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## Black Hawk pilot gives life in Iraq

*Purple Heart, Bronze Star awarded posthumously*

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CWO 2 Scott Jamar's Black Hawk helicopter crashed under the cover of darkness in the desert of central Iraq April 2. There were no survivors.

Comfort for Jamar's family comes in knowing that Scott died doing what he loved to do, for a country he cherished, in the name of liberty.

"Scott was a pilot. He was a good soldier — well trained," family member Eddie Allen said. "He told his mother that he knew that he had to be there, that this was why he was in the Army."

Jamar, 32, joined the Army after graduating high school in Sweetwater, Texas. He spent several years serving as a flight engineer and crew member for the Army's CH-47 Chinook helicopter. In 2001, Jamar attended flight school at Fort Rucker and realized his dream, to pilot Army Black Hawks.

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Courtesy photo

**FAMILY MAN**— CWO 2 Scott Jamar spends time with his two sons, Kyle, 7, and Brennan, 5. He died in a helicopter crash April 2.

## Giving veterans last respect for serving country

*Military honors team stays on call for duty*

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On behalf of a grateful nation, the staff sergeant presented a folded flag to the widow as family members cried softly.

This culminated the funeral for Dr. John Moorman, a Huntsville physician and World War II veteran, April 21 at Maple Hill Cemetery. The scene is often repeated by members of the Redstone Military Honors Team for area veterans and military retirees.

The seven-member team did 36 funerals in January, 39 in February, 50 in March and this was the 20th in April. It has done as many as six in one day.

Most of the soldiers on this year-long assignment are permanent-party members of Delta Company.

"We also use (advanced individual training) soldiers from Bravo Company," SSgt. Maurice Conner of Delta Company, the team's NCO-in-charge, said. "We mainly use them on weekends because they have classes during the week. Without them helping us on the weekends, we probably wouldn't have been able to make all those funerals."

"We cover all of northern Alabama and southern Tennessee, all the way out to the borders, all the way out to

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SOLEMN EVENT**— SSgt. Maurice Conner walks past the casket during the funeral at Maple Hill Cemetery.

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## Honor troops at celebration

Our nation is engaged in a global war against terrorism and in a war to free the Iraqi people. Our armed forces achieved a major victory in Iraq showing America's resolve. We will hold a victory celebration for them at the Joe Davis Stadium on Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. We are keeping in mind that American armed forces are still fighting on many foreign lands defending these same convictions and preserving the American way of life.

The North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Coalition has invited Alabama family members who have lost loved ones while fighting this battle against terrorism to this event for presentation of gold star banners, a significant symbol provided those who lost a loved one in the service to our nation.

We also are inviting spouses and families of military active, National Guard, and reserve military and DoD civilians to be recognized at the event. There will be a baseball game between the Chattanooga Lookouts and the Huntsville Stars that evening which will be preceded and followed by a program with music, spectacular fireworks, and a large audience participation program. We are estimating more than 9,000 spectators that evening with a lot of media attention.

The event is free and open to the public due to generous benefactors who defrayed these expenses.

This event is an opportunity to show citizen support for the effort by our armed forces to preserve our way of life and support freedom for all mankind. Civilian attendees are asked to wear red, white or blue tops and bring small American flags, as the event will be videotaped so the proceedings will be shown to our troops overseas. Military are encouraged to wear their uniform.

Guests invited to participate in the program are Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Redstone Arsenal's AMCOM commander Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, federal and state senators and congressmen, and other legislatures.

The organizers applaud the generosity of the Huntsville Stars management for opening their facilities and permitting this gathering and Huntsville Hospital for the fireworks display. It also should be noted that Lockheed Martin, Teledyne Brown Engineering, the Association of the United States Army, the National Defense Industry Association and the Space and Missile Defense Association are also major sponsors. Vocalists and local organizations have volunteered to entertain and ensure we have a dignified and memorable event to show our armed forces we appreciate and support them. "God Bless America."

**Ed Banville**  
president, North Alabama Veterans and Fraternal Coalition



Courtesy photo

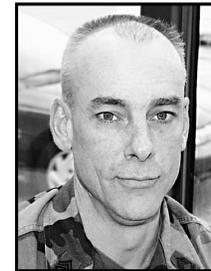
## Top Gun award

The Aviation and Missile Command has received the Top Gun award from United Way of Madison County for generating \$664,775, first among the 35 federal agencies in the 2002 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign. From left are James Bailey, CFC organizer for Marshall Space Flight Center; Gay Money, 2002 chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee; John Hawkins, president of United Way of Madison County; Col. John Smith, command chief of staff; Melinda Seigler, United Way's director of CFC; Rosa Kilpatrick, LFCC member from Marshall; Linda Readus, secretary of the general staff/assistant chief of staff; Marsha Martin, Tennessee Valley Authority-Huntsville; and Earl Johnson, 2003 LFCC chairman.

## An open lane random survey

When should U.S. troops leave Iraq?

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SFC John Anderson

"I'd say after security issues have been taken care of, when peace and order has been restored, such as looting. When the country is secure and people are in place that can rebuild on their own and govern their country, then that would be an appropriate time to begin pulling our troops out."

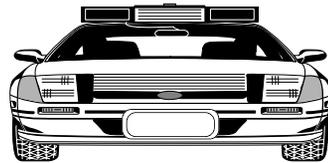
## Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

**April 21 at 10:06 p.m.** - Police officers from the Provost Marshal Office arrested two male subjects on Martin Road after it was discovered that the vehicle they were operating contained computer equipment, which had been taken from a location on Buxton Road. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**April 21 at 8:45 a.m.** - A traffic accident was reported on Roland Road. A vehicle struck the overhang on a building. Only minor damage was reported.

**April 22 at 11:35 a.m.** - A traffic accident was reported at Gate 8. A vehicle entering Redstone Arsenal struck another vehicle waiting to be inspected.



Only minor damage was reported.

**April 22 at 7:30 a.m.** - A digital camera was reported stolen sometime between March 1 and March 19 from an unsecured cabinet in a building located on Martin Road. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**April 22 at 4:10 p.m.** - A traffic accident was reported at Gate 8. A vehicle entering Redstone Arsenal did not properly clear one of the concrete barriers. Only minor damage was reported.

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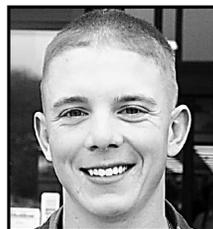
Sharon Bartlett, retired military spouse



"When President Bush says so. He's the deciding factor for me. He's our commander-in-chief and what he says goes."

PFC Adam Greene

"We will leave when there is actually order, new law and actual democracy. When they can have their freedom and not have to worry about a dictatorship or chaos, I think that would be a good time. More than likely it will be a long time before the U.S. pulls out."



Pvt. Barney Chandler

"We should leave Iraq when they have proof that Saddam and his regime are completely out and we have set forth a new government for the people that's fair to both women and children. Right now it seems everything is with all the men, but it should be good for everybody. Once that's in place and we think they can handle it, then we should move out. Until then we need to stay in Iraq and keep with it."

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# Laboratory engineer becomes senior executive



Photo by Evette Brooks

**HAPPY DAY—** Phil Hodges joins his wife, Carolyn, after he was promoted to the Senior Executive Service.

## Phil Hodges leads service organization

By EVETTE BROOKS  
For the Rocket

Phil Hodges, director of engineering, joined the Senior Executive Service ranks during a ceremony April 23 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"No other organization has done more to support the present conflict than the Engineering Directorate," he said. "I am extremely proud of every individual within the directorate for their support."

"This is a significant milestone in Phil's career," Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, said. "Phil is a gifted visionary, a proven leader and a true people person. He will be a great asset to the organization. Larry Daniel is probably smiling down on us today."

Dr. Larry O. Daniel served as engineering director at the Research Development and Engineering Center until he died in a one-car accident in March 2000.

Hodges graduated from Auburn in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in engineering

and began working in the chemical, metal and electronics industries.

In 1981 he joined the System Engineering and Production Directorate of RDEC, and in 1988 became chief of the production engineering division.

"This is a well-deserved honor for an extremely responsible leader, coming three years after Dr. Daniel's death," Dr. William McCorkle, RDEC director, said.

Hodges became deputy director of the Engineering Directorate in 2000.

"The Engineering Directorate is the service organization that ensures customer satisfaction," Hodges said. "We have 700 government and 300 support contractors, and we are proud of the directorates and the AMRDEC's minority and female promotion efforts."

"The Prototype Integration Facility has done some amazing things in the past year. And we are going to start a major initiative to raise the bar on quality. We are going to do that by predicting situations before they become problems."

The Engineering Directorate's customers include 35 aviation and missile product and project offices.

"I am grateful to be gaining such a healthy organization and with God's help and guidance we will be successful," Hodges said. "I appreciate everybody taking time out of their schedules to share in this day."

Attendees included Hodge's wife, Carolyn; mother, Bonnie; son, Chris, an Aviation Engineering Directorate employee; daughter-in-law, Brooke; daughter, Angie; and son-in-law, Jerre.

## ■ Provost Marshal Office reports activities

### Accidents

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**April 23 at 12:01 a.m.** — A report was filed from a resident of Redstone Arsenal concerning harassing telephone calls which had been received. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**April 23 at 11:30 a.m.** — Police officers from the Provost Marshal Office at the Post Exchange arrested the wife of a retired military member after evidence revealed that she had taken cosmetic

items without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**April 24 at 6:35 a.m.** — A traffic accident was reported at Fowler Road at Mills Road. A vehicle turning north on Mills Road failed to yield the right of way and struck another vehicle. Only minor damage was reported.

**Traffic citations issued:** speeding, 20; larceny, 1; expired tags, 1; and expired license, 1.

*Editor's note: This is the first of a weekly column.*

## THAAD testing breaks new ground

### Construction begins on Hawaiian facility

The Missile Defense Agency and the Army broke ground Thursday at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawaii, for a new test facility for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system.

THAAD is designed to protect a city-sized area against an attack by intercepting intermediate-to-medium-range ballistic missiles inside and outside the earth's atmosphere. It employs "hit-to-kill" technology to destroy an attacking missile warhead using only the kinetic energy resulting from a direct collision.

The facility will include missile launcher and radar hardstands, a blockhouse and support buildings. Total value of the contract is \$16,403,000. Construction is to be completed in July 2004,

approximately one year before THAAD system testing is scheduled to begin at Kauai.

Earlier testing of THAAD was conducted at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., but geographic constraints and limitations at the range made it necessary to locate to another test facility in order to conduct more operationally realistic tests, including THAAD intercepts of targets over the Pacific Ocean using different ranges, altitudes and trajectories.

The THAAD program is managed by the Missile Defense Agency, with the THAAD Project Office in Huntsville serving as the executing agency. Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Sunnyvale, Calif., is the prime contractor, and the Raytheon Company, Bedford, Mass., builds the THAAD radar. The test facility will be built by Bodell Construction Company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

# Military families usually don't stay very long



Photo by Kelley Lane

**PACKING UP**— LeAnn Bryant packs breakables in their original boxes and puts them together in a larger box.

## Seasoned mover gives some advice

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Moving is part of the military way of life. It can be a daunting experience to pack up your children, pets and everything you own to go across the country or across the globe. But there are ways to make your move easier.

LeAnn Bryant knows. She's married to a soldier and is retired from the military. Bryant and her husband, Lt. Col. Thomas Bryant, have moved 10 times in the past 14 years with children and animals in tow. After living in the Madison area for three years, they are once again packing up. They'll return to Washington, D.C. in June.

Bryant believes that preparation is the key. "I usually start about six weeks before we move," she said. "I go through the house and just weed out first." Yard sales and charity donations eliminate the unneeded items. Plus they put extra cash or a tax deduction in your pocket that will come in handy later when it's time to replace things that couldn't make the journey. Bryant is also an advocate of the plastic storage container. She keeps out-of-season items and decorations in labeled containers with tight fitting lids. This keeps them secure and dry.

"When I know I'm moving, usually that Christmas before is when I start thinking about it," Bryant said. "When I pack up my Christmas decorations, I'm packing up to be moved." Extra care in storing those items and labeling containers to be loaded on top ensure that cherished holiday items won't have to be repacked later and will survive the trip intact.

Bryant also recommends saving the original packages for valuable, odd shaped or breakable items.

"My husband and I have always saved them, like my girls' Playskool dollhouse," she said. "We just repack it in that box for the move and then it's protected."

She uses the same method for her china and collectibles because the packaging is designed specifically for that item, including Styrofoam inserts and wrapping material. Putting clothes in garbage bags that movers then can place in boxes keeps clothes dry even if boxes get wet. This can add peace of mind to your move, especially if any of your belongings are going into storage.

Taking an active part instead of a passive role in moving is important, accord-

ing to Bryant.

"A lot of people, their philosophy in moving is 'Hey man, I'm not touching a thing. That's the movers' job.' But this is my stuff," she said.

She recommends grouping like items together for movers and pre-packing small items. This makes for easier unpacking once you have arrived at your new home. At a glance the contents are obvious and a decision can be made to unpack or store without disturbing what is inside the box.

**'The mattresses are the first things to come off the truck. At least then you can sleep on your own sheets that night.'**

— LeAnn Bryant

Pets can be tricky. Goldfish or small animals can be transferred to smaller habitats available at most pet stores. They can then go with the family itself. Cats and dogs can be more of a problem, particularly larger breeds. Boarding them at a veterinary office can be a solution for some, but this becomes expensive the longer the stay and larger the animal. Finding a friend to "pet-sit" may be a solution. If that is not an option and your furry friend will travel with you, consider them in your planning. Hotels may be unwilling to allow larger breeds. Bryant recommends finding out in advance and planning stops where the pet is welcome.

"We've always planned out where we would stay the night, and it was determined by whether they would take a dog or not," she said.

Careful observation of the packing and loading of your items is critical. Don't be afraid to make special requests regarding costly or odd shaped items. Keep a thorough list of serial numbers for electronics. Having them ready on an index card for the mover's inventory saves time and provides further documentation should anything be damaged or lost.

"My husband puts a copy of his orders in each box," Bryant said. This identifies the owner should they be lost.

Knowing what to take with you also helps. In addition to jewelry, personal records and photographs, Bryant packs bags specifically for moving in with personal things and comfort items. She includes a set of sheets for each bed.

"The mattresses are the first things to come off the truck," she said. "At least then you can sleep on your own sheets that night."

# Higginsville, Mo., team wins moonbuggy race

The right mix of brains and brawn was the key to victory April 11 for a team from Higginsville, Mo., in the high school division of NASA's 10th annual "Great Moonbuggy Race" in Huntsville.

The Lafayette County (Mo.) C-1 school's Team No. 2 bested 29 other teams representing high schools from 10 states, and repeating the first place finish by a Lafayette County High School team in the 2002 Great Moonbuggy Race. Besides the first-place honor, the team earned a week-end trip to Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

The team from East Lake High School in Chula Vista, Calif., finished second while a team from New

Orleans Area Schools in New Orleans, La., placed third. Those teams received plaques, and all three winning teams received medallions and duffel bags bearing the Great Moonbuggy Race logo.

The award for best moonbuggy design went to the team from Huntsville Center for Technology in Huntsville. A special "pits award" for ingenuity and persistence in overcoming problems was won by the team from Collins Hill High School in Suwanee, Ga.

Vehicles powered by two team members — one male and one female — raced one at a time over a half-mile obstacle course of simulated mooncape terrain.

# Troops applaud exchange's move into Iraq for service

EXCHANGE SERVICE RELEASE

DALLAS — "I just want to tell you thanks for being here — you guys are awesome."

Such comments have been typical of those heard by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "Team Iraq" during its first days of operation in that country at logistic support areas Adder and Tallil.

In less than one day after arriving in Tallil Air Base April 6, the

AAFES team was able to begin serving the troops. Craig Sewell, who has responsibility for all Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom operations, and Kuwait area manager Dennis Hatcher loaded merchandise into an old Toyota Landcruiser with a 50-caliber machine gun mount on top and headed out to find their first customers. Along the way, the "combat retailers" managed to stop at five locations around Adder and Tallil.

# Personnel commands to merge

WASHINGTON — The Army announced April 9 that it will create a single command to perform the functions of the current U.S. Total Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., and U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command in St. Louis.

PERSCOM and AR-PERSCOM will retain their respective names and unit insignia until a date to be determined, Army officials said.

The new command will integrate the two existing organizations as a multi-component field operating

agency under the Army G-1. The Army National Guard will integrate functions, where possible, and the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency will realign into this FOA at a later date, officials said.

The merger is a result of a recommendation from an Army-level Human Resources Integrated Process Team that convened last year. That task force made several recommendations affecting FOA-level operational support that have since been approved by Army Secretary Thomas White.

■ Survivor of pilot works in operations center

# Pilot

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"He always wanted to fly," Allen said. "To be a pilot. His first assignment was along the DMZ in Korea about a year and a half ago."

And Allen was right there with him, so to speak.

"It was kind of odd because at the time I was managing Black Hawk and Apache T-700 engine parts," Allen, a logistics management specialist in the Readiness Directorate, said. "We were connected. I was so proud to be supporting him back here."

The last time Allen spoke with Jamar was the Thanksgiving before he left for Korea.

"Scott is the brother of my two oldest children, Dottie and Paul, and the son of my first wife," Allen said. "Scott was two years younger than Paul. They were very close and he was family to me. The last time I saw Scott was Thanksgiving 2001, right before he went to Korea. We met at my son's house in Odenville for Thanksgiving. Ate a lot of turkey. Had a lot of fun. We always tried to play a little golf. He loved golf. None of the three of us are any good but it gave us a chance to get together, visit, talk, swap war stories — very special time."

After Korea, Jamar spent three weeks with his family — his wife, Andrea, stationed at Fort Rucker, and their two sons, Kyle, 7, and Brennan, 5 — before being deployed to Kuwait with the 3rd Infantry Division.

"He spent every minute he could with those boys," Allen said. "He was a great dad. Always doing something with them or for them."

"When I found out he was getting deployed, I wanted to go with him," said Allen, who spent 12 years active Army and retired from the Reserves. "It changed for everybody here when we went to war. So many people here are prior service. Anytime we're in conflict, there's a need for people who know combat to be with them. And we are in spirit, though we can't be there physically."

Even so, Allen's job in the operations center at the Aviation and Missile Command kept him close to the soldiers.

"Working in the AOC, we have the televisions on all of the time, watching and keeping track of what's going on," Allen said. "We knew when the Black Hawk went down. I thought about Scott but there was no thought that it was him. I was hoping and praying it wasn't."

Even though, Allen e-mailed his son and

daughter and told them about the crash and to watch the news. The next day, Allen got a call at work from his daughter who lives in Texas. The Army had notified the family about Jamar's death.

"It makes war personal," Allen said, his eyes welling with tears. "There were five other people on that helicopter that died. They were all precious. They were all volunteers."

Allen attended the funeral in Sweetwater April 12.

Jamar received full military honors from multiple units from Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Stewart, Ga., led by Brig. Gen. Jim Miles, commanding general, Operations and Test Command at Fort Hood.

"Brig. Gen. Miles presented the flag, and awarded Scott, posthumously, the Purple Heart and Bronze Star," Allen said. "I had not seen this performed before and it was impressive. They placed the medals in the folds of the flag before it was presented."

"Most of the military wore the big yellow shoulder patch of the 1st Cavalry Division but also present was the blue and white striped patch of the 3rd Infantry Division."

Jamar was a member of Bravo Company, 2-3 Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division. His helicopter crashed at 11:45 p.m. near Karbala, about 50 miles south of Baghdad, while the 3rd Infantry was moving north toward the capital city.

The other five soldiers killed in the crash were: Capt. James Adamowski, 29, Springfield, Va.; Spec. Mathew Boule, 22, Dracut, Mass.; CWO Erik Halvorsen, 40, Bennington, Vt.; Sgt. Michael Pedersen, 26, Flint, Mich.; and CWO Eric A. Smith, 42, Rochester, N.Y.

At a time when Allen is called upon to give aid and comfort to his family, he is grateful for the support he felt at work, at church and through the community. He is especially appreciative of Jean Manley, casualty assistance officer at Redstone and William Rymer, mortuary affairs officer at Fort Rucker, for their assistance with information, planning and arrangements. "They were so compassionate."

And though the war has cost him and so many other families a great deal, Allen does not waver in support of the nation and the mission that remains.

"I fully support the president and our country's leadership in the war effort," Allen said. "And more importantly, so did Scott. Our military has done a super job in what they've been asked to do. We're not finished with what we started out to do and they still need our prayers. It's still a dangerous place, just like Afghanistan. Pray for those who still have a job to do."

■ Soldiers render final salute to area veterans

**Team**

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Mississippi and to Georgia," he said. "And we've gotten notices up to two hours before the service."

The duty isn't totally voluntary but members said they appreciate its significance.

"I enjoy performing military honors for retirees and veterans," SSgt. Craig Mitchell of Delta Company said. "They deserve it for their efforts. Most of the veterans fought in World War I and World War II."

"It's the least we can do," Conner said. "These servicemembers fought and died to make this country free."

Other members of the team include

Sgt. Keveius Polite, SSgt. Patrick Monroe and SSgt. Craig Poshva, all of Delta Company; Spec. Broderick Moore of HHC AMCOM and Spec. Elton Thomas of MEDDAC.

Several people approached Conner after this graveside service to thank the team members for participating.

"I think it means a lot because my grandfather served for the country and he definitely earned it," Peter Farrell, among Moorman's four grandchildren, said of the military honors. "And it shows everyone how much respect you get for serving your country."

Moorman died April 18 at his home. He was 92. In 1941 he served in the South Pacific during World War II as an Army lieutenant; and he was discharged in 1945 as a lieutenant colonel.



**MILITARY PRESENCE—** SSgt. Craig Mitchell and SSgt. Maurice Conner stand near the casket of Dr. John Moorman, a World War II veteran.

Photos by Skip Vaughn



**APPROACHING FLAG—** SSgt. Craig Mitchell and SSgt. Maurice Conner remove the flag from the casket.

**FIRING TEAM—** From left Spec. Broderick Moore, Sgt. Keveius Polite and SSgt. Patrick Monroe fired three volleys during the graveside service.



**PRESENTATION—** Dorothy Moorman, wife of deceased veteran Dr. John Moorman, receives the folded flag from SSgt. Craig Mitchell.



**AFTER ACTION—** Military honors team members include, from left, Sgt. Keveius Polite, Spec. Broderick Moore, SSgt. Patrick Monroe, SSgt. Maurice Conner and SSgt. Craig Mitchell.



# Letterkenny, Lockheed Martin launch partnership

## Depot level maintenance provided through pact

Letterkenny Army Depot has signed a partnering agreement with Lockheed Martin to provide Depot Level Maintenance for the Multiple Launch Rocket System program, as well as other Lockheed Martin-produced weapon systems.

Letterkenny, Chambersburg, Pa., as the Army's Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Air Defense and Tactical Missile Ground Support Equipment, and Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, as the original equipment manufacturer, will support the objectives of Title 10 U.S.C. 2474, the Department of Defense Policy for Public-Private Partnerships for Depot Maintenance.

"Partnerships are the focus of the future," Col. William Guinn, depot com-

mander, said. "I've recently discussed this policy with Senator Arlen Specter, Congressman Bill Shuster and Army Materiel Commanding General Paul Kern. This is just the first of several partnering agreements I hope to announce shortly."

**'This is the wave of the future, and I am proud Letterkenny can work with Lockheed Martin in such a cooperative mode to support the war fighter and reduce costs to the taxpayer.'**

— Col. William Guinn  
Letterkenny commander

The objectives of the partnership include providing timely and reliable

product support for the war fighter; improving and sustaining core capabilities at Letterkenny Army Depot; and introducing improved business processes and updated technology to Department of Defense depot maintenance operations and products.

Letterkenny is the Army's sole maintenance depot for tactical missile and air defense systems. Partnering with Lockheed Martin supports the DoD and Army concept of a logistics enterprise. "This is the wave of the future, and I am proud Letterkenny can work with Lockheed Martin in such a cooperative mode to support the war fighter and reduce costs to the taxpayer," Guinn said.

"Our objective is to provide the war fighter with products that perform reliably and accurately at the critical moment of need," Ron Abbott, vice president-tactical missiles for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, said. "This agreement fosters closer collaboration between Lockheed Martin and the Army, and demonstrates our commitment to work with our customer in support of its mission requirements."

The agreement provides for Lockheed Martin and Letterkenny to continue their prior working relationships and to explore the potential for new relationships related to other weapon systems programs, such as Missiles and Fire Control's Army Tactical Missile System, the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System and Javelin. The

common goal of both parties is to ensure that their customers receive a quality, dependable and affordable weapon system by the demonstration of their unique and proven capabilities to support all aspects of the product.

Letterkenny is the Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Air Defense and Tactical Missile Ground Support Equipment. This includes facilities, personnel and equipment to perform total depot maintenance rebuild/overhaul of tactical missile systems and air defense systems. Individual components include radars, launchers, information control stations, communication centers, power plants, trailers, vehicles, FLIR and generators. Capabilities include electronics repair, integrated electronics, multi-layer circuit card repair, vehicle overhaul, metal treatment, plating, hydraulic and pneumatic repair, metal fabrication, cable/harness fabrication and fiber optic cable repair.

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## Earth Day guest

Michelle Novosel, a rehabilitator with North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators, holds a week-old cardinal during the Earth Day celebration April 22 at the Path to Nature.

# Bliss welcomes former POWs home from Iraq

*Seven soldiers return to cheering thousands*

By Spec. LEEANN LLOYD  
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FORT BLISS, Texas — More than 2,000 supporters came out to Fort Bliss Saturday evening, April 19 to welcome home seven former POWs arriving at Biggs Army Airfield.

Two of the former POWs, Spec. Joseph Hudson and PFC Patrick Miller, of the 507th Maintenance Company, waved the American flag and cheered as their aircraft rolled to its designated stopping point.

Also there to receive the patronage of the Fort Bliss and El Paso communities were Sgt. James Riley, Spec. Edgar Hernandez, and Spec. Shoshana Johnson of the 507th, and Chief Warrant Officers Ronald Young and David Williams of Fort Hood, Texas.

Hudson stopped in the middle of the troops' victory lap to express his appreciation.

"This means the world to all of us. Remember our fallen soldiers. God bless America. This is why we live in such a great country," Hudson said.

All of the former prisoners of war appeared to be in good health and spirits as they made their way to their families. Mary Pickering, Miller's mother, recalled her reactions to the news of her son's captivity.

"You just try not to believe it's real," Pickering said. "But I always had hope he would be home. I was glued to the TV, hoping there would be some mention of them. I never lost hope. Pat's a very strong-willed person."

One of the things that helped keep Miller going was singing Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," Pickering said.

"He sang a lot while he was out there, and let me tell you, Pat does not have a singing voice," she said with a laugh.

While flags waved high in the hands of supporters, people still paused in remembrance of the nine fallen soldiers of the 507th, whose lives were taken March 23 during the ambush in Nasiriyah that injured four others and resulted in the capture of six.

Killed in action were: Spec. Jamaal Addison, 1st Sgt. Robert Dowdy, Pvt. Ruben Estrella-Soto Jr., PFC Howard Johnson II, Spec. James Kiehl, Spec. Lori Ann Piestewa, Pvt. Brandon Sloan, CWO 2 Johnny Villareal-Mata and Sgt. Donald Walters.

Injured were: Sgt. Curtis Campbell, Spec. James Grubb, SSgt. Tarik Jackson and Spec. Damien Lutten.

Former prisoner of war PFC Jessica Lynch, rescued April 1, is still recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in



Photo by Cleveland McKnight  
**DADDY'S HOME**— PFC Patrick Miller, a former prisoner of war, kisses his 4-year-old son Tyler at the welcome home ceremony at Fort Bliss.

Washington, D.C.

"Sgt. Riley thanks you and asks that you continue this unabated support for his fellow soldiers and servicemembers, who are still overseas making great personal sacrifices for our freedom and the freedom of the Iraqi people. He also asks that we keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are still missing and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," Sgt. Nikki Agee said April 22 on Riley's behalf.

Once the soldiers are deemed in good health, they will be released on convalescent leave.

"I'm so happy and excited to be here," Hernandez said. "What's the first thing I'm going to do when I get home? I don't know, actually. I think I'm just going to chill, rest my mind, and spend some time with my family."

U.S. Senators Key Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn met with the families of the former prisoners of war April 21.

"I am so happy to be here with you and to be able to meet with your loved ones who have done so much for our country. We will never forget those who didn't come back and have given so much. We respect and appreciate all of you so very much," Hutchison said.

In addressing the family members, Cornyn told them that his father had been a prisoner of war in World War II and that he couldn't begin to imagine the emotional strain it had put on his grandparents since it occurred before he was born.

The senators toured the Family Assistance Center and praised the center for all of the support and comfort it has provided the families.

"The eyes of the world have been on Fort Bliss since the very day that you woke up to the news that there had been soldiers captured and missing in action from the 507th Maintenance Company," Hutchison said.

*Editor's note: Spec. LeeAnn Lloyd writes for the Fort Bliss Monitor newspaper. Capt. Deanna Bague, 5035th GSU PAO, contributed to this article.*

# Staying alert for approaching bad weather

## Meteorologists track conditions at Redstone

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The skies over Redstone are a busy place: missile test firings, airplane and

helicopter flights. With Alabama's temperamental and often violent weather, scheduling and planning can be tricky for engineers and pilots. That's where Redstone's Meteorological Team steps in.

The three-member team — including an electronic technician, Richard Vickroy, to keep equipment calibrated and accurate — is armed with modern technology and

more than 50 years of combined experience to make sure that accurate and up to the minute weather information is always on hand.

The office is ringed with computer monitors displaying all the available information on temperature, precipitation, wind speed, lightning and cloud cover. It comes in from the Internet, National Weather Service, and from local monitoring stations scattered throughout Redstone, including a Doppler radar tower in the office's back yard.

"Actively it covers about 50 kilometers," meteorologist Bill Longgear said. "Primarily we focus on what's going on with the Arsenal."

The tower gives the office detailed information about the velocity and strength of approaching storms. Lightning is tracked through an online service, which shows the location of every strike.

"Each lightning strike has the same frequency and they have sensors that pick up that frequency," Longgear said. "With the (Global Positioning System) timing they've got, by the way of triangulation they can pinpoint where the lightning strike actually occurred." The strikes are recorded and color coded by time of strike so that movements and patterns can be tracked.

If the heavenly fireworks come too close, calls are made to the appropriate offices so that activities can be stopped for safety. "We have to notify about 23 different places around the Arsenal that we do have lightning within 10 miles and to stop operations," meteorologist Leo Lachapelle said. These include the missile and laser firings, pools, and troop training and movements. The smaller stations across Redstone also supply information about the heat index.

"It gives us the temperature that the soldier actually feels in the uniform," Lachapelle said. "When they come here from another state, they're not acclimated to the humidity and heat that we have here in Alabama. It monitors the heat stress for the soldiers."

The team members also put together a forecast, relayed at daily meetings with flight and testing offices. Even after the day's weather proclamation, the team is ever vigilant. The weather can change

with little warning. When asked about sudden changes, Longgear laughed.

"No, that never happens in Alabama," he quipped.

They are ready to sound the warning when needed. Sometimes this includes collaboration with local and national weather offices. Information is shared among the agencies. Redstone also honors the occasional special request.

"They also use us because we do have the upper air flight capability," Lachapelle said. A 200-gram balloon, filled with helium, is sent up 60,000 to 70,000 feet equipped with a transmitter to relay weather information to the office. The rubber and Styrofoam contraption then floats harmlessly to the ground when its mission is complete.

The meteorological team, located at Test Area 1, is on the job daily to ensure safety and protect equipment. "We make the calls and give a heads-up so that they can cover up and protect or evacuate the area," Longgear said. When the skies darken and the clouds roll in, they keep Redstone informed.



Photo by Kelley Lane

**MONITORING WEATHER—** Meteorologists Leo Lachapelle and Bill Longgear watch for storms rolling into area.



Courtesy photo

## Scholarship winner

Alabama A&M University ROTC cadet Amanda Riley, a junior from Brewton, has received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Air Defense Artillery Association. Col. Tom Newberry, the local chapter president, made the presentation Thursday.

# Have fun(d) raising money for Army Emergency Relief

Scheduled activities for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign include the following:

- Pentagon Commemorative Lapel Pins on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call Graciela Gonzalez 842-0861.
- Army Community Service Volunteer Cookbook on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by the Garrison, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities and Army Community Service. Call Phyllis Montgomery or Mary Breeden 876-5397.
- Valiant Bear Sale through May 15, sponsored by Resource Management Directorate. Call Janice Nolin 876-5134, Wilbert Brownlow 876-8929 or Martin Roggio 876-5133.
- Garrison Cookbook Sale (160 recipes) through May 15 at building 4488. Call Donna Johnson 876-9675.
- Book Sale through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, second floor, sponsored by Command Analysis

Directorate. Call Brian Barry 842-9909.

- Car wash, Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at building 3494, sponsored by Military Personnel Office. Call Sgt. Bryan 842-0883.
  - Poker Run, Sunday at CDs Pub and Grill in Madison, sponsored by Vietnam Veterans. Call Larry Bond 876-2025 or 772-9133.
  - Cookout, May 7 at Col. Hudson Recreation Area, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. Call Kathy Williams 842-0789, Ann Bickmore 842-6604 or Ernie Hazzard 313-0171.
  - Plant sale, May 8 at Sparkman Center parking lot, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call SFC Snead 842-7883 or Romona Rice 313-1641.
  - Golf Tournament, May 9 at Redstone Golf Course, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Rain date is May 16. Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Jim Dabbs 842-0170, Austin Watson 313-2422 or SSgt. White 876-5399.
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# Golf course project gets rolling with helpers

## Group members chip in on work

By SHAREE MILLER  
For the Rocket

When the golf course decided to renovate the Hillside section of the Redstone Golf course, a group of volunteers was asked to help out. The volunteers are

working with the golf course staff to build new cart paths.

Old 4-foot asphalt paths are being dug up and replaced with the new 7-foot concrete paths. The wider paths will not only last years longer than the asphalt ones, but will also make it possible for the staff at the course to move machinery on the paths on days that are considered "cart-path only." These are days that the

ground could be damaged if driven on by golf carts or equipment. As part of the renovations, some paths are being rerouted to better suit newly reworked greens.

Staff and volunteers have been able to pour and form seven loads of concrete. If not for the volunteers, staff members would only have been able to do four or five loads. Staff members build the forms and spread the concrete when it is poured and the volunteers help by finishing the concrete, removing the forms, and cleaning the forms so that they can be reused.

With only 11 staff members and all of the day-to-day maintenance at the golf course, this project would have taken much longer and cost a lot more without the help of the volunteers, according to Larry Underwood of the golf course.

Don Stanley, volunteer coordinator, remembers how the volunteer group sprang into action.

"Several retirees were sitting around at the golf course, back in 1987, discussing how we felt the management and staff could use our help," he said. "We wrote a

letter to the director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation requesting a volunteer group be formed. The group's main objectives in the beginning were to prove that they wouldn't be in the way and that they could actually assist where needed."

Volunteers provide a number of services including helping out when the course has large tournaments. They police the course before the tournament by ensuring all trash is picked up, tee-boxes emptied, sand buckets refilled, divots replaced, and carts gassed up. On the day of the tournament they get all the carts out and make sure they are ready, put out sponsor signs, and fill drink boxes.

The volunteers that worked on the cart path project include Stanley, Frank Thonus, Tom Gaillard, Gunner Wallis, Bob Sullivan, George Shepard, Herb Hoppmeyer, Ron Rogers, Perry Cupples, Mike McGuire, Graham Van Oostrum, Pete Andrews, John Jordan, Fred Burrows, Bobby Winer, Dick Carter, Gary Hodge, Gene Barton, Tom Dew, Frank Brown and Darrel Zimick.



Photo by Sharee Miller

**SOLID GROUND**— Staff members and volunteers spread concrete for the cart paths.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

## Real pro

Marie Adams, a management and program assistant at Provost Marshal Office, opens the gift basket she received from WEUP radio station for Administrative Professionals Day, April 23. She was nominated by co-worker Prentiss Thomas. "I just think it was nice of him to nominate me," Adams, in the office five years, said.

# Who's your choice for volunteer family of year?

*Nominations sought from community for second annual award program*

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The volunteers are out in force at Redstone and the Association of the U.S. Army wants to toot a few horns.

AUSA and Rubbermaid have teamed up to honor one special volunteer family of the year. The award program began last year and two Army families from Redstone were nominated through the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville chapter for the national award: SSgt. Johnny and Jennifer Kennedy and their daughter, Meghann, and SFC Dan and Evelyn Teats and their children Jordan and Jacob.

"We just finished honoring community volunteers at our annual luncheon," Sue Paddock, director of Army Community Service, said. "More than 80,000 volunteer hours within 20 agencies were given by this community. We have a great group of people who do so much. This AUSA award is just an extension of awareness for the contributions volunteers make to benefit the community."

The goal of the program is to recognize an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community.

The program is open to active duty, Reserve component, National Guard, retiree and Army civilian families. Each chapter may submit up to three families for consideration. The initial nominee selection process is at the discretion of the chapter. ACS is an accepting agency for the nominations which may be submitted elec-

tronically to ACS at the following address: Kathleen.riester@redstone.army.mil.

Completed packets consist of a nomination form, and a 600-800 word narrative which describes the overall impact of the family on the Army and the community. Nominations are due by June 6.

Selection standards for the award include:

- Family must be active volunteers and (one or more) must have volunteered for a minimum of two years for community, installation or unit programs (not necessarily in the same location).

- Family must have demonstrated outstanding leadership in planning, organizing or directing a major event or program that has resulted in a tangible or intangible benefit to the community or Army families.

- Family must have a demonstrable pattern of volunteering and achievement which has been recognized by other awards.

- Family must have exhibited leadership in performing assigned duties that resulted in improved services and/or programs for servicemembers and families or community.

- Family must have demonstrated volunteerism outside of what would be expected due to position in unit, place of employment or community.

- Involvement in a variety of volunteer programs is desirable.

Since AUSA believes that an entire family supports the efforts of dedicated volunteers, it is not necessary for each family member to provide specific volunteer service for the family to be nominated.

The award is administered by the AUSA local chapter, however, all questions regarding the award should be directed to Kathleen Riester at 876-5397 or by e-mail.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**FAMILY AFFAIR**—Volunteering is all in the family for Lorraine and Don Krause, right, with Lorraine's brother Mickel Wilson, handing out balloons at the block party April 26. Nathan Lindsey, 7, son of Arsenal workers Rick and Kaye Lindsey, picked his color.



Courtesy photo

## Cadets visit

Three cadets of West Point class of 2003 briefed Maj. Gen. Joe Bergantz, program executive officer for aviation, on their project for a system engineering course on the Extended Range/Multi-Purpose Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program. This was a year-long project between the U.S. Military Academy and the UAV Project Office to give the cadets practical applications in UAVs while also getting credit for their academic classes. From left are Dr. Roger Burk, academic adviser; cadet Luke Roberts, cadet William Harrison, Bergantz, cadet Thomas Karpuk and Col. John Burke, UAV project manager. "We plan to continue the same type of project with the USMA class of 2004," Burke said.

# More than \$1.3 million gained in volunteer service

Individuals, organizations honored for contributions

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Volunteers contributed about 80,000 hours at Redstone during the past year, returning more than \$1.3 million to this community.

But numbers alone don't tell the full significance of their value. The volunteers were honored Thursday at the installation volunteer luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"Redstone Arsenal couldn't survive without its volunteers," Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, said. "As garrison commander, I'm reminded of that every day and most nights and weekends."

That last comment drew laughter from the 260 attendees, noting that his wife, Jennifer, is among the volunteers. "OK,



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**VIDEO TRIBUTE— Army Community Service volunteers Susan Carr and Phyllis Montgomery watch the closing video tribute at the volunteer luncheon.**

all nights and weekends," Devlin added.

National Volunteer Week is April 27 through May 3 with this year's theme, "Celebrate Volunteers — the Spirit of America."

"Please accept this luncheon as a token of how much we appreciate what you do and how much we enjoy your accomplishments," Devlin said.

"Our heritage has been built on helping out others even in the pioneer days," Maj. Gen. Joe Bergantz, program executive officer for aviation, said. "And I'm pleased that you are carrying on that tradition."

Awards were presented to Redstone's volunteers of the year for 2002-03: Susan Carr, for special events; Rose Mary Bayer, military dedicated service; Tracy Silvia, new volunteer; Diane Moore, military community service; Talbot Hackett, Redstone Arsenal military community service; and SSgt. Johnny Kennedy, Redstone Arsenal active service.

Other honorees included Julie Clippingier, Maj. Christine Hackett, Don Kraus, retired Col. Henry Miller, Gail Meyers, Robert Russell, Scotque Shouse and Pam Stieglitz.

The following organizations were recognized: Redstone Arsenal Red Cross,

Army Community Service, Army Family Team Building program, Auto Skills volunteer program, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Boy Scout Troop 308 volunteers, Cub Scout Pack 234 volunteers, Bicentennial Chapel volunteer program, Child and Youth Services education program, Enlisted Spouses Club, Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity, Redstone Girl Scouts, Redstone Golf Course volunteer program, Ladies Golf Association Redstone Library volunteer program, Redstone mayors program, Team Redstone Community Mentor Program, Officer and Civilian Women's Club, Outdoor Recreation volunteer program, Pagano Gym sports and athletic training program, Military Retiree Advisory Council, Sergeants Major Association, Military Officers Association of America, Thrift Shop volunteer program, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla, Yard of the Month volunteer program, Youth Bowling volunteer program and Youth Services.

## Army Community Service staff ready for emergency duty

Contingency plan set for helping families

By KIM GILLESPIE

For the Rocket

Military families can always depend on Army Community Service to be there when they need its support. ACS has prepared a contingency plan to ensure its operation hours can be expanded or its services moved to another location in the event of emergencies or crises by activating a Family Assistance Center.

"Activating a Family Assistance Center will allow us to operate 24 hours a day if necessary," Sue Paddock, ACS director, said. "We have also made arrangements with the National Guard Armory to use their facility on Johnson Road in Huntsville if for some reason we could not operate out of our office in building 3338, or if there were some other problem with access to Redstone Arsenal."

The reasons for activating a Family Assistance Center could be anything from a natural disaster to terrorist activities, according to Paddock. "After 9/11, the

Office of Family Policy (within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness), created a joint military service family assistance center. The Pentagon's Family Assistance Center operated off-site, but near the Pentagon, and its personnel worked 'round the clock during that initial crisis period. It also included other federal, state and local agencies, and non-profit organizations, and expanded its support to the families of the American Airlines passengers and crew," she said.

ACS already provides many of the services that would be incorporated into a Family Assistance Center, such as chaplain support, mental health and grief counseling, financial and legal assistance, casualty assistance, child care, and information and referrals.

"We also have a Waiting Spouses group and have been providing assistance to families of deployed soldiers as needed," Paddock said. "Many installations have established Family Assistance Centers because of large-scale deployments to ensure essential services are provided to families and as a central point for information."

The lessons learned from the Pentagon Family Assistance Center, while specific to one emergency situation, offer good advice and guidelines for emergency operations planning.

"The Family Assistance Center ties into the Redstone contingency plan, and we now have a notification roster, and a back-up location," Paddock said. "Our plan is intended to make sure the essential support personnel for a Family Assistance Center can be put into place immediately and provide continuous support as long as necessary. We also hope to establish a 1-800 that could be used in conjunction with the standup of our Family Assistance Center." Planning for a Family Assistance Cen-

ter does not mean it will ever become a reality. "We cannot ignore the potential for disasters, emergencies, large-scale deployments or other unexpected events. But we can make sure ACS and its support team is trained and can staff and operate a center as needed. We must be prepared to provide continuous essential services to our military families," Paddock said.

For more information about ACS, call 876-5397.



Photo by Kim Gillespie

**HELP DESK— George Moore of Army Community Service provides information and referrals to Maj. Harold Davenport and SSgt. Charles Trucks Jr.**

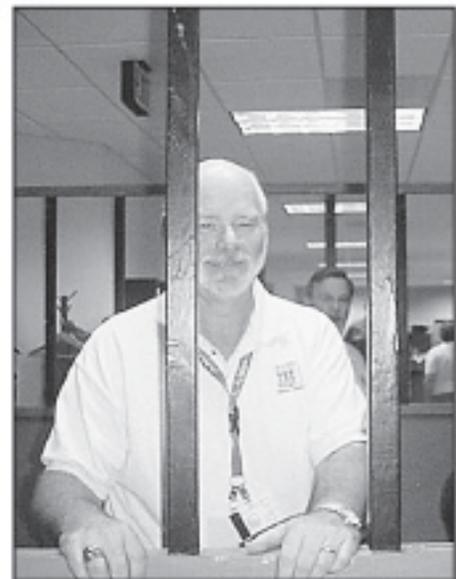


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### Behind bars

David Brooks, director of South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, serves time in the AER jail April 17. The "Put Your Boss in Jail" event raised \$373 for Army Emergency Relief. The center's other fund-raising activities included a fun lunch with hot dog sale, silent auction, raffle and pie in the face auction. The day's events raised more than \$1,000 for AER.

# AMCOM volleyball team digs opening night win

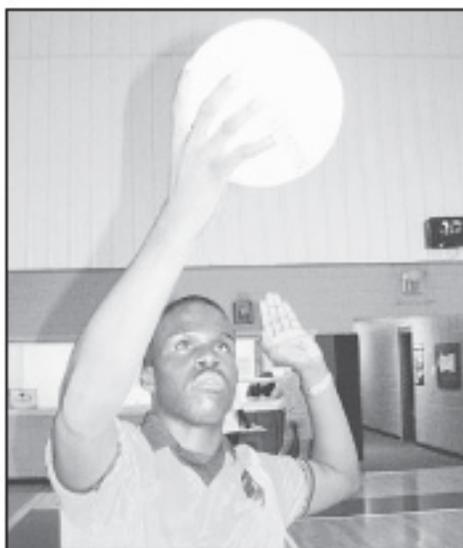


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SERVES UP—** AMCOM's David Johnson gets ready for the season opener against NCO Academy.

## League newcomer surprises defending champ Academy

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Last year AMCOM didn't even have a volleyball team while the NCO Academy won its second straight championship.

AMCOM is definitely in the league this time.

On April 21, opening night of the regular season, AMCOM beat the academy 14-25, 25-23, 15-9 at Pagano Gym.

"We're back on it. We're going to take the trophy home," AMCOM player David Johnson said.

AMCOM withdrew in the first week of the season last year because it didn't have enough players. But that's not the case this time. Five of its eight players were there for the opener.

"We were motivated, especially Capt.

Faris. He motivated the team," Johnson said. "If there was an award for lead motivator, it would be him because he motivated everyone."

John Faris and Michael Gola both had good games for the winners. Marshall Hicks and Derrick Davis also contributed.

"Basically we got together and got one philosophy which was just get the ball over the net and make the other guys work for it," Faris said. "And just have good communication with each other and just work as a team. And good things will happen."

"I can't believe we beat the defending champion," Gola said. "That makes us feel pretty good."

But this isn't the same NCO Academy team, according to Lee Hallman who serves as its coordinator. "We are in transition with players right now because we have such an influx and outflow of students," he said. "We lost a lot of our players that were playing really well in

preseason. They graduated.

"However, we've got the group that is playing and they're going to come back and do well," Hallman added. Ryan Stainbrook and Larry Hufford played well against AMCOM. Jason Ingraham is the coach.

Here are results from week one:

April 21 — AMCOM d. NCO Academy 14-25, 25-23, 15-9; HHC 59th d. Marines 25-13, 25-22; and Bravo won by forfeit over Charlie.

April 22 — Headquarters & Alpha d. Delta 24-26, 25-16, 16-14; Marines d. NCO Academy 22-25, 26-24, 15-8; and AMCOM d. Charlie 25-8, 25-17.

April 23 — HHC 59th won by forfeit over Charlie; Delta d. Bravo 25-12, 25-18; and Headquarters & Alpha d. Marines 25-19, 21-25, 15-10.

April 24 — Bravo d. AMCOM 25-11, 19-25, 15-11; HHC 59th d. Headquarters & Alpha 25-8, 26-24; and Delta d. NCO Academy 25-7, 25-15.

# Gipson wins crown in bowling tourney

Chad Gipson of Madison reigns among area bowlers.

At least he did in the first King of the Hill Tournament, April 19 at Redstone Lanes. He rolled a 267 to beat Billy Sales in the final.

Thirty-two bowlers competed in the first monthly event, including such local legends as Ron Ware — Huntsville's record holder for individual series with 857 in 2002 — and Sales. Both are enshrined in the Alabama Bowlers Hall of Fame.

Kenny Tatum and Fredrick Smith received third and fourth place prizes. Other competitors included such big names as John Davis, Wes McKleroy, Frank James and Redstone's own Scott Huther, former All-Army bowling champ.

"There was a very good turnout for being the first tournament," SSgt. Pat

Hunt, tournament director, said. "And I'm sure the next one will have a much better turnout."

Hunt, who teaches basic electronics at Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, founded the event. He suggested it to John Howard, manager of Redstone Lanes, as a way to attract bowlers to the center.

Regal Auto Plaza sponsored the first tournament. The next, May 17 at noon with sign-in at 11 a.m., is sponsored by King's Pro Shop and Regal.

"We paid \$225 for first place, \$100 for second and \$25 for third and fourth," Hunt said. "And John Howard gave away a couple of bowling bags and a nice jacket for door prizes."

For more information on the King of the Hill Tournament, call Hunt at 527-1173 or Redstone Lanes 876-6634.



## Sports & Recreation

### Bicycle ride

The second annual Tour de Arsenal Bicycle Ride is May 20 at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Jacob Sverdrup Marshall Space Flight Center Group Support contract Employee Welfare and Morale Committee. The 18-mile ride, starting at the NASA Exchange Fitness Center parking lot at Morris and Digney roads, roughly follows the historical railroad route around the southern part of Redstone Arsenal. Helmets are mandatory. For more information, call Jamie Miernik 544-6534.

### Fund golf tournament

The 2003 AER Golf Tournament, a four-person scramble, is May 9 at 7:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Rain date is May 16. Entry fee is \$23 for members, \$35 for non-members. Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Austin Watson 313-2422, Jim Dabbs 842-0170 or SSgt. White 876-5399.

### Conference golf tourney

In conjunction with the Army T&E Days 2003 Conference, a golf tournament will be held June 3 at 8 a.m. at the Canebrake Country Club in Athens. Fee is \$60. Registration information is on the web site: [www.testevaldays.com](http://www.testevaldays.com) or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

### Benefit 5K

The second annual RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk to benefit Army Emergency Relief is May 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the area directly south of Patton Road soccer field (off Corporal Road). The registration deadline is May 7. The \$15 entry fee includes a T-shirt and race day refreshments. Pre-orders on T-shirts only (not running or walking) will be taken until May 7 for \$10. For more information, call Carolyn Farmer 876-3810.

### Support troops at game

A "Support Our Troops" celebration will be held throughout the scheduled Huntsville Stars vs. Chattanooga Lookouts baseball game Friday night at Joe Davis Stadium. Gates open at 5 p.m. and events begin at 6:30. There will be patriotic songs, a huge flag unfurled in the stands, and filming throughout the event that will be put on a web site with streaming video to be viewed by U.S. troops in Iraq or wherever they are and for all to see, according to the celebration organizers.

### Golf sweepstakes

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, event sponsor, and Redstone Golf Course are hosting a spring golf driving range promotion, "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes," from May 1 through June 30. The promotion is targeted at all ages and skill levels. Winners must be authorized MWR patrons — active/retired/Guard/Reserve military, DoD/NASA civilian or contractor and dependents. Two "Great Golf Escape" vacation packages will be randomly drawn Armywide at the end of the nine-week promotion. In addition, instant prizes are awarded on the spot when you

find the red "lucky" ball in your bucket of driving range balls. The more you participate, the greater your chances are of winning. Call 883-7977 for more information.

### Youth golf clinic

Registration is under way for the Youth Services Golf Clinic. You may register your child Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Golf Clinics will be held June 2-6 and June 16-20 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by course Play Days each Thursday until school begins. The instructor is Chip Enlow, PGA pro. Price per child is \$50, plus annual central enrollment fee of \$15 if not already registered. Clinic space is limited to the first 50 youth registered per clinic. This is open to the entire Redstone community. Call 876-3704 or 313-3699 for more information.

### Cougar Chase 5K

The third annual Cougar Chase 5K is May 17 at Sparkman Middle School in Toney. The PTSA, along with local businesses, will sponsor this event with all proceeds benefiting the school. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the run at 9. Cost is \$10 by May 3, \$12 afterward. Participants receive a race packet, T-shirt and refreshments. For more information, call race director Nancy Carson 852-2880.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency will sponsor its sixth Army T&E Days 2003 — "Building Test Capabilities for the Future: Supporting FCS, The Objective Force, and the Next Generation Army" — on June 3-5 at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. Scheduled speakers include Claude Bolton Jr., ASA(ALT); Walter Hollis, DUSA(OR); Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster, CG ATEC; Dennis Muilenburg, vice president-FCS, Boeing; and Lt. Gen. Joseph Cosumano, commander of SMDC. An exposition will be held in conjunction with the conference. Government and industry organizations are encouraged to participate in the exposition. Registration is \$325 (form is on web site) and is in TIP. For more information, call Mike McFalls 876-3462 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The web site is [www.testevaldays.com](http://www.testevaldays.com).

### Alcoholics anonymous

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

### Toastmasters

Are you nervous about speaking in front of people? Do you get butterflies in your stomach? No problem. Learn the art of speaking by joining Toastmasters. Two clubs meet for one hour every week: Strategic Speakers meets at SMDC room 2E1200, Tuesday 11:30-12:30, call John Johnson 313-3634 or Matt Boenker 721-

7006, extension 119; and Communicators Club meets Thursday 11:30 – 12:30 at Sparkman Center building 5304, call Ron Legowik 876-5619.

### Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting May 15 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at Redstone Golf Course clubhouse. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.



## Miscellaneous

### Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop is now accepting homemade craft items for consignment. The shop seeks volunteers. It will be open for sales May 3 from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992.

### Butler High reunion

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20-year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427.

### Lee High reunion

Lee High class of 1973 will have its 30-year reunion July 11-12. For information call Bob Mathis (256) 519-7674 or Teresa Walker Beasley (931) 937-8504.

### IMMC AER fund-raisers

Want to know when the next sale of those Pentagon pins will take place? Maybe you are interested in the plant sale. Want to play in a golf tournament but don't know how to enter? You can find the answers anytime at <http://immc.redstone.army.mil/aer/>.

### Motorcycle safety course

The Department of Defense and Department of Army require all soldiers who operate motorcycles either on or off post to have satisfactorily completed an approved Motorcycle Safety Course. This requirement also applies to all individuals who operate a motorcycle on DoD installations. Motorcyclists will be required to show proof of meeting this requirement when registering or renewing a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. Experienced Rider Courses have been scheduled for the following dates: April 30, May 2, May 14 and June 14. Each course will start at 8 a.m. and end by 5 p.m. This training will be provided free of cost for military and DoD civilians. To qualify for the ERC, a rider must have at least one year experience and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. These requirements are reduced to six months and 500 miles if the rider has completed a Basic Rider Course. Individuals under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a required waiver form before starting the course. Riders must bring a valid driver license with motorcycle endorsement to the course. Enrollees must provide a street-legal motorcycle which will need to pass an inspection by the rider coaches. The inspection includes

tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. Motorcycles should be properly insured. Class participants should also provide their own helmet and all required safety gear. To register for one of these courses, call Bryan Lorge 842-8622.

### NCO club

Knowing that the noncommissioned officer is the "backbone" of the military service, Redstone Arsenal has a new NCO Club program called the Backbone Lounge. This includes Friday afternoon "happy hour" with free buffet at the Challenger Activity Center, discounts on Child Development Center and School Age Services fees, 10 percent off all evening dining purchases at the Soldatenstube, more perks at Outdoor Recreation and swimming pools, discount Golf Course fees, Auto Skills Center fees, and the Bowling snack bar. Each member will receive a free quarterly birthday party dinner buffet plus an invitation to the three other birthday bashes. Membership is open to active duty, retired and Reserve/Guard NCOs (E-5 through E-9) and DoD civilians (grade GS-6 or equivalent and below). For more information, call LuAnne Hardee 830-9175.

### Benefit book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief continues through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Sparkman building 5300 on the second floor by the elevators. For more information, call Brian Barry 842-9909.

### Property tag sale

The Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities will hold a non-appropriated fund Property Tag Sale May 6-8 at building 7436. The sale is 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. May 6-7 and ends at 1 p.m. May 8. All sale items have a two-part, pre-priced tag attached. The bottom of the tag will be carried to the register to purchase the item; simply present your receipt to clear the building. All items must be removed the day of purchase. This sale is open to all members of the Redstone community, including contractors. For more information, call 876-1418 or go to [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

### Command sergeant major

A retirement ceremony and luncheon honoring post CSM Roscoe Johnson will be held Thursday. The ceremony is 8:30 a.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Activity Field (Patton and Aerobee Road); and the luncheon begins 11 at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call Lucretia Townsend 955-6925.

### Association scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will award a \$1,000 scholarship in August. Applications are due by July 15. For more information, call Bob Belton of Quantum Research International 971-1800, ext. 257.

### Benefit yard sale

Waiting Spouses Yard Sale will be held Saturday at 7 a.m. at 305 Hughes Drive.

All proceeds will be used in support of the Waiting Spouses, Army Community Service, Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Tracy Silvia or Kristi Foster 876-5397.

### Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics is offering a 50-hour Logistics Management course. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing interested students for the next CPL exam scheduled Nov. 1. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

### Women in leadership

Survival Skills for Women in Leadership Roles will be offered by the South Central Training and Learning Center, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Sparkman Center. "This course pays special attention to areas that enhance one's ability to take control, to demonstrate confidence and to fit into a team," a prepared release said. "Strategies will be taught which will enable you to set an atmosphere that builds teamwork, empowers employees and gets results so that everyone can succeed." Registration fee is \$100. To register or for more information, call Marsha Samples 842-6543 or Louise Olszewski 842-6540. Deadline for registration is May 14.

### Engineering camp

University of Alabama in Huntsville

announces its second annual Engineering Summer Camp, a weeklong program held on campus for high school juniors and seniors to discover the different areas of engineering. They will engage in lab experiments, presentations and group projects supervised by UAH professors. Some of the activities will involve bridge building, rocket launch, robotics, circuits, sensors, and chemical reactions. Camp is offered twice this summer: June 16-20 and July 14-18. Enrollment is limited to 20 students per session. Apply early. Deadline to apply for Engineering Summer Camp is May 16. For applications and information, call Veronica Molina in the College of Engineering 824-3590 or visit the web site at [www.eb.uah.edu/camp.shtml](http://www.eb.uah.edu/camp.shtml).

### Soldatenstube Mayfest

Mayfest returns Saturday to the Soldatenstube German Restaurant, building 3512 on Gray Road. There will be German food, fun for the entire family, festive music and dance, a 10K Volksmarch and a car show. For registration in the car show, call 830-2582. For more information on Mayfest, call the Soldatenstube 881-5181 or 830-2582.

### Club anniversary

The Officers and Civilians Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary and Membership Appreciation Night, Friday at 6 p.m. Members will receive a \$25 complimentary ticket. Non-member ticket price is \$25 per person and this event is open to the

entire Redstone community. Door prize drawings will be held and international foods will be served. For details or tickets, call 830-2582.

### Resource managers

The annual American Society of Military Comptrollers picnic is May 15 at 11 a.m. at the NASA picnic area west. The picnic is free to members and costs \$5 for non-members. Non-members must make reservations by May 9 with Dennis Summers 313-0553.

### Pilgrimage weekend

The Huntsville Pilgrimage Association invites you to Pilgrimage Weekend. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, you will visit five historic homes and two of the city's most beautiful gardens. The First United Methodist Church is also on the tour and will serve a box lunch from 11-2. On Sunday from 2-4 p.m., "Voices From Past Times" will be held at historic Maple Hill Cemetery. All money from the weekend goes directly toward maintenance and restoration of the cemetery. For more information, call 1-800-772-2348.

### Self-care classes

Fox Army Health Center continues to offer Self-Care classes. This class is free and open to all health care beneficiaries of Fox Army Health Center and civilians of Team Redstone. The focus is to promote the health of Fox's beneficiaries and civilians of Team Redstone. The class will cover how to stay well and prevent illness and injury. All participants will receive a free home health reference book. Active duty, Tricare Prime, and Tricare Plus enrollees can enroll in the self-care pharmacy program. This class is offered on the first Monday of each month. The next class is May 5 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Public Health and Education Center's classroom at Fox. Participation is limited to 15 persons. To sign up, call the Public Health and Education Center 955-8888, extension 1026, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Housing yard sale

The Housing Spring Yard Sale is Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The postwide sale is open to anyone authorized on post.

### Delegation of authority

An orientation for Delegation of Training Authority is required before supervisors/managers can authorize an employee to attend training. Successful completion of this orientation allows the supervisor/manager to authorize training for employees via the Training Information Program and any associated training expenditures within established organizational limits. A half-hour orientation is scheduled May 6 at 11 a.m. in building 5308, conference room 8124. This orientation does not apply to supervisors/managers who presently possess delegated training authority. Attendees must bring a DD Form 577 with their supervisor's signature. Seating is limited. Please contact a member of the Organization Development Team to check availability for seating. Primary action officers for this initiative are Syleria Jarmon 313-0286 and Michael Davis 876-9451 and the backup is Barbara Dowdell 876-3674.

### Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold a 3 1/2-hour training class featuring Dr. Amanda Goodson (NASA) who will be speaking on "Organizational Change and Conflict Resolution," May 16 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Hilton. Registration fee is \$35 and includes one break with refreshments. Check should be made to Redstone Arsenal Chapter, IAAP if not paying by credit card. There will be 0.3 CEUs provided for this class. This training is offered to both government and industry administrative professionals. Government employees may register in TIP and can find the course by typing IAAP in the vendor block. Registration form can be obtained from June Pockrus 842-9888 or on the Redstone Community bulletin board.

### Father of year

Madison County's Father of the Year will be chosen from among several hundred nominees by a panel of judges composed of Sybil Cleveland, judge, Huntsville Municipal Court; Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander; Mike Gillespie, chairman of Madison County Commission;

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Brad Jones, CEO, Crestwood Medical Center; Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer; Paula Steigerwald, CEO, Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Gardens; Keith Wilson, general manager, Wyle Labs; and Dr. Susan Wu, founder of ERC Inc. The Father of the Year and each finalist will be honored June 21 at Huntsville's Depot Roundhouse with dancing to the music by the "Chevy 6," a silent auction, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. The event is a tribute to the importance of responsible fatherhood, and contributes to the mission of the Volunteer Center of Madison County. Nomination forms and more information are available by calling the Volunteer Center 539-7797 and from the center's web site: [www.volunteerhsv.org](http://www.volunteerhsv.org). Nominees must work or reside within Madison County and will be reviewed for the qualities that make individuals outstanding fathers.

### Diabetes seminar

Fox Army Health Center offers a monthly two-day seminar on diabetes management. The class is free to all health care beneficiaries with a referral from their physician or health care provider. The class provides information on medications, blood glucose monitoring, meal planning, exercise and stress management. The class also offers hands-on practice in using a glucometer and evaluating various food products through a field trip to the commissary. By the end of the class participants have a greater understanding about how to manage their diabetes and to prevent complications that result from poor blood sugar control. The class benefits both individuals newly diagnosed as well as those who have had diabetes for several years and who may want to update their knowledge. The class is offered from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month, with some exceptions when a holiday occurs during that first week. To sign up, ask your health care provider for a referral, then call the Public Health and Education Center 955-8888, ext. 1026, Monday through Friday from 7:30-4:30.

### Aerospace open house

An aerospace program open house is May 5 from 4-8 p.m. at Teledyne Brown Engineering, Cummings Research Park, 300 Sparkman Drive. Alex Miller, aerospace executive MBA program director at the

University of Tennessee, is to discuss the aerospace industry and the new aerospace program. For more information, visit the following web site: [www.aemba.utk.edu](http://www.aemba.utk.edu).

### Summer reading program

Child and Youth Services will hold "Heating It Up With Books at Redstone," a summer reading program, from May 1 through July 31. Children of active duty, retired and Guard/Reserve military, DoD, Army, Redstone/NASA contractors and dependents may participate. Trophies will be awarded to the top readers. For more information, visit [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com) or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

### Challenger bingo

Challenger Center's bingo will have "Special Pack Night," Friday. Buy one game pack and get a second one free. Bingo, open to the entire Redstone community ages 19 or older, is every Wednesday through Saturday from 6:45-9:45 p.m. and Sunday 1:45-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 837-0750.

### Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of business administration program May 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. Classes meet on alternate weekends for 18 months in Huntsville. For more information call Bill Spade 1-800-672-7223, ext. 5046, or e-mail him at [bill@huizenga.nova.edu](mailto:bill@huizenga.nova.edu).

### Car safety

Mike James, lead child passenger safety instructor in Alabama, is to present "Car Safety for Traveling Families," May 21 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Redstone room in building 1500. Attendees will receive parent participation points. For more information, call 876-2798.

### Holocaust remembrance

Team Redstone will hold a program Friday from 10-11 a.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium to remember victims of the Holocaust. The Holocaust was the mass slaughter of European civilians, especially Jews, by the Nazis during World War II.

### Homeland defense program

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Women in Defense, a national security organization, is sponsoring a luncheon presentation, "Homeland Defense — What Each

of Us Can Do to Participate," May 8 at Huntsville Marriott, Tranquility Base. The featured speaker is Rick Toliver, homeland security director, SRI International. The social begins at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon at noon. Registration is \$20; the registration form is on the WID-TVC web site [www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc](http://www.ndia-tvc.org/wid-tvc). Please fax your registration form to Jodi Weiner, 534-9899 by noon May 5. This event is in TIPS to facilitate government personnel participation. No verbal reservations will be accepted, and cancellations must be faxed to 534-9899 by noon May 5. Failure to attend does not constitute cancellation. Please make checks payable to WID-TVC. Checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 5142, Huntsville, AL 35816, or brought to the door the day of the luncheon. For more information, call Tara Ragan 955-3515.

### Catholic confirmation

Archbishop Edwin O'Brien will confer Catholic confirmation to 16 candidates Sunday at 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. O'Brien, archbishop of the Military Ordinariate, will administer the rite. The Archdiocese for the Military Services serves military personnel and families at 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 172 Veterans Administration hospitals and is responsible for federal employees serving 134 countries. Numerically, this is over 1.2 million Catholics. Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen, as confirmation instructor, has spent the past 10 months preparing the candidates, and their parents, for this sacred rite. Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation, one of the Catholic churches seven sacraments. A reception will follow at the chapel's fellowship room.

