions to battlefield deficiencies and exploiting technology as a combat multiplier.

"We will continue to focus on the soldier in the field, remain flexible so that we can react quickly to real-world situations, and try and maintain a proper mix of Science & Technology and customer oriented projects."

Gavora was commissioned as a distinguished military graduate in 1979. A dual-rated senior aviator with more than 1,000 flight hours, he earned a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a master of business administration degree from Golden Gate University.

He and his wife, Jill, have 12-year-old twins, Catherine and Christopher.

## Remembering Diane Campbell

I wanted to thank the *Redstone Rocket* for the fine article on my wife, Diane Campbell, after she passed away last month and to all those who attended her visitation and funeral. I was touched by their grief and sorrow at her passing. I never fully realized how much she was loved and respected by all those who have worked with her over the many years on Redstone Arsenal, and to many at other locations across the country.

I wanted to especially thank Chaplain (Maj.) Fred MacLean who drove me to the hospital, and stayed with me at the emergency room at Huntsville Hospital and gave me comfort when the doctor told me she didn't survive the heart attack and for the fine services he conducted for her funeral. Everyone that I

talked with was impressed by the way he captured the true Diane, a person that cared for the single soldiers living in the barracks and wanted to make their life a little more pleasant when they came to the center.

Last, I want to thank those who worked with her at the Recreation Center and were with her during her last moments and tried to save her. I can never thank you enough for what you did and I know she will always be with you as she will always be with me. To all her friends, keep her close to your heart and remember her with a smile and a happy memory of many years of friendship.

**Scott C. Campbell**  
Harvest

## Parents, teachers should communicate

Huntsville City Schools System will sponsor a "Parent Teacher Conference Day" on Oct. 28 from 1-7 p.m. at each of the Huntsville City Schools. Huntsville Council of PTAs warmly invites all parents and guardians to participate in this dynamic event. In order to make significant progress in parent and family involvement, it is essential that communication between home and your school be regular, two-way, and meaningful. The key words here are regular, two-way and meaningful.

Too often, communication between parents and teachers is one-way, with the school telling the parent how the child is doing. You parents are the experts on your children and have much to offer when brought into the discussion on a consistent basis. Parents, use the "Parent Teacher Conference Day" as an opportunity to discuss your child's home life, as well as encourage the teachers to describe your child at school. Both parents and teachers have to voice information that is vital to your child's success such as learning preferences, interests, strengths and weaknesses.

Communication is better between home and school if parents play an active role in their child's school. Parents, these

are some guidelines to follow for successful contacts:

- Start with a statement of concern.
- Present the part you will play in solving the problem.
- Express confidence that you can solve the problem together.
- Plan for a follow-up contact to discuss progress on the situation or behavior.
- Leave your baggage at the door. Put previous negative experiences with teachers, parents or administrators behind you and go into each interaction with an open mind and positive attitude.

When parents are involved in students' education, those students generally have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, and more consistently completed homework. Research has proven the more extensive the parent involvement, the higher the student achievement. Call your respective school or schools and schedule an appointment with your child's teachers — no money involved, just time. Remember, communication between home and school must be regular, two-way and meaningful.

**Laurie McCaulley**  
legislative vice president,  
Huntsville Council of PTAs

## Chaplain agrees with just cause

**T**hat Was the Week That Was." Remember the TV show of that name in the '60s? Well, in its review of the news, it never included an attack on our nation. It never showed videotapes of jumbo jets slicing into 110-story twin towers. It never horrified us with live coverage of the collapse of two of the tallest buildings in the world, burying more than 6,000 people under their rubble.

"That Was the Week That Was" never pictured firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and masses of people covered with soot, running dazedly away from lower Manhattan in six inches of dust, as though in a nuclear winter. Its lenses never captured the symbol of America's military might burning in the middle of our capital. It never showed streams of our elected representatives, Supreme Court justices and the White House personnel fleeing from their buildings. Nor did it report our airline industry on the brink of collapse and the stock markets in free-fall.

"That Was the Week That Was" never reported story after story of heroism and of pathos. It never depicted a staggered nation in grief and in prayer at the National Cathedral and houses of worship across the country. It never brought us into the Capitol building to witness the president and Congress, the military and civilians, united as they have not been for 60 years. It never presented the

view of a nation fractured ethnically, racially, socially and religiously, melding together with renewed resolve.

The TV show "That Was the Week That Was" never captured anything like that. Yet, since the new day of infamy, Sept. 11, 2001, there is hardly a person on this planet who hasn't been an eyewitness via television to all that and more.

Now that our numbness is beginning to wane, we need to ask, "How as people of faith are we to respond to all that has happened and to war for which our nation and the world is now preparing?" While I certainly don't have the Christian response to that question, as a chaplain I do have the solemn responsibility to address it. Please bear with me.

In his grief, the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, bemoans that joy has abandoned him and his heart is sick. The hurt of the slain and injured pains him and provokes uncontrollable tears. And like Jeremiah, the psalmist mourns over Jerusalem as it lay in ruins. How we share his prayer: "Help us, O God of our salvation; deliver us for your name's sake."

Then, in his first letter to Timothy Paul writes, as though forewarned of our situation, "I urge prayers and supplications for everyone, for leaders and for everyone in high positions that we may

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## Rocket rumblings: Leaders set example

What makes a good leader?

"Good leadership has a human touch, which comes from the heart," **Robert Erwin** of Readiness Directorate says. "Leadership is the ability to persuade others to seek and complete work objectives enthusiastically. Ethics is a leadership issue and leaders at all levels must set the example. The qualities of honesty, energy, frugality and integrity are more necessary than ever. There is no success without them. Good leadership can be explained by a string: Push it and it goes nowhere; pull it and it will follow you everywhere."

"A leader is not someone who occupies a position of authority, nor someone who wears colorful ribbons and metal insignias to identify 'their' personal

recognitions or rank," **Ricky Terrell**, a retired command sergeant major, says. "Good or bad, a leader is only a leader if recognized as such by his subordinates."

"If all else fails the explanation I've used on numerous promotion and soldier of the month boards: 'Leadership is the art of influencing and directing soldiers (people) in such a way as to gain their willful obedience to accomplish the mission' (as stated in field manual) FM 22-100. And that is my five cents."

Send your response to this *Rocket* rumblings question — in 50 words or less — to the *Redstone Rocket* at the following electronic-mail address: skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil; or via fax at 955-9138.

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# Missile project manager glad to be back in Huntsville

## Colonel Damian Bianca returns for fourth tour

By PAM ROGERS  
For the Rocket

When Col. Damian Bianca first came to Redstone Arsenal as a young captain in 1988, he had no idea what he was getting into.

"I had just finished command of an MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System) unit, so I brought field experience with me," he said. That field experience was put to good use in his new job as a test and evaluation officer for MLRS. As it turns out, the job title belied the range of responsibility Bianca shouldered during that first acquisition job. Besides testing, he was responsible for people, schedules, money, and had to routinely interface with a myriad of Army, OSD, and allied country organizations. It was the beginning of a successful acquisition career that kept him mostly on the tactical side of the missile business. He jokingly remembers asking Maj. Gen. Willie Nance, then program executive officer for national missile defense, if the new assignment that Bianca was about to begin involved a wire-guided missile. "Both of us got a good laugh out of that one."

Turns out it doesn't. Bianca is the new project manager for the Ground Based Interceptor, the missile segment for the Ground-

Based Midcourse Defense system, formerly known as National Missile Defense. GMD is being designed to protect the United States from ballistic missile attack. GMD has had several successes during recent intercept tests.

Bianca attributes his success in a field he knew very little about at the outset to the people he has worked with.

"I am a reflection of the people I have worked with," he said, adding that he has been successful through emulating the civilian and military leadership of those he has worked for. Bill Hanks and Al Rossi were the first of many outstanding acquisition mentors that have impacted Bianca's career. Two others who Bianca has worked with through many assignments are Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster and Vicky Armbruster.

"The Armbrusters simply mentor through their leadership and example," Bianca said. "I have always had the good fortune to have great people to work with. The same holds true in my current assignment."

This is Bianca's fourth time to work in Huntsville. After his first tour with MLRS he went through Command and General Staff College, had a training with industry assignment and then came back to work in the TOW project office. That was transitioned to Close Combat Anti-Tank Weapons, and he was selected as the Follow-On to TOW product manager. Before

returning to Huntsville as GBI project manager, he was director of Ground Combat Systems for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

And even though he has been in the missile acquisition business for much of his career, working in missile defense is something new.

"This is a very challenging and exciting program — the missile defense infrastructure, the technology, the people, the prime contractor, and the myriad of elements that must work together. You simply have to be a team player," he said.

Returning to Huntsville is like coming home in many ways to Bianca and his family. He spent many summers here with his brother, Carmelo, from the time he was 7 years old. Three of his six siblings live here. His children have for the most part been raised and educated in the Huntsville. "It's great to also be back among so many of our friends."

Making the decision to join the Acquisition Corps was one into which he had to put a lot of thought. He said he still doesn't think many young officers are aware of the opportunities. He didn't know much about it when he made the transition from artillery. "I don't think my commander would have mentored me about acquisition," he said. But it's a decision he's glad he made.

"I'm an artilleryman. I truly loved



File photo

**HOME AGAIN**— Col. Damian Bianca is the new project manager for the Ground Based Interceptor, the missile segment for the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense system, formerly known as National Missile Defense.

smelling cordite and diesel fuel in the morning when we shot off the first round. I truly loved being with soldiers," he said. "The decision came down to where I could truly make the greatest contribution to the Army, and I never looked back."

# Redstone soldiers help keep commander's conference safe

## Provost Marshal Office team secures event in Corpus Christi

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The 2002 annual Army Materiel Command Commander's Conference, sponsored by AMCOM, saw Redstone soldiers going to Corpus Christi, Texas on a mission of security.

Seven personnel members made the trip for the event held Sept. 11-13. Since this year's conference was held at the

Omni Hotel, an off post location, keeping the normal high security standards was a challenging endeavor. Led by Redstone's Provost Marshal Office military police, Department of the Army police and members of the National Guard unit, Charlie Company, 1/167th Infantry set about trying to keep the 85 AMC support staff, commanding generals, command sergeants major and spouses safe and sound for the three day event. With the combined efforts of hotel staff, local law enforcement and Corpus Christi Army Depot personnel, it was a success.

SFC Jeffrey Cassell, security coordinator, coordinated efforts between local agencies and the Provost Marshal team.

He had traveled to the location early to map out a plan and assess the area for security concerns. During the event the combined forces worked together fluidly. The hotel provided security staff. They gave unlimited access to the hotel for security and aided in restricting areas to guests and conference attendees. Corpus Christi's local finest set up 24-hour surveillance of entrances while its Coast Guard provided harbor patrols and air support. Local criminal intelligence was made readily available. Corpus Christi Army Depot Proto-

col Office and Public Affairs lent radios, vehicles and access badges and rosters to the mission.

Depot soldiers manned operation centers around the clock. Canine units from Corpus Christi and Ingleside's Naval Stations patrolled the conference areas, garages and the surrounding areas while making sweeps over transportation. Local hospitals and emergency facilities stood ready for assistance should the need arise.

Together they were able to provide the access control, convoy escorts, personal security and area security necessary so that all guests could have a good, and incident free, time at the event.



Courtesy photo

**TEAMMATES**— The Provost Marshal's security team sent to Texas included, from left, SFC Jeffrey Cassell, Sgt. Brad Silvia, Cpl. Clarence Lowe, Spec. Carl Robinson, Spec. James Caudle, Lt. Randy McClure and Officer Catherine Ritchey.

# Hispanic heritage program honors unity, faith, diversity



*Event returns to auditorium after last year's cancellation*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Last year the annual Hispanic heritage program got canceled after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But the show went on as scheduled this time.

There was singing, dancing and an inspirational message Thursday in Bob Jones Auditorium in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. This year's theme was, "Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity."

"I'm proud to be Hispanic, I'm proud to be an American, I'm proud to be with you today," speaker Nancy Archuleta, chief executive officer of MEVATEC, said.

She grew up in Las Cruces, N.M., and

started her business in 1985 as a four-person family staffed company in manufacturing. She got a contract in Huntsville and arrived from New Mexico 13 years ago. In 1987 she had 13 employees. Today the high technology small business operates at 13 locations around the country with support to Army, Air Force and Navy programs. Sales have grown from \$50,000 in 1985 to \$100 million in 2001.

"Celebrate life. Celebrate it because it's such a wonderful gift. It really is," Archuleta said. "Diversity, faith and unity: Those are things you can carry with you. Make them part of your values and goals, and I think

you and I can continue to do just fine."

Awards were presented to the following winners of Hispanic display and essay contests:

- Displays – first place, Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion; second Missile System Training Department; and third, Headquarters & Alpha Company 832nd.

- Essays – first place, Drill Sgt. Donald Clippinger of Charlie Company, 832nd; second, Spec. Becky Jane Mercaldi of Headquarters & Alpha Company, 832nd; and third, Pvt. Clinton Lien of Bravo Company, 832nd.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

**KEEP THE FAITH**— Nancy Archuleta, chief executive officer of MEVATEC, speaks during the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration Thursday.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**IN SONG**— Jose Cordero of Marshall Space Flight Center performs at Bob Jones Auditorium for the Hispanic heritage celebration.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MILITARY HEROES**— Richard Cotten, a contractor for Logistics Support Activity, reads about Hispanic Americans who have received the Medal of Honor. Their stories were displayed in the lobby outside Bob Jones Auditorium during Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. "They're interesting stories," Cotten said.

# Retiring colonel found home in Army family



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BEST REGARDS—** Retiring Col. Ed Stone and his wife, Marcia, right, receive well-wishers after his retirement review Thursday in the Youth Center.

## Ed Stone plans to stay in local community

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Ed Stone became an Army ROTC cadet during the Vietnam War. He was impressed by the officers who served, and sometimes died, for their country during a time of protests against the war.

"What I saw in them was something honorable and worth being proud of," Stone recalled nearly 34 years later. "And so I became one of them."

Stone retired Thursday as a colonel with more than 30 years service, after serving as chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command since 2000. He and his wife, Marcia, reside in Madison and plan to stay in this community.

"It's a great community," Stone, 52, said after his retirement review in the Youth Center. "We love the community, love the area, so we plan to be a part of it — remain a part of it."

He said he will probably go to work

for one of the defense contractors but hasn't decided on a job.

The Stones have a son, Marc, 28, of Huntsville, and a daughter, Jenny Stone Marshall, 29, of Alexandria, Va.

Among the family members in attendance was Ashley Ward, 74, a distant cousin who flew in from Buffalo, N.Y. He resides between Buffalo and Rochester. Ward recalled how Stone was left on his own at age 12 or 13 after his parents and two brothers died. Stone, originally from Albion, N.Y., was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1973 after earning a bachelor's in business administration as an ROTC cadet at the University of Miami.

"He's done real well. That's why we're all proud of him," Ward said.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, presented the Legion of Merit to Stone, who officially retires Feb. 1, 2003.

"He was a great chief, dedicated to a command, dedicated to a U.S. Army installation and arsenal and dedicated to a community in which that installation and that arsenal resides," Dodgen said.

# LOGSA welcomes newcomers, bids adieu to departing workers

The Logistics Support Activity recognized seven new and 21 departing workers during its second hail and farewell of the year, Oct. 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

Retiring workers include Doris Bailey, Charles Burd, Richard Carle, Jim Click, Marlene Ellul, Eddie Harms, Howard Hauserman, William McLean, Larry Moore, Carol Purtle, Jim Newell, Wanda Nall and Brenda Thompson.

Those departing because of transfers or

completed Individual Mobilization Augmentee assignments include Evelyn Bench; Lt. Col. Ralph Cobb, IMA; Lt. Col. Thomas Epperson, IMA; Maj. John Hall, IMA; William Kerlin; SFC Gary Lael, IMA; Lt. Col. April Walczak, IMA; and Richard Warfel.

Newcomers include Joanne Chaplow, Deanna Desarro, Geoffrey Embrey, James Higgins, SFC Daniel Kuykendall, SFC Mickelle Penn and Scott Reed.



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## Large award

Harry Suders, a logistics assistance representative for the Patriot missile system, receives the Commander's Award for Civilian Service in recognition of his work from April through September as a member of the Army Materiel Command Logistics Assistance Office in Saudi Arabia. Making the presentation are SFC James Sims, left, NCO-in-charge, and Lt. Col. Robert Reister, assistant chief of staff.



Courtesy photo

## Major ceremony

Capt. Dean Wiley of Logistics Support Activity was promoted to major Oct. 10 at building 3623 by Col. Kurt Weidenthal, LOGSA commander. Pinning on his new rank are, from left, daughter Alexa, wife Tina and son Austin. Wiley's parents, Tom and Joan Wiley, attended from Michigan. Wiley is assigned to the Army Oil Analysis Program Office within LOGSA. He arrived in August 2001 from Fort Sill, Okla., where he was a test officer at the Operational Test Command.

# Government credit card abuse doesn't go unchecked

## Improper charges by workers can earn criminal charges

By **KELLEY LANE**

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Webster's Dictionary defines the word theft as the felonious taking and removing of personal property with intent to deprive the rightful owner of it or an unlawful taking (as by embezzlement or burglary) of property. Most people call to mind the first part of that definition when thinking of theft, but the second half is just as important. When dealing with the misuse of government credit or travel cards, the second part is key. Knowingly misusing such a card is at the least misconduct and at its worst, theft.

Employees should understand exactly what is meant by misuse. Instructional Operating Procedure is provided to employees to train them in the manner that government accounts should be used. It directs them in the proper methods of use, including what are and are not approved purchases. It also covers what constitutes abuse and misuse. Some may not understand the consequences of abuse. AMCOM policy outlines that consequences for misuse can include suspension or removal.

"Somebody here a couple of years ago bought Titans (professional football) tick-

ets with their card. They were asked to retire," Beth Jorgensen, an inspector with the IG office, explains. Violations of policy fall under the category of "failure to observe written regulations, orders, rules of procedures — violation of administrative rules or regulations where safety to persons or property is not endangered" per AR 690-700, Personnel and Relations, chapter 751.

A congressional vote in 1998 gives government agencies the power to dock employees up to 15 percent of pay to reimburse credit accounts. A Pentagon task force created in March of this year to investigate abuse and misuse of government accounts advocates prosecution of those found to be misusing government cards. Credit card abuse can not only cost an employee their job; they can also face criminal charges.

Some people may believe that no one will ever notice. Not true, says Jorgensen. "We will see these things," she says.

The approving official checks for fraud or dubious charges. If misuse is suspected, an auditing agency then starts investigating. Depending on the severity of abuse, the inspector general office may be called in. Problems with misuse at the Interior Department came to light after an audit was completed December 2001. Reports issued after the first of the year show some employees were using government cards to pay personal expenses including jewelry, furniture and withdrawing funds

at casinos. Changes in how reimbursements are handled and tightening of the proverbial purse strings are aimed at minimizing future problems. According to the Interior Department, card misuse is already on the decline.

By using government credits cards appropriately and responsibly, employees ensure that the convenience they supply

will be available in the future. Avoid the embarrassment of suspension, the financial trauma of termination and the jeopardy of criminal charges by using accounts in the manner they were intended. For information pertaining to government card abuse or to report misuse, call Betty Jo Cloud in the Acquisition Center Policy Division 876-1024.



Courtesy photo

## Blessed animal

Benny, a member of the Holzner family, enjoyed the annual Blessing of the Animals held Oct. 5 at Bicentennial Chapel. Benny is 13 years old. Pets brought to the event by chapel patrons included 45 dogs, 16 cats, four ferrets, three frogs, one crab, five hamsters, one parrot, three fish and one chicken.

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live in peace." People around the world would have prayed in almost the same words these last weeks.

In the gospels, Jesus counsels us to be as brilliant in our response to the evil rained down upon the civilized world as the perpetrators were in concocting it in the first place.

**'Our cause is right and just. Our determination in seeing it to its conclusion must be unwavering. And our means must be proportionate to our ends.'**

— *Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Travaglione  
Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.*

In my view, this means the worldwide coalition aligned against international terrorism must carefully plan and execute its response. It cannot delay endlessly, for the next sneak attack, perhaps with biological and chemical weapons, will be much worse. As the old TV ad suggesting one attend to auto transmission problems before they get worse used to say, "Pay me now or pay me later." The implication, of course, is that the later cost will be much higher.

The advice of Igor Ivanov, the Russian foreign minister, is as wise as it is surprising. "The world," he said, "should be resolved — cooperatively and in solidarity — to act very decisively against terrorism." From an equally surprising source, French President Jacques Chirac urged the United Nations to lead the world in rooting out terrorism as its "absolute priority."

At this point, it needs to be said that there are Christian leaders who are calling for a non-violent, non-military response to the global threat the world faces. I respectfully disagree with the persons of good will who take that position. I agree with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. While he says we must attend to the root causes of terrorism: "conflict, poverty, ignorance and racism," he insists a coordinated military response is necessary.

Certainly, a universal Marshall Plan for the impoverished nations around the globe must be part of any long-range plan to root out the cancer. But we must attend to other matters first. Terrorism is to the international community what gangs are to urban areas. They are both scourges with deep social roots, and until those roots are eliminated, they will continue to plague us. Nonetheless, military and police actions are the first steps required to defend society against

them. Of course, an anti-smoking campaign will greatly diminish the incidence of cancer, but once cancer strikes, aggressive chemotherapy and radiation are often the only defense for the body.

It seems to me that, just when many theologians have decided that the traditional Just War doctrine doesn't apply in the nuclear age, we need it more than ever as our moral guideline for the war in which the world is about to engage. The Just War doctrine maintains that nations, individually and collectively, have a right to defend themselves when threatened by a clear and present danger. It requires, however, that the means of engaging in war be commensurate with the danger. It also requires that legitimate authorities have a reasonable expectation of victory.

The attack on New York and Washington, D.C., as Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi states, was "an attack on all people of the world, and on freedom and peace." The world has a moral right, indeed it has a moral obligation, to defend itself against the clear and present threat of terrorism to world peace and freedom. Since we certainly have more than a reasonable expectation of victory, the only moral question remaining is whether the means we employ are commensurate with the threat. This is an area where religious communities around the world, Jewish, Christian, Muslim and the others, must be vigilant. Our ends must not be used to justify any and all means available to us.

In the wake of the attack against humanity on Sept. 11, for instance, a retired New York policeman said that he would support a nuclear attack on the nations harboring and abetting terrorists. According to the Just War doctrine that would be disproportionate to the danger. It would be clearly immoral. It would make us worse international terrorists than the ones we oppose.

Thus, although we are justified in defending ourselves against evil, we must not loose our souls in eradicating that evil. As Christians, consequently, we cannot give our leaders *carte blanche* in waging this war. For Christians everything is fair in love. And not everything is fair in war.

Our cause is right and just. Our determination in seeing it to its conclusion must be unwavering. And our means must be proportionate to our ends. But, however right our cause and just our means, we enter war with sad hearts for what gave rise to it and with heavy hearts for the cost it will require. And we pray that our leaders will be blessed with wisdom and that we will not leave our consciences at the shore.

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael  
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Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

# Military career began early for Post Soldier of Quarter

*Spec. Rachael Arnold can't imagine herself anywhere but in the Army*

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Her friends back in South Kingstown, R.I., thought she was crazy to enlist in the Army six months before graduating high school.

"I've always wanted to be in the Army, as far back as I can remember," Spec. Rachael Arnold, Redstone's newly named Soldier of the Quarter, said. Arnold is a paralegal specialist in the Criminal Law Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and a soldier with HHC AMCOM. "Winning (Soldier of the Quarter) was a little overwhelming but it was good. I have a lot of thank you notes to write."

Amazed at the generous community support, which includes cash, dinners, hotel stays, and free products and services, Arnold said she would have been happy with a handshake and a coin from the post CSM Roscoe Johnson. She credits much of her success to the help she received from friends.

"She won because she was the best soldier there," SFC David Watkins, NCO in charge of the JAG office, said. "She's got a great attitude, receptive to leadership, learns quickly, and handles constructive criticism well. Her sponsorship was a team effort. Everyone in the office pitched in to



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**LEGAL EAGLE—** Redstone's Soldier of the Quarter, Spec. Rachael Arnold, is a paralegal specialist in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. She is helping Maj. Veronica Wilson, Army Logistics Management Command, file a damaged property claim form.

help. SSgt. (Ronnie) Yates helped with land nav. SSgt. (Hector) Rivera handled the board portion. Spec. (Gregory) Bushey made sure the office didn't skip a beat."

This competition wasn't the first for Arnold who was named HHC AMCOM Soldier of the Year recently. She's been to a couple of post competitions, placing runner-up for the Post Soldier of the Year a few months ago.

"Even though I've gone to boards quite a few times, I'm always a little nervous," Arnold said. "But they are so important,

especially for lower enlisted. It helps with the promotion boards. Even if you only get one point better than the last time, it helps in the long run. My next goal is the E-5, if I stay enlisted."

Arnold, 20, is seriously considering the Green to Gold program and were she to become an officer, she wants to become an Army nurse. "I've always admired medics and what they do," she said. "And prior enlisted commanders always make better soldiers."

But she's not limiting her options, except to say that no matter which path she chooses, she's in it for the long haul.

"I'm a career soldier," she said. "This is the only thing I've ever wanted to do. It would be hard to picture myself doing anything else."

That's not to say the Army wasn't an eye-opening experience for the soft-spoken, small town girl.

"I didn't know what to expect when I walked into basic training (at Fort Jackson, S.C.)," Arnold said of her June 2000 delayed entry. "Everything was new. It was a total adventure in itself."

She spent an additional 10 weeks at Fort Jackson for paralegal training before arriving at Redstone in April 2001. Southern living agrees with Arnold, who has settled in quite comfortably. She describes her personal life as "boring compared to most people." She enjoys watching movies and dinner out with friends.

"I like hanging out in the day room," she said. "My friends at the barracks are like one big family. They've helped me study the past six months, especially Spec. (Kristi) Hurd. They were rooting me on, all the way."

"Sergeant Yates is the best NCO I've ever had," Arnold said. "He came in early and stayed late after work to help me. He just made staff sergeant. He deserves that more than anybody I know. He's all about taking care of the soldiers. That's what makes him good."

Two days after the competition, Arnold had yet to call her parents with the exciting news.

"My mom is one of those people who would say I was a winner, even if I didn't win. She's always been my biggest fan."



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## Maintenance work

Nancy Wolfe, director of maintenance in the circuit branch at Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., served an assignment from Aug. 12 to Oct. 4 at the AMCOM Logistic Center of Excellence, Centralized Maintenance Activity, Fort Bliss, Texas. She received a letter of appreciation from Travis Lawyer, the activity chief.

# Gulf War prompted enlistment for Redstone NCO of Quarter

*Alexander wants to become warrant officer just like Dad*

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Working as civilian fork lift operator at Fort Hood, Texas in 1991, Michael Alexander watched the soldiers on post pack up their gear and march off to war. It was then he knew that he wanted to do something different with his life.

"I just wanted to be there, fighting against the Iraqis," said Alexander, who was married with a 1-year-old son. "It's what motivated me to join the Army."

A decade later, the staff sergeant still believes it was the right decision. And apparently the Army agrees. Alexander, a Multiple Launch Rocket System instructor/writer and member of Delta Company, was named NCO of the Quarter at a luncheon in September at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"He applied himself for this board," SFC Christopher Turman, Alexander's sponsor for the competition, said. "He studied hard and put a lot of time into it. He did well."

His success isn't surprising, considering he's been in the Army most of his life. Born at Fort Campbell, Ky., Alexander is the son of retired CWO 4 Earnest and Victoria Alexander. He's grown up all over the world, surrounded by combat boots and snappy salutes, but calls Houston, Texas, home.

He took a hiatus from Army life after graduating high school in Killen, Texas, and by 1989 earned an associate degree from ITT Technical Institute. His civilian job at Fort Hood put him right back in the middle of Army life — a place he discovered he really wanted to be. In 1994 he won Soldier of the Month as a private first class.

"I like the training, discipline, stability, educational opportunities the Army provides," Alexander said. "It was a better way of life for my children."

He and Tammy, his wife of 13 years, have three children, Michael Jr., 11, twins Elijah and Jeremiah, 17 months, and another baby on the way. Keeping the family together is important to the couple. Where he goes, they all go. So far that includes three-year tours in Oklahoma, Texas and Germany, before coming to Redstone a year ago.

"Redstone is a fine place," Alexander said. "It's a quiet atmosphere, a good place for learning. I hope to get back to school and get my bachelor's in engineering but I have to wait until after funeral detail is over next month."

Besides getting a degree, Alexander would like to change over from noncommissioned officer to warrant officer.

"The Gulf War may have given me the unction to join but my father has always been my inspiration," Alexander said. "He was a warrant officer. After he retired in Fort Hood in '93, he served several years as a pastor. He's a chaplain in the prison system."

While he works to improve himself as an instructor, soldier and leader, he's also preparing for his own ministry, even though he's not sure where the call of God on his life will take him. "But I've got a good pastor at Victory Church of God in Christ to mentor me."

Meanwhile, Alexander is enjoying his time in Huntsville.

"I think I'm going to fish a little bit," he said. "I went fishing for the first time ever just a little while ago. Some friends took me and my son to Miller's Pond in Madison. I caught three catfish. I think fishing is going to be my new hobby."

He played basketball and flag football on his company teams last year. He'd also like to try a bit of hunting and learn to play golf.

Alexander said his biggest challenge, in the Army and otherwise, is "to be who you are, everyday. To be a good NCO everyday, not just sometimes, everyday. To be a good husband and father, everyday. It's a challenge and a goal."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**CLASS ACT**— NCO of the Quarter winner SSgt. Michael Alexander, right, of Delta Company provides Multiple Launch Rocket System training to Pvt. Tony McDaniel of Bravo Company.

# Speaking of giving speeches before large groups...

## Commanding general's deputy gives advice to Toastmasters

By JEFF WRIGHT and RON LEGOWIK  
Redstone Toastmasters Club

If you were given a chance to ask the commanding general about his presentation preferences and for tips to becoming a better communicator and leader, would you? Well, on Oct. 3 the Communicators Toastmaster Club was treated to the next best thing as the commanding general's right-hand guy, Jim Flinn, spoke to Toastmasters.

Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, provided an insightful 40-minute address about his personal experiences in briefing before command groups, and what not to do. If you missed it, you not only missed a treat but you missed some vital tips that could help propel you through the leadership ranks.

Flinn promptly began his address demonstrating one of the keys to a successful presentation: knowing your audience and proactively setting the tone. To the audience's delight and surprise, Flinn had done a little research into the Toastmasters meeting structure and knew that speech evaluations are an active part of the meeting. So that there was no doubt that he was going to give a great speech,

he promptly distributed rating cards with 10 on them. Of course, he made the distinction to the Ah-Counter (one of the Toastmaster meeting duties), that he wouldn't get a card because he didn't want him to think that he was going to have 10 "ahs" and "um" filler words.

During the body of his presentation, Flinn went on to demonstrate many other keys to a successful and inviting presentation. He showed several examples of briefing charts and explained how they did or didn't make their points. Flinn conveyed to us the importance of finding ways to draw the audience's attention, especially when speaking to an after-lunch crowd.

He noted these core principles:

- Working the crowd and keeping them involved is essential to maintaining interest in your presentation.
- Always consider who your audience is and what level of detail they want to hear if you want to connect with them.
- It is very important to control the pace of the presentation and to keep charts interesting.

Flinn noted that charts should contain the appropriate level of information without getting bogged down in extraneous details.

"How many times have you seen this?" Flinn asked as he brandished an overly

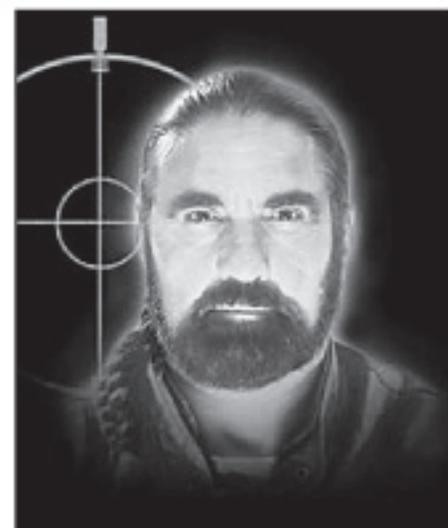
packed word chart. He noted that a chart containing several sentences shouldn't be read and the presenter should be capable of highlighting the key points on the chart. Flinn's admitted favorite is charts that use clouds, arrows, and bumper stickers. He noted that these illustration tools provide an effective way to emphasize major points of the presentation and often force you to focus on three dominant points.

At the end of Flinn's presentation, the attendees felt that they had been treated to some unique insight from the upper ranks that would contribute to their future success. Flinn thanked Toastmasters for having him and implored us not to "shoot all our bullets" on providing speeches within the club.

"Volunteer to give speeches, office briefings, command briefings, and public relation briefings," he said. "It will go a long way toward preparing you as a leader and moving you up in government position."

If you are interested in enhancing your speaking skills as well as your leadership skills, join Toastmasters. It just takes practice. The Toastmasters Club at Redstone Arsenal meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third floor of building 5304 in the Sparkman Center. If you are a government employee, dues are covered as approved training through

TIPS. For more information, call Robert Ruff at 313-6173 or Ron Legowik at 876-5619.



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## Noted author

Richard Marcinko, "The Rogue Warrior" series fiction author, will autograph his books and visit with customers Oct. 29 from 2-4 p.m. at the Post Exchange. He retired from the Navy as a full commander and is regarded as an expert on counter-terrorism, intelligence, and special operations.



Mary Petty/Photo Lab

## *Soldiers on stage*

The 2002 Soldier Show performed two shows for Team Redstone, Oct. 3 in the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall. The theme for this year's show was "Freedom... It's not just a word." SSgt. Q.P. Bean, center, a native of Alabama, was one of the featured performers.

### ■ Support services continue under Garrison banner

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commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, remains the post commander. Col. Bob Devlin is the garrison commander.

The change should be transparent as far as services to the community.

"What you got yesterday, you're going to get tomorrow," Hutto said. "We're not going to go away. The name is changing."

In other business during the town hall Bill Porr, director of public works, described the privatization of Army military housing. "Redstone is going to be a test project for the Department of Defense and the Army," he said. Within the next year or so, a contractor is to be hired to manage housing on post with no increased cost for the residents.

The Provost Marshal Office will move by next summer from building 3453 on Aerobee Road to a larger 3623 at Gray and Patton Roads, according to Maj. Art Riley, chief of police at PMO.

Twelve school buses take a total of 477 students to four schools: Butler, New Century, Westlawn and Williams. There are 18 routes and 119 stops, according to Don Olsen, director of logistics. Responding to a parent concerned about discipline on one of the buses, he said the issue would be reviewed.

Post Exchange manager Kenny Barton and assistant manager Kim Sumpter described upcoming holiday events at the PX. Dan Ahern, director of community and family activities, gave an update in his area – including a future name change from the Directorate of Community and Family Activities to the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities.

# Players in community should dig new volleyball league

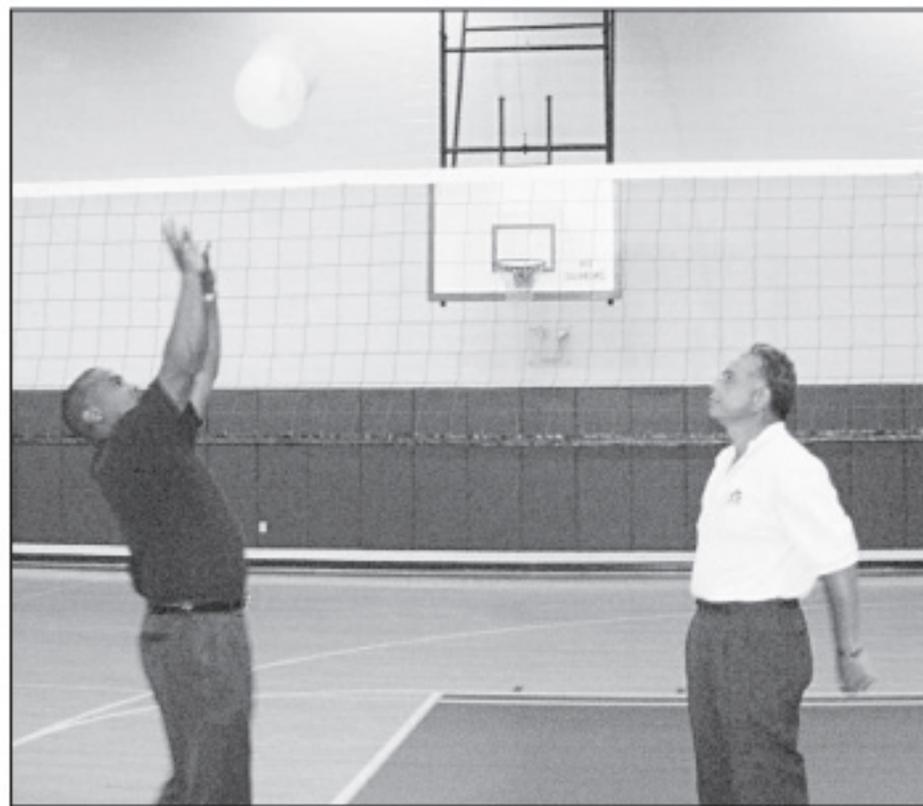


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**EARLY RETURNS**— Paul Banks, left, and Felix Milar get in some volleyball practice at Redstone Fitness Center. They're organizing the Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League which will play Wednesday nights at Pagano Gym.

## Wednesday night games served up at Pagano Gym

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Paul Banks has played pickup volleyball games here Sundays for the past three years but he's noticed some restlessness lately. His fellow players keep asking when a league will form.

They're getting their wish.

The Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League is starting for all authorized users of morale, welfare and recreation facilities — including civilian workers, active duty and retired military, contractors and family members.

"We're trying to form a community-type volleyball league," recreation assistant Felix Milar said. "It's going to be an open type league. We have a lot of spouses on the Arsenal who want to participate in volleyball."

An organizational meeting for all interested persons is scheduled Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Pagano Gym.

"This has been an ongoing process as far as interest in this kind of activity," Ted Compoc, director of sports and fitness, said. "It'll be a combination of learning some basics and fundamentals along with some competition."

Games will be played Wednesday nights from about 6-9 at Pagano Gym. A non-funded activity monitored by the participants, the initial project will run from 6-8 weeks. Compoc and Milar are certified regional officials, together with more than 70 years of volleyball experience.

"It's an outlet for those volleyball

enthusiasts who want to play in a spirited, friendly environment without all the demands of being competitive," Compoc said. "The bottom line: It'll be for fun."

But there's competition, too, with team won-loss records and standings. "We're going to try to make it competitive so that people don't lose interest," Milar said. He anticipates at least eight teams, each with 8-12 players.

Using the rally point scoring system, the league is for both males and females. Each team should have at least two female players on the court at all times.

"This program will never be in conflict with the unit-level or CWF (Civilian Welfare Fund)," Compoc said. The players can use this as preparation for other volleyball leagues.

"We'll evaluate what we've got to try to balance out the talent," Compoc said. "Balance (among the teams) is going to be the key."

A community volleyball league like this is considered a first for Redstone. And the weekend warriors should be satisfied.

"We want to try to perpetuate it," Milar said of the league. "If we get the interest, we're going to keep on going. I'm pretty sure we're going to have that interest."

"It's going to be fun," said Banks, a quality assurance specialist at Research Development and Engineering Center. "That's going to be our No. 1 priority — to have fun. It's going to be a good way to get some exercise in and you'll get to meet people and a chance to make new friends."

For more information about the league, call Milar at 313-1200 or 830-4042; and leave your name and number.

## Bass tourney anglers have smooth sailing on lake

Despite predictions of rain earlier in the week, the Army Aviation Association of America's Fall Bass Tournament, Oct. 5 at Wheeler Lake never required the donning of rain gear.

The 21 teams enjoyed fine weather and a fun day on the water. With 34 keepers weighing-in at nearly 50 pounds, half the teams made it to the scales.

Here are the team results:

Williams and Terrell landed the big fish of the day at 3.6 pounds; tied for

first place at 6.7 pounds were Brock and Howell with four fish and Ferguson and Brunaugh with five totaling that weight. Third place went to McElhiney and Lawler with five fish at 6.1 pounds.

In addition to the AAAA sponsorship of the event, corporate sponsors provided prizes for all competitors. Special thanks are extended to Southwest Research Institute, Lear Siegler Services Inc. and Computer Sciences Corporation.



## Sports & Recreation

### Walkathon

American Society of Military Comptrollers has a team to walk at the America's Walk for Diabetes, Saturday at UAH lakeside. The walk is 3.1 miles. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., and the walk starts at 10. Make all checks payable to the American Diabetes Association. All walkers must bring their donations to the walk. For more information, call Jan Garmon 705-9624 or Kathy Weller 842-6708.

### Basketball salute

The Association of the U.S. Army will present "Salute to Military Night" with the Huntsville Flight vs. Asheville Altitude basketball game Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, call Lawrence 429-1008.

### Volleyball league

Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League will have an organizational meeting Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Pagano Gym. All interested individuals and teams are encouraged to attend. For information call Felix Milar 313-1200 or 830-4042. Please leave your name and number.

### Youth basketball

Registration for the Child and Youth Services Basketball League is under way

through Nov. 1 for ages 5-16. Register at the Challenger, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Cost is \$35 sports fee plus \$15 central registration fee if not already enrolled. Practice begins the week of Nov. 11, and a preseason tournament begins Dec. 7 for ages 7-16. League play will begin Jan. 3. This league is open to family members of the following: active duty and retired military, Department of Defense, Department of Army and RSA/NASA contractor employees. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

### UAH hockey

The University of Alabama in Huntsville hockey team will play host to the Air Force Falcons Nov. 15-16 at 7:05 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. These are College Hockey America conference games.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 29 at the ChildWise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. Parents earn PAC participation points for attending. For more information, call Anita Epps 774-6737.

### Engineer society

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Fogcutter Restaurant on University Drive. Admission is free; meals are pay as you go. Nonmembers are welcome. For reservations, please e-mail both of the following: david.a.sheets.maj@usace.army.mil and deborah.d.walker@usace.army.mil.

### Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will have its annual open house Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center, building 1500. All active duty and retired enlisted spouses are welcome. There will be refreshments and a book swap. For more information, call Crystal Taylor 864-3126.

### Alabama State alums

The Rocket City Alumni Chapter of Alabama State University will have its monthly meeting Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in the Madison Square Mall.

### Genealogy society

The Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will meet Monday night at 7 in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library. The meeting is free to the public. Larry Strom is to present a program on Macintosh hardware and software.

### Administrative professionals

The International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold a seminar titled "Leadership: Who Me? (You've Got to be Kidding)," Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400 SELA Auditorium. The scheduled presenters are Brenda Kern and Kathy Leverett. For more information, call Dorothy May 842-8391 or Ellen Mahathey 876-4396.

### Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Greenbrier restaurant. 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. Anyone interested in the association or attending the meetings can call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.



## Miscellaneous

### Instructors luncheon

The Instructor of the Year luncheon is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$7 per ticket. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Battle 842-9767.

### St. Barbara dinner

The Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is sponsoring its annual St. Barbara Dinner Dance saluting the Air Defense Artillery

branch Oct. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Gen. Dennis Gavin, commander of the Assessments Command and deputy commander for initial entry training for the Training and Doctrine Command. For more information, contact the chapter secretary at the following e-mail address: mhowell@colsa.com.

### Army family team building

Army Family Team Building instructor training is scheduled Oct. 21-24 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service. No teaching background is required, just a genuine desire to help Army families succeed. Call 876-5397 to enroll.

### Logistics achievement awards

The Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Awards will be presented at a luncheon/ceremony Oct. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians' Club. Here are the nominees for this year's awards: Management/Executive Category — Billy Ray Cary of CCAD (Program Management Branch), Willis Epps of Acquisition Center (logistics support director), Mary Frisk Marcucci of IMMC (Attack Directorate), John W. Yurko of IMMC (Lower Tier Project Office); Professional/Technical Category — Thomas A. Bennett of IMMC (Cargo Directorate), Sandra Denton of IMMC (Scout Observation Directorate), Jerry W. Hill of IMMC (PM TOC/ADCCS), John Jensen of IMMC (Scout Observation Directorate), Michael R. Johnson of IMMC (Readiness Directorate), Charles R. Roberts of IMMC (General Missile Directorate), Todd Rodowick of IMMC (Maintenance Directorate) and Cynthia Ysasi of IMMC (associate director for aviation staff). Tickets are now on sale for the luncheon at \$12.50 each. For more information, call Faye Yates of Integrated Materiel Management Center 876-1757.

### Nashville bus trip

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will be sponsoring a bus trip Dec. 7 to Nashville for the New York City Rockette's Christmas Show and the Ice Sculpture Show. The bus will depart at 9:30 that morning from the Kroger parking lot on Drake Avenue and will return at approximately 10 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$70 per person, which is non-refundable. The Ice Sculpture Show is at 2 p.m. with the NYC Rockette's show at 3:30. There will be time to shop at Oprymills. There will be morning juice and muffins available on the bus. Seats are limited so make your reservations early. For reservations call Randy Bigler 955-0505.

### Catholic pilgrimage

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel is planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Lourdes, France for the annual International Military Pilgrimage. The patrons will be in France May 14-23. Many sightseeing trips are included in this pilgrimage, to include a day trip to Utah and Omaha Beaches, visit to the American

Cemetery, and two days in Paris. The price of this pilgrimage is approximately \$1,677 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Huntsville and \$1,560 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Atlanta. Cost includes roundtrip coach air fare, transfers, tours, two meals per day, 4-star hotels and taxes. For more information, call Donna Ragucci 461-9415.

### Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will have an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program, Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. To RSVP call 800-672-7223, ext. 5026.

### Native American month

National Native-American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated in November. The theme for this year is "Honoring Life, Honoring Elders, Honoring Heritage." Entries in the static display contest for units or departments should be in place by Nov. 4, with judging Nov. 7. Participants should call SFC Vasquez of AMCOM 876-8648 or SFC Weber of OMEMS 842-9765. Awards for the top three displays will be presented at the Native-American Indian Heritage Month program Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium.

### Children's health month

Throughout October, a collaborative effort of 17 federal departments, agencies (including EPA) and White House offices will celebrate Children's Health Month by making a special effort to raise awareness of the importance of protecting children from environmental health and safety risks. For more information, visit the following web site: [www.childrenshealth.gov](http://www.childrenshealth.gov).

### Flying activity open house

The Flying Activity will have an open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments for a minimal price — free to members. Certified flight instructors will be on hand to answer questions and provide mini flying lessons: adults, \$25; children 12-and-under, \$20. Open house flight requests must be scheduled before 2:30 p.m. This event is open to the entire Redstone community to include contractors and their family members. First month's dues (\$25) will be waived for individuals who join the Flying Activity at the open house. For more information, call 881-3980 or 880-9495.

### Bingo special

On Oct. 31 at 5 p.m., come out for a Halloween Bingo Special at the Challenger Community Activity Center, building

1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Get a free game pack (value \$12.50). There will be a costume contest and door prizes as well as free cookies and punch. You must be at least 19 years old to enter and play Challenger Bingo. For more information, call 837-0750/ 0751.

### Youth leadership forum

The Youth Center, building 3148 off Goss Road, will hold the Youth Leadership Forum, Sunday from 1-8 p.m. There will be games, snacks and prizes. This event is open to all middle school students and teens, both members and non-members of the center. For more information, call 876-5437.

### Thrift shop

The Redstone Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop is now accepting fall and winter items, and it will start taking Christmas items Oct. 23. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Auction sale

The Disposal Operations at Marshall Space Flight Center will hold an auction sale Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. Screening of the sale items is Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and on the morning of the auction Oct. 29 from 7:30-8:45. There will be approximately 100 lots of items including computer equipment, test equipment, furniture and machinery. Disposal Operations is located at Intergraph Building 21, Dunlop Boulevard in Huntsville. For more information, call the sales hotline at 544-4667 or Greg Tate 544-1774.

### Breast cancer awareness

Spread "Breast Cancer Awareness" in October by wearing the free lapel pins to be given away courtesy of the Post Exchange, Oct. 24 to the first 200 customers. Also pick up free information on breast cancer awareness. Register to win a cosmetic basket to be given away that day at 4 p.m.

### Breast cancer screening

The Fox Army Health Center Surgical Clinic is opening its doors Oct. 23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a Breast Cancer Screening Day open to all military beneficiaries. This is your opportunity to have a walk-in appointment for a clinical breast examination. A physician will perform the breast examination and refer patients for a mammogram as needed. No appointments are necessary, just walk in. Other health screenings will be offered the same day. For more information, call 876-4228.



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## Fly friendly skies

The Flying Activity will have an open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments for a minimal price — free to members. Certified flight instructors will be on hand to answer questions and provide mini flying lessons: adults, \$25; children 12-and-under, \$20. Open house flight requests must be scheduled before 2:30 p.m. This event is open to the entire Redstone community to include contractors and their family members. First month's dues (\$25) will be waived for individuals who join the Flying Activity at the open house. For more information, call 881-3980 or 880-9495.

