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## Von Braun Complex going up on schedule

Framework already in place at building construction site

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The view overlooking the Von Braun Complex construction site changes by the hour these days.

"When we went to lunch, none of the steel for the building was up," said Jackie Campbell, office manager for Turner-Universal Construction Company. "Now look at it."

Across the dusty site, amid piles of rock, mounds of dirt, elevator pits and a maze of conduit and piping, workmen from C.P. Buckner Steel Erectors had several three-story steel columns and interconnecting beams already in place. In just a matter of minutes, two more columns were added to the structure that, when completed, will become the new home of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

The complex will be built in three phases. The first, better known as the SMDC phase, includes two buildings — the central plant which will house the mail room and utilities for the complex, and the 200,100 square foot office building designed for a work force of about 1,000. Turner-Universal is the contractor for the \$39 million design-build SMDC project.

"Things have gone really well since the ground breaking last summer," Joey Skinner, civil engineer with the Master Planning Division and complex project manager representing Redstone, said. "We've had to do a lot of preparation to get to this point. One of the most important things



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**FROM THE GROUND UP—** Workers from C.P. Buckner Steel Erectors began framework on the Space and Missile Defense Command building last week, the first phase of the Von Braun Complex, located off Martin Road, west of building 5250.

was to upgrade the sewer system. Three million dollars of the project money was set aside just for that."

In August last year, an 18-inch sewer pipe was installed along side portions of the existing sewer line between the site and the sewage treatment plant. Not only does it increase capacity but it also serves as an alternate line when maintenance or repairs need to be completed on the older system.

A 30-inch industrial water line crossing the

site had to be relocated earlier this year and over Labor Day weekend, steam pipes that ran adjacent to the jogging path were moved away from the building site and buried.

"There's a 12-inch gas line that still needs to be relocated," Skinner said. "We'll have to coordinate the shutdown and tie in with NASA because they use a lot of gas. But I don't anticipate any problems. Our

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## Combined Federal Campaign seeks \$1.6 million in donations

Caring for Communities theme for annual drive

The 2002 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is gearing up for a patriotic kickoff Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium, according to Gay Money, serving again as the chairperson for the Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

There will also be a Charity Fair in the lobby of the auditorium from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. with representatives from different agencies providing information on their services to communities.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, serves as chairman for the campaign.

Lee Marshall, morning and noon news anchor for WAFF television Channel 48 and radio station WDRM, will be the guest speaker and perform a patriotic medley. She is involved in many local charitable groups and serves on the board of directors for the American Cancer Society. She is active in FOCAL, a foster care

**'The most important goal for the CFC is to change circumstances for the better. It is an investment in our community and our country because agencies funded by our contributions serve all of us.'**

— Gay Money  
coordinator,  
Combined Federal Campaign

alliance for local foster children. Her "Kids to Love" segment on Channel 48 resulted in more than 80 children finding "forever families"; and the "Cases for Kids" campaign netted 3,000 bags for foster children. Rather than moving their belongings in a plastic bag from place to place, they will now have their very own carrying case.

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# Letters to the editor

## Equal opportunity needs attention

On Dec. 17, 2001, I issued a command policy statement for Equal Employment Opportunity. In addition to pledging my support for the EEO program and its goals, I emphasized my commitment to the policy that all employees be treated fairly, with dignity and respect in all workplace interactions. I recognized then, and I now repeat, that an atmosphere of trust and equality are key ingredients to the teamwork necessary to successfully accomplish our mission.

I am very disturbed to receive continuing reports that many AMCOM and Team Redstone employees do not believe that an atmosphere of trust and equality exists at Redstone. Over the course of several years, my staff at Headquarters, Army Materiel Command has worked hard with their AMCOM and Team Redstone counterparts to ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to all AMCOM and Team Redstone employees, that improper selection and promotion practices are corrected, that personnel management policies improve, and that all employees have adequate access to dispute resolution processes. We continue our joint efforts to monitor AMCOM's overall progress in these areas. In May 2001, AMCOM and Team Redstone received the results of an independent study it had requested from Booz-Allen Hamilton. Many of the initiatives recommended in the Booz-Allen report titled "AMCOM Personnel Management Processes: Improving Civilian

Personnel, HR Planning and Civilian Workforce Planning Analysis," have already been implemented.

I want all of you to know that I support Maj. Gen. Dodgen's efforts to ensure that your concerns are addressed effectively and responsively. Taking care of people must be paramount in all we do, and it is not possible without your support. That means that every manager, supervisor and leader is responsible for encouraging open communication and a high regard for diversity.

I ask that each of you take individual responsibility for promoting courteous, tolerant and respectful conduct in your daily interactions with co-workers, managers and subordinates. The diversity of our work force presents us with many challenges in our communications and behaviors, but it also presents valuable opportunities for learning and personal growth.

I want to assure you that I am committed to creating and sustaining an environment where people come first. We cannot accomplish our mission without the contribution of every member of our AMC family. Discrimination or disrespect will not be tolerated at any level, and no employee will be subjected to retaliation for reporting conduct which is inconsistent with the policies of this command and its EEO program.

**Gen. Paul Kern**  
commander,  
Army Materiel Command

## Gate guards' greetings noted

I would like to share an observation that I hope has been noted by others in the Redstone community. Shortly after the uniformed soldiers began manning the access gates I observed that each time I stopped to show my badge for access to one of them, I received some sort of cordial greeting. Either "Have a nice day"; "Good morning"; "Good afternoon"; "How are you

today?" or some other pleasantries. It didn't make any difference which gate, what time of the day or night, it always happened. To me this speaks volumes regarding the character and quality of the individuals in Charlie Company 167th Infantry.

**Charles Kroelinger**  
Missile Guidance Directorate

## Charity drive support urged

In 1998, a presidential memorandum was issued to federal departments and agencies to explore additional measures to allow federal employees to perform community service. It stated that federal organizations should make maximum use of existing flexibilities to encourage these personnel to take time off to participate in volunteer activities. One of the options provided by the Office of Personnel Management to federal managers is the discretion to excuse employees from their duties without loss of pay or charge to leave (administrative leave). The absence must be brief and determined to be in the best interest of the agency.

As you are aware, the 2002 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign begins on Sept. 30 and will conclude on Nov. 8. The Loaned Federal Coordinating Committee has been working diligently to prepare for the campaign. During its efforts, many of the charitable agencies supported have asked for assistance in performing a myriad of tasks such as planting gardens and helping

with landscaping projects, dispatching and delivering "meals on wheels" or assisting with adult daycare, building and painting wheelchair ramps, reading to patients and chatting with them while receiving chemotherapy, and many more efforts too numerous to list.

Consequently, during the period mentioned above for the CFC campaign, I will authorize federal employees of the Aviation and Missile Command four hours of administrative leave and encourage them to use another four hours of annual leave to assist these agencies. Working together, federal employees in the Tennessee Valley can make a dramatic impact on the charitable agencies and prove that CFC, "Caring for Communities," is a reality.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Henley in the CFC Office at 842-1037, or phyllis.henley@redstone.army.mil.

**Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen**  
commander,  
AMCOM and Redstone

## Remember prisoners of war

September has officially been designated as Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) month. This is a time to honor all POW's and MIA's from every war or armed conflict in which America has participated. The National League of Families proposed and laid the foundation that the third Friday of September be set aside for this purpose.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments. As the League's POW/MIA flag is flown, the focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who have served our nation under extreme circumstances and to do everything possible to account for

those who have not yet returned.

Observance of the first annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Tribute in Limestone County will be held Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. The ceremony will be held at Chapter 511, Vietnam Veterans of America, 17915 Elm Street, Athens. This tribute is in honor and recognition of all of America's POW's and MIA's. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to pay respects to our great patriots, America's POW's and MIA's.

Following the ceremony, Chapter 511 of the Vietnam Veterans of America cordially invites all in attendance to an open house of our new chapter home on the premises. Refreshments will be served.

Welcome home.

**Michael W. Davis**  
president of Chapter 511,  
Vietnam Veterans of America

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# Rocket systems training soars into future

*MLRS training division expands mission for Army's transformation*

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The Army's objective force units of the future will require a set of highly mobile fire support teams to accomplish their mission.

"Use the equipment until it breaks, and then hand it over to the maintenance guys. That's how things are done in the field," said Billy Blount, chief of Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Training Division.

A unit is only as good as its combat effectiveness, which means that a high percentage of its total strength needs to be operational at any given time for a mission. Maintenance and repair of equipment is an indispensable part of mission accomplishment.

Soldiers that take care of this task in the field come out of the 27M Advanced Individual Training Course run by the Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Training Division. They've been training MLRS repair and maintenance soldiers here since 1983.



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

**GOT IT—** PFC Kelley Medor selects the right wrench for the job while instructor SFC Warnie Stokes and fellow student PFC Jonathan Gerald look on.

"The course averages 140 students per fiscal year, but during the Gulf War the course had swelled to close to 300 students to meet the needs of the offensive. We'd like to have a student to instructor ratio of 3:1, but with an overflow of 60

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## Unexploded ordnance, land mines a threat to soldiers in field

*Training office creates land mine models to educate troops*

By EVETTE BROOKS  
For the Rocket

A person who thinks about humanitarian de-mining will almost certainly recall a thought of Princess Diana, and her efforts to educate the world about the dangers associated with unexploded mines.

But right here at Redstone Arsenal, the humanitarian demining education effort takes real form by way of plastic models that educate both soldiers and citizens throughout the world.

"We build all kinds of inert training aids, such as anti-tank and anti-personnel mine models," Kenneth Kilpatrick, exhibits specialist in the CIC training

division, said. "Our involvement in the humanitarian demining program is closely tied in with the work of the Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., engineering school. For example, we've sent more than 1,500 training boards to nine different countries. And we were able to do that with the aid of engineers at the school."

The visual aids made right here at the Arsenal are used for awareness, not detection or removal.

"Knowing that you are providing training support for soldiers here at Redstone as well as other installations is a good feeling," Merlon Largen, group leader for training devices, said. "This training support is beneficial to the safety of our soldiers. Through our work here, we can

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Photo by Evette Brooks

**MAKING LAND MINE MODELS—** Kenneth Kilpatrick, left, exhibits specialist in the Corporate Information Center's training division, and Merlon Largen, group leader for training devices, discuss mines and various training devices.

# New dining hall just first bite for Ordnance school plans



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**VIEW FOR FUTURE**— Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, looks at an artist's concept of the new Enlisted Personnel Dining Facility.

## Modern campus designed to replace infrastructure

By **SKIP VAUGHN**  
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The new dining facility for enlisted personnel is a sign of things to come for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held Sept. 9 for the 28,000 square foot facility which costs \$7.2 million. The location, at the corner of Honest John and Wasp Roads, is near the current dining hall built in 1957. When completed by February 2004 the new facility will operate 365 days a year, serving more than 1,200 meals a day.

"It's a great piece of a larger plan and absolutely the right thing to do for the soldiers of the United States Army," Col. David Hafele, commander of OMEMS, said.

This month the school is funding an architectural and engineering firm to do a preliminary design on a new campus that will replace much of the existing school's facilities. Work could begin in 2007 on this multi-year, multi-phase construction program for Ordnance University which

would cost more than \$100 million.

"It would not only replace what we have here today, but also provide growth modules that would allow us to expand and concentrate here at Redstone Arsenal," Hafele said. "We are doing this in partnership with Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Directorate of Public Works with full support by the installation. And we think we will get great support from the community as well as our congressional partners."

The goal is to build state-of-the-art facilities for training Ordnance soldiers, according to Hafele.

"The Ordnance school here was built between 1955 and '59. It's about 50 years old," he said. "And we need new infrastructure that's modern and efficient to train the high-tech soldiers we're bringing into the Army."

Construction could begin before 2007, depending on congressional support, and take 4-6 years. The school is also planning for construction of a new Munitions Training Facility and a new Technical Escort Training Facility in locations remote from the central campus.

Turner-Universal Construction Company, based in Dallas, is the construction contractor for the Enlisted Personnel Dining Facility.

# Griswold becomes deputy at research engineering center

By **DAN O'BOYLE**  
*For the Rocket*

Col. R. Kelley Griswold has been named the deputy director of Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

He succeeds Col. Herb Carr, who retired.

Griswold had been the director of information technology and special projects in the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles.

"As a former PM and member of the PEO staff, I've long been a consumer of the expertise that the AMRDEC has to offer," he said. "I have tremendous respect for the people and technologies resident within the AMRDEC, and welcome the opportunity to be part of the AMRDEC team."

A 25-year veteran, Griswold graduated from Auburn in 1977.

Griswold began his experience in the acquisition field arriving at Redstone in 1985. He returned to the Arsenal in 1990 as the assistant project manager for the Joint Tacit Rainbow Cruise Missile, in 1994 as the product manager for MLRS Precision Munitions and in 1998 as the project manager for Army TACMS/Bat.

He and his wife, Sherri, reside in Huntsville.



File photo

**Col. R. KELLEY GRISWOLD**

# Redstone's blood donors honored for gift of life

*American Red Cross commends individuals and organizations*

By KELLEY LANE

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Members of the American Red Cross and Redstone leaders gathered Sept. 5 at Bob Jones Auditorium to honor members of this community who have made a conscientious effort over the past year to save the lives of countless people whose names and faces they will never know.

The military and civilian personnel recognized had helped by giving blood. Since 1951, Redstone has worked with the Red Cross through blood drives. "Team Redstone is probably the largest single entity donor in north Alabama and collects between 4,000 to 5,000 units per year," Col. Bob Devlin, deputy post commander, said. About 100 blood drives per

year are held at various Arsenal sites, including one in the parking lot outside the auditorium the day of the ceremony.

"If you take the average of 5,000 units of blood collected over 50 years, that's a quarter of a million donations," Barry Porter, manager of the Madison/Marshall County chapter of Red Cross, said. "Each blood donation is taken and separated into three different components, then you know that nearly three quarters of a million lives have been touched through the efforts of Redstone Arsenal and Team Redstone."

Most donors never know who they have helped or how their contribution has affected individuals and families. Lesley Burnett, guest speaker, gave a face to the thankful recipients of blood donations, the face of her 15-month-old daughter, Katie. Lesley's husband is a defense contractor at Redstone. At 6 months of age their daughter was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder known as Blackfan-Diamond

Anemia. She is reportedly the only known case in Alabama, and one of about 700 cases worldwide. Katie's little body is unable to make red blood cells. While steroid treatment helps some with her condition, it did not help Katie. In order to keep her body supplied with red blood cells and the crucial oxygen they carry, she must go to Children's Hospital in Birmingham every three weeks for a blood transfusion. The procedure, using donated blood, keeps Katie alive. As she gets older a bone marrow transplant may remedy her condition, but until then the Burnett family will depend upon donors to keep their family intact.

"We are thankful for her life," Lesley said. "We are thankful to God for the gift that He has given us and thankful to all of the people who have always been so willing to step up and help us."

Certificates of recognition were presented to individuals whose efforts have helped keep Redstone's blood drives a success, and to organizations on post whose joint efforts have been outstanding. Honored among of those joint efforts were 832nd Ordnance Battalion's Bravo and Charlie companies, with a combined total of 735 blood donations and the Sparkman Center with 889. Marshall Space Flight Center workers provided 1,142 blood donations for the year.

"The Army has always had a special



Photo by Kelley Lane

**GRATEFUL TO DONORS—** Lesley Burnett, holding daughter Katie, knows firsthand the necessity of giving blood. Katie needs a blood transfusion every three weeks because of a rare blood disorder.

relationship with the Red Cross," Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "The services they have provided to us ... has always meant the difference between life and death."

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contractors have done a great job working with us.”

The concrete contractors are just one example of that teamwork. To avoid

affecting traffic at peak drive times on the Arsenal, the convoy of 20 or more concrete trucks necessary for a large pour come through the gates between 3-6 a.m. About one large pour per week is done.

“And I have to give credit to the guys at the Corps of Engineers (North Alabama Area Office) for the work they do,” Skinner

said. “They assist in support and inspection for the design and construction, which means reviewing drawings from a technical standpoint, making sure good engineering practices are used and good workmanship. They’re the guys out there at 3 a.m. when the concrete trucks come in, making sure it’s done right. They meet with us and the contractors. We all work together as a team. It’s the only way it can be done.”

And this is just the beginning. The complex was master planned for three buildings, a total of about 700,000 square feet. The Sparkman Center is a little more than 1 million square feet.

The SMDC phase includes the central plant designed to expand with each new phase. One of the next two phases will include a 400-seat auditorium and the other, a cafeteria for 600. But even more phases are expected.

“Although the funding hasn’t come through, the two organizations we think will build in the complex are PEO Air and Missile Defense and the Missile Defense Agency,” Skinner said. “Due to 9/11 and the government’s push to get personnel out of leased space, more organizations are wanting to come on the post. We really don’t have the space for them right now. The only viable alternative is new construction.”

The next contract will have to master plan for at least five buildings, according to Skinner.

About 20 percent of the SMDC phase is complete. It is expected to be ready for the customer in January ‘04.

The events of 9/11 had no real impact on the design or construction of the project.



File photo

## Former commander

Col. Waldo Carmona, former commander of the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate at Fort Eustis, Va., received the Legion of Merit Award during his change of command ceremony Aug. 28. On terminal leave until his retirement Jan. 31, Carmona was succeeded by Col. William Gavora.

The only security change involved parking. The minimum distance required between the building and parking spaces fluctuates, depending on the threat condition in effect. It can be as close as 80 feet up to 150 feet minimum at Threatcon Delta. All the regular parking is situated at least 150 feet away from the building. Handicap spaces will be provided at 80 feet.



Courtesy graphics

**FINISHED PRODUCT—** This is an artist's rendering of the Von Braun Complex. The Space and Missile Defense Command building, in foreground, should be finished by January 2004.

# Emotional tribute marks anniversary of 9/11 tragedy

*Tearful audience packed into auditorium to remember*

By **KELLEY LANE**  
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Photos of Ground Zero and the Pentagon slid rhythmically across the screens hanging from the ceiling of the Bob Jones Auditorium. People shuffled in, filling the seats and lining up around the walls and doorways when there were no more seats amidst saddened whispers of greeting and acknowledgment of the day's notorious history.

As the lights dimmed, the screens changed. Billy Ray Cyrus sang on video to the gathered audience about how "Some Gave All," set to images of Arlington National Cemetery and soldiers, both in the field and back at home. Muffled sounds of sobbing could be heard all around. It was the beginning of what would be a very emotional tribute to the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001.

The tolling of a bell and a moment of silence in the blacked room set a solemn and respectful tone for opening remarks by Ed Benefield, master of ceremonies. When it was time for SSgt. Marcella Teasley to take the microphone, not a sound could be heard. Her spine tingling a cappella rendition of our national anthem ended to thunderous applause.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander



Photo by Kelley Lane

**REDSTONE REMEMBERS—** Replete with 21-gun salute, the ceremony honored the fallen, the fighting, and the traditions of our country.

of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, spoke about the variety of people taken from the families by last year's events. He talked about the military personnel, the civilians, and the foreign visitors whose lives were cut short by terrorism. "They came from all walks of life, all races, and all ages," he said.

Following special presentations of treasured American symbols by armed forces servicemembers, candles representing the crash sites glowed. Taps flooded the speaker system from two solemn buglers positioned just outside the auditorium while a squad of Redstone soldiers

prepared for their own contribution. Live video feed of their 21-gun salute played on the screens so that audience members could watch inside. Some, however, chose to watch from the safety of the doorways of nearby buildings.

In a particularly touching portion of the ceremony, people of various descents positioned throughout the audience stood in solitary spotlights and announced that they, too, were proud to be Americans before congregating onstage to sing "God Bless America." It appeared not one voice was silent as Team Redstone joined in. None appeared to be self-conscious or uneasy about raising their voices, as happens so often when people are called upon to sing in front of others. As the honor guard folded the flag, people could be seen weeping openly. Those who had come prepared passed tissues to their neighbors. As the ceremony came to a close, some hugged. Others shook hands and patted the backs of old friends and new ones. While the overall feeling was one of grief, there was also a touch of something that can only be described as pride - pride in our armed forces, pride in our community, and pride in our country. With the "Americans United We Stand Ceremony" Redstone Arsenal was able to honor the victims of a tragedy past, while still keeping its head up for the future.



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

## *In remembrance*

During a 9/11 ceremony, workers, from left, Lisha Adams, Bonnie Walker and Beth Wise place flowers at the flagpole in front of building 5250, Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles.

# Utility helicopter workers honor victims of Sept. 11 tragedy

*Courtyard ceremony held during lunchtime*

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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There were morning ceremonies Sept. 11 for the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America so some project office workers decided to do something special at lunchtime.

The 150-member Utility Helicopters Project Management Office held a 10-minute ceremony in the courtyard of the Sparkman Center.

Col. William Lake, the project manager, remembered the victims of the attacks and their families in his remarks.

"I believe these lives were not lost in vain," he said. "While the tragedy of 9/11 still breaks our hearts, it has served to bring unity to a country that cherishes its diversity."

The country mourns each life that was lost and stands united, according to Lake. "This tragedy has created unity within our diversity," he said.

Heather Hone, software engineer for UH-60M helicopter, sang the national



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MOMENT OF SILENCE—** Col. William Lake, utility helicopters project manager, leads a moment of silence for the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and their families.

anthem and "God Bless America."

The idea for the ceremony came from Christopher Day, network administrator for utility helicopters, and Tim Scott, junior analyst in utility helicopters logistics division.

"People were talking about it in the office," Day said. "Nothing was planned in the afternoon as far as 12 o'clock, so I passed the word along to Col. Lake and it went from there."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FROM THE ROOFTOPS—** Some workers in building 5308 stand on their balcony to watch the Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony in the Sparkman Center courtyard.

## Soldiers bring variety music tour back to Huntsville



Courtesy photo

**NATIVE ALABAMIAN—** SSgt. Q.P. Bean, a native of Ozark, is a member of this year's Soldier Show cast.

*Free tickets to Soldier Show available starting Thursday*

By KIM GILLESPIE  
For the Rocket

Quality entertainment and no charge for admittance make the 2002 Soldier Show the best deal in town. So what's the catch? Seating is limited and reserved through tickets that will be distributed by Morale, Recreation and Welfare and the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce beginning Thursday.

The Soldier Show is scheduled for two performances, one at 2 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m., Oct. 3 at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

"Tickets are being distributed first to servicemembers and their families, and all

remaining tickets will be available to the public on Sept. 19," Brandie DeRemer of MWR said. "Tickets can be picked up on Redstone Arsenal at the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road during MWR's normal business hours. The Chamber of Commerce will also have tickets for distribution at their building located downtown at 225 Church St." Because of limited seating, ticket distribution is limited to four tickets per person.

But individuals without a ticket to the show can take heart; this year any unfilled seats will be available to those who choose to come to the Von Braun Center Concert Hall prior to each show and wait. "It's not a guarantee of a seat, but chances are good that seats will be available," DeRemer said.

While a ticket reserves a seat, the tick-

et stipulates that if the ticket holder is not seated 15 minutes prior to the show, the ticket will no longer be valid.

"We are doing this a little differently this year because at past performances there were always unfilled seats because tickets were taken and not used. Our goal is to make sure the seats are filled, and we hope this alternative will work for those individuals who are unable to get tickets," DeRemer said.

DeRemer stressed that the show is free because of national sponsors and local support. "First Command Financial Planning and the Army National are sponsoring this year's show. Locally, the Chamber of Commerce assisted us with the performance venue and other requirements," she said.

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# Citizen soldiers battle heat and enemy during summer training camp

Two civilians from Redstone train at Camp Shelby, Miss., with Guard

By PAM ROGERS  
For the Rocket

The first thing you notice when you arrive at the National Guard training facility at Camp Shelby, Miss. is the heat.

Located just outside Hattiesburg and about 70 miles from the Gulf Coast, the sun beats down oppressively with no ocean breeze to offer relief. After the heat, you start to notice that every single building is made out of concrete blocks. Row upon row of cinderblock barracks with big, screened windows — that's right, no air conditioning — send up waves of heat from the sun beating down on them. This place is no vacation spot.

But it is the place where thousands of National Guard soldiers go every year for two weeks of training. On this particular day, reporters were visiting the 31st Chemical Brigade for their annual media day. Headquartered in Northport, Ala., the brigade has battalions located in Gadsden, Oneonta, Fort Payne and Centreville. Several of the members of the 278th Chemical Battalion of Oneonta are from the Huntsville area, including two who belong to Team Redstone.

Maj. Gary Hunter, whose civilian job is the small rockets project director for the Small/Medium Range Targets Product Office of the Missile Defense Targets Joint



Photo by Pam Rogers

**ENDEX—** Maj. Gary Hunter debriefs members of the 278th Chemical Battalion following a smoke exercise. From left are SFC Billy Heatherly, Sgt. Richard Crow, SSgt. Donald Towers, Spec. David Hardin and Hunter.

Project Office, serves as executive officer for the 278th. His job is to run the tactical operations center for the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Mike Feehan of Anniston.

The last few years haven't been easy for the brigade, according to Hunter. It went from armor to field artillery in the Desert Storm timeframe, before being redesignated as a chemical unit in 2000. The 31st is still working on the qualifications to become officially "stood-up," ready to be called into active duty should

the need arise.

Going from a combat arms to a combat support role hasn't been easy for many of the members, according to Hunter, but he has tried to remind the soldiers in his battalion that chemical units are more important than ever since the war on terrorism began.

"These guys are starting to realize that chemical has been thrust to the forefront," he said. The unit is maintaining an aggressive training schedule that should result in it being fielded by the end of this month.

Hunter noted that National Guard duty has resulted in new jobs and increased responsibility in the civilian world for many of the soldiers.

SFC Billy Heatherly was called up for airport security duty shortly after Sept. 11 last year. That has turned into a full-time civilian job as assistant director for operations at the Northwest Alabama Regional Airport in Muscle Shoals.

At one point in the media day reporters were ferried via HMMWV to a training site to observe a smoke company laying an ambush for the "enemy." Feehan, the battalion commander, narrated the action:

"The intel says there's an enemy recon unit headed this way," he said as smoke generators started up, sending a billowing white cloud over the exercise area.

"When they reach the smoke they will be intercepted by an ambush team," he

said, indicating soldiers who were lying in a low spot, rifles ready, barely visible from 25 yards away. The reporters swatted bugs and tried in vain to find shade under the tall pine trees that seem to be the only kind that grow at Camp Shelby as they waited for the arrival of the ambush team.

"If the bad guys are smart, since they're a small unit and don't know what's here, they'll pop smoke and get away," he said.

That's pretty much what happened, with the added attraction of the ambush team's nerve agent alarm going off, meaning all the soldiers had to get into their chemical protective gear during the middle of the ambush.

After the exercise there was a quick hot wash during which one of the soldiers, SSgt. Donald Towers, a section leader for the 208th Decontamination company whose civilian job is in AMCOM's Security Assistance Management Directorate, gave a quick summation of how the ambush unit performed. His assessment was that it wasn't perfect, but pretty darn good. Having the nerve agent alarm go off in the middle of the ambush made things difficult because it's hard to shoot and put on a gas mask at the same time, he said.

"I'd like to see what my son thinks of this MOPP gear," he said.

Towers manages Huey and Cobra sales for 34 different countries and has worked at Redstone since 1980. He has also been in the National Guard since 1980, following eight years of active duty.

Following the exercise was a tour of the tactical operations center. Everyone chugged bottled water and tried without much success to get cool as the work in the TOC hummed along at a steady pace. "The exercise is going well," Feehan said. "We started off at a fast pace, and we're the only TOC that's moved. It took an hour and a half. We wanted to get the hard things out of the way first," he said.

Meanwhile, soldiers inside the tent-based operations center monitored radio traffic and charted the movements of various units as they performed maneuvers. The training may only have been for two weeks, but it was as intense as the Mississippi heat as the citizen soldiers of the 31st Chemical Brigade prepared to answer the call to active duty.

■ Charity drive represents investment in community

## Campaign

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The 2002 national award winning cheerleaders from Sparkman High School will perform.

Door prizes will include three pairs of football tickets to: Alabama A&M vs. Tennessee State (homecoming), Alabama vs. Mississippi State, and Auburn vs. LSU.



"Caring for Communities" was again chosen the slogan for the 2002 campaign by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

"In light of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy, we know what a difference our dollars can make in the lives of so many," Money said. "The most important goal for the CFC is to change circumstances for the better. It is an investment in our community and our country because agencies funded by our contributions serve all of us. Our 2001 goal was \$1,550,000 and we raised \$1,832,141, the highest amount ever in the history of our campaign. It definitely demonstrated that we made Caring

for Communities a reality."

This year's Tennessee Valley CFC goal has been set at \$1,600,000; and AMCOM/Team Redstone hopes to raise \$600,000.

The Tennessee Valley campaign includes six Alabama counties — Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Cullman, Lawrence and Limestone — plus Lincoln County, Tenn. Personnel from 34 federal agencies in these counties make up the coordinating committee. They work under a structure established by the Office of Personnel Management and in partnership with a local non-profit organization. Local non-profit campaign coordinators are called principal combined fund organizations. PCFOs are selected by the coordinating committee and work as contractors under the committee's direction. United Way of Madison County serves the campaign in that capacity. The coordinating committee members oversee the solicitation of contributions from their fellow federal workers. These contributions, either in cash or payroll deductions, are forwarded to the principal combined fund organization which distributes them to the charities designated by individual federal donors.

An online silent auction is planned again this year and will run the last three weeks of the campaign, Oct. 21 through Nov. 8. Last year's auction netted \$8,000. It can be accessed at [www.cfc-huntsville.org](http://www.cfc-huntsville.org).



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## Huntsville unites

Members of the Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County distributed mini-flags furnished by Redstone Arsenal at the Sept. 9 Huntsville United concert featuring the 389th Army Band from Army Materiel Command. The free concert in Huntsville's Big Spring Park was sponsored by Redstone Arsenal, the City of Huntsville, and the Arts Council Inc., and featured special tributes to the military, police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians/paramedics who provided support following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. A crowd estimated at more than 5,000 attended the concert.

### ■ Curtain goes up for Soldier Show in October

## Show

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The Soldier Show offers a variety of music and entertainment designed to appeal to all age groups and tastes. "Gospel, country and R&B music are featured, along with songs by popular artists

such as Destiny's Child, Brooks and Dunn, Pink and Alicia Keys," DeRemer said. Patriotism also plays an important part in the show. This year's theme is "Freedom," and will feature an original opening number.

For more information about the Soldier Show or tickets, call DeRemer at 313-1202/1203.

### ■ MLRS looks to future

## Training

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students in six classes and only 16 instructors, we make do with the available resources," Blount said.

The course teaches students the basics of maintenance and repair. It's broken down into sections that cover the operation of equipment, fault isolation, and finally equipment repair. Training is equipment specific. Students go through each of these sections of instruction for each fire support system they learn how to operate.

During the upcoming stages of the Army's transformation program, 27M will be responsible for maintaining both the old and the new launchers. The training curriculum for the M270-A1 involves five extra weeks of training on new automated diagnostic trainers.

"With assessment oriented training, PERSCOM tells us where the students are going and then we know what equipment they will be operating. Why keep a soldier in training for five extra weeks when they will be going to a unit in Germany that is not equipped with the new A1? If they stay in and are sent to a unit operating the A1 they can get the training then," Blount said.

Responsibilities of the MLRS program here will increase exponentially in the future. Keeping soldiers up to speed on legacy Army equipment while training them to operate the fire support systems of the future poses a great challenge to the department. To accommodate the new equipment, a new bay is in the blueprint stages that will provide 66,000 square feet of space for new tactical trainers and sim-

ulation equipment.

"Col. Hafele gave the program the thumbs up and urged us to get the ball rolling as soon as possible so the program would be ready to support the new objective force," Blount said.

The new training curriculum and facilities will be able to accommodate the new High Mobility Artillery Rocket System fire support system. This new weapon system is lighter and less cumbersome than its predecessor, able to fire the same type of ordnance as earlier launchers like 29.8 cm rocket or missiles with variable warheads. The HIMARS will however have only one pod, allowing it to fire 12 rockets or one variable warhead missile.

In order to help with the maintenance of this new equipment, the Army plans to hire civilian field technicians.

"These civilian technicians will provide interface with the prime contractor, and they will handle the maintenance of line replacement units," Blount said.

The 27M soldier will still troubleshoot and fault isolate the defective equipment, but if the problem is one that can more easily be solved by replacing than fixing the part, the soldier will do just that. The soldier installs the new part and sends the defective part back to the civilian contractor for repair.

"The success of the MLRS program here is due to dedicated instructors and our relations with the project manager at AMCOM," Blount said. "When we need money to grow the program to better serve our nation's frontline soldiers, they get us the funds we need and we appreciate that. We want to continue that good relationship especially during this upcoming period of growth and restructuring."

# Bravo rallies for second straight softball championship

*Bulldogs make big comeback in postseason tourney final*

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The defending champion Bravo Company softball team was in trouble and Reggie Williams knew it.

Trailing Delta Company by three runs midway through the postseason tournament final, he told fellow outfielder Henry Hayes it was time for the team's two leaders to do something. Delta had already beaten the Bulldogs once that night and was on the verge of doing it again.

The Bulldogs bounced back and then some.

Hayes hit an RBI double and Williams followed with a three-run homer as Bravo rallied for eight runs in the fifth inning en route to a 24-7 win over Delta on Sept. 10 at field 14. The Bulldogs added 13 runs in the sixth and won their second straight championship.

"We had lost all our motivation then we had to refocus," Williams said of Bravo's comeback win. "We did reverse cycle training. I was down and out and the privates came to talk to me."

Williams responded with his three-run blast over the left field fence, giving Bravo a 7-6 lead. In the sixth inning, Hayes and Williams were intentionally walked and both scored as the Bulldogs batted around.

"We finally woke up," said Hayes, who finished with two hits. "We had a pretty rough first game. Once we got started, we got warmed up. We did what the Bulldogs usually do - win."

Delta won the first game 6-5 when

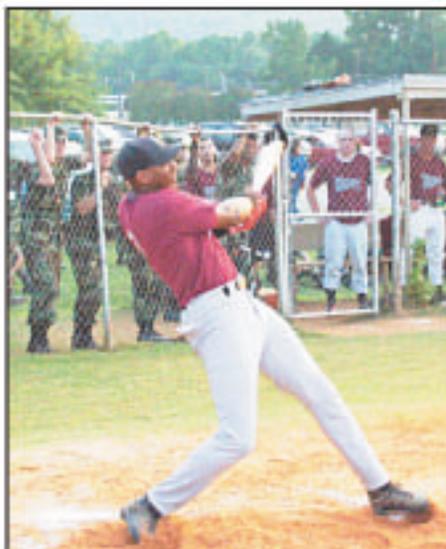


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**SOLID DOUBLE—** Bravo's Henry Hayes slams an RBI double in the third inning of the first game against Delta. The Bulldogs lost 6-5 but won the nightcap and the championship 24-7.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**WHO LET THE DOGS OUT—** Reggie Williams, center, celebrates with his Bravo teammates and fellow soldiers after the Bulldogs won the postseason softball championship.

Glenn Lundy scored an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh. Hayes dropped Lundy's leadoff fly ball in deep left-center and Lundy came around to score on the four-base error.

That was a distant memory as the Bulldogs (14-4) celebrated with their trophies after winning the nightcap.

"There's only one set of Bulldogs and that's Bravo," Hayes, the left-center and coach, said. "Bravo's No. 1. We were last year and we are this year, and we're working on next year."

"They were both great games, competitive," catcher Ted Mendoza, who had three hits with a double, said. "Delta deserves a lot of credit. The Bulldogs just

overcame them. We proved to everybody else we're the best."

Winning pitcher Joe Helminiak helped himself at the plate with two hits, including a double, and two RBIs. "We're the big dogs on post," he said.

Johnny Valle, Corey Chester, Mendoza, Brad Mayfield and Dustin Tabor had three hits apiece in Bravo's 24-hit outburst. Chester had a three-run, inside-the-park homer in the sixth.

Delta's Guy Chanpuang and Ty Thomas homered as the Devastating Drag-

ons won the first game. Eloy Manchura was on the mound for Delta (12-8).

"You can tell when old age catches up with you," Delta shortstop Kent Hamann said. "We're good for a game."

The Dragons did seem to run out of steam in the nightcap.

"We let them get a little rally going and we just couldn't shut them down," third baseman Robert "Rock" White said. "But they played good ball. They hit the ball well, got good base hits. And we just couldn't pick it back up."

## Bulldogs lead Commander's Cup standings for unit-level sports

Fresh off its softball championship, Bravo Company leads the standings for the annual Commander's Cup sports award.

The Bulldogs are first with 325.2 points followed by HHC 59th with 311.2. Sports played so far include flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball and golf.

Remaining on the schedule are the 5K run and racquetball.

Delta is third with 308.1 points followed by Charlie 832nd (252.1), NCO Academy (250), Marines (211.7), AMCOM 95.5, Headquarters & Alpha (95.4) and Charlie 167th (81.4).

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# Skip's picks

*Crimson Tide gets nod over Southern Miss*

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Skip's picks went 30-3 in the second week of the college football season, bringing the season totals to 53-16. Here are my predictions for selected games this week:

Southern Miss at Alabama – **Bama**  
Auburn at Mississippi State – **Auburn**  
Florida at Tennessee – **Tennessee**  
Northwestern State (La.) at Georgia – **Georgia**  
Middle Tennessee at Kentucky – **Kentucky**  
Vanderbilt at Ole Miss – **Ole Miss**  
Temple at South Carolina – **South Carolina**  
Prairie View at Alabama A&M – **Alabama A&M**  
Air Force at California – **Air Force**  
Arizona at Wisconsin – **Wisconsin**  
Louisville at Army – **Louisville**  
Boston College at Miami – **Miami**  
Colorado at UCLA – **UCLA**  
Duke at Florida State – **Florida State**  
Utah at Michigan – **Michigan**  
Northwestern at Navy – **Northwestern**  
Notre Dame at Michigan State – **Notre Dame**  
N.C. State at Texas Tech – **N.C. State**  
Ohio State at Cincinnati – **Ohio State**  
Louisiana Tech at Penn State – **Penn State**  
Wyoming at Washington – **Washington**  
Houston at Texas – **Texas**  
Southern Cal at Kansas State — **USC**



■ Plastic models help soldiers recognize dangers

## Mines

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actually teach the general populations of many countries how to recognize and understand land mine threats. These mine models make soldiers and civilians aware of mine hazards."

The mines look as real as possible, but are 100 percent safe. They are realistic to both feel and touch.

"Fifty-three Army National Guard and Reserve units look to us as their training support center," Kilpatrick said. "Also, the FBI is a big customer. We support them with the unique designs and fabrications they need for their missions."

The Army established mandatory mine-awareness training after Operation Desert Storm, which saw the deaths of 26 U.S. soldiers, being attributed to unexploded ordnance or duds.

"It makes you feel good that you are able to do something when Special Forces are deployed," Largen said. "We feel

good about being able to educate soldiers about dangerous mines and other ordnance in war zones."

Often times different types of mines and explosives are discovered when soldiers are deployed to different regions. It's then that the training division is expected to develop models for distribution.

"Mine models illustrate grenades, rockets, mortars, submunitions, projectiles and a variety of mines in actual colors and sizes," Largen said. "They are placed on two-dimensional, vacuum-formed, plastic boards for exhibit."

Kilpatrick has more than 25 years experience in custom, plastic fabrications. He said that the mine models represent real life-saving possibilities.

"These boards give soldiers a realistic idea of what to expect," Kilpatrick said. "There are an estimated six million land mines scattered around the world. We learned a lot from the Bosnian deployment, and we've been able to prevent hazards facing U. S. soldiers."



## Sports & Recreation

### Walkathon

"America's Walk for Diabetes" is Oct. 19 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. Walk teams are needed. For more information, call the Huntsville ADA 539-4404.

### Pineapple open

The eighth annual Pineapple Open fundraising golf tournament, presented by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, will be held Oct. 4 at 8:15 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. The rain date is Oct. 11. Entry fee is \$60 for individual players, \$45 for RSA members and \$10 for lunch only. Signup deadline is Sept. 27. For more information, call Christine Hackett 313-7626.

### Hunter safety orientation

The mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 in the Recreation Center, building 3711. All persons hunting on Redstone Arsenal, including guests, must complete the annual Hunter Safety Orientation and a state-approved hunter education course. This live orientation is suggested for all first time hunters and those who have not hunted on post in a few years. The course should be on computer soon at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

### Mixed league bowling

The Friday Mixed League at Redstone Lanes has openings for a few more mixed teams. Mixed teams can consist of three men and one woman, two men and two women, or three women and one man. Our league will start on Friday at 6:30 p.m. For more details contact Glendor Wilkerson at 852-5096.

### Youth in-line hockey

Child and Youth Services In-Line Hockey registration is open to Redstone and Madison County youth ages 6-17. Registration will be held through Sept. 24. Cost is \$50 plus \$25 USA hockey membership fee (plus \$15 CYS Central Registration fee if not already registered) for youth whose parents/guardian are military, retired military, DoD or DoA civilians, RSA contractor or NASA employees. For all others cost is \$100 plus \$25 USA hockey membership fee. Redstone-affiliated youth will sign up at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Call 876-3704 or 313-3699. All other youth will need to sign up at S&V Sports, 3190 Leeman Ferry Road., phone: 883-9917. A copy of a current sports physical must accompany hockey registration.

### 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.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

### Sergeants major

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

### Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker Mike Durant is to present recollections from "Black Hawk Down." For more information, call retired Navy Cmdr. Matthew C.F. Boenker 885-4274.

### Rocket city alumni

The Alabama State University-Rocket City Alumni Chapter will hold its monthly alumni meeting Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Piccadilly Cafeteria at Madison Square Mall. For more information contact Joe Henderson at 851-0512.

### Military operations meeting

The Redstone Arsenal Huntsville Military Operations Research Section will hold its annual business meeting Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at the Soldatenstube on Redstone Arsenal. For directions or more information call Mike Tomlinson, 864-8355.

### Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Sept. 24 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.

### Bible study

Protestant Women of the Church will hold bible studies every Thursday morning at 9:30 in the Bicentennial Chapel. Free child care is provided for the morning studies. We will also hold another study Thursday evenings at 6:30 for those who work. All PWOC events are open to all military wives, and friends of those wives. Contact the chapel with any questions: 876-2409.

### Federal Bar luncheon

The North Alabama chapter of the Federal Bar Association will have a luncheon Oct. 10 at the Officers and Civilians Club on Redstone. Michael Durant, the pilot who was taken captive in Somalia in 1993 after his Black Hawk helicopter was shot down, is the scheduled guest speaker. The social will begin at 11:15 a.m. and the



Photo by Kevin Meier

## Forty years service

Paul "Otis" Pittman, left, receives his certificate for 40 years of service Sept. 5 from John Ball, director of Army Primary Standards Laboratory at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity.

prime rib lunch will be served at 11:30. Cost is \$11.75. For those who do not have a Redstone decal on your vehicle for access onto the post, be sure to bring a photo ID, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. Reservations should be made as early as possible via e-mail: cindy.vanrassen@smdc.army.mil or by phone at 955-5717. Deadline is Oct. 7.



## Miscellaneous

### Job search seminar

"Job Search Strategies," a free seminar sponsored by Athens State University Career Services Office, will be conducted Thursday in building 3200, Little John Road, from 3-4:30 p.m. The seminar will cover resume writing, interviewing, networking, and effective ways to identify the best jobs and those employers who are hiring. Phone 233-8285 or 876-7561 to make a reservation. Space is limited.

### Soldier payments

The deadline for the \$2,700 payment for VEAP to MGIB convertees is rapidly approaching. The responsibility falls on the individual to check and ensure that they have paid the full \$2,700 within the statutorily required deadline (18 months from the date entered on their DD Form 2366). Meeting this deadline is critical. Soldiers have no education benefits to utilize until the required \$2,700 is paid in full. Furthermore, soldiers who fail to pay the \$2,700 in full by the deadline will forfeit all contributions made to that point and will not be eligible for any MGIB benefits, according to the Education Center. Many soldiers have had problems with their local finance offices erroneously stopping the reduction in pay when it reaches \$600 or \$1,200. Finance has erroneously refunded some payments to soldiers. DFAS will send out a message to finance offices for corrective action. Soldiers, however, are ultimately responsible for initiating action to discover and correct any finance mistakes. Soldiers may have to make lump sum payments to

ensure the full \$2,700 is paid within the required 18 months. For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

### Tuition assistance policy

Beginning Oct. 1, Department of Army will pay the full amount of tuition and fees for college or training courses provided by an approved institution when the cost does not exceed \$250 per semester hour. The \$250 ceiling includes lab fees, computer fees, and security facility fees where required. When an institution's charges exceed \$250 per semester hour, the Army will pay \$250 per semester hour, and the soldier is required to pay the remaining costs. The new policy increases the annual TA amount from \$3,500 to \$4,500 per fiscal year per soldier. The student is still responsible for maintaining a passing grade; and any failure, withdrawal or incomplete must be resolved before additional TA is provided. For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

### Butler High reunion

The Butler High Class of 1972 is planning its 30-year reunion for Oct. 4-5 and seeks current information about former classmates. Former '72 classmates, other interested alumni and faculty, past and present, are invited to participate in this milestone event. For more information, call Sharon Wise Pendrey 880-1969 or Greg Welch 881-4001.

### School age services

Fall break and intersession camp registration for School Age Services and middle school/teen programs continues through Friday at central enrollment registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. The annual fee is \$15 per person. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to registration. For more information, call Chris Carter 876-3704 or Pam Berry 955-6309.

### 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.

### NASA youth night

The NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center Venturing Crew is holding its annual First Nighter, inviting all high school students, ages 14-21 who are interested in learning about NASA, and careers in science and engineering. The First Nighter will be Sept. 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The NASA/MSFC aerospace career Venturing program is sponsored jointly with the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Students meet through the school year and do hands on projects with NASA scientists and engineers, tour Marshall Space Flight Center, and participate in other exciting activities. Call Joel Farbman at (256) 544-2319 or e-mail joel.farbman@msfc.nasa.gov if you plan on attending the meeting. Parents are both welcome and encouraged to participate.

### Physics lecture

Nobel Laureate Douglas Osheroff from Stanford University will deliver the fifth Putha Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture, Friday at 3 p.m. in Dawson Auditorium at Alabama A&M University. Osheroff was the co-recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Physics along with Drs. David M. Lee and Robert C. Richardson for the discovery of "Superfluidity in Helium3." The topic of his public lecture at A&M is, "The Excitement of Discovery in Physics." The lecture will be followed by a public reception at 5 p.m. in the Clyde Foster Multi-purpose Room in the School of Business on the campus.

### Big Spring Jam weekend

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has Big Spring Jam Week-End Passes for sale at the corporate price of \$25.00. (The regular price at the gate is \$30.00) The BSJ is Sept. 27-29. CWFC passes are on sale in building 3307, Jerry 6-8138; building 5307, Randy 5-0505; building 5302, Jan 6-2569; building 5300, Winslow 2-0639; building 5681, Debbie 4-4010; building 5400, Bob 6-4993; building 7613, Carolyn 3-6829; building 7804, Sue 2-1276; building 3325, Karen 3-3325; building 8700, Lori 2-2155; building 5303, Charlie 5-7662. Passes will also be on sale at the Sparkman Cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 23-25. Make your check payable to Big Spring Jam. The discounted week-end passes will be on sale through Sept. 25. For more information on this year's Jam entertainment, contact their website at [www.bigspringjam.org](http://www.bigspringjam.org).

### Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information and registration 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. For more information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5026.

### Fresh pizza

The Sparkman food court began serving pizza last week. Hot Stuff Pizza features "individual fresh proofed pizza made



Courtesy photo

## Retiree day

More than 1,580 military retirees and their family members attended Retiree Activity Day, Sept. 7 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Here some attendees gather information flyers from Fox Army Health Center and other community services.

fresh daily," a prepared release said. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A grand opening will be held today at 10 a.m., with free samples served until 11. Prices range from \$3 and \$3.45 per 6-inch pizza.

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesday

and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesday and Thursday 12:30-3. Donations are accepted. The shop is now a collection site for New Futures, so please bring your cell phones that are in

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Photo by Kim Stenberg

## Sorry, Charlie

Co-workers helped Charlie Barnes, business manager for Deputy to the Commander for Systems Support, celebrate his 50th birthday Sept. 10. Guests at the party in building 5308 included his wife, Lanette, and niece Erin Lott.

