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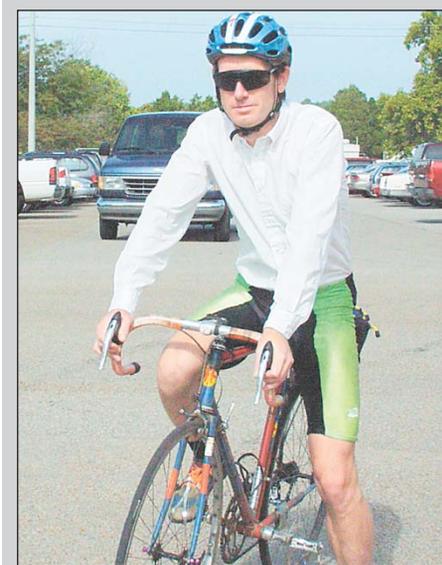
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## Command invests millions annually in workers' comp

Goal includes preventing injuries, bringing employees back to work

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An employee falls at work and breaks her elbow. She requires surgery and is off for six months before she can return.

A security guard gets hurt on the job. When he recovers, he gets training for a more sedentary occupation and returns as an office worker.

Both individuals were paid and assisted through workers' compensation while they were unable to work. The command's workers' compensation program received a boost in February when its staff doubled from one to two.

"Because we have two people we're able to be more proactive in bringing people back to work," B.J. Johnson, a team leader at

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CASE BY CASE BASIS**— Dianne Bryant and Debra Hammond represent the injury compensation office in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

## Workers' compensation spells relief for injured employees

Steady income helps ease pain from broken bones, torn tendons

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Workers' compensation has helped cushion Helen Groce's fall.

Groce, a secretary in the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, fell and broke her right elbow at work June 11. She's been off the job and at home in Lincoln County, Tenn., ever since.

"I want to come back to work as soon as I can but that'll be up to the doctor," Groce said. She had arm surgery and is in therapy.

"I move this arm a certain way and I scream just about. It's very painful," Groce, 58, said.

With 26 years of government service, she didn't realize what was involved in workers' compensation. Now she knows. It's enabled her to keep a steady income while unable to work.

"I never missed a paycheck," she said. "And Dianne (Bryant of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center) has taken care of all the legwork. She's been wonderful. She's just gone out of her way to help me. And I didn't realize all this was available.

"I have nothing but high praise for that office (at CPAC). She has just bent over backwards to help me."

Bobby Brooks, a security assistant in Intelligence and Security Directorate, had similar praise for Bryant's co-worker at CPAC, Debra Hammond. She helped him with workers' compensation after he hurt

his right shoulder at work in February.

Brooks felt the shoulder pop while moving an empty metal file cabinet. The next day, his condition worsened. He already had a surgically-repaired left shoulder, injured in Vietnam, and now the right one was useless. Brooks had surgery to repair the ruptured tendon in his right shoulder in April and missed about six weeks of work.

"Debra (Hammond) handled all my paperwork, she was very efficient," he said. "I didn't have to worry with it. I knew Debra was handling it on this end, and it's such a relief. It's such a relief to know all your

records are being taken care of, all your money's coming in when you can't work.

"I commend Debra Hammond and the staff she works with because they handled all my records. My money was there. The followup was just tremendous, it was excellent. They were very supportive, it was right there. My experience with workers' compensation from Debra Hammond to this point has been professionalism all the way."

Brooks offered advice for anyone with an on-the-job injury. "No matter how minute," he said, "get it documented at that time."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BACK AT WORK**— Security assistant Bobby Brooks hurt his right shoulder in February while moving this metal file cabinet. He had surgery in April and missed about six weeks of work. He credits workers' compensation with keeping his paychecks coming while he was at home.

## Martin Road lanes opened

For those of us who come in through Gate 1, would you please find out for us when the entire four-lane section of Martin Road will be opened?

**Ronald Bednarczyk**  
RD&E Center

*Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "Alabama Department of Transportation officials stated that all four lanes, with signs and barrels removed, should be open by the time of this publication."*

## Officer and civilian women's group puts focus on service

By **CHRIS SWART**  
For the Rocket

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club conducted its Newcomer's Welcome Coffee, Aug. 13 at the Challenger with more than 25 attendees. The event is held every year to meet and welcome newcomers to the Redstone community and provide information about the club and its annual activities.

What makes this Officer and Civilian Women's Club different from any other in the Army is the longevity of the membership. You will not find anyplace more saturated with women experienced in the logistics of running a club like this — mentors are plentiful.

OCWC has a solid history of community support and service. The club donated more than \$16,000 to local and national charities last year, to include \$5,589 to the Pentagon Victims' Fund. Some \$5,000 in merit funds was awarded to defray college expenses for five children of OCWC members. The club assists in the annual Army Family Action Plan Conference, recently provided administrative support and refreshments for the C.W. Bill Young Bone Marrow Donor Drive, is an underwriter for the Soldier and NCO of the Year luncheon, and actively participates in the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter activities.

Membership in OCWC entitles you to join a wide variety of affiliated clubs and activities: Bowling, Book Club, Bridge, Garden Club, Mah Jong, Pampered Palates, Retired Wives, and Sugar and Spice. Another significant membership benefit is the opportunity for you, your spouse, or your college-bound son or daughter to compete for merit awards. These awards may be used to pay for

tuition, books and fees in pursuit of undergraduate or graduate degrees. Merit awards are only offered to club members and their immediate family members — but you must join OCWC by Oct. 1 to be eligible. OCWC has an extensive and beautiful collection of silver pieces available for loan to club members.

This club provides its membership representation in the Redstone Arsenal community at Family and Community Team Sessions, Town Halls, Fox Army Health Center Advisory Council meetings, Installation Volunteer Committee meetings, the Thrift Shop, Total Tots, and even the Yard of the Month Committee.

OCWC luncheons are held the second Tuesday of every month from October through May at the Officers and Civilians Club. Social time is planned from 10:30-11 a.m., lunch and the program follow and the luncheon ends no later than 1 p.m. Luncheon programs planned for this year include an English high tea and fashion show for October, a demonstration of faux painting in November, and a Christmas antebellum theme with a historical narrator in December.

Membership is offered to spouses, adult family members and former spouses (who hold a valid ID card) of active duty, retired, deceased officers and federal government employees grade GS-9 and above; and active duty and retired officers and federal government employees grade GS-9 and above. Membership is required to participate in OCWC groups and to apply for merit awards.

Terrific classes and activities are lined up for this year. Plan to attend the OCWC Signup on Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

For more information about OCWC, call Karen Lake at 774-2884.

## Funding roadblock to repaving

I have been driving to work for the last three or four years from Rideout Road to Toftoy Thruway southward getting off at the Martin overpass onto Martin Road eastward to go to building 5250. The condition of the pavement on Toftoy has worsened to the point that larger cracks have developed between Marshall Road and Martin Road. Toftoy overpass at Martin Road has had potholes for the last few years even though it appears that an attempt was made to fill the potholes. The pavement on the overpass is very rough still. I know that paving is very expensive and funds are always limited, but are there any plans to

repave this section of road?

**Alan Miller**  
Command Analysis Directorate

*Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "We have not received any funding for repaving projects in the last three years. As a result, there are no plans at this time to repave Toftoy Thruway. We will continue to maintain the roadways on Redstone Arsenal to the best of our ability with limited funding. We have a project to overlay the major roadways on the Arsenal should funding be made available."*

## Rocket rumblings: On preventing school violence



With children back in school, here's the *Rocket* rumblings question for this month: What's the answer to school violence?

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

## Styx, Kansas bands ready to rock Redstone Arsenal

### Gate schedule announced for Saturday night concert

The classic rock band Styx, with special guest Kansas, will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field as part of the 2002 Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour.

The Provost Marshal provided the following information for concertgoers:

- Gate 8 will be open until midnight for inbound and outbound decal traffic only.
- Gate 10 will be open until 10 p.m. for inbound, non-decal concert traffic only.
- Gate 10 will be open from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. for outbound traffic only.
- Patton Road will be closed between Aerobee Road and Hercules Road (emergency traffic only).
- Concert vehicles will provide valid drivers license, vehicle registration and

proof of insurance.

- No coolers will be allowed inside the pre-concert or concert areas.

- Ticket holders will be subject to search at anytime while on government property.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Gates open at 6:30 Saturday night. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), the ITR at the Recreation Center, the Sparkman Cafeteria, the Officers and Civilians Club, Hotel Redstone, and Post Exchange customer service (for authorized PX users). For tickets or more information call 830-2582, 876-4531 or visit MWR online at [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

Styx is known for hits like "Come Sail Away," "Rockin' the Paradise" and "High Enough" while Kansas enjoyed hits like "Dust in the Wind," "Point of Know Return" and "Carry On, Wayward Son."

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# Army Community Service cited for excellence by peers

Redstone's center will move to renovated building Sept. 23

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Redstone's Army Community Service has been recognized as one of the best Armywide.

Department of Army presented an Army Community Service Excellence Award to ACS during the garrison commanders and morale, welfare and recreation conference Aug. 4-9 in Atlanta. Redstone ACS director Sue Paddock accepted the award from Brig. Gen. Antonio Taguba, commander of the Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va., and Delores Johnson, the center's family programs chief.

The center here was recognized in the small size installation category for posts with a soldier population of 4,000 or less. The Army started the excellence awards last year at the ACS directors course.

"I'm really proud of the accomplishments that our Redstone Arsenal ACS has



Courtesy photo

**AND THE WINNER IS—** Sue Paddock, center, director of Redstone's ACS, accepts the Army Community Service Excellence Award from Delores Johnson, family programs chief at Community and Family Support Center, and Brig. Gen. Antonio Taguba, commander of the support center.

made in the past few years," Paddock said. "We've come a long way in first receiving our accreditation to moving into our new building which will be a model for the rest of the Army.

"It was nice to be recognized by your peers and be recognized by the professionals in our line of work as being one of the best," she added.

Army Community Service is scheduled

to move Sept. 23 from building 3491 on Honest John Road to renovated building 3338 on Redeye Road.

"We look forward to having a formal presentation of the award to our ACS staff in the October time frame," Paddock said.

There were three honorees out of the Army's 97 ACS centers. The other two excellence award winners were Yongsan, South Korea, for medium size installations, and Fort Carson, Colo., for large installations.

Col. Bob Devlin, the deputy post commander, pointed out that ACS won the small installation category which represents the largest number of posts.

"We competed against say a half or two-thirds of Army installations. We've got the best so we're just real proud of this," he said. "We're proud that our ACS is setting the standard for the Army."

The awards banquet Aug. 8 was a black-tie affair during the fifth biennial garrison commander and director of community activities MWR training conference.

"This is kind of like the Academy Awards but they only do it every two years so it's even bigger," Devlin said.

# FBI airs hazardous devices training plans at Redstone

Bomb squad commanders hold national conference

By BOB HUNT  
For the Rocket

One of the safest places in the world last week was Bob Jones Auditorium, the site of the National Bomb Squad Commanders' Conference.

The conference was sponsored by the FBI, the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School (formerly Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School) and the National Bomb Squad Commanders' Advisory Board and included 165 bomb squad commanders from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii.

The commanders congregated here because Redstone Arsenal is the home of OMEMS's and the FBI's Hazardous Devices School, where all civilian bomb squad experts receive their formal training and certification.

In a post-speech interview, conference keynote speak-

er Kathleen McChesney, FBI executive assistant director, law enforcement services division, lauded the Army's support for national and local law enforcement efforts.

"The Army has recognized that the relationship not only with federal law enforcement, but also state and county municipal law enforcement is essential to the security of the country, and they have never wavered in supporting us in that regard," she said.

The Army has a long history of training explosive ordnance disposal specialists to support training and combat. Before 1970, however, civilian bomb squads in major U.S. cities were comprised mainly of law enforcement members with prior military EOD experience and there was no formal training effort to certify or recertify them, said David Heaven, a supervisory special agent and the FBI's HDS program administrator.

Redstone's Hazardous Devices School began in January 1971 after the Army was asked to create a program to train civilian bomb squads. Since then, thousands of state and county law enforcement officers have come to Red-

stone to learn how to render safe and dispose of improvised explosive devices.

Today, the Hazardous Devices School provides basic and recertification training for approximately 2,300 public safety bomb technicians in the United States and certifies them to work as bomb technicians. The school is funded and administered by the FBI and operated by OMEMS.

Tomorrow, the school will take on a new look. Heaven said the FBI is funding construction of a world-class Hazardous Devices School at Redstone. It will include four administrative and classroom buildings containing about 64,000 square feet, along with 14 training villages. The new construction will be near the existing school on 295 additional acres that the Army designated for the project. The \$23 million project is expected to be completed in March 2004.

The new school will better meet the needs of the 435 accredited public safety bomb squads in the United States, Heaven said.

# Short-range project manager follows his father's footsteps

*Stinger air defense weapon remains in active inventory*

By PAM ROGERS  
For the Rocket

Say what you will about those tired, old clichés. For Col. Richard De Fatta it must seem that life has truly come full circle.

He first came to Redstone Arsenal in 1974 when his father, Col. Vincent De Fatta, was stationed here. That was the summer before he started West Point. His dad was the Stinger project manager.

"This was home when I would come home during summer vacations and at Christmas," De Fatta said. After graduating West Point he returned to Redstone for his basic and advanced ordnance officer courses.

"I lived at home for a year when I was attending the basic course," he said. Since then he has been assigned at Redstone or with an organization based at Redstone in every rank of his Army career. His first Redstone assignment was in the Pershing project office. He also served a stint at the Research Development and Engineering Center here in the directed energy directorate. He was the Program Executive Office Global Protection Against Limited Strikes European liaison officer, and then he directed the Kwajalein Missile Range. Most recently,



File photo

**SHORAD LEADER— Col. Richard De Fatta became the Short Range Air Defense Systems project manager in June. His dad once served as Stinger project manager.**

he served three years in Huntsville as the MEADS product manager. It is a career that has now brought him to, if not the same chair, the same basic position his father occupied nearly 30 years ago. Stinger is now part of the Short Range Air Defense Systems project office. De Fatta became the SHORAD project manager in June.

Stinger is still a big part of the mix for SHORAD, and is the only short-range air defense weapon in the active Army inventory right now, but De Fatta is also looking at the objective force and those weapons that will see the maneuver forces through the transformation.

The next step for SHORAD is developing the Extended Area Air Defense System, which will defend against an area and threats that are currently beyond the capability of Stinger. Plans call for the first phase of EAADS to be supported by SLAMRAAM, consisting of AMRAAM missiles mounted on a Humvee chassis. When the EAADS is mature, it will be two-pronged — one consisting of kinetic energy weapons, and the other of laser weapons.

"SLAMRAAM will be the initial kinetic energy interceptor. The missile is tri-service, already fielded. Next will be directed energy. We've worked on that here for 20 years, so it's not as futuristic as you might think," De Fatta said. Even though the optimal laser weapon is still in the future, the Tactical High Energy Laser has demonstrated capability for the near term. The follow-on, mobile THEL, will be focused on downsizing and portability.

"This is the precursor to even more advanced laser technology," De Fatta

said.

Working toward the objective force is not the only challenge facing De Fatta these days. He still has important legacy systems that are a big part of the SHORAD picture.

"If we go to war tomorrow we still have the world's best missile — Stinger — still the only capability" for short range air defense, he said.

"We must ensure the sustainability and supportability of the systems in the field," he said.

And then there is the Sentinel radar that supports the SHORAD systems.

"We're aiming for Sentinel as the objective force radar. It meets a lot of the requirements. We're working hard at enhancing the performance and range and fully integrating it into the EAADS system," De Fatta said.

De Fatta's job must seem like a delicate balancing act to which he must give his undivided attention.

"We are squarely aimed at the objective force, but all the while we can't forget our legacy systems — our Stinger-based platforms," he said. "We have over 800 Avengers in the field. There's a lot of day-to-day work. We are also actively supporting our deployed forces, and that's job one."

## Army elects to help with voter registration

August is Army Voter Registration Month.

This has been declared as a time to educate and assist soldiers, family members and others regarding voting applications, processes and procedures.

A voter registration, information and assistance booth will be set up next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the entrance to the Post Exchange. Soldiers, family members and Defense Department civilians are encouraged to visit the voter booth for information or assistance as needed. Also a voting information section has been established in the waiting area of the Military Personnel Office, building 3394.

These efforts in conjunction with the voting assistance officers throughout Team Redstone give the opportunity to provide information and assistance to the entire Team Redstone community. The slogan for the Army's Voting Assistance Program, 2002-03 is "Shatter the Silence, VOTE." In keeping with this slogan, the command wants to assure that eligible voters have the information and assistance they may need in exercising their constitutional right to vote for the candidate of their choice.

For more information, go to the following web site on the Federal Voting Assistance Program: [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov).

# Future scientists, engineers get laboratory experience

## Summertime apprentice program draws high school, college students

This may be an answer to the aging work force.

Thirty-eight young students spent their summer working in laboratories at the Aviation and Missile Command. Someday they may return as Army scientists and engineers.

The 25 high school and 13 college students participated in this year's Science and Engineering Apprentice Program.

The high school students worked here from 8-10 weeks depending on their schedule. They were assigned to mentors from throughout AMCOM, mostly with the Research Development and Engineering Center. The students received an educational stipend for their work.

Each high school student researched an assigned project and presented a report at the end of his or her eight weeks. A competition determined first through third place winners for computer science, physics, chemistry and engineering.

"All the students were very knowledgeable and had good attitudes, but it is really about hard work," program coordinator Betty Duke, a personnel management specialist, said.

Applications for next year's program will be mailed in October to high school counselors and colleges. Interested stu-



**RESEARCH AWARDS**— Jackie Bennett, center, of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, presented awards to Matthew Griffin, left, of Brewer High School, and Jonathan Hartwell of Johnson High School for their winning research in this summer's Science and Engineering Apprentice Program.

Courtesy photo

dents can apply online at the following address: seap@gwu.edu. For more information, call Duke at 313-4790.

Students who participated in this year's program included:

- Cheryl Askew, Lee High School;

Brian Baldwin, Alabama A&M University; Laquandis Baldwin, Alabama A&M University; Scott Beck, University of Tennessee; Shashi Becker, Auburn University; Cori Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville; Matthew Blair,

Arab High School; Nathaniel Boclair, Johnson High School; Stacey Brewer, DAR High School; Michael Burger, Auburn University; Prescott Burden, Lee High School; Preston Burden, Lee High School; Christopher Campbell, Grissom High School; Grant Chandler, Athens High School; Adam Christiansen, Arab High School; Dustin Clark, Elkmont High School; Wesley Doring, Athens High School; Kevin Denny, Buckhorn High School; Peter Duong, Calhoun Community College;

• Tressa Fruchnigt, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Brandi Gray, Indiana Institute of Technology; Matthew Griffin, Brewer High School; Jonathan Hartwell, Johnson High School; Andre Hazzard, Drake Technical College; Tori Hodge, Bob Jones High School; John Holden III, Johnson High School; Kendall Jones, Sparkman High School; Asa Killen, Westminster Christian Academy; Lillian Kotey, Lee High School; Michael Lochli, New Century Technology High School; Marc Mahanna, University of Alabama in Huntsville; Patrick Marshal, DAR High School; Jonathan Ratledge, Sparkman High School; Adam Vannoy, Bob Jones High School; Joshua Waits, University of the South; Scott Wilson, Bob Jones High School; Amanda Yerby, University of Alabama; David Burns, University of Alabama; and Nick Watkins, Hartselle High School.

## Case lot sale in store for Commissary customers

### September weekend event touted as world's largest

By **BONNIE POWELL**  
*Defense Commissary Agency*

FORT LEE, Va. — This isn't any ordinary commissary case lot sale. This is the "World's Biggest."

A commissary tradition that tops any customer's shopping list promises to be even better in 2002, according to Bob Vitikacs, executive director for operations and product support at the Defense Commissary Agency.

"Last year we sold \$8 million in groceries — over 700,000 cases," he said. "Military customers were able to stretch their paychecks even farther with the tremendous deals offered by the manufacturers who sell products in commissaries."

Case lot sales feature a variety of sought after items ranging from canned goods to paper goods, and a few items in between. "We'll even have meats and chilled items in many locations," Vitikacs said. "That's a bit out of the ordinary."

The second World's Biggest Case Lot Sale is scheduled to take place the weekend of Sept. 21 at most of the 276 stores in the worldwide commissary system. Redstone's hours will be Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Since commissaries sell groceries at cost, profits are not the motivation for case lot sales, Vitikacs said. "The promise of increased sales convinces manufacturers to sell products at much lower prices than customers will find anywhere else on the planet. That means our average customer savings of 30 percent can increase dramatically."

# Space pioneers celebrate group's 50th anniversary

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Alabama/Mississippi Section, celebrated its 50th anniversary July 25 with a panel discussion by some of the distinguished AIAA leaders who have been instrumental in America's space program. The AIAA is the major aerospace organization in the nation, and its members include aerospace leaders such as von Braun team members, and NASA, Army and government contractor employees.

Panelists included von Braun team members, Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger and Konrad Dannenberg; retired Teledyne Brown Engineering CEO Joe Moquin; Marshall Space Flight Center managers Alex McCool and Dr. Ann Whitaker; and General Holger Toftoy's son-in-law, George K. Williams. The panel members discussed their favorite memories from their careers and America's space program,

and their hopes for the future of the AIAA and the space program.

Wanda Reece, the section's first chairwoman and chair of the anniversary celebration, was the panel moderator. Jim Kennedy, Marshall Space Flight Center deputy director, read letters of congratulations from NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe and MSFC director Art Stephenson. Howell Lee, district director of Congressman Bud Cramer's office, presented a letter from the congressman, congratulating the section on its accomplishments of the last 50 years. Mayor Loretta Spencer, who was unable to attend, provided a letter of congratulations, read by Reece.

Prior to the program, videos of Huntsville's space heroes discussing their memories and hopes for the future, and historical pictures and newsletters from the last 50 years were displayed.

## Workers' compensation represents major price tag

### Compensation

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Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said.

The two members of her team who handle workers' compensation are Dianne Bryant, injury compensation program administrator, and Debra Hammond, injury compensation specialist. They manage the program for members of the Aviation and Missile Command and serviced activities.

Workers' compensation costs for the third quarter of fiscal 2002 amounted to \$6.755 million for AMCOM, serviced activities and the command's two depots at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Letterkenny, Pa. This represented 1,034 cases processed by the Department of Labor, including 70 new injuries. The second quarter had 872 cases, including 67 new injuries.

"Dianne and I act as assistants and liaisons to and for the injured employee," Hammond, who joined her in February, said. "We counsel them as to requirements, responsibilities and benefits. We encourage them to contact us as soon as possible and have the supervisor contact us as soon as possible so the claims process runs more smoothly and benefits are available sooner. We coordinate injury information with the occupational health center and with the safety office.

"And our main function is to assist the employee and encourage management's involvement so that the employee may return to work as soon as possible."

They receive the claims first and then send the paperwork to the office of workers compensation programs, part of the Department of Labor, which reviews the claims for acceptance or denial. That office also authorizes medical treatments. Employees and supervisors are encouraged to call Bryant at 313-0146 or Hammond at 876-4369 right after the injured worker has visited occupational health. Hammond handles the AMCOM cases

while Bryant does the other serviced activities.

After a claim is filed, the injured worker's immediate benefits include continuation of pay and medical coverage. In cases of occupational disease or condition, the benefits are available upon the claim's approval by the office of worker compensation programs.

"Continuation of pay is an entitlement to an employee who has suffered a traumatic injury within one work shift," Hammond said. "That allows the injured employee to be paid without using personal leave for a period of 45 calendar days following the date of injury. No compensation benefits are automatic. All must be filed through the injury compensation office in the CPAC."

Traumatic injuries might be caused by an on-the-job slip, trip or fall. An occupational disease or condition might result from exposure to chemicals over time or repetitive movements. Depending on the severity of the injury or condition, a worker might be out for one day to as long as four years.

"It is not a retirement program," Bryant said of workers' compensation. "It is in place to assist and support the injured worker to ultimately return to light or full-time duty."

This represents a major investment for the command. Workers' compensation costs amount to \$8 million annually including payments to former employees who were injured at work years ago.

"I think as a taxpayer that's a good use of my dollars because these people have been determined to be incapacitated through no fault of their own," Johnson said. "So it's the government's responsibility that the injured worker suffers no financial setback."

"On the other hand this high cost forces us to set a proactive preventive atmosphere," Hammond said. "So the less injuries occur and our costs are contained or decreased as much as possible."

# Keeping track of government property everyone's duty

## Annual inventories required for property accountability

By SANDY RIEBELING  
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Not quite as snazzy as the commercial stores "you break it, you buy it" motto, the government has its own policy regarding property and equipment — know what you have and know where it is — because if you don't, it could cost you.

Redstone has the largest property account in the Army, managing 12 property books valued at more than \$635 million. This doesn't include furniture, kitchen appliances, shop equipment and supplies. Property books track a variety of equipment including automobiles, heavy tactical vehicles, construction equipment, General Services Administration vehicles, industrial plant equipment, weapons, security equipment and a large amount of automated data processing equipment, about 150,000 items across the Arsenal.

"This number changes constantly because people are ordering equipment all the time, through contracts, credit cards and purchase orders," Don Olsen, director of logistics at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, said. "The chief of staff has taken a keen interest in property accountability. We need to make sure that every piece of equipment that comes onto the Arsenal



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**HIGH VOLUME**— Ray Watkins, chief of property accounting office, talks with William Kerlin, supply technician, about the volume of transactions, 85,000 annually, done at Redstone. "Some days it seems like every one of them comes across my desk," Kerlin said.

that qualifies is put on the books."

Such property and equipment is tracked through the Defense Property Accounting System. When a piece of equipment is purchased, specific forms must be completed that provide a detailed description of the item including serial number, method of purchase, type of fund, category of money used, along with invoice or receipts. The data is put into the DPAS and a bar code is

generated for that piece of equipment.

"When property comes through central receiving, the process automatically begins," Olsen said. "We check the items in and assign a bar code then call the appropriate hand receipt holder for pickup or delivery. The hand receipt holder should complete AMSAM RA form 2082R, the local form for equipment identification so the process is complete.

"Another method is vendor delivery," Olsen said. "That's where we start having problems. When equipment comes to the customer, the hand receipt holder should complete the necessary paperwork, fill out the forms and request a bar code for the items. We know that's not happening in some cases."

The reason he knows is because he conducts a surprise spot check called an equipment utilization walk through. The hand receipt holder is given 24 hours notice before a walk through. Olsen and another logistics worker take the hand receipt copy on file, go to the targeted organization and look for the bar code on the property.

Two types of problems are discovered in a walk through. Sometimes equipment is in the office that has no bar code and has not been put into the DPAS and other times, equipment that should be in the office isn't there.

"It can be as simple as a missing laptop and when you ask the hand receipt holder, he or she tells you that someone is using it out of the office," Olsen said. "No problem. But if someone does take a laptop out of the office, the hand receipt holder should know and should put a note in their files. There are special forms, one for 30 days or less, and one for up to a year. These should really be filled out and put in the hand receipt holder's file. That way there's no question who has it and for how long. Hand receipt holders are responsible for every piece of equipment on the list and can be held personally liable if something comes up missing."

Redstone has 737 hand receipt holders, each appointed by the directorate level

within the organization to which the HRH will serve.

Annual inventory is key to managing property books. Every year each HRH is required to complete a physical inventory of the hand receipt. A copy is generated by the directorate of logistics and sent to each HRH and the inventory must be conducted and signed within 30 days.

"It's very important that the hand receipt holders get these inventories done on time," Ray Watkins, chief of property accounting office at DOL, said. "The problem is, if something comes up missing, they don't want to sign off on the hand receipt. But they have to complete the inventory, sign it and send it back. If something is missing, they have 14 days to do a search, just remember to send a memo to the PBO (property book officer). If they can't find it, they have to fill out a report of survey."

When a report of survey is filed, a surveying officer is appointed to investigate the matter. He or she recommends whether or not the HRH should be held liable. If the recommendation is to hold the HRH liable, the HRH has the opportunity to respond and then the recommendation goes through several approval/denial stages before a final decision is made.

"I advise hand receipt holders to keep a file of their own and document everything that happens to each piece of equipment," Watkins said. "That way, if there are problems, all they have to do is check the file."

And there can be problems. If a supervisor "gives" a piece of equipment to another office, the HRH should be informed and get a signed document noting who is taking it and where it's going. Sometimes equipment is swapped out through vendor or warranty exchange. It is imperative that the HRH be notified of the exchange and obtain the needed information to take the old piece off the books and get the new piece into the system.

And as important as it is to get equipment logged into the system, it is just as important to file the necessary paperwork to remove it from the books, otherwise the HRH can be held liable.

"Sometimes we get complaints that the process takes too long," Watkins said. "Property accountability, management and control is a two-way street. The hand receipt holder has to do his job — fill out all the forms completely — and we have to do our job. We have 10 supply technicians that handle an average of 85,000 transactions a year."

Classes for hand receipt holders are held monthly. Watkins recommends that hand receipt holders attend at least one class annually to keep up with the changes in policy. He is also willing to conduct special classes at the request of an organization.

"Property accountability is everyone's responsibility," Watkins said. "Management, accountability, control and responsibility are four words that apply to all personnel regardless of grade, activity, organization or position that have any connection with government property."

# Local community unites for patriotic family evening

*Special event Sept. 9 in park marks Sept. 11 anniversary*

The city of Huntsville, Redstone Arsenal and the Arts Council will present a special event Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in Big Spring Park. The community is invited to come together to commemorate the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America. This family evening, titled "Huntsville United," will include the following: music from the 389th Army Band and local vocalists; a salute to soldiers, police, firefighters, and emergency responders; a candlelight remembrance of the victims of the attacks; and a fireworks display. Huntsville United is free to the public.

Those attending are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and a picnic dinner. Concessions will also be available in the park. Audience members will receive a miniature American flag and a souvenir candle to participate in the event (as supplies last). This evening of entertainment and patriotism will be led by three of Huntsville's television news anchors, WAFF's Liz Hurley, WAAY's Erin Dacy and WHNT's Jerry Hayes.

Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, PEI Electronics, and Boeing are serving as corporate sponsors.

"I am so proud to offer the community this opportunity to come together," Mayor Loretta Spencer said. "And as always, Huntsville's wonderful corporate



## Huntsville United Sept. 9, 2002

**UNITY LOGO—** The theme for the Sept. 9 concert and tribute is "Huntsville United." Shirts featuring the "Huntsville United Sept. 9" logo are being sold by the Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County and can be purchased on post through Civilian Welfare Fund Council representatives for \$10 each.

community has come forward to help us make this night unforgettable." Spencer also indicated she hoped to see everyone at the event in a Huntsville United T-shirt.

Huntsville United T-shirts are available for purchase through the Volunteer Center in both adult and youth sizes. They will be on sale at Concerts in the Park every Monday through Sept. 9. They will also be available at the Botanical Garden's concert with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on

Sept. 7. Other sale locations will be announced in coming weeks. T-shirts can also be purchased by calling the Volunteer Center at 539-7797.

Shirts may be purchased on Redstone Arsenal through the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. The shirts (white with the blue and red Huntsville United logo on front) are \$10 each and available in medium, large and extra-large, and can be purchased by check from any CWFC repre-

sentative. For more information, call CWFC president Charles Urban at 955-7662 or vice president Jerry Campbell at 876-8138. A list of CWFC representatives is also available at [https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01\\_01/poc\\_062102.doc](https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01_01/poc_062102.doc). The shirts will also be available in the Post Exchange area.

The featured entertainment for Huntsville United is the 389th Army Band from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The band represents the Army Materiel Command and is commonly called "AMC's Own." Gen. Paul Kern, AMC commander, is responsible for making the band's visit possible.

The 389th Army Band's history and tradition go back almost 60 years with ties and lineage traced back to the 13th Cavalry Regimental Band and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band. The band was activated at Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1944. During World War II, the 389th Army Band helped sell more than \$1 million in war bonds, and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for its contribution to the war effort.

For more information concerning the Huntsville United tribute call Melissa Bullard, director of public communications for Huntsville, at 427-5000, or Shannon Magers of the Arts Council at 519-2787. For information concerning the 389th Army Band's performance call Kim Gillespie of the Aviation and Missile Command Public Affairs Office at 876-5302.

# Army suspends re-enlistment bonuses until October

## ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — The Army Aug. 16 suspended its re-enlistment bonus programs for active-duty soldiers until Oct. 1.

The suspension became necessary with a retention success that exhausted the fiscal year 2002 re-enlistment budget, said Ron Canada, chief of the U.S. Army Personnel Command retention office. He said the Army has already re-enlisted more than 51,600 soldiers against its goal of 49,019, or 105 percent.

Soldiers who are scheduled to separate from the Army between Aug. 19 and Sept. 30 will be allowed to voluntarily extend until after Oct. 1 so they can re-enlist for a bonus, Canada said.

"We have to place a freeze on paying bonuses when soldiers re-enlist for the remainder of August through September because we've done so well with re-enlistment across the Army," Canada said.

The programs frozen include the selective re-enlistment bonus, the targeted selective re-enlistment bonus and the broken service selective re-enlistment bonus programs.

The freeze does not affect Army Reserve or Army National Guard re-enlistment bonuses, officials said. Nor will it stop the payment of re-enlistment bonuses that have already been granted, Canada said.

Soldiers who re-entered the Army or re-enlisted prior to Aug. 19 and were entitled to a re-enlistment bonus will continue to be paid their bonuses, Canada explained. Soldiers entitled to an anniversary payment from an earlier re-enlistment will continue to receive their anniversary payments during this suspension, he said.

Soldiers who were scheduled to re-enlist between Aug. 19 and Sept. 30 and were otherwise eligible for a bonus, will be advised to delay their re-enlistment until

Oct. 1 or later or when the program will be funded for fiscal year 2003.

Those in specialties that do not have a bonus are not affected by this suspension and can continue to re-enlist, Canada said.

More than 100 of the Army's military occupational skills had offered bonuses and are affected by the re-enlistment suspension, Canada said.

More information about the job specialties that were receiving re-enlistment bonuses can be found in military

personnel messages 02-174 dated June. 16 and message 02-205 dated July 16. These messages can be found on <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil>.

Personnel officials ask that this suspension information reach all commanders, re-enlistment offices, recruiters, and finance and accounting offices.

Career counselors throughout the Army will be able to answer questions about re-enlistment options, Canada said.

*Editor's note: Information provided by PERSCOM Public Affairs.*

## Career program employees getting new promotion system

The Army will implement a new promotion system Oct. 1 for career program employees who are applying for jobs at the mandatory Army career referral level.

The Army will be phasing out the current Army Civilian Career Evaluation System and implementing Centralized RESUMIX to issue competitive referral lists for these positions, according to Don Dixon of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

This change will streamline the application process and provide a more user-friendly system to prospective applicants. Beginning in October, career program employees currently registered in ACCES will miss promotion opportunities if they do not register in the new Centralized RESUMIX system.

All employees who are interested in being considered for career program positions at the Army mandatory career referral level must register in RESUMIX to be considered. In order to receive consideration you must register and enter your resume into the new centralized RESUMIX

database by the projected implementation date of Oct. 1.

Registering in RESUMIX will involve submitting a resume to the Centralized RESUMIX web site. Resumes are built using the new Army Resume Builder. The resume builder is located at Army Civilian Personnel Online web site at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) under Employment.

There will be identical training sessions conducted by CPAC and South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center on this new Centralized RESUMIX system conducted for interested career employees in the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120, on Redstone Road. Sessions are scheduled 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. today, Thursday and Aug. 28.

This change will not affect how employees apply for career program and other positions filled through the local merit promotion announcements. It only affects how employees apply for consideration for career program jobs that are filled by Army level referral lists.

## ■ New bowling center to open by October 2004

# Bowling

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Brad Mason, a contractor employee for Marshall Space Flight Center, bowls at Redstone Lanes about once a week at lunch time. "A new building will be nice,"

he said. "But compared to other lanes I've been in around Huntsville, I'd personally rank this pretty high."

Like other morale, welfare and recreation activities, the bowling center is open to active duty and retired military, Department of Defense workers, Redstone contractors, Marshall Space Flight Center workers, and their family members.

## ■ SARS virus has killed 750 people worldwide

# Research

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"Because SARS poses a global health problem for the military and civilians potentially, we were asked to participate in this effort also," Huggins said.

As of Thursday, according to CDC, the virus had caused 750 deaths worldwide, although no SARS related deaths have been reported in the United States.

For years, the institute has been part of a government consortium of research facilities that includes the CDC, the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The Fort Detrick institute and CDC have existing collaborations on smallpox virus, Huggins said. He noted that because CDC is the only repository of smallpox virus in the United States, USAMRIID scientists routinely travel to Atlanta to conduct smallpox research.

"When the SARS virus came along, it was pretty straight forward to call the people who work with pretty high hazardous viruses at bio containment levels to start working to find an anti-viral drug," he said. "We knew each other's capability and we knew each other's expertise."

Inside a tightly controlled Biosafety Level 4 laboratory at Fort Detrick, some of the world's most dangerous viruses — such as Ebola — are studied. (The SARS virus is handled at Biosafety Level 3.) Huggins said scientists have been working long hours searching for a SARS cure.

He noted that a team of seven scientists at the lab is directly testing drugs; about 20 researchers are working on the entire SARS effort.

Already, 40 FDA-approved drugs currently used to treat a variety of viral infections such as HIV, herpes, flu and hepatitis have been sent to the lab for evaluation by independent pharmaceutical companies.

Thousands more will also be tested as scientists investigate whether these drugs, although not designed to be effective against SARS, could prove to have a "cross-reacting" ability to fight the virus, Huggins said.

The strategy, he explained, is to find a "quick fix," to first see if there are any drugs currently marketed that might work against the virus.

"We developed a test tube assay to see if a drug was capable of stopping the virus from reproducing itself, the first step to stopping someone from being infected," Huggins said.

"We used that assay to begin screening drugs currently on the market to treat other viral diseases. Now we're working at a broader area to look for other potential drugs that might have activity ... sort of hoping you'd find a quick fix.

"It doesn't look like that there is a quick fix, although we're still working on some of those."

However, one promising drug, interferon, is still being looked at, said Huggins, adding that USAMRIID scientists have been studying a large collection of interferon compounds to see if any can stop the virus.

Some interferon does, he pointed out. "What we have more work to do on is to see if they can inhibit the virus at concentrations that would be clinically relevant — that is concentrations of interferon you could give to a patient," he explained. "That is work which is under way and we don't yet have the answer to that question."

Although many questions about SARS remain unanswered and more research and testing must still be done, Huggins said thus far, the institute's research into the virus is encouraging. He said he is hopeful a cure can be found.

"We are working with some pharmaceutical firms that have some very powerful tools," Huggins said. "I am optimistic that we will ultimately find something for this particular virus."

# Higher headquarters recognizes NCO and soldier of year



Courtesy photo

**SOLDIER OF YEAR**— Gen. Paul Kern, commander of Army Materiel Command, presents Spec. Justin Brown with a certificate that accompanies the Army Commendation Medal at the AMC awards banquet. Brown represents the Aviation and Missile Command as a member of the 95th Maintenance Company in Baumholder, Germany.

## Winner stationed in Germany with 95th Maintenance Company

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army Materiel Command announced the winners of its NCO and Soldier of the Year awards at a formal banquet ceremony Aug. 9 at the Alexandria Hilton Mark Center.

SSgt. Robert Barlow of AMC's Operations Support Command and Spec. Justin Brown of Aviation and Missile Command beat out five other NCOs and three other soldiers to win the coveted AMC awards by completing a written exam and essay, a physical training test, a common task test, and a land navigation test; and by answering military knowledge questions in front of a board and participating in a uniform review.

"I am so humbled by this — what an honor," said Barlow, a radio repair technical inspector assigned to the Combat Equipment Battalion-Luxembourg in Dudelange, Luxembourg.

"This was a nerve-wracking, tough experience, but the end result was well worth it," said Brown, a test, measurement and diagnostic equipment maintenance support specialist assigned to the 95th Maintenance Company in Baumholder, Germany.

The ceremony included dinner, music by the 389th Army Band, "AMC's Own," a show by the U.S. Army Chorale singers, remarks by AMC's Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II and a keynote address by Gen. Paul Kern, AMC's commander.

"What you've done this week is just a small example of the leadership and skills you bring to your units — an example of the great things you do every day and will do in the future," Kern said.

Kern also presented special firefighter statues to Craig Johnson and Ron Briles, two firefighters from the Fort Belvoir (Va.) Fire Department who had helped during the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

"We are so honored to have these heroes with us tonight. They are an inspiration to all of us," Walker said.

Before announcing the winners, Kern congratulated all the candidates for winning at their respective major subordinate commands and for their hard work during the AMC competition. Each received a

commanding general coin, a Sergeant Major of the Army coin, a command sergeant major coin, and a certificate of accomplishment.

Then with drum roll in place, the master of ceremonies announced each winner separately and the audience gave them a standing ovation.

Kern presented Barlow and Brown with gifts in front of an audience of more than 100 people. Each received a four day trip to Orlando for two; the choice of their next assignment; four tickets to the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; a \$1,000 saving bond; a \$100 gift certificate from the Fort Belvoir Army and Air Force Exchange Service; a coin from retired SMA Richard Kidd; and a plaque of excellence. Kern also presented Barlow with a Meritorious Service Medal, an NCO statue, and an electronic personal data assistant from the Fort Belvoir AAFES, and Brown with an Army Commendation Medal, a soldier statue, and a camera and set of binoculars from the Fort Belvoir AAFES.

Other military sponsors gave the winners gifts such as a plaque (Association of the U.S. Army headquarters), \$100 (AUSA, Fairfax-Lee chapter), an engraved eagle statue and coin (American Military Society), a military excellence plaque and coin (NCO association), and \$500 and a watch (Government Employee Insurance Company).

The two winners and their runners-up, Cpl. Jeremy Birchfield of Tank-automotive and Armaments Command and Spec. Bryan Resnick of Communications-Electronics Command, will return to AMC for two weeks of additional training in preparation for the SMA competition in September.

"Our goal is for our soldier and NCO to win at the SMA competition — and I tell you what — we are confident, technically proficient and we can do the job!" Walker said.

The winners' photos and biographies are also displayed in the AMC headquarters lobby and on the command sergeant major hall of fame wall display.

The other NCO of the year candidates were Sgt. Von "Andrew" Bunnell of CECOM, Sgt. Jimmy Cruz Ferrera of Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Sgt. Calvin Foster of AMCOM, and Sgt. Shaun Jackson of Army Research Laboratory. The other soldier of the year candidates were Spec. David Birchfield of TACOM and Spec. Daniel Mireles of SBCCOM.

# General's aide impressed by work force professionalism

*Capt. Daniel Roberts  
hails from Montana*

By KIM GILLESPIE  
For the Rocket

It's a job that demands skills such as a great attention to detail, effective listening, and the ability to get the job done at a moment's notice. Despite the incredible demands on one's time and the incredible responsibility, it is still one of the most coveted positions in the Army. It is also one of the most respected positions a young officer can assume.

The position is aide-de-camp to the commanding general. And at Redstone Arsenal, the position is now occupied by Capt. Daniel Roberts who joined the general's staff in May. Roberts succeeds Maj. Chris Perry, who departed Redstone to attend graduate school in Louisiana.

Roberts assists Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, with his duties. That means he accompanies the general to almost all his meetings and events, and is always on standby to provide support when the need arises. The position requires a great deal of travel, but it also offers the opportunity to work at an extremely high level early in an officer's career.

"The personnel at Redstone have been outstanding. Just in the short time I've been here, I've had the opportunity to talk with some of the Army's true professionals and subject matter experts in their respective fields," Roberts said.

Roberts is a graduate of West Point with a bach-

elor's degree in civil engineering. Before coming to Redstone, he served as the senior quartermaster officer and observer controller for the 91st Division, and later as the commander of the 32nd Combat Service Support Company at Fort Lewis, Wash.

He has also served as an OH-58D flight platoon leader, and UH-60 flight platoon Leader. Roberts served as the commander of "Eagle Flight," which was forward deployed to Southwest Turkey and Northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort. He was also assigned to the 4th Corps Materiel Management Center, and commanded Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

Roberts says he is ready meet the challenges at Redstone and hopes to improve the efficiency of the office.

"One of my biggest challenges will be coordinating and optimizing the general's time," he said.

Roberts anticipates being at Redstone as the aide-de-camp from one to two years. "I plan to learn as much as possible about the Army, and AMCOM and how it operates by learning how the organization and systems actually function and how the commanders at various levels work," he said.

In addition to West Point, Roberts is also a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course, the Combined Arms and Service Staff School, and the Aviation Maintenance Officer's Course.

He is a native of Helena, Mont. His wife, Chandra, is also a West Point graduate and serves as a captain in the Reserves. They have two children: Paul Dean, 4, and Katelynn Florence, 2.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**STANDING BY—** As aide-de-camp to the commanding general, Capt. Daniel Roberts assists Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen with his duties.

# Advice offered for preventing West Nile Virus

## Take steps to reduce mosquito exposure

### REDSTONE ARSENAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY RELEASE

West Nile Virus has been in the news almost every day lately and a lot of people are understandably very concerned about this disease that is relatively new to North America. The installation pest coordinator and Redstone Arsenal would like to take this opportunity to explain a little about the disease and what we at Redstone are doing about it.

According to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, even in areas where the virus is circulating very few mosquitoes are infected with the virus. Even if the mosquito is infected, less than 1 percent of people who get bitten and become infected will get severely ill. Of those that become severely ill, only a very small proportion will die from the disease. The disease seems to affect older and possibly very young individuals the worst. In the first outbreak in New York in 2000, many people who were bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus never got sick, but developed antibodies in their blood from the exposure. Also, the virus cannot be spread through casual contact or even living with an infected individual. A person cannot get it from horses or birds either, although they serve as a reservoir for the disease. The virus is only transmitted

through the bite of a mosquito. For more information, check out the Center for Disease Control web site at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Ever since the virus was detected in Alabama in 2001, Redstone Arsenal has been working closely with Huntsville-Madison County Health Department, installation medical and veterinary staff, U. S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the Center for Disease and Control to monitor and prepare for the introduction of the virus on the installation. Presently a dozen New Jersey and CDC mosquito light traps are placed and maintained weekly from May to September each year to determine the species, quantity of adult mosquito pests and the presence of the virus. Additionally, mosquito larvae (young premature adult mosquito) samples are taken in conjunction with the adult mosquito surveillance to determine the potential of adult mosquito population and efficacy of control measures implemented. It is paramount that the CDC mosquito light traps, identified by their blue color CO2 ice jug atop and screen hanging bag, remain undisturbed during our monitoring program.

Redstone is also monitoring dead crows, blue jays and raptors (i.e., hawks, falcons, owls, eagles) in the virus surveillance and control program. Should you detect a sick or freshly dead blue jay, crow or raptor, call the environmental health manager at Fox Army Health Center at

842-0196 to prepare the collection and processing for the virus determination. Those having horses stabled at the Redstone Saddle Activity should also take every effort to immunize their horses and contact the installation veterinary service if a horse becomes ill and the virus is suspected.

The Alabama State Health Department and the CDC recommend these steps to reduce exposure to mosquitoes thereby preventing contracting the virus:

- Empty all water from cans, jars, buckets, bottles and other unused outside containers.
- Turn wheelbarrows, tubs, wading pools and boats upside down or store them under cover.
- Recycle or dispose of unused tires to keep water from collecting in them.
- Clean clogged gutters and repair leaky pipes and outside faucets so that water does not collect.
- Change the water in birdbaths, pet watering dishes and flower pot/plant saucers at least every other day; every day is even better.
- Fill tree holes with sand or mortar so

that water does not collect in them.

- Keep weeds, vines and grass trimmed, since mosquitoes use those shady areas as resting places.
  - Limit outside activities during the late evening, night and early morning hours when mosquitoes are most active.
  - Be sure that screens on doors and windows are in good repair.
  - Use mosquito repellents if you must be outside. Repellents containing the compound DEET are most effective; however, repellents with high concentrations of DEET (more than 10 percent) should not be used on children. Follow label instructions carefully when using any insect repellent.
  - Loose-fitting, light-colored long sleeves and long pants offer added protection from bites.
  - Avoid aromatic cosmetics and dark clothing, which may help attract unwanted insects.
- For more information about our prevention and control efforts in the installation mosquito program, call Jesse Horton at 876-6145.

## Amblyopia can cause permanent damage to child's vision

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One out of 10 children in the United States is at risk for undetected vision problems.

Untreated eye conditions can lead to permanent loss of vision. Loss of vision affects a child's ability to learn, performance at school or sports and self-esteem. A treatable condition called amblyopia causes vision loss in up to 2-3 percent of children in the U.S.

Amblyopia, also known as "lazy eye," is when an eye has reduced vision because it has not received adequate use during the early developmental years. The common causes of amblyopia are misalignment of a child's eyes, such as crossed eyes, or a weak focusing eye. Amblyopia often occurs when one eye is weaker than the other, allowing the stronger eye to take

over and suppress the weaker eye.

With early diagnosis and treatment, amblyopia can be treated. Amblyopia treatment works best when a child is under 5 years old. That is why parents are encouraged to have their children checked by an eye care professional before they reach school age. The earlier the treatment, the better chances that vision loss can be reversed or stopped.

Treatment of amblyopia includes correcting the underlying cause. Treatments include glasses to help the focusing or the misalignment of the eyes or surgery on the eye muscles to straighten the eyes. Your doctor will often prescribe covering the stronger eye in order to allow the weaker eye to be used or drops to weaken the stronger eye temporarily.

To learn more about amblyopia, visit Prevent Blindness America at the following web site: [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org).

# Andrews powers Marines entering postseason playoffs

*Infielder delivers highlights in team's disappointing year*

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The Marines are lucky to have No. 13 Walt Andrews on their softball team.

In a disappointing season for the detachment, perennial contenders in past years, Andrews provided his share of highlights.

He went 2-for-3 with a homer and double as the Marines lost 24-6 to HHC 59th on Aug. 12. The Marines fell to 1-9 to open the final week of the regular season while HHC 59th improved to 10-2.

In other games that night, Headquarters & Alpha beat NCO Academy 14-4 and Charlie 167th surprised defending champion Bravo 12-11 for the second straight time.

The postseason tournament is scheduled Aug. 26 through Sept. 3 at field 14.

Andrews, normally the third baseman, has played shortstop for the Marines in recent games.

"He's a great player," pitcher Whitt Covington said. "I mean he's the best player on our team. There's no doubt about that."

"He plays any position we need him in. It all has a bearing on the caliber of students we have at the time. He can play any position. He moves to our weakness - which is basically all over the field right now."

Besides Andrews the Marines have gotten solid play from fellow instructors Harold Hardee in left field, Jason



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BIG HITTER—** Walt Andrews had a good season for the Marines but the team struggled.

Rodriguez at catcher, Gayle Morrell at second base and from student Brian Gilmore in left-center.

But the losses have continued to mount for the few and the proud.

"It's been a little disappointing," Andrews, in his second year on the team, said. "We've lost a lot of our instructors lately, a lot of our staff."

He's had a good year both at the plate and in the field. Andrews calls it probably his best fielding effort in a few years. But slow-pitch softball is a team sport.

"We're pulling from about 45 or 50 students as far as

the depth we have to pull from," Andrews said. "It's hard to put together a team where the students are here only four and a half or five weeks."

The instructor turnover and apparent decline in softball skill contributed to the Marines drop from last year's 7-2 regular season record.

Andrews, 30, from Oswego, N.Y., has been stationed here two years. He also plays on the post softball team.

He played ice hockey, football and baseball in high school. He was the team most valuable player his last three years as a third baseman and hockey goalie at Bishop Cunningham High School in Oswego.

He's played softball off and on during his 10 years and eight months as a Marine. It became his regular pastime when he arrived in December 2000 from Quantico, Va.

"It's a good outlet, I really enjoy it," Andrews, an imposing 270 pounds and 6-foot-1, said. "It's just a good outlet to go out and enjoy a sport that I like, obviously."

He and his family reside on post including wife, Kelly, a registered nurse in the Huntsville Hospital emergency room; daughters Emily, 8, and Sydney, 5; and son, Owen, 1 and a half.

"I just wish our season was a lot better," Andrews said of the Marines team. "It's a little disappointing, frustrating big-time, especially going from last year to this year."

Here were the unit-level standings as of Friday:

American Conference - Bravo (9-3), Charlie 167th (9-4), Headquarters & Alpha (7-5), 902nd (5-7) and NCO Academy (5-7).

National Conference - HHC 59th (10-3), MEDDAC (7-5), Delta (7-6), Charlie 832nd (2-11) and Marines (1-11).

# Team Redstone observes Sept. 11 with ceremony

A special 9/11 commemorative ceremony will be held Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium for Team Redstone. The theme for the ceremony is "Americans! — United We Stand," and the ceremony is designed as a way for Team Redstone members to come together and show their support for the families of victims and for the nation. The Team Redstone ceremony is scheduled to run

approximately 90 minutes. "That morning will begin with Channel 42, the installation's cable channel, broadcasting the Pentagon ceremony live starting at 8 a.m.," Winslow Hill, of the Legal Office and one of the organizers of the Team Redstone ceremony, said. "There will be a moment of silence at 8:37 a.m. (the time at which American Airlines Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on

Sept. 11), with the Pentagon ceremony scheduled to conclude at about 9 a.m. Re-broadcasts of the taped Pentagon ceremony will be played throughout the day, contingent upon completing the plans for this activity." The Team Redstone ceremony will include tributes to the lives lost Sept. 11, and to the servicemembers who are fighting the war against terrorism.

"We really want to focus on patriotism that makes this nation special," Hill said. "Americans have always come together and shown their strength in times of crisis, and this ceremony will focus on the goodness, freedom and diversity that make our country so great." For more information on Team Redstone's ceremony, call Hill at 842-0639 or Sam Wright at 876-2291.



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## Command presentation

Members of the Command Group and Secretary of the General Staff were presented the Army Superior Unit Award lapel pin by Col. Ed Stone, seated, chief of staff for the Aviation and Missile Command. They include, in front row from left, Shirlee Turpen, Linda Potter, Collette "Sam" Glover, Rochelle Feltmeyer, Cynthia Cash, Debbie Bearden, Johnnie Bradt, June Pockrus, Nancy Becker and Annette Duckworth. In back rows are Bishop Lyons, Brenda Dunn, Lana Lucas, Michael Baker, Kaylene Hughes, Janice Powell, Sandra Hamilton, Patsy Thomas, Charles Pollard, Gaila Kelso and Linda Readus. Department of Army gave AMCOM this award for meritorious performance of a challenging mission from October 1999 to October 2000.

## Women's Equality Day observed with program

Local Army commands and the Office of Personnel Management will celebrate Women's Equality Day with a program at 10 a.m. next Monday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

Scheduled speaker is Dr. Amanda Goodson, director of safety and mission assurance at Marshall Space Flight Center.

Goodson is well respected as a speaker and workshop leader. She has the unique ability to be dynamic, motivational, encouraging and educational all at the same time.

She has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, a master's in management and a doctor of ministry degree with emphasis on church administration.

During the program, some local Army activities will present awards to women for outstanding achievements in their careers.

All federal employees, contractor employees and the public are invited to attend.

Women's Equality Day marks the 82nd anniversary of the passage of the 19th



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Dr. AMANDA GOODSON

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

For more information, call the following members of the Aviation and Missile Command's Equal Employment Opportunity Office: Bernard Collier at 876-9223 or Thomas Wharton at 876-3436.



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## *Concert tickets*

Col. Bob Devlin, commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, and his wife, Jennifer, purchase their Styx/Kansas concert tickets with son, Owen, at the Recreation Center. Tickets for Saturday's concert can also be purchased online at the following web site: [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).



## Sports & Recreation

### Walkathon

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

### Rocketman triathlon

The ninth annual Rocketman Triathlon is Aug. 25 at 7:30 a.m. at the Col. Hudson recreation area. Competitors swim a half mile, bicycle 13 miles and run 3.2 miles. Cost for individuals is now \$45. For information call race director Bob Mulkey 883-7399 evenings.

### Pineapple open

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

### Martial arts benefit

The North Alabama Seibukan Karate School will serve as host of a martial arts event, Saturday at 2 p.m. at Dublin Park Gym in Madison to benefit St. Jude Chil-

dren's Research Hospital in Memphis. Martial arts students, children and adults, will be raising funds by participating in a kick-a-thon. Okinawa Festival Drumming and Martial Arts demonstrations will be held throughout the event. Funds will be raised through kick-a-thon pledges and donations. All funds raised will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

### Ski/snowboard trip

Join your friends and bring your family on a trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo., Jan. 19-26. Space is still available. For more information, go to [www.steamboat-bound.info](http://www.steamboat-bound.info) or call 963-7653.

### Bowling leagues

Fall bowling leagues are forming at Redstone Lanes, building 3707 on Aerobee Road. Available leagues include Monday Mixed (6:30 p.m.), Tuesday Mixed (6 p.m.), Wednesday IMMC Mixed (5 p.m.), Wednesday Men's (7:30 p.m.), Thursday Ladies (9:15 a.m.), Thursday Mixed (5 p.m.), Thursday Boeing Mixed (7:30 p.m.), ROCC Ladies (9 a.m.), Friday Mixed (6:30 p.m.) and Saturday YABA (9 a.m.). For more information, call 876-6634.

### Hunter safety orientation

The mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m., Aug. 29, Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 in the Recreation Center, building 3711. All persons hunting on

Redstone Arsenal, including guests, must complete the annual Hunter Safety Orientation and a state-approved hunter education course. This live orientation is suggested for all first time hunters and those who have not hunted on post in a few years. The course should be on computer soon at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

### Post swimming pools

All pools will close for this season Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. Pool No. 3 (Goss Road) is closed until next year because of maintenance problems. Pool No. 1 (Vincent Park) will be open weekdays and both Pools 1 and 2 (Challenger Club) will be open on weekends for the rest of the season. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. For more information, call Pool 1 at 876-6605, Pool 2 at 876-6758 or Outdoor Recreation 876-6854/4868.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Redstone Room, Challenger Building. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. This month's meeting will include a training session; and the topic is, "Discipline Your Child."

Parents will earn extra PAC participation points for attending. For more information, call Anita Epps 774-6737.

### Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. Membership in the association is open to anyone who is airborne qualified, as well as anyone who has served in a unit assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. Anyone interested in the association or attending the meetings can call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

### Training in communication

Rocket City International Training in Communication Club meets at 5:45 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Covenant Presbyterian Church, a half block east off Whitesburg Drive. Visitors are always welcome. Membership is open to both women and men. Dues are \$55 per member per year whether paid by corporate sponsorship or the individual. ITC is a non-profit organization. Membership dues are tax deductible. For more information, call Fay White 539-6953.

### Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group meets each Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For

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information call 313-1478. The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of Bicentennial Chapel.

## Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Madison County Probate Judge Tommy Ragland is to speak about "Protecting Information on DD Form 214." For more information, call retired Navy Cmdr. Matthew C. F. Boenker 885-4274.



## Miscellaneous

### Tuition assistance policy

Beginning Oct. 1, Department of Army will pay the full amount of tuition and fees for college or training courses provided by an approved institution when the cost does not exceed \$250 per semester hour. The \$250 ceiling includes lab fees, computer fees, and security facility fees where required. When an institution's charges exceed \$250 per semester hour, the Army will pay \$250 per semester hour, and the soldier is required to pay the remaining costs. The new policy increases the annual TA amount from \$3,500 to \$4,500 per fiscal year per soldier. The student is still responsible for maintaining a passing

grade; and any failure, withdrawal or incomplete must be resolved before additional TA is provided. For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

### Butler High reunion

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

### Army concert tour

The classic rock band Styx, with special guest Kansas, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field as part of the 2002 Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour. Styx is known for hits like "Come Sail Away," "Rockin' the Paradise" and "High Enough" while Kansas enjoyed hits like "Dust in the Wind," "Point of Know Return" and "Carry On, Wayward Son." Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Gates open at 6:30 that night. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), the ITR at the Recreation Center, the Sparkman Cafeteria, the Officers and Civilians Club, Hotel Redstone, and Post Exchange customer service (for authorized PX users). For tickets or more information call 830-2582, 876-4531 or visit MWR online at

[www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Oktoberfest vendors

Redstone Arsenal's annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 12-15, needs arts and crafts vendors. Please bring samples and items to display and sell at the Oktoberfest. Interested vendors should call Brandie DeRemer or Diane Campbell 313-1202 or 876-5492. You can also access the online application at the following web site: [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### CFC silent auction

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign office will again conduct a silent auction in connection with the 2002 fund-raising campaign. Last year the auction was online at [www.cfc-huntsville.org](http://www.cfc-huntsville.org) and collected \$8,000. "We have a wealth of talent within the federal work force and many employees donated original handmade items, paintings, flower arrangements, collectibles, antiques and other items of interest," a prepared release said. "We are now accepting items for the 2002 auction." If interested in donating, call Gay Money 876-9143 or Phyllis Henley 842-1037.

### Las Vegas night

Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will have "Las Vegas Night - Silent Auction," Friday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Von Braun Center. The grand prize is an all expense paid trip for two to

Las Vegas. Proceeds help support annual scholarships with special contribution provided to the Harris Home for Children. Donation is \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door, payable to Omega Men of North Alabama. The event includes games, live music, food, prizes and dancing. For more information call 721-1447, 851-9494 or 852-2230.

### Pre-concert party

Morale Welfare and Recreation is having a free 1970s Pre-Concert Party, Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Bowling Center. Prizes will be given (while they last) to those wearing their favorite '70s outfits. The party is open to the public; just show your concert tickets or buy your concert tickets at Gate 10 for admission onto Redstone Arsenal. The party runs from 3-6:30 right outside the concert venue gates beside the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field off Patton Road.

### Auto skills shop

Winter is hard on your battery, but hot weather is absolute torture on it. Visit MWR Auto Skills, building 3617 on Entac Circle (off Gray Road), and have its trained technicians help you perform battery maintenance, oil changes before leaving for the family vacation, and much more. Hydraulic vehicle lifts, tools, diagnostic testing equipment, and certified

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instructors are always on hand for you. The shop is open Wednesday through Friday from 1:30-10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 955-7727 for more information.

#### Acquisition careerists

Briefings for the Naval Postgraduate School Distance Learning (video-teleconferencing based) graduate school programs will be held Aug. 26 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. in building 5300, room 5140. Additional information may be found on the Southern Region web page as follows: <http://southernregion.redstone.army.mil/>.

#### Army family team building

Ever wonder about military traditions and courtesies? Why a chain of command and chain of concern is important? What Army and community resources are available to you and, just what are your benefits and entitlements as an Army spouse, servicemember or civilian employee? If so, plan to attend "White Gloves and Combat Boots," Sept. 17-19. This three-evening session is provided free of charge by the Army Family Team Building staff and will be held in building 3491 on Honest John Road from 6-9 p.m. each night. Space is limited. Call 876-5397 by Sept. 13 to enroll.

#### Logistics achievement awards

For 2002 the Integrated Materiel Management Center will present two E.A. Young

Logistics Achievement Awards – the Management/Executive Award for GS-13s and above (or military equivalents) and the Professional/Technical Award for GS-13s and below (or military equivalents). Eligible population for the awards include all Team Redstone personnel who contribute to the logistics mission at AMCOM and meet the awards criteria. Nominations will be accepted through Aug. 30. The awards will be presented at a luncheon Oct. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Faye Yates 876-1757 or Debbie Foley 842-6783.

#### Officer and civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its Fall Membership and Activities Signup Coffee, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Light refreshments will be served. All active duty and retired officers and their spouses, as well as all active and retired federal employees, grade GS-9 and above, and their spouses are invited. No reservations necessary. For more information, or if you would like to teach a class or activity, call 716-0107.

#### Chapel schedule

Bicentennial Chapel has Catholic mass Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Protestant service is 11 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call the chapel 876-2409.

#### Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel announces parish registration is required every year for active duty, retired military, DoD personnel and their families. Registration will follow mass Saturday and Sunday; and an ice cream social will be held in conjunction. CCD classes will resume in September. The annual parish picnic is Sept. 8 at noon at Vincent Park. Mass will not be held at the picnic site. All soldiers are invited to a Soldier Retreat, Aug. 30 in Irondale. The bus will leave the barracks at 4 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Sign up after mass; and this includes free meals and transportation. Weekend mass is held 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

#### School age services

Fall break and intersession camp registration for School Age Services and middle school/teen programs is Sept. 2-20 at central enrollment registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. The annual fee is \$15 per person. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to registration. For more information, call Chris Carter 876-3704 or Pam Berry 955-6309.

#### Benefit concert

Trombonist Harry Watters Jr. and his brother, trumpeter Ken Watters, will lead the Watters Brothers Quintet, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. in a concert to benefit the Harry H. Watters Memorial Scholarship Fund for

Excellence in Jazz at UAH. The concert will be held in the Chan Auditorium in the Administrative Science Building on the University of Alabama in Huntsville campus. The opening group will be the Huntsville Jazz Orchestra, an 18-piece big band led by Don Bowyer, director of jazz studies at UAH. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students. Tickets are available at Shaver's Bookstore, AB Stephens Music and the UAH Music Department. For more information, call 824-6436.

#### Common access cards

The Military Personnel Office will begin issuing the Common Access Card on or about Sept. 23. The upgrade of the equipment will take place the week of Sept. 9. MILPO will continue to be open but there will be no ID Cards issued from Sept. 9-12. The operating hours for MILPO will continue to be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

#### Infantry unit sendoff

Everyone is invited to a farewell ceremony honoring members of C Company, 1st/167th Infantry (Mechanized), 4th Alabama National Guard, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Redstone Activity Field on Patton Road. The 167th soldiers have guarded Redstone's gates since October. Rain location for the ceremony is the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road.

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## Smooth move briefing

Soldiers can make their next permanent change of station move a "Smooth Move" by attending the levy briefing scheduled Thursday at 1 p.m. at building 3491 on Honest John Road. Representatives from Transportation, Education Center, Military Personnel, Finance, Travel, Housing, Legal, and Army Community Service will be on hand with information about moving. Attendance is mandatory for permanent-party military assigned at Redstone Arsenal. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager at Army Community Service, 876-5397. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

## St. Barbara dinner

The Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is sponsoring its annual St. Barbara Dinner Dance saluting the Air Defense Artillery branch Oct. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Gen. Dennis Gavin, deputy commander for initial entry training for the Training and Doctrine Command. For more information, contact the chapter secretary at the following e-mail address: mhowell@colsa.com.

## Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program on "More Planetarium Fun," Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. A stargazing party is after the show. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

## Technical workshops

The following free workshops at Bob Jones Auditorium are sponsored locally

by the Aviation and Missile Command, Marshall Space Flight Center and the Space and Missile Defense Command: "Workshop on Advances in Laser Technology," today and Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium; "Workshop on Detection and Classification of Difficult Targets," Sept. 25-26; "Workshop on Synthetic Aperture Radar Technology," Oct. 16-17; and "Workshop on Life Cycle Systems Engineering," Nov. 6-7.

## Fox Army Health Center hours

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Aug. 30 and September 2 for Labor Day. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days for scheduled appointments. The Pharmacy will be open regular hours Aug. 30 and closed Sept. 2. All other clinics will be closed. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day, year-round, at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments for the Primary Care Clinic.

## Soldier show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform two shows Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. The Soldier Show features Army personnel in a 90-minute singing and dancing extravaganza. The theme for this year's show is "Freedom." Morale, Welfare and Recreation will distribute tickets to military personnel. Redstone Arsenal employees will be able to get tickets through MWR at the Recreation Center, building 3711. The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will also distribute tickets to the public. All tickets

for public distribution should be available around mid-September. More details will follow. For general information, call MWR at 313-1202/1203.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-3. Donations are accepted. The shop is now a collection site for New Futures; please bring your cell phones that are in working order (Audiovox, Ericsson, Kyocera 3035, Motorola and Nokia) and all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Commissary news

The "Nesquik Bunny" will be at the Commissary Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be pictures, prizes and samples.

## Post Exchange hours

The PX will have the following holiday hours Labor Day, Sept. 2: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; concessions, closed; GNC, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; mall barber shop, closed; beauty shop, closed; furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; Burger King, closed; Military Clothing, closed; barber shop, building 3479, closed; and the food court - Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Robin Hood, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Church's, closed.

## Beginning with babies

Learn what you need to know and do during the first three months to care for your baby and yourself by attending "Beginning with Babies," a free class for expectant parents or parents of a newborn infant at 10 a.m. Aug. 28 at the ChildWise building, 1413 Nike St. To register or for more information, call 876-2798. A class on "Helping Baby Grow" is scheduled Sept. 11 from 11-noon.

## Abandoned vehicle

A white 1987 Acura Legend has been moved to the Provost Marshal Office impound lot, building 3453. Its vehicle identification number is JH4KA3255HC006336. The owner or anyone with knowledge of this vehicle should call SSgt. Mike, in the operations division, 876-4137 or 876-2222.

## Huntsville United T-shirts

The Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County is selling "Huntsville United Sept. 9" T-shirts for that day's patriotic tribute event at Big Spring Park. Shirts may be purchased on post through the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. The shirts (white with the blue and red "Huntsville United" logo on front) are \$10 each and available in medium, large and extra-large, and can be purchased by check from any CWFC representative. For more information, call CWFC president Charles Urban 955-7662 or vice president Jerry Campbell 876-8138. A list of CWFC representatives is also available at the following web site: [https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01\\_01/poc\\_062102.doc](https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01_01/poc_062102.doc). The shirts will also be available in the Post Exchange area.

