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# Team takes new cargo to troops

Four volunteers visit  
Iraq and Afghanistan

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Huntsville is his hometown and Redstone is the place where he came to work for the Army in his late father's footsteps. But he wanted to do something more for the Soldiers fighting for this country.

This would be Ken Shipp's opportunity. The engineer was among four members of Cargo Helicopters Project Office who volunteered to go to Iraq and Afghanistan to take a ballistic protection system for the CH-47. During their two weeks overseas from mid-August to early September, they taught Soldiers how to use the new equipment and invited feedback from the units.

"They did a great job," Rusty Weiger, deputy project manager for cargo helicopters, said. "The units were very receptive to it and excited about getting this new equip-

ment. It'll be of help to the Soldiers over there."

Besides Shipp, of the product improvement office, the training team included Matt Wesselschmidt, chief engineer for fleet management; Chief Warrant Officer Tom Gerrish, also of fleet management office; and Maj. Pat Heyland, logistics. They went to Balad Air Base in Iraq and Bagram, Afghanistan. The ballistic protection system for the Ch-47 cargo helicopter includes armor for the crew area, floor armor and side armor in the cargo area. "It stops small arms fire and RPGs," Weiger said.

The units had requested a ballistic protection system; and the project office developed it. This was not the first time that members of the office had traveled to Southwest Asia as Wesselschmidt and Gerrish went there around this time last year to take survivability equipment. Such trips are in line with the fielding philosophy of Col. Tim Crosby, the project manager. "His

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**EAGER TO HELP**— Ken Shipp, an engineer, was among four volunteers from Cargo Helicopters Project Office who traveled to Iraq and Afghanistan to train Soldiers on a ballistic protection system for the CH-47 helicopter.

# Tears of remembrance at 9/11 ceremony



Team Redstone members  
recall nation's tragic day

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Rebecca Richardson of Madison and her two children were looking forward to Sept. 13. Their loved one, Spc. Coley Richardson of 95th Maintenance Company, was coming home from Iraq for rest and relaxation.

Last Thursday she fought back tears during the annual Sept. 11th remembrance ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. During the ceremony, Staff Sgt. Julius Clark presented her the flag which Soldiers had folded onstage.

"It was all I could do not to cry. I was trying not to," she said. Her husband has been stationed in Tikrit since January.

Many of the estimated 400 in attendance did cry while remembering the nearly 3,000 people who died in the terrorist attacks on this nation Sept. 11, 2001.

"They died a horrific death. They died a heroic death also," Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said.

The attacks involved the hijacking of four commercial airliners. With nearly

**SALUTE**— Staff Sgt. Julius Clark of Delta Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, prepares to salute Rebecca Richardson after presenting the flag to her during the 9/11 remembrance ceremony. Richardson's husband, Spc. Coley Richardson, is serving in Iraq.

Photo by Skip Vaughn

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## Letters to the Editor

### Following trail for cycling

Let me attempt to dispel some of the misperceptions about cycling evident in several letters to the editor in recent weeks. The safest way to bicycle for adults is a concept called vehicular cycling. That is to treat your bicycle as a car and ride like you drive. However, the perception is that bicycles should be segregated on sidewalks, trails or bike lanes. This leads to what is referred to as the "cyclist inferiority complex" and actually increases the risk of an accident.

First, 50 percent of bicycle accidents are falls from the bicycle. Only 17 percent of accidents are collisions with cars. Of the remainder, there are almost equal numbers of collisions with other bicycles, pedestrians and pets. Of the 17 percent of bike/car collisions, 90 percent involve crossing traffic. That is the car turning in front of the bicycle or the bicycle turning in front of the car. Few involve overtaking traffic or in my case being hit head on by a car driving the wrong way. Because 90 percent of collisions are due to crossing traffic, sidewalks are especially dangerous for cyclists. According to one study, cyclists riding on a sidewalk with traffic are twice as likely to be hit by a car than if they were riding with traffic in the roadway. Riding against traffic in the roadway makes it three times more likely to be hit by a car. Riding on a sidewalk against traffic makes it more than four times more likely to be hit by a car. Why? Visibility! Motorists do not expect high speed traffic on sidewalks or riding against traffic. Now this only applies to adults. Children should be kept on sidewalks until old enough to learn the rules of the road, generally around 11 or 12 years old.

Bike lanes and shoulders are also more likely to result in a collision. This is because many times the cyclist only rides in the bike lane and makes a left hand turn from the right hand side.

Cyclists must merge into traffic and turn from the left hand lane. Bike lanes remove the cyclist from where crossing motorists are looking for traffic. Cyclists also stay on the shoulder when it turns into a right turn only lane instead of merging back into the right most through lane to their destination. Motorists cause collisions by failing to yield properly to bicycles in bike lanes and instead pass and immediately turn right in front of the cyclist. Bike lanes and shoulders also suffer from excessive debris, resulting in flat tires and loss of control.

Greenways and other multi-use trails have their own inherent risks because there are few rules governing their use. Pedestrians walk on the bike side of the trail, pets run off leash, children run in front of cyclists and cyclists cruise at excessive speeds. This is why many experienced cyclists refuse to use greenways.

The preferred solution is what is called a wide outside lane. This is a right hand lane that is 14 to 15 feet wide, allowing both bicycle and motor vehicle traffic in the same lane.

Now following vehicular cycling principles is no guarantee that a cyclist will not get hit. The driver that hit me was distracted and would have injured me whether I was cycling or driving. If bad drivers are what is keeping people from cycling, the solution is dealing with bad drivers. Stricter regulation, more enforcement and stiffer penalties are the answer to drivers who do not realize that driving is a privilege.

Vehicular cycling is taught in the nationally recognized Bike Ed course offered by the League of American Bicyclists. Unfortunately, we only have four instructors in all of Alabama and none in Huntsville. For my part, I will continue to follow vehicular cycling principles.

**David L. Stone**  
RDEC

### Another point for medal

Just read you column (Open lane random survey, Sept. 8) on the Paul Hamm gold medal and wanted to add something. I have an issue of *People* magazine (Sept. 6, page 64) where Paul Hamm is quoted as saying: "You're not allowed more than three holds. And (on video review) he clearly has four. If that deduc-

tion was taken, he'd have been in fourth place." He is speaking of his competitor Yang Tae Young, who some believe Hamm should give the gold medal to. Apparently, it isn't as cut and dried as some believe.

**Anne Eadon**  
wife, DoD civilian

### An open lane random survey

*What is the best response to a hostage situation?*

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*Neal Heffelfinger*  
retiree



**"The response would have to be determined by each situation. Every one is just a little bit different. Sometimes you go after them full force, others you try talking to them. It's hard to give one general response to that situation."**

*Jackie Rogers*  
military spouse



**"I would handle it quietly with no newspapers. All the news just gives them more ammunition."**

*E.C. Smith*  
retiree



**"Don't give in. If you do that you open the door."**



*Andres Perez*  
DoD civilian

**"I guess it would depend on the situation. Is it children? Is it Soldiers? I would say the**

**best way to handle it then would be to leave it to the experts. These things happen. If you're going to take action, you need to be prepared. Know the situation and the resources available to you."**

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### Quote of the week

**'W**e must create a much more effective system of security. We couldn't adequately react. ... We showed weakness, and weak people are beaten.'

— Russian President Vladimir Putin after a hostage crisis killed more than 350 people in Beslan, Russia.

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# Getting to know you

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**Name:** Brad Harris

**Job:** Financial analyst intern, Resource Management Directorate

**Where do you call home?**  
Corinth, Miss.

**What do you like about your job?**

I like the Army Transformation. The aged work force possesses the experience to pass down to the younger work force, such as myself. The younger work force brings in creative ideas and computer knowledge. The mixture of these two assets will be beneficial to the Army in the long run.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Spend time with family and friends, play golf, work out and travel.



**What are your goals?**

To become a supervisor or chief of an organization by age 29.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## First star

Patrick O'Reilly, program executive officer for combat support and combat service support, is promoted to brigadier general in a ceremony Sept. 8 at Bob Jones Auditorium. Pinning on his star are Lt. Gen. Joseph Yakovac, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, and O'Reilly's wife, Judy.

# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**Sept. 3:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a canceled driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 3:** Another individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 3:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

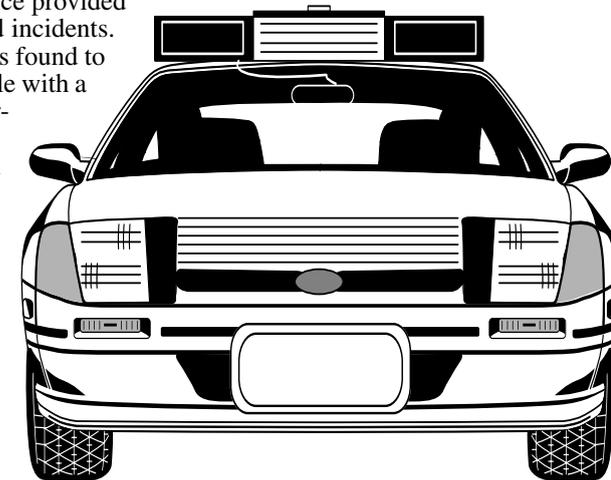
**Sept. 4:** Three individuals were escorted to the Provost Marshal Office after they were found to be consuming alcoholic beverages while under the legal drinking age. They were processed and released.

**Sept. 5:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**Sept. 5:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and with a suspended driver's license when the vehicle he was operating struck the barrier at Gate 10. He was issued violation notices and then detained at the Provost Marshal Office until his blood alcohol level reached the legal limit.

**Sept. 5:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol during a vehicle inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and then detained at the Provost Marshal Office until his blood alcohol level reached the legal limit.

**Sept. 7:** An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 3. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.



**Sept. 7:** An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 9:** An individual was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia during a vehicle inspection at Gate 3. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 9:** An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Sept. 9:** An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued violation notices and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**Traffic accidents reported:** 1 without injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 28 speeding, 2 possession of drug paraphernalia, 4 possession of a controlled substance, 2 open container, 1 no proof of liability insurance, 1 no driver's license, 2 failure to obey a traffic control device, 3 driving with a suspended/canceled driver's license and 2 driving while under the influence of alcohol.

# Ground-based defense program takes step

The Ground-Based Missile Defense Joint Program Office has completed testing that moves the system a major step closer to being ready to defend against an intercontinental ballistic missile attack.

System Integration and Checkout tests are a series of internal integration activities that include multiple program elements and sites. The tests will incrementally build to result in Initial Defensive Capability, which is expected to occur in the fall.

This test demonstrated several significant capabilities. The elements transitioned from test mode to alert mode, sent launch commands to multiple silos configured as they will be when the system is on alert, and tasked multiple sets of In-Flight Interceptor Communication System Data Terminal hardware. These capabilities were demonstrated in a realistic, tactical scenario in a field environment.

Included in this test were the

Joint National Integration Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.; the Space and Naval Warfare System Center, San Diego, Calif.; the Space-Based Infrared Sensor Test Node, Boulder, Colo.; and Fort Greely, Alaska.

SICO tests confirm that multiple GMD elements distributed around the country will interface, interoperate and function as designed. The Cobra Dane radar and the IDT at Shemya, Alaska, were new elements being integrated as part of this test, the fifth in a series. Previous SICO testing has integrated GMD Fire Control and Communications, Ground Based Interceptors and launch equipment, Defense Satellite Program sensors, and Aegis Weapon System interfaces.

The SICO test campaign continues with SICO-6A to complete the IDC configuration in September. SICO-6B adds components at Vandenberg Air Force Base and Beale Air Force Base in November.

# Hill, Northrop Grumman reach ICBM agreement

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – Hill Air Force Base and Northrop Grumman officials signed a partnership agreement Sept. 1.

Through the \$176 million public-private arrangement, Hill mechanics will work alongside Northrop employees to overhaul the Air Force's 586 Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Propulsion System Rocket Engines to keep them operational through 2020.

"This is the perfect marriage of organic depot resources and private sector best practices," Christina Hernandez of the Ogden ALC Partnering and Business Development Office said.

The arrangement is being called an Air Force flagship by partnering experts here who say the agreement charts new territory as the work will take place within the

Ogden Air Logistics Center maintenance depot and at a Northrop facility.

"This arrangement provides a solution to a facility shortfall, with the partnership workload accomplished both at the depot and Northrop Grumman," Hernandez said.

The modifications will refurbish the PSRE aboard the missiles by replacing their aging parts and components.

The PSRE is the liquid propellant rocket engine portion of the MMIII propulsion system and provides the maneuvering capability to the reentry system once it's outside the earth's atmosphere to deploy nuclear reentry vehicles.

*Editor's note: Ogden Air Logistics Center Public Affairs, Hill AFB, provided this release.*



Michael E. Dukes/Arnews

## Pep talk

Miss Nebraska, Brook Matthews, speaks to patients and their families at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Fifty-two Miss America contestants visited Walter Reed Sept. 4 to share lunch with servicemembers who were injured in the Global War on Terrorism.

# More savings in store for commissary customers

## Case lot sale coming in outlets worldwide

By BONNIE POWELL  
*Defense Commissary Agency*

FORT LEE, Va. — The World's Biggest Case Lot Sale in September offers the world's biggest customer savings — even at one of the world's smallest commissaries.

“Our customers look forward to this event and start asking about the case lot sale two to three months in advance,” says Jerry Yarbrough, store manager of Camp Merrill commissary in northern Georgia. Camp Merrill is the home of the 5th Ranger Training Battalion and the mountain phase of the U.S. Army Ranger School — and it's home to the smallest military commissary in the United States.

“Nearly all of our 273 commissaries are participating in the September case lot sale — from the biggest to the smallest,” said Defense Commissary Agency chief executive officer Patrick B. Nixon. “Cus-

tomers save up to 50 percent or more off regular prices, and if the last sale in May is any indication, cases sold will easily top a million.”

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— Patrick B. Nixon  
*Defense Commissary Agency*

Camp Merrill commissary won't make a big contribution to the number of cases sold, but it will offer customers savings equal to the biggest commissaries. “We can't have the assortment of items that the larger stores have, because of our size and small storage area, but we have the items that are most important to our customers, based on the past history of our sales,” said Yarbrough, who opens the convenience-store-size commissary Tuesday through Saturday.

“I'll be supporting Merrill's sale,” said Jim Black, store director for Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson commissaries near Atlanta, as well as Camp Merrill. “I send a trailer from Fort Gillem with the sale items. The trailer is dropped there and remains for seven to 10 days.” In addition to serving customers as part of their regular duties, Yarbrough and the only other employee at Camp Merrill spend two days before the sale checking in the product, preparing the items and printing price signs.

“On the morning of the first day of the case lot sale, we place the pallets of sale items in the store and outside,” Yarbrough said. “The majority of active duty (only about 200 assigned) and their families, along with a surprising number of retirees, show up with big smiles on their faces, excited about saving lots of money.”

“We don't participate just to put a ‘check’ in the box,” Black said. “It's a real case lot sale and it's a big event at Merrill!”

It's a big event all over the world. Customers purchased more than \$11 million

in groceries ranging from cleaning supplies to breakfast foods to beverages during the May worldwide sale. “The September sale has been held since 2001 and proved so popular it was expanded this year to include Commissary Awareness Month in May,” Nixon said. “The May and September sales will be something our customers can look forward to now — whether they live just around the block or an hour away.”

Since commissaries have the flexibility to participate in the worldwide sale anytime during the month, shoppers who live in regions with several military installations may be able to shop different sales. To help shoppers keep track of when their favorite commissary is having its September case lot sale, a new link was added to the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com>. The “Worldwide Case Lot Sale” link takes shoppers to a special page with sale dates and hot links to store spotlighting pages for more on the case lot sale as well as other store news. The Redstone commissary sale is scheduled Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, according to the web site.

# Ninth annual Oktoberfest rolls into Redstone

## New items on German-style menu this weekend at post activity field

By LIRA FRYE  
*For the Rocket*

Bratwurst, bands and beer — it's time once again for Redstone Arsenal's Oktoberfest, Thursday through Sunday at the post activity field off Patton Road.

The admission price includes parking, entertainment and carnival rides. In its ninth year, the fest boasts more rides, a greater variety of beer, games, and activities while still featuring bratwurst and schnitzel from the Soldatenstube.

“These are the same great products that everyone loves,” Dan Ahern, director of morale welfare and recreation, said.

Along with those familiar favorites, Ahern mentioned a few new items he said would add even more German flavor. “We'll have German-style rotisserie chicken and German pastries, as well,” he said.

Patrons can also purchase authentic German-style mugs and glassware just like at the Oktoberfest in Munich. One liter, half-liter and .3 liter mugs and glassware will be available. Patrons who purchase these mugs will receive discounted refills.

Every fest needs music along with food. Under the big tent or festhalle, Terry

Cavanagh and the Alpine Express returns as the entertainment headliner. The Moonlighters, a polka band, will provide Saturday afternoon entertainment from 1-5.

“Terry's a great entertainer and gets the crowd going,” Ahern said. “Folks love to dance to his music.”

If you'd rather walk than dance, the Warrant Officer Association is sponsoring an American Volksmarch Association sanctioned volksmarch Saturday from 8-11 a.m. With a \$3 entry fee, participants can choose 10 or 5 kilometer walks. After completing the walk, participants receive a medal as well as a volksmarch stamp.

Walk participants have free admission into the fest area through noon. During that time, a special promotion, “Brats (bratwurst) for a Buck,” will be ongoing.

“This is a neat deal for the volksmarchers,” Ahern said. “There's nothing like beer and a bratwurst to start your Saturday right.”

Crafters with handmade goods, food stands with a variety of choices, carnival rides and games surround the fest tent. A special “Tool Tent” holds the log sawing and nail driving contests as well an opportunity for patrons to build a German-style birdhouse. Military equipment will be on display all day Saturday.

The fest boasts another new feature, a drawing for two roundtrip tickets to Europe. Each patron who purchases \$10 in concession coupons becomes eligible

for the drawing.

“This is the region's premier themed outdoor fest,” Ahern said. “It's a great value, fun and safe.”

The event is open to public. Enter through Gate 10 on Patton Road. For more information, call MWR at 876-5232.

## Bomb disposal school adds realism with sets

*\$25 million expansion has dedication ceremony*

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There's a convenience store next door to a house of worship. A farm is nearby. Other sites include an urban municipal area.

It could be Any Town, America. And that's the whole point – providing realistic scenarios for training bomb technicians.

A dedication ceremony was held Monday for a 300-acre addition to the Hazardous Devices School, part of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Department of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School. The school, which began in 1971, is administered and funded by the FBI and operated by the Army under a partnership.

The site is off Redstone Road where building 7101, the former headquarters building for Redstone, was before it got torn down in 1986. It includes 14 training

villages to stage realistic bombing incident scenarios.

"These 14 training villages are going to allow us to do more concurrent training," Patrick Gehringer, a supervisory training instructor, said. "Most of the villages have multiple buildings. For example, commercial area 1 consists of five concrete structures including two self-storage units, a farmers co-op, a house of worship and it also has a combination convenience store/liquor store. Other villages include a municipal area, a residential area, a commercial area with residential apartments, a rural farm setting, an urban municipal area which includes a hospital, a public utilities area, a transportation village, a train station and a remote cabin setting."

The \$25 million facilities are in addition to the two explosive ranges nearby. One range has been used since 1971 and the other opened in 1999.

"The opening of this facility is going to allow us to increase our student load," Gehringer said. "Right now our limitations are based upon our physical facilities. We've more than doubled the number of our classrooms."



Photo by Kim Henry

**CHURCH WORK—** Tom Epperson, a Hazardous Devices School training instructor, takes an X-ray photo of a suspicious box in the back pew of a church. The church is among the 14 new villages that the HDS has to train students.

In fiscal 2004 the school trained 288 basic students, 480 recertification students, 96 robotics students, 96 executive management students and 120 FBI special agent bomb technicians. The total is expected to grow by about 200 students in fiscal 2005.

There are 450 accredited public safety bomb squads in the country which equates to about 2,500 certified trained technicians

nationwide. Since 1971 the school has trained about 16,000 bomb technicians. A typical student is a local public safety official such as a sheriff's deputy or police officer.

"The students we train here, they're first responders," Dave Jernigan, the program administrator for the FBI, said. "So they're the ones who most likely are

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## Volunteers wanted at Army Community Service

*ACS needs help to help others*

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Army Community Service gives Soldiers and their families a helping hand when they need it. Sometimes, however, ACS needs a hand as well.

ACS depends on volunteers to get the job done and is recruiting new volunteers to fill the ranks.

Volunteering can help those new to Redstone or the Army to learn their way around from the inside, according to Rebecca Richardson, who became a volunteer at ACS while her husband is deployed in Iraq.

"It is a great way, especially if you're new to the Army, to learn all these things," she said. "Being a volunteer with ACS, you learn all the stuff they do. It sinks in more than if you just take the classes. Working with all these people and getting to know how friendly they are, you don't feel bad about asking for help if you need it. You know they actually want to give it."

Richardson came to the program three months ago after hearing about it at a ChildWise playgroup with her two children, where she now does the bulk of her volunteer work.

"My husband is deployed, so I need to stay busy," she said. "I wanted to work, but there was no way we could afford child care. Volunteering, they give me the child care free so I can work."

Inger Frye, volunteer manager, heard about ACS volunteering from someone at an exercise class when she, too, was relatively new to the Army lifestyle 13 years ago.

"There is no greater satisfaction than knowing you have given your best, and it has helped or benefited another individual," Frye said. "ACS is a wonderful place. The staff at ACS enjoy their volunteers, and let them know it in many ways. But we don't volunteer because we want continuous recognition. We volunteer because it comes from the heart, and it helps others."

Those wishing to volunteer should be at least 18 or the spouse of an active duty Soldier. The volunteers can offer as much or as little of their time as their schedule allows, Frye said.

"You (the volunteer) set your own schedule. We (the volunteer program) only request that if you say you will volunteer on particular days or at particular events, that you be there or let us know in advance or as soon as possible," she said. "It is not our intent to tie the volunteer's day with demands, but we are obligated to our military community to provide service, and if the volunteer is apart of that he or she has to be responsible and be there."

Those wishing to participate in the volunteer program can stop by ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road, or call 876-5397 to arrange a tour of the program.

"There is always a pot of coffee ready, and a smiling face at the front desk," Frye said.



Photo by Kelley Lane

**DOING HER PART—** Volunteer Rebecca Richardson helps out around the ACS office while her husband is deployed.

# Units gain 56 Soldiers in month

Fifty-six Soldiers, including 21 officers, arrived to join Redstone units in August. The Garrison provided the following in-processing list.

- Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Turman, Delta Company; Staff Sgt. Marc Compton, Delta Company; Staff Sgt. Daniel Holloway, Delta Company; Sgt. 1st Class Roger Silvera, Delta Company; Staff Sgt. Henry Compres-Ruis, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. Maj. John Edgeworth, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Audrey Coe, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Donald Head, Delta Company; Sgt. 1st Class Brian Whiterpoon, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Michael Ortiz, Headquarters & Alpha Company.

- Staff Sgt. Jerry Reardon, NCO Academy; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Elliott, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Green, Delta Company; Staff Sgt. John Moody, Garrison; Staff Sgt. Shawn Lieske, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Sheff, HHC 59th; Sgt. 1st Class Earl Vance, Headquarters & Alpha; Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Williams, HHC 59th; Staff Sgt. Shawn Willis, Delta Company; Staff Sgt. Charles Wright, Delta Company; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Causey, NCO Academy; Sgt. 1st Class David Beier, NCO Academy; Sgt. 1st Class Dynetha Childs, Delta Company; Sgt. 1st Class Roberts Clarks, Delta Company.

- Sgt. Steven Jacques, MEDDAC; Staff

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- Maj. Mary Ewing, Missile Munitions Center; Lt. Col. Alexander Raulerson, Anniston Depot; Maj. Eric Ludwig, Program Executive Office for Aviation; Maj. Angelique Likley, MEDDAC; Chief Warrant Officer Eduardo Hope, Missile Munitions Center; Maj. Jeffrey Sponsler, STRICOM; Maj. Michael McGurk, STRICOM; Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Refer, Missile Munitions Center; Maj. James Dykes, STRICOM; Lt. Col. Keith Martin, Engineering Support Center; Maj. Scott Hamann, PEO Aviation; Maj. William Brennan, STRICOM; Lt. Col. Craig Carson, STRICOM; Maj. Anthony Morano, STRICOM; Capt. Phillip Robinson, PEO Aviation; Maj. Christopher Ford, Missile Defense Support; Chief Warrant Officer Marvin Booker, HHC 59th; Maj. Broadus Wright, PEO Aviation; Chief Warrant Officer Charles Suttles, Headquarters Aviation and Missiles; Maj. Michael Murrah, PEO Aviation; and Lt. Col. Robert Clark, Garrison.

■ Cargo helicopters get ballistic protection system

## Cargo

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focus is on the Soldier and making sure they get what they want," Weiger said.

Shipp was an enthusiastic volunteer for this trip. "The other guys had been there before," Weiger said. "Matt and Tom had been there before on the survivability equipment. This was Ken's first trip."

So, Shipp put on a Desert Camouflage Uniform and went to the field with the Soldiers. He expected tough conditions and wasn't disappointed.

"Balad was constantly under rocket and mortar attack," he said. "I went with three other people out of the office. It was the hardest thing I've ever done but nothing's worth anything unless it's hard. To me it's worth anything I've ever done. To give (new equipment) to the troops that are fighting, it just meant a lot to me."

They visited two deployed National Guard units, one from Hawaii and the other from Mississippi, and spent about six days with each. "It was a great bunch of young men. I'd say average age was in their 20s," Shipp said. "They were great to work with."

"I think that was good to have people on site with the customer.

That's how you find out what they need in the field. It was an experience, an experience of a lifetime. I'll go back if I can help (again)."

Shipp, 50, graduated from the University of Alabama-Huntsville in 1979 with an engineering degree. He became a co-op at Redstone in 1977 and came to work here full time when he graduated. He's been with cargo helicopters about three years. "It's been interesting because I'm basically a missile boy," he said. "And my whole background has always been testing of some form or fashion."

Shipp had worked with troops while testing missiles during his career but this trip was a first for him. "This was living amongst them, trying to fit in and it was not like anything I've ever done," he said. "This was different and it was hard. But like I said, it was worth it. I didn't know if I'd make it."

Two people were injured by mortar at Balad Air Base while he was there. Most of the incoming rounds don't hit anything but are fired by enemy forces to harass the air base occupants.

"The whole time I was over there I convinced myself there's more chance of me getting killed on the Parkway (in Huntsville) than the few days I was there," Shipp said. "And I had to keep telling myself that the whole time I was there."

# Airing some cool suggestions for energy-efficient ventilation

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

- Don't set the thermostat colder than normal to cool a room faster. The lower setting will not cool any faster; it will cool to a lower temperature than needed and use more energy.

- To operate an air conditioner more efficiently, use ceiling fans to move air across the skin, lowering skin temperature by evaporation. The temperature can be raised about 4 degrees Fahrenheit without any decrease in comfort. Each degree set above 78 degrees will save about 7-8 percent on cooling costs.

- Use landscaping, awnings and overhangs to shade the outside of a house in summer. A shaded house will cost less to cool than one in direct sunlight.

- When possible, use fans to keep cool instead of using the air conditioner. Fans use a small fraction of the energy that an air conditioner will use.

- When leaving a room for a few minutes or more, turn fans off. Letting it run wastes energy and does not cool the empty room. The heat from the motor could warm the room a little.

- In warm or hot climates, consider adding a radiant barrier in the attic to reduce summer heat gain. A radiant barrier is installed in the attic so the shiny surface faces an air space (the attic space or

air space between the barrier and the roof sheathing).

- When purchasing a new central air conditioner, select one with an Energy Efficiency Ratio of 10.5 or higher or a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio rating of 12.0 or higher. For window air conditioners, select an EER of 10.7 or higher. In humid climates, select a unit that does a good job of dehumidifying. Don't buy a larger unit than needed, it will not operate efficiently.

- Set the fan speed for central air conditioners on high except in very humid weather. When it's humid, set the speed on low; you will get less cooling but more moisture will be removed from the air which will make it feel cooler.

- Do not locate heat producers such as televisions, computers or lamps, near thermostats. The heat they produce "tricks" the thermostat and makes the air conditioner run longer than necessary. Feel around the sides, top and back to determine if something is a heat producer.

- Use natural ventilation by opening windows during the seasons when it is feasible and reduce air conditioning use. By opening and closing windows, different parts of a building can be ventilated.

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



Photo by Marco Morales

## On the record

Mark Lumer, left, chief of Contracting and Acquisition Management Office at the Space and Missile Defense Command, accepts a Congressional Record certificate from Rep. Bud Cramer of Alabama's fifth congressional district during a short visit to Cramer's office Sept. 8 in Washington, D.C. Cramer thanked Lumer for his 28 years of outstanding service in supporting the U.S. military, "in particular, our Soldiers in Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan and the Middle East."

## ■ Village scenarios should enhance hazardous devices school

### School

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going to be the first line of defense against an act of terrorism. And that's what we're doing here, giving them that training.

"It (the facility addition) is going to allow us to train more students and allow us to train to more realistic scenarios," he said. The four classes include a five-week basic class, a one-week recertification class (which the basic graduates can return for every three years), a one-week robotics class and a three-day non-bomb technicians class for executive managers such as police chiefs.

Before the school's inception in 1971, the Army was solely responsible for dealing with hazardous devices. In 1981 Congress gave the FBI responsibility for administration and funding of the hazardous devices school. "We're joint partners with the Army in all respects," Jernigan said.

The 59-member staff includes 51

instructors – six military and 45 civilians – and administrative and logistical support personnel. The FBI maintains a staff of three on-site including program manager Jernigan. Besides the FBI personnel, the staffers are either Army civilians or Soldiers. Paul Carter is chief of the school.

"The Army instructional staff represents over 900 years of experience in this (bomb disposal) field," Gehring, retired military from Nebraska, said. "We have a mix of retired military and retired police officers."

With the addition, the school grows to about 400 acres from its previous 100. Congress approved the construction; and the Corps of Engineers let the contract to GSC Construction, based in Georgia. The two-year construction project began in October 2002.

"I think this has been a long time coming and it's going to be a world-class facility," Greg Dempsey, multimedia specialist/instructor, said. "The buildings are great but the training villages are the thing I'm really excited about. It'll provide a lot of realism to the training."

# Civil-military missions helping win war on terrorism

By Spc. CLAUDIA K. BULLARD

Special to American Forces Press Service

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — In some of the most remote areas in Afghanistan, things are changing.

Civil-military missions are taking medical assistance and resources for rebuilding to places like Shah Wali Kot, presenting a different approach to driving back the enemy and gaining the confidence of local villagers.

Maj. Monty Willoughby, executive officer of 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, represents the variety of personnel and disciplines involved in civil-military missions. While accompanying a Cooperative Medical Assistance mission to Shah Wali Kot, he had the additional task of providing support and funding for re-opening a school that serves the children of several villages.

One of the main goals of a civil military mission is to provide a presence in the area, he said. This keeps anti-coalition militants moving. Keeping the enemy on the run is just part of the purpose of civil-military missions, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Bridges, the noncommissioned officer in charge of Cooperative Medical Assistance missions originating from Kandahar Airfield.

Medical missions serve a dual purpose — building relationships with village populations by bringing medical aid to outlying areas and providing a military presence during the rebuilding process.



Photo by Spc. Claudia K. Bullard

**WALK THE WALK— Maj. Monty Willoughby, executive officer of 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment (right), walks to the Shah Wali Kot school with Superintendent Lal Mohammad (left) after meeting to discuss needed renovations.**

“In this way, we gain their confidence,” Bridges said.

At another village, Haji Lalay Kalay, a CMA team has set up a temporary clinic just outside the village wall. Here, Capt. John Geise, a Combined Task Force Bronco physician assistant, and Romanian Army Lt. (Dr.) Tudor Vasicescu examine

children at opposite ends of a litter set up as an exam table. The children wait obediently as Geise and Vasicescu, both members of Combined Joint Task Force 76, work through interpreters to make their diagnoses and dispense medicines.

The team mainly treats illnesses connected with unsanitary conditions. “We treat skin problems, bad teeth and lots of digestive problems from bad food. They give their children cow’s milk, so they have dietary problems. We treat everyone for worms,” Vasicescu said.

These conditions are prevalent in the rural areas of southeastern Afghanistan. Old habits are hard to break, even for people wanting to improve their conditions, said Bridges. “It is very hard to make people understand that they have to separate sewage, bathing and cooking, and they must boil their water.”

The teams don’t let this discourage them, however. Bridges is convinced that continuing to educate and increasing the supplies to the villagers will curb the problem.

To ensure the villagers continue this education, the teams have to re-visit the same villages. But no matter how many times a team has visited a village, team leaders continuously make security a top priority.

At Shah Wali Kot, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Danley, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop platoon sergeant, Staff Sgt. Jeff Ritter, platoon sergeant for the Medical Platoon, and their interpreters take up positions at the gate. The interpreters help screen the villagers, admitting those who need care the most. Most of the villagers at the gate are children.

While the Shah Wali Kot CMA relied on U.S. Soldiers for security, many CMAs team up with Afghan National Army troops. Afghan soldiers are responsible for crowd control and are a great asset, said Bridges. The ANA soldiers are able to quickly identify personnel who don’t fit in, which helps to create a secure environment for the missions.

At Haji Lalay Kalay, medical personnel had the opportunity to see another benefit of working with the ANA. ANA and Romanian troops guarded the perimeter. Closer in, a few Afghan soldiers helped to keep the village children from creating disturbances. “We have a system for treating patients and the kids will go through it over and over by getting back in line,” said Bridges.

An ANA soldier known to U.S. troops as Sadiq is an example of this type of involvement. A familiar figure on civil-military missions, his reputation as a fighter against former invaders and the Taliban is well known, and he is adept at creating order out of chaos. An imposing figure among Afghans, he orders the village children to sit on the ground in a semicircle while a medic and other ANA soldiers hand out toothbrushes and toothpaste. Soldiers like Sadiq enable the medical staff to concentrate fully on their mission.

Another element of the civil-military missions is the Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs units that determine where the missions should take place. Through village assessments, these units are able to determine what villages are most in need of help. Villages that exhibit a “progressive” attitude are more likely to have these types of missions coordinated, said one PSYOP Soldier.

At Haji Lalay Kalay, one sign of progressiveness is the absence of burkhas, head-to-toe coverings traditionally worn by women in the country and still a common sight in the rest of southeastern Afghanistan. He points out the Afghan women in Haji Lalay Kalay are veiled only in scarves, even though there are U.S. Soldiers present.

This progressiveness is a sign that the village is willing to change from ways imposed by the Taliban, and an indication the village is not likely to be sympathetic to the anti-coalition militias. Other signs of progressiveness are a willingness to educate women and girls and to lend a hand to improve their village. “The more progressive the village, the more we are able to help. We don’t want to just give a handout,” said the PSYOP Soldier. “We want to go where we can do the most good.”

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■ Commanding general: 'Do not ever forget 9/11'

# Ceremony

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24,000 gallons of jet fuel aboard, the aircraft were turned into flying bombs. Two aircraft were flown into the two Twin Tow-

ers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. The final aircraft crashed into a Pennsylvania field, near Shanksville.

"We have a global conflict on our hands right now, folks, from an enemy who wants to kill you and your children,"

Pillsbury said.

The enemy wants to kill Americans because America stands for freedom, the commanding general said. "We cannot waver as a country, we cannot waver as a nation one second in this global war on terrorism because they will strike us and they will strike us and they will strike us."

There was applause when he said the Army is better today than it was three years ago. He praised the Soldiers on point throughout the world, their waiting spouses and Team Redstone.

"Do not ever forget 9/11," Pillsbury said. "For when we forget 9/11, we will give the enemy an edge."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**MEMORIAL**— Sgt. 1st Class Michael Harper of Logistics Support Activity looks at a 9/11 reminder outside Bob Jones Auditorium.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**STANDING TALL**— Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, AMCOM commander, and his wife, Becky, stand with other members of the audience during the 9/11 remembrance.

# Old house gone, but spirit remains

Former resident sees  
unexplained things

By KIM HENRY

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Before the days of rocketry and missiles, Redstone was a booming land of little communities and farms. One such farm has a legacy all its own.

The Hertzler place was located off of what is now Anderson Road on the west side of the installation. All that is left is the cellar of the house and possibly a woman's broken heart.

According to a report by Charles Hubbert, an archaeologist contracted to do research on Redstone, the house was built in 1876 by Dr. John Hertzler. Hertzler had served as a captain in the Union forces

during the Civil War and had been camped in the Madison area.

After the war, Hertzler returned to Pennsylvania, his home, and became a medical doctor. Some think he liked Madison so much that he decided to return and set up a practice in the area. In a book compiled by Katharine Anderson, a wife of a Hertzler descendant, she says that the father had given him missionary money after the war to go help those in the South who had suffered.

In search of the history of the house, Hubbert interviewed Irene Grayson who lived in the Hertzler house from 1921-41. Grayson said she never met Hertzler but knows about him through her people who lived in the area.

"When Dr. Hertzler returned to Madison County after the war those of the Confederate

sympathy felt Dr. Hertzler was a 'carpetbagger,'" Grayson said. "As a consequence his practice was made up largely of the poor black and white."

When the house was built it sat on what was known as Main Street. It was a white two-story house with black wrought iron trim. Anderson says that in this house Hertzler discovered a way to force rain water from gutters into cistern metal tanks in the house, so the family could have running water.

In December 1900, tragedy fell upon the family. One of Hertzler's daughters was mysteriously shot and killed in an upstairs bedroom of the house. Ella Frances, or Fanny, died at age 34; she never married. Anderson wrote about Fanny's untimely death.

"While dusting in her brother's room, Miss Hertzler accidentally knocked a pistol off of a dresser, causing a bullet to go through her heart and killing her instantly. There was some suspicion that her death might have been suicide, but it was listed as an accident."

According to Grayson, the house still showed signs of the incident when she lived there. "Indeed, in the back bedroom upstairs, there was until 1941, a large brown stain that might have been blood soaked into the grains of the wood floorboards."

After the Hertzlers left, there were rumors that the house was haunted, so much so that it was hard to find help at the house because of the stories. Grayson specifically remembered a time when they hired a carpenter from Pennsylvania to do some work around the house. He pointed out the scroll work under the eaves of the house and told Grayson that they were Pennsylvania Dutch hex symbols. "He said it was the practice to cut these symbols and place them under the eaves of houses in order to ward off evil spirits," Grayson said.

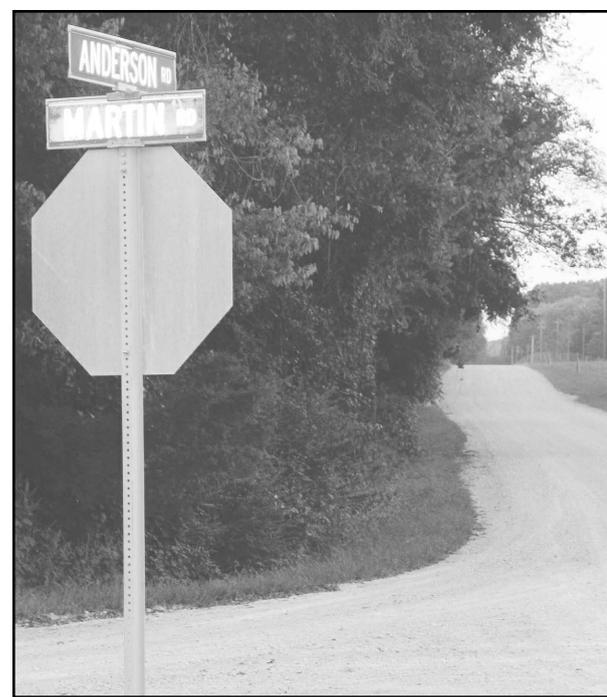


Photo by Kim Henry

**REMAINING SIGNS—** The Hertzler place was located off of what is now Anderson Road on the west side of the installation.

Evil spirits or not, Grayson still experienced two unexplained phenomena while she lived in the house. One night while she and her husband were sleeping, she was suddenly awakened by a red glow on the bedroom wall. Afraid that there was a fire, she awoke her husband. He went to look out the window while she inspected the bedroom across the hall.

"The mirror of a chifforobe was glowing with a neon-like glow," Grayson said. Her husband joined her. "It spun faster and faster and the glow shrank until it was only a pinprick of light in the center of the mirror. Finally it was too small to see." Grayson said that she and her husband witnessed this same experience six to eight more times that summer.

Grayson had another encounter in that same bedroom years later. She had hired a local woman to help her with her spring cleaning. While cleaning she opened the closet door and found an unexplainable specter.

"Just inside the door on the floor was a sphere of blue-gray smoke. It seemed to be in constant motion," she said. "As soon as the door opened it seemed to flow between the cracks in the floorboards." Grayson said her help quit the job and would never come back to work for them again.

There are no more stories about the Hertzler house. After the Army acquired Redstone in 1941, the house was sold to someone in Huntsville. It was dismantled to salvage the building materials and taken to another location.

The house may no longer be there, but the remnants of a haunted spirit may still reside in the woods.

*Eight eerie weeks of fall  
Ghost story series, Part 2*

# Lice represent head scratching problem in schools

*Millions of children infected throughout world each year*

By **BARBARA ANDERSON**  
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Outbreaks of head lice are common worldwide affecting 10 to 12 million school age children a year. Lice infect children across all social/economic levels. Preschool and elementary-age children are infested most often because the lice spread easily among children who are together in one place.

What are head lice? Head lice (Pediculosis) are tiny insects that live in the scalp. These insects lay eggs, called nits, which stick to the hairy parts of the body. Head lice do not have wings to hop, jump or fly. They must spread from person to person by direct contact or on items such as bedding, clothing, hats, combs, hairbrushes and headphones. As long as the lice or eggs remain alive on the infected person or surface, they remain ready to attach and grow on a new host. In the U.S., African-Americans are rarely bothered by head lice. This is believed to be due to louse's preference for the shape and width of the hair shaft of other races.

How can you tell if there is an infection with head lice? A person's first hint of an infection with lice is itching and scratching in the area where the lice feed. Scratching the area can increase irritation and may result in a secondary bacterial infection. Scratching an itch is better done with the pads of the fingers, not the nails. A close look at the scalp, behind the ears, in back of the neck and top of the head may show what looks like a case of dandruff. On a closer look, nits (or eggs) can easily be seen attached to the hair close to the scalp. They are grayish white in color and are oval in shape. The nit hatches into a nymph (louse) in about 7-10 days and soon becomes an adult. Adult lice are tan to grayish white and about the size of a sesame seed. Adult females can lay up to eight nits per day and live 30 days. Lice feed on blood several times a day. Without blood meals, the louse will die within a few days.

What can be done if someone has head lice? Over-the-counter medicated shampoos or cream rinses containing permethrins or pyrethrins can be used to kill eggs and lice. Those containing lindane are only available through a physician's prescription and are not recommended

for infants, young children and pregnant or breast feeding women. These products are pesticides approved for human use so the dose and use of shampoo treatment should be followed according to label instructions or the advice of the physician. An alternative to pyrethrins are other over-the-counter natural lice care products made from oils. Most products are based on shampoo and mechanical removal of nits with a nit comb and daily inspection thereafter for several days. The physician should be consulted if head lice continue to be a problem or before treating any child or infant under age 2. No one should be treated with a head lice product unless lice or nits are found in their hair. Pets, dogs and cats are of no significance in spreading or maintaining lice and should not be treated. Most school systems will allow children to return to class when there are no more nits in the hair.

What about the home or environment? At the same time treatment is given for head lice, the home or environment should be cleaned. Otherwise, re-infection may occur. Avoid using insecticide sprays to get rid of lice; they may be harmful to people and pets. Collect all clothes, towels and bed linens used by the per-

son with head lice in the last two days. Wash these items in hot water and dry in a dryer at the hottest setting. Dry-clean clothing that cannot be washed. Any non-washable item can be sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks. Pillows or furry stuffed toys can be put in a hot dryer for 20 minutes. Clean all combs and brushes by soaking them overnight in

the head lice treatment and rinse the next day. Never share combs, brushes or hats. Vacuum all carpets, mattresses, car seats or furniture.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.healthtopics A-Z>.

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Photo by Kristi Foster

## *Paving the way*

**Construction to widen Martin Road from two lanes to four is under way. Crews are working to complete the final phase of the project which will make Martin Road four lanes from Gate 1 to Patton Road. The \$5.2 million state-funded project is scheduled for completion in fall 2005.**

# Hunting and fishing celebrated on special day



Courtesy photo

**GREAT OUTDOORS**— Emma Pyburn checks out the boats for rent at Outdoor Recreation.

## Family-oriented event planned Sept. 25

GARRISON RELEASE

The staff and volunteers of the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation, Outdoor Recreation Division will sponsor a special event to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of National Hunting and Fishing Day, Sept. 25.

Open to the public at no charge, the event will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation complex on Sportsman's Drive, just east of the Sparkman Center.

"It will be a family-oriented day, with fun and educational activities designed to introduce people, young and old, to the outdoor sports while teaching them about the important role that hunting and fishing play in Redstone Arsenal's wildlife conservation programs," Tom Pyburn, business manager for Outdoor Recreation, said. "It's a perfect opportunity to create a better public understanding of hunting and fishing and to create a better public awareness of the important role that outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen have played in conservation and improving our natural resources."

Featured attractions include the NRA's Great American Hunting Tour, Ducks Unlimited Silent Auction, displays from Madison RV's and S&L Marina, a reptile zoo, Herefords Taxidermy, turkey shoot, displays from local trapper Rick Phillips and archery demonstrations from master archer Lloyd "Buzz" Ackerman, just to name a few activities. Door prize drawings from Dick's Sporting Goods will be given away all day. Outdoor Recreation is also sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive to coincide with the event. MWR will offer exhibits on practical wildlife conser-

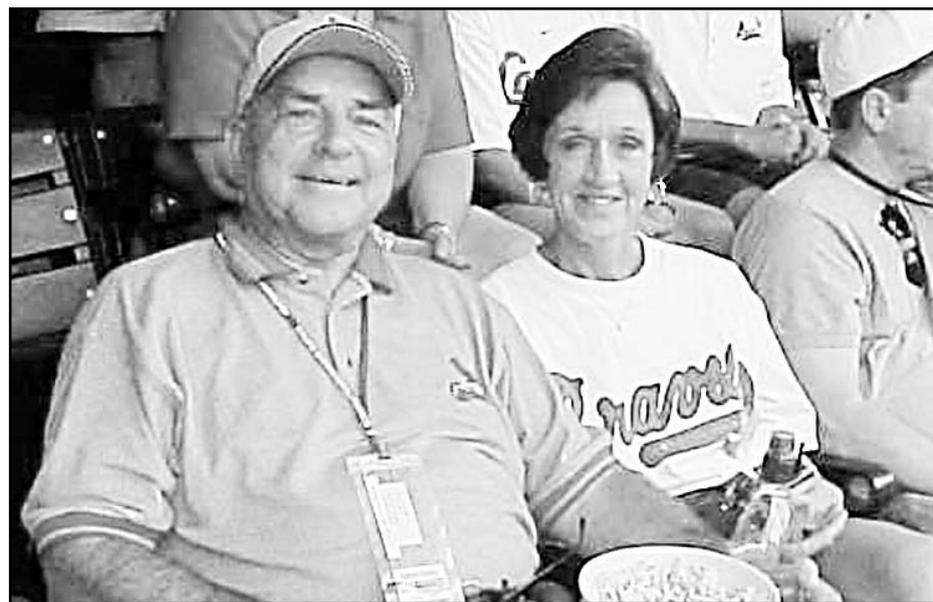
vation, "how-to" demonstrations of outdoor skills and displays of hunting and fishing equipment. The staff and volunteers will be on hand to show the community what Outdoor Recreation has to offer in terms of bass boats, pontoon boats and campers that the entire Team Redstone has access to.

The event's highlights will include appearances by garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin at 10 a.m., and officer Cecil Winn of the Alabama Fish and Game department. Also if you've never tasted venison, MWR has the winner of the Garrison Chili Challenge, "Mad" Mike Chemsak, cooking up a huge batch of his fiesta chili.

Congress established national Hunting and Fishing Day in 1972, to recognize the role that hunters and anglers play in wildlife conservation. Through special license fees and excise taxes on their equipment, sportsmen and sportswomen contribute more than \$3 million each day — some \$23 billion to date — to pay for land acquisition, habitat improvement and other wildlife programs.

These contributions have led to the recovery of many species that have never been hunted, from chipmunks and panthers to songbirds and eagles, as well as game species such as the white-tailed deer, elk and wild turkey.

At the national level, this year's 33rd annual celebration will focus on the values and enjoyment associated with outdoor sports and encourage everyone who loves the outdoors to pass on the NHF Day message to friends, neighbors and family members. Millions of Americans will attend family NHF Day programs sponsored in communities everywhere by local groups. For more information about the event planned for Redstone Arsenal, call Pyburn at 876-0901 or 876-HUNT.



Courtesy photo

## In the Cards

Charles Urban and his wife, Sue, are among 48 baseball fans who took part in the Civilian Welfare Fund Council bus trip to Turner Field in Atlanta Aug. 13-14. They saw the St. Louis Cardinals win the opener and lose to the Braves the next day.

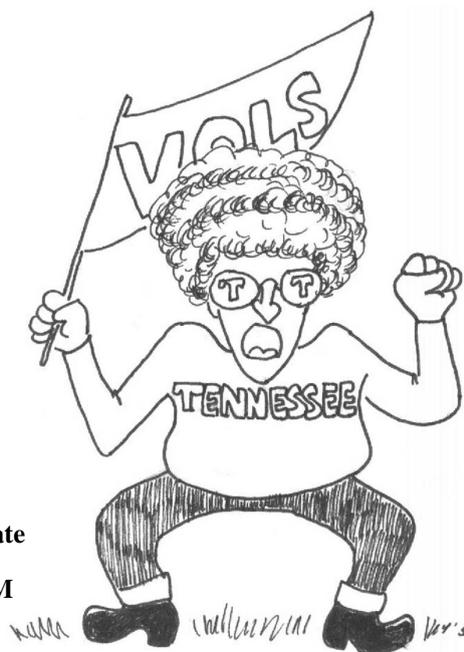
# Big Orange should roll over Florida at home

*Tennessee getting nod against conference foe*

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Skip's Picks are 43-26 after two weeks. Here are my predictions for this week in college football:

Florida at Tennessee — **Tennessee**  
LSU at Auburn — **Auburn**  
Western Carolina at Alabama — **Bama**  
Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas — **Ark.**  
Marshall at Georgia — **Georgia**  
Indiana at Kentucky — **Kentucky**  
Vanderbilt at Ole Miss — **Ole Miss**  
Maine at Mississippi State — **Miss. State**  
South Florida at South Carolina — **S.C.**  
Miss. Valley at Alabama A&M — **A&M**  
Air Force at UNLV — **Air Force**  
Wisconsin at Arizona — **Wisconsin**  
Iowa at Arizona State — **Iowa**  
Army at Houston — **Houston**  
Southern Cal at BYU — **Southern Cal**  
Connecticut at Boston College — **BC**  
California at Southern Miss — **SM**  
Clemson at Texas A&M — **Clemson**  
Minnesota at Colorado State — **Minn.**  
Duke at Virginia Tech — **Virginia Tech**  
UAB at Florida State — **Florida State**  
Georgia Tech at North Carolina — **Tech**  
Hawaii at Rice — **Rice**  
Kansas at Northwestern — **Northwestern**  
Louisiana Tech at Miami — **Miami**  
Louisville at Tulane — **Louisville**  
Maryland at West Virginia — **West Virginia**  
San Diego State at Michigan — **Michigan**  
Navy at Tulsa — **Tulsa**  
Nebraska at Pittsburgh — **Nebraska**  
Ohio State at N.C. State — **Ohio State**  
Notre Dame at Michigan State — **Mich. State**  
Oregon at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**  
SMU at Oklahoma State — **Okla. State**  
New Mexico at Oregon State — **Oregon State**  
UCF at Penn State — **Penn State**  
Texas Christian at Texas Tech — **TCU**  
Troy State at New Mexico State — **Troy State**  
UCLA at Washington — **UCLA**  
Utah at Utah State — **Utah**  
Akron at Virginia — **Virginia**  
Idaho at Washington State — **Wash. State**





## Sports & Recreation

### Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America, Tennessee Valley Chapter will hold its 2004 Fall Bass Tournament on Oct. 2, launching from the Easter-Posey Recreational Area. For more information call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Tom Geoffroy 895-4162 or Tony Giannelli 313-6054.

### Youth bowling

Youth Bowling League will be held Saturdays from Sept. 18 through Dec. 18. Fee is \$70 and includes YABA sanction, weekly bowling, weekly prizes and a T-shirt. Fees do not include tournament entry fees, tournament practice fees or CYS enrollment fee (\$18 if not already enrolled). All military, retired military, DoD, Redstone contractor and NASA dependents are encouraged to sign up. For more information, call 313-2177.

### Big Spring Jam 5K

The City of Huntsville Recreation and Landscape Management Department will present 5K and Fun Runs to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Big Spring Jam music festival. The runs and festival will be held in and around Big Spring International Park in downtown Huntsville. The festival is scheduled Sept. 24-26 and will feature more than 100 diverse musical acts. The 5K (3.1 mile) run begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 and is a competitive event encouraging runners, joggers and walkers to commemorate the music festival. A Fun Run targeted to families begins immediately following the 5K. The first 500 pre-registered 5K runners receive a one-day pass to the Jam. For more information, call Lou Hovatter (256) 427-5226 or e-mail lou.hovatter@hsvcity.com.

### Cycle and walk benefit

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

### Volksmarch

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrent Officers Association is hosting the sixth annual Volksmarch in conjunction with the Oktoberfest celebration. The Volksmarch will be held Saturday, and walkers may begin walking any time between 8 and 11 a.m. The start point is the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711 on the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads. Walkers may choose the 5 kilometer moderate course or the 10 kilometer course on the mountain. An easy 5 kilometer course is available for strollers, wagons or wheelchairs but it goes out 2.5 kilometers and returns on the same paved surface. Moderate hills are involved. Par-

ticipation is \$3 per person. Oktoberfest gates will open at 10 a.m. and entry is free to Volksmarchers who can enjoy 'Brats for a Buck' from 10 until noon. Volksmarch souvenirs are available such as walking sticks, mugs and "walking shields." For more information, e-mail www.redstonewarrants.com or call 955-6867.

### Hunting and fishing day

National Hunting and Fishing Day is coming to Redstone Arsenal on Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Outdoor Recreation will host Redstone Arsenal's "first annual" National Hunting and Fishing Day at its facility, building 5132 on Sportsman Lane (across for the Sparkman Center). Booths and displays from sponsors Madison R.V., S&L Marine, Hereford Taxidermy, Dick's Sporting Goods and Duck's Unlimited will be on hand. There will be games for the kids, a dunking booth, turkey shoot, archery demos, a snake show, boat show and a silent auction for Ducks Unlimited wildlife prints. The National Rifle Association will present the "Great American Hunting Tour," a traveling museum that displays hunting world records. "Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips and Pepsi for lunch," a prepared release said. "Admission is free, so come on out and join us." For more information, call 876-4868 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

### Boating safety

"Little Coastie," the U.S. Coast Guard robotic boat, will be in front of Costco on North Memorial Parkway, next to Home Depot, Sept. 18-19 from 9 a.m. until closing. The Coast Guard Auxiliary invites you and your family to Little Coastie's birthday celebration at Costco's recognition of safety week.

### Hunter safety

The annual Redstone Hunter Safety Briefing will be given at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and 21, as well as Nov. 4 and 18. You need only attend one of the briefings. This is an annual requirement for those who wish to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

### Cross-country cycling tour

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



Ocoee staff photo

## Doing the wave

Several logisticians from the Integrated Materiel Management Center made their annual white water rafting trip Aug. 13 on the Ocoee River in Ocoee, Tenn. Clockwise from John LaFalce, holding the paddle over his head, are Kay Adams, Kevin Rodriguez, in dark glasses, and Randy McFerran, dodging the wave. The three unidentified people in the boat, behind McFerran, are a young girl, her father and the Ocoee guide.

Center. Approximately 20 miles, the local ride will have a police escort into Huntsville. Transportation to the starting point will be provided by Huntsville Hospital. All cyclists will receive a training pack and a one-month membership to the Huntsville Hospital Wellness Centers. For more information or to register, call 265-8317.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Reliability workshop

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

### Men singers

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

### Air Force association

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

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

### Mentoring workshops

Maj. Gen Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, on June 17 approved the implementation of the AMCOM People Empowering People Mentoring Program. AMCOM Human Resources Directorate continues to sponsor mentoring training workshops. Both paired mentor and mentee are required to attend the same workshop. This workshop is required for all interns, co-ops and AMC Fellows as well as participants of the People Empowering People voluntary mentoring program. There are seats available in the Sept. 27 mentoring workshop. Registration is through the Training Information Program. For more information, call Cheryl Wise of Human Resources Directorate 876-6062.

### Admin professionals

Greg Screws, newscaster for Channel 31 television, will speak at the International Association of Administrative Professionals meeting Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at building 5300, room 5140. "Admin professionals are invited, and please bring your lunch," a prepared release said.

### Women accountants

American Society of Women Accountants will meet Sept. 20 at the University of

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Alabama-Huntsville Tom Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive. Social begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 and the program at 6:30. Hollie Cameron of New Horizons Computer Learning Centers is to speak on "How to Effectively Use Outlook." Cost is \$16.50 for members, \$17.50 non-members. Reservations and cancellations are required by noon Thursday. Call 830-0377 or e-mail royerfe@juno.com.

## Project management institute

North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute will meet 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at Green Hills Grill on Wynn Drive. Scheduled speaker is Charles Follin, president of ProjectAide Inc. Cost is \$20. For reservations or more information call Tony Lindeman 721-7714, ext. 343, by noon Sept. 20.

## Black Hawk users

The Utility Helicopters Project Management Office will host an annual Black Hawk users' conference Sept. 21-23 at West Palm Beach, Fla. Eleven countries have already accepted the invitation including Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Israel, Japan, Jordan Saudi Arabia and Turkey. The agenda includes presentations by Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation and General Electric. The conference will cover information concerning aircraft maintenance, operations, logistics and production. Army representatives will provide an overview of recent MEDEVAC activities and information on the UH-60M program. The agenda will include an actual visit to the Sikorsky West Palm Beach facility where an operational UH-60M will be displayed. Col. Cory Mahanna will host the event.

## Education committee

The Garrison Education Committee will meet Sept. 20 at noon in the Redstone Room of the Challenger Community Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. The purpose of the Garrison Education Committee is to keep the Garrison Commander and committee members informed of the educational opportunities that are available to the Redstone community and to provide information on Huntsville city schools, where most children living on Redstone Arsenal attend. For more information, call Pam Berry 876-7801.

## Community town hall

The Garrison will hold a Community Town Hall Meeting, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. All residents, retirees and employees are invited. Community Town Hall meetings provide information and feedback on community developments. Members of the Team Redstone staff will be on hand to answer questions or concerns from the community. For more information, call Ivy Downs 876-3376.

## Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month; and the next meeting is this Saturday. Membership in the association is open to anyone who is airborne qualified, as well as anyone who has served in a unit assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. For more information, call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

## Officers group

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Sept. 25 at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The chapter's monthly luncheon meeting is 11 a.m. Sept. 29, at the Officers and Civilians Club. Dan Satterfield, local television personality from WHNT-TV 19, is the scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers; their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.



## Miscellaneous

### Reserve unit openings

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

### Civilian deployment

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

### Surplus sales

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

### Redstone motorcycle training

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

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## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesdays 9-5 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. The shop will accept fall/winter clothing starting Sept. 21. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Bible studies

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

## Army family team building

Have you ever heard the terms AFAP, BNOC, CYS, DFAC, TA50 and MRE just to name a few? Did you ever wonder what the person was talking about when they used this foreign language? If you would like to translate these acronyms and more you are just the right person for Army Family Team Building. If you are new to the military lifestyle or would just like to learn more about the Army, AFTB Level 1 can help you make the connection. The classes are free and open to everyone who supports the mission of the Army — DA civilians, contractors, reservists, cadets, family members and friends. The first session of Level 1 will be held Sept. 21-23 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 for enrollment or more information.

## Computer classes

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

## Value engineering award

The Robert B. Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award is presented annually to acknowledge individuals' notable contributions to the RDECOM Value Engineering Program. Nominations are now being accepted for a deserving individual who is assigned to AMCOM and has made significant contributions to the AMCOM VE Program. Criteria for nominations can be obtained from the RDECOM VE Office by sending your request to sharon.aldijaili@rdec.red-

stone.army.mil. The honoree is selected by a voting panel comprised of the RDECOM Value Engineering Office. Questions concerning the award may be directed to Juanita Gooden 842-9402. Nominations must be submitted by Oct. 6. This year's award will be presented at the FY 2005 VE Kickoff and Awards Ceremony.

## Oktoberfest

Redstone Arsenal's ninth annual Oktoberfest is Thursday through Sunday at the post activity field near the intersection of Patton and Aerobee roads. This family event is open to the public. "Come on out Sept. 16-19 for incredible German schnitzel, bratwurst, fresh-baked brotchen baked daily, delicacies, Weisswurst mit süssensenf, as well as light and dark German beverages served by our own Soldatenstube German restaurant," a prepared release said. "Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express will be in our 'Fest tent each night with all the authentic games, music and traditional Bavarian dance you can handle. We're also featuring Mike Sheehy and the Moonlighters on Saturday from 1-5 p.m. in the 'Fest tent. While you're there, register to win two round trip tickets to anywhere in Europe, plus \$400 Euros if present for the drawing on Sunday. Great games, carnival rides, a kids area with a live band, military displays, an arts and crafts fair, and parking are included with your low gate admission." The Warrant Officers Association is sponsoring a 5K and 10K Volksmarch on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon and free admission to the Oktoberfest venue until noon. 'Fest times are Thursday, 5-11 p.m.; Friday, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 1-8 p.m. Price is Thursday, \$8 and Friday through Sunday, \$10. There are no advance ticket sales — all tickets for purchase at the gate. Look for coupons in The Huntsville Times for \$2 and \$3 off (limit one coupon per person). For more information, call 876-5232.

## Officer course

Command and General Staff College is teaching the final year of CGSC classes. Phase III CGSC classes will start in October; and classes will be held on Monday nights or weekends from October through April. Both the weekend and weeknight option will be offered this year. This is the final year phase III CGSC will be taught at Redstone. Next year will mark the beginning of the Intermediate Level Education, which replaces CGSC. For students who have completed phase II, this is the last chance to finish CGSC in a classroom environment. After this year, correspondence will be the only option. The course is open to promotable captains, majors and lieutenant colonels. Even those who have enrolled in the correspondence course may be eligible to switch to classroom instruction. Interested officers should call Lt. Col. Komp 876-8825, Lt. Col. Goodman 544-6884 or Lt. Col. Anderson 428-1637.

## Group life insurance

For the first time in five years, the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program is having an open season through Sept. 30. This open season gives employ-

ees in FEGLI eligible positions the opportunity to enroll in the program (if they don't have Basic now) or change or increase their current FEGLI coverage. The director of the Office of Personnel Management, Kay Coles James, stresses the importance of this open season: "Like many things, life insurance needs change over time. That is why I want to make sure you have every opportunity to elect FEGLI coverage without having a physical examination or answering any medical questions." For more information, visit [www.fegli2004.opm.gov](http://www.fegli2004.opm.gov). "Army employees who wish to make an open season election must do so by contacting the Army Benefits Center-Civilian," a prepared release said. "Although the FE 2004 open season election form was included in the information package, Army employees should not use this form. While we regret any confusion that this has caused, we are pleased to offer the convenience and accuracy of the ABC-C's automated systems to Army employees. To contact the ABC-C, visit <https://www.abc.army.mil> or call 1-877-276-9287 toll-free. Both the ABC-C's web and phone systems provide personalized information concerning your benefits, including the options carried and the amount of life insurance coverage. When making an election, please remember to include the options that you already carry if you wish to continue them."

## Calhoun College courses

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

## Gem and mineral show

Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society will present its 36th annual Gem and Mineral Show on Oct. 8-10 at the Von Braun Center. Show times are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 8-9 and noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 10. Cost is a \$2 donation at the door; and children under 5 are admitted free. For more information, call Patricia Mitcham 880-0623.

## Alumni scholarship

The North Alabama MSM-UMR Alumni Section announces its annual section scholarship to prospective students who intend to enroll at the University of Missouri-Rolla. This is an annual \$1,000 renewable scholarship that is contingent on the student maintaining a 2.75 grade point average. Any prospective UMR student desiring to apply for this scholarship and who meets the UMR qualifications for admission, can complete the North Alabama MSM-UMR Alumni Section's scholarship application by contacting: UMR Office of Admissions, 1870 Miner Circle, 106 Parker Hall, Rolla, MO 65409, phone 1-800-522-0938 or e-mail [admissions@umr.edu](mailto:admissions@umr.edu).

## Military spouses

"Military Spouse," a new magazine by, for and about the spouses of men and women serving this country, should be available at post exchanges beginning this month. For more information, log onto [www.militaryspousemagazine.com](http://www.militaryspousemagazine.com).

## Big Spring Jam tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring discounted weekend passes for the Big Spring Jam XII, Sept. 24-26 in downtown Huntsville. Complete Jam details are at [www.bigspringjam.org](http://www.bigspringjam.org). The CWFC discounted price for a weekend pass is \$35, compared to the regular gate price \$40. Payment is by check only, payable to BSJ. The council is not selling one-day tickets for this event. Contact the following CWFC members to purchase your weekend passes: building 5300, Cheryl Anderson 313-5825; building 5302, Jan Pickard 876-2569; building 5303, Charles Urban 955-7662; building 5304, Jerrel McCollum 313-1589; building 5307, Randy Bigler 842-6551; building 5308, Pat Cross 955-9640; building 5400, Bob Olson 876-4993 or Tom Hart 876-5445; and DAU, Old Madison Pike, Don Clark 722-1035. The deadline for CWFC advance discount weekend pass purchases is close of business Sept. 22.

## Latin dance party

SaborLatino invites you to "Chips and Salsa Nite" on Saturday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Club Ozz on 1204 Posey St. with disc jockey Signey Hernandez. Cover charge is \$6 for ages 21 and up, \$10 for those 18-20. Proper ID is required. To reserve tables, call hostess Yvonne "aka SaborLatino" 527-9364.

## Caves dance

The fifth annual Moon Over Three Caves Dance, scheduled Saturday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at Three Caves Quarry on Monte Sano Mountain, will benefit the land preservation work of the Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama. Three Caves is a former limestone quarry at the foot of Monte Sano Mountain. "The caves will be professionally lit by world-class TLS Inc., and popular band 'Kozmic Mama' will entertain," a prepared release said. "Shuttles will bring guests to the caves from nearby parking lots. Guests will enjoy dinner by Smokey's Barbecue and they will help preserve green space by bidding on silent auction items. Attire is casual (boots and sneakers)." Tickets are \$40 per person or a reserved table for eight for \$400. Corporate tables (with favors and preferred seating) are \$500. For more information, call 534-5263.

## Organizational day

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

## Art show

Monte Sano Art Show is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Monte Sano State Park. There will be more than 100 artists, live music and dance performances and many activities for kids. This event is free to the public.

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## Prayer breakfast

The next Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Integrated Materiel Management Center is Sept. 21 at 7:30 a.m. located in Sparkman Center building 5308, conference room 8124. No food or drink will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. For more information call Richard Doty 313-1537, Duane Dohrman 313-1542 or Sharon Board 876-5557.

## CFC kickoff

The 2004 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign kickoff celebration will be held Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the Missile and Space Intelligence Center Auditorium, building 4544. John Reitzell will be the keynote speaker; and the Grissom High School Jazz Band and the MSIC Quartet will provide musical entertainment. Bus transportation will be available to pick up employees at 9:30 at buildings 5300, 5400 and 4488 to take them to the celebration.

## Hispanic heritage month

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Redstone will have an essay contest on this year's theme, "Making a Difference in Our Communities and Our Nation." Fax or mail essays – 12 point font size, double spaced, two pages or less – by Sept. 27 to either Sgt. 1st Class Vasquez at AMCOM, Attn. AMSAM-EO, fax 876-8947, phone 876-8648; or Sgt. 1st Class Weber/Sgt. 1st Class Williams at OMEMS, Attn: ASTK-AE, fax 842-6853, phone 876-9224. Plaques will be awarded for the top three essays. Displays for a unit/department static display contest should be in place by Sept. 22 with judging Sept. 27. Trophies will go to the top three displays.

## Older drivers' course

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

ing general has approved duty time to AMCOM employees to attend this training. To sign up or for more information, call Mike Davis 842-8642 at the AMCOM Safety Office.

## Modeling/simulation council

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

## Parents' night out

Child and Youth Services is offering the Redstone community a "Parents Night Out" every third Saturday of the month. This month, it's Sept. 18 from 6-11 p.m. Reservations for this after-hours care can be made by calling the Child Development Center 876-7952. Military personnel may make their reservation starting at the beginning of each month. All others in the Redstone community (including contractors) must make their reservations starting the Monday prior to the third Saturday. Fees for Soldiers E-4 and below is \$10 per child; all others will pay \$15 per child. A 10 percent multiple child reduction will also be given. Evening snack is provided. For more information, call 876-7952.

## A&M homecoming

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

## Newcomers' orientation

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

## Theater performances

The play "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music" will be performed at 8 p.m. Sept. 16-18, Sept. 23-25 and 5 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Renaissance Theatre, 1214 Meridian St. northeast. Tickets are \$14. For more information, call 536-3434.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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SCBK04013545	Environmental Engineer	15-Sep-04	EELO	GS-0819	12	13	58,977 - 91,174		X										
SCBK04063912R	Human Resources Assistant (Mil/OA)	15-Sep-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0203	5	5	26,841 - 34,899			X								X	X
SCBK04097440	Lean Cadre Facilitator	15-Sep-04	AMCOM CG	GS-0301	13	13	70,133 - 91,174		X										
SCBK04058135	Traffic Management Specialist	15-Sep-04	IMMC	GS-2130	11	11	49,207 - 63,967		X										
SCBK04094188	P2 System Technical Integration Consultant	15-Sep-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	14	14	74,335 - 96,637		X										
SCBK04118601	Equal Employment Manager	16-Sep-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0260	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X										
WTST04133222	Security Specialist	16-Sep-04	I&SD	GG-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK0479329D	Training Instructor (HD/SWAT)	16-Sep-04	OMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04103983	Equipment Specialist	17-Sep-04	RTTC	GS-1670	9	9	40,669 - 52,871		X										X
SCBK04073094	Lead Electronics Engr	17-Sep-04	RDECOM	DB-0855	IV	IV	82,876 - 126,735		X	X	X	X					X	X	X
SCBK04966490D	Operations Research Analyst	17-Sep-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-1515	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04111600D	Operations Research Analyst	17-Sep-04	ACQ Support Ctr	GS-1515	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04098173D	Safety Engineer	17-Sep-04	SMDC	GS-0803	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04097448	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	17-Sep-04	IMMC	NH-0346	4	4	83,709 - 128,008											X	X
WTST04093286	Supv Security Specialist	17-Sep-04	I&SD	GG-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04093679	Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Chem Engr	18-Sep-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0830, 0850, 0893	15	15	97,486 - 126,735		X	X	X	X					X	X	X
SCBK04093530	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Ind Engr	18-Sep-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0830, 0850, 0896	15	15	97,486 - 126,735		X	X	X	X					X	X	X
SCBK04106647	Building Manager	21-Sep-04	SMO	NH-1176	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X										
SCBK04079502	Management Assistant (OA)	21-Sep-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0344	7	7	33,247 - 42,177	X	X										
SCBK041123030	Traffic Manager	22-Sep-04	IMMC	NH-2130	3	3	58,977 - 91,174		X										
SCBK04091903	Budget Analyst	23-Sep-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0560	11	11	49,207 - 63,967		X										
SCBK04136583	Logistics Management Specialist	23-Sep-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	58,977 - 91,174		X		X	X					X	X	X
SCBK04136803	Logistics Management Specialist	23-Sep-04	ACQ Support Ctr	NH-0346	3	3	58,977 - 91,174		X		X	X					X	X	X
SCBK04131303	Secretary (OA)	23-Sep-04	SMDC	GS-0318	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X										
SCBK04091918	Materials Handler (Forklift Operator)	24-Sep-04	Garrison-Redstone	WG-6907	7	7	\$15.63-\$18.27 hr												
SCBK04078606	Social Services Representative	24-Sep-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0187	9	9	40,669 - 52,871	X	X										
SCBK040115594	Lead General Engineer	27-Sep-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
WTEJ040010802OC	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-04	TSMO	GG-0855	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	26,841 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04098582	Supv Contract Specialist	1-Oct-04	AMCOM ACQ CTR	NH-1102	4	4	82,876 - 126,735											X	
SCBK04108505	Supv International Program Management Specialist	1-Oct-04	SAMD	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X										X	
SCBK04098586	Supv Procurement Analyst	1-Oct-04	AMCOM ACQ CTR	NH-1102	4	4	82,876 - 126,735											X	
SCEG04002284	Aerospace Engineer	6-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-0861	13	13	69,762 - 90,692											X	X
SCBK04117165D	General Engineer	8-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04117165	General Engineer	8-Oct-04	RDECOM	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCEG04080873	Electronics Engineer	11-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-0855	13	13	69,762 - 90,692											X	X
SCEG04045152	Flight Test Pilot	29-Oct-04	ATTC	GS-2181	13	14	69,762 - 107,170											X	X
SCEG04080873	Electronics Engineer	10-Nov-04	ATTC	GS-0855	13	13	69,762 - 90,692		X	X	X	X						X	X
SCBK04646611OC	Architect; Chem Engr; Civil Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Architect	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X										
SCBK04914966OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04914142OC	Electrical Engineer	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04920074OC	Engineering Technician	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0802	11	12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04964710	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667				X								X
SCBK04964596	Equipment Specialist (Aircraft & Electronics)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667				X								X
SCBK04974896	Equipment Specialist (General)	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667				X								X
SCBK04983599	Logistics Management Specialist	31-Dec-04	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	70,133 - 91,174				X								X
SCBK04651453OC	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occupational Health Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X									X	X
SCBK04651434OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04941367OC	Physical Security Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0080	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04685735OC	Civ Engr; Architect; Chem Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Architect	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0808, 0893, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	12	13	54,024 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK04697994OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	12	13	57,812 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

<b>THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOB.S.OPM.GOV</b>																			
X-SP-04-6730-FL	Deputy Chief of Staff	15-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0301	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6748-AT	Lead Electronics Engr	16-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6785-FL	Environmental Engineer	17-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0819	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6786-FL	Environmental Engineer	17-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0819	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6763-FL	General Engineer	22-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0801	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6762-FL	Deputy Project/Product Manager	24-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0340	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6761-FL	Supv Operations Research Analyst	24-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-1515	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6764-FL	Lead Program Analyst	27-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0343	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6765-FL	Supv Program Manager	27-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0340	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6729-FL	Logistics Management Specialist	30-Sep-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6783-FL	Director For Business Management	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6804-AT	Supv Civil Engr; Supv Mech Engr; Supv Elec Engr; Supv Ind Engr	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0810	15	15	96,670 - 126,064	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6843-FL	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6844-FL	Supv Logistics Management Specialist	4-Oct-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)**

**A** - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.

**B** - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

**C** - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).

**D** - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).

**E** - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)

**F** - All Federal Employees

**H** - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)

**I** - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)

**R** - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)

**T** - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)

**V** - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).

**U** - All U.S. citizens

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

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

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit [www.amccareers.com](http://www.amccareers.com) or [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil), search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE047566