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## 95th soldier named first Soldier of Year

Specialist Justin Brown wins Department of Army honor

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A year ago Spec. Justin Brown finished advanced individual training at Redstone. Now he's the Department of Army's first Soldier of the Year.

He knows the long training that AIT soldiers endure in a stressful environment. And he knows the success that can come from staying focused.

"You can get through it and you can stay motivated," he said, offering advice for current trainees. "A little motivation goes a long way. And you can do great things in the Army. Keep motivated, keep your head on straight."

That's what Brown did. After basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., he arrived here in November 2000, finished the calibration course in July 2001 and went overseas. He belongs to the Redstone-based 95th Maintenance Company and is stationed in Baumholder, Germany.

Brown won competitions this year at the unit, command and higher command levels. He was pitted against 10 others in the Department of Army's first Soldier of the Year competition Sept. 23-26 at Fort A.P. Hill in Washington, D.C. And he was announced the winner Sept. 27 at States

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Courtesy photo

**WINNING SOLDIER**— 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 Aug. 9 when Brown was named AMC's soldier of the year. He subsequently won at Department of Army level. Brown represents the Aviation and Missile Command as a member of the 95th Maintenance Company in Baumholder, Germany.

## Separation bonuses of up to \$25,000 help cut employment



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PAPERS ON FILE**— Personnel management specialists Angela Williams, left, and Valerie Morgan look through voluntary separation applications at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Incentive program used every year since 1993

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Some 121 civilian employees of Team Redstone have voluntarily ended their careers with a separation bonus and saved the jobs of surplus workers.

These included 71 special Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay approvals and 50 reshape VSIP departures. The special restructuring program was for fiscal 2002 and the reshape process was to achieve reductions needed for fiscal '03.

"The purpose of the reshape VSIP is to help the command reduce its number of employees through voluntary means," Don Dixon, chief of customer support B in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said.

"And each reshape VSIP that's approved must save a surplus employee from involuntary separation. That is why we target the reshape VSIPs just to the occupations of the surplus employees plus related occupations.

"For the special restructuring VSIP, management must take the position of the candidate that's approved and restructure it to a different series and/or grade. Therefore, under the special restructuring VSIP we get to keep the position to meet other command needs."

The command still has 79 surplus employees awaiting placement who are in occupations where there weren't enough voluntary separation applicants.

"We're developing plans to try to place these employees which may include re-engineering positions and retraining employees," Dixon said. "We still hope

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## Another view on personnel project

In reference to Jim Brothers' response to Buddy Creek's letter to the editor: Mr. Brothers, I read your response to Mr. Buddy Creek and I've got to ask several questions.

1. If only 18 percent of the AFGE Local 1858 turned out for a vote on the Acquisition Demo Project how many folks is this? How many folks are in this bargaining unit; is the 18 percent turnout a fair number of folks to know how the rank and file really feel? You made the statement "All views were considered and the decision did treat members and nonmembers alike." How did you acquire non-union members' views?

2. Did you ask the non-union employees to e-mail their feeling about this program to the union office?

3. "AFGE Local 1858 was approved by a vote of the bargaining unit employees in a question back in 1958." I was not even born in 1958 and somebody voted then to determine who would be making judgments on my career 44 years later. Has the question been asked in modern times if we still want the union as our bargaining unit?

Don't you think that a vote of 44 years ago is resting on your laurels?

I want to thank Mr. Creek for his very perceptive insights to this issue. I don't think that the non-union folks were at all well represented in this agreement.

**Robert Smith**

*Editor's note: Jim Brothers, president of AFGE Local 1858, provided the following response.*

"(1) I did not state that only 18 percent of the AFGE Local 1858 turned out.

"(2) It is my understanding that the number of the people in the AMCOM bargaining unit is in the 5,000 to 6,000 range.

"(3) Non-union members' views were acquired through a show of hands at several mandatory employee meetings on the subject as well as e-mail responses.

"(4) No. We did not ask for the e-mail responses, they were voluntary.

"(5) The answer to your third question is yes to both parts.

"If we can be of further assistance to you, then please feel free to contact the Union Office at 876-4880 or 881-7430."

## Sacrifice to country appreciated

As I read the letter by Christopher Chavez, Oct. 2, my heart swelled with pride and my eyes welled with tears. Too often we take our military for granted as we do our policemen and firemen. Anytime anyone places themselves in harm's way in order to protect others, they deserve total respect and gratitude from those being protected. I see evidence every day of the commitment these young soldiers feel. Their striving to improve by developing educational goals

and their attitude of being prepared for the future is admirable but going into these dangerous areas with such resolve — knowing there might not be a future — is unbelievable. These kids haven't been drafted, they have placed their lives in danger by choice in order that we Americans might continue to enjoy the freedoms we have always known. If anyone ever deserved a "Hooah!," I think they do.

**Sarah Bryan**  
Education Center

## Rocket rumblings: Good leader traits

What makes a good leader?

"A good follower," says **Gary A. Jones** of Utility Helicopters.

"A good leader creates confidence and includes him/herself in the group by using the pronoun, 'we,'" **Alice Greene**, of contractor MTS, says. "A good leader breeds enthusiasm, knows how to get the job done — shows how and helps to fix mistakes. A good leader relies on cooperation, strives to make work interesting and most importantly — leads!"

"Good ones listen and lead others

toward a desired goal," **Dallas Crowell Jr.** of IMMC Readiness Directorate says. "Excellent leaders learn from the past to plan, anticipate and motivate individuals for a common cause. Great leaders take a situation at the right time with the right plan, for the right reasons, to motivate the majority in the right direction."

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

## Hispanic heritage part of nation's fabric

On behalf of the Alabama Hispanic Association, we would like to thank Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commanding general of Redstone Arsenal, and wife, Leslie, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, CEOs and the community, for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the Hispanic Heritage Festival, Sept. 7 at Big Spring Park. Our theme for the festival this year was "Together We Celebrate." Thanks to Christie Del Amo of Channel 19 and Jonathan Morris of Channel 31, Luis Trevino-Latin Rhythms Softnotes Band, the speaker, schools, dancers, radio stations, Boy Scouts of America, sponsors, vendors and others who made the Hispanic Festival a huge success.

Hispanic Heritage Month is officially observed Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 each year and is a national endeavor to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural influence of Hispanic heritage throughout the history of the United States. The U.S. Hispanic population has grown tremendously in the past decade and demogra-

phers predict this trend will continue well into the next century. This is not only a time for Hispanics; it is a time for all Americans to explore how Hispanics put their own special imprint on the fabric of American culture and society. We must remember the tremendous contributions the Hispanic population, immigrant or native born, has made and will continue to make to America in all fields of endeavor. It's time for us all to pull together and unite as one.

I hope that you can find time to take part in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by attending local events through your organization, school and the community.

Special thanks to all the members of the Alabama Hispanic Association. Without you this would have only been a dream — bringing people of all races together sharing our culture. Your professionalism, dedication and hard work made this a reality. I salute you. Much continued success.

**Rosie Douglas**



Photo by Ani Powers

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION—** Dancers from "Hijas de America," Daughters of America, perform during the fourth annual Hispanic Heritage Festival, Sept. 7 at Big Spring Park.

## Magazine advertisement heavy on sarcasm, light on taste

*Ad-itude deems overweight people as unworthy neighbors*

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Browsing the pages of my newly delivered *Time Magazine* (Oct. 7 issue), I

hit upon a colorful high-gloss ad that immediately caught my attention, exactly what advertisements are supposed to do. It also made me so angry I threw the mag rag across the room, a reaction I don't think the advertisers were "shooting for."

Before launching into my rhetoric about why this piece of garbage offended

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# Colonel Smith onboard as AMCOM chief of staff

Col. John B. Smith has succeeded Col. Ed Stone as chief of staff of the Aviation and Missile Command.

Stone will be officially honored in a Thursday retirement ceremony.

Smith, a Monterey, Calif., native, previously served as the assistant deputy chief of staff for logistics, U. S. Army Europe and 7th Army.

He was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers through ROTC at Oregon State University in 1974. He has also served in Korea, Saudi Arabia, at numerous posts in the states and at the Pentagon.

Smith is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He has a bachelor's degree from Oregon State in food science and technology, a master's from Oregon State in food science and technology, and a master's in national resource strategy from the National Defense University.

Smith's military honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement



File photo

Col. JOHN B. SMITH

Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

He and his wife, Sharon, reside on the Arsenal. Their son, Tyler, is a captain assigned to the 12th Aviation Brigade in Giebelstadt, Germany. Their daughter, Kelly, lives in Keizer, Ore., where she works for the Oregon Youth Authority.

## Higher headquarters moving to Fort Belvoir in Virginia

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army has announced the relocation of the headquarters of one of its largest Army commands, the Army Materiel Command, to Fort Belvoir, Va. The first contingent of employees could be moving into an existing building by February.

Maj. Gen. Richard Hack, AMC chief of staff, said the primary reasons for the move are increased security, reduction in leased space costs, and enhanced efficiency. Hack also emphasized, "The events of Sept. 11th underscore our need for security and increased safety."

The plan calls for moving the rest of

the command into facilities made available through the erection of manufactured modular buildings by fall 2003. Approximately 1,100 civilian employees, soldiers and contractors assigned to AMC will eventually move to Fort Belvoir.

Fort Belvoir offers a suitable site with in-depth military security, and the relocation will have minimal impact on employees due to its proximity to the current location.

The Army Materiel Command is the only four-star headquarters in the Army not currently located on a military installation.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

## Proclamation signing

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer signs a proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. A program will be held 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium, with scheduled speaker Nancy Archuleta, chief executive officer of MEVATEC. Looking on are members of the command's Hispanic Committee, from left, Yolanda Cabarelo, Carlos Sacarello, Maria Taylor, Graciela Gonzalez, Ed Adams, SFC Richard Weber, Thelma Longoria, Kate Love, Robert Salinas, Sergio Diaz and Signey Hernandez.

# Award returns research center to winner's circle

## RDEC receives team quality honor for small business phase II contract

It's been four years since the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center brought home the coveted Small Business Innovation Research Phase II award. But this year it is back on top, having received one of six quality team awards presented in 2002 by the Department of Army.

"We've finally ended the drought," Otho "Buddy" Thomas, missile SBIR program coordinator, Advanced Systems Directorate, said, referring to the organization's win record. "AMRDEC won in '95, '97 and '98. We went a few years without winning one but we're back on the right track and getting ready for next year."

The Army's SBIR Quality Awards program began in 1994 to recognize SBIR contractors, points of contact, contracting officers, Army technical monitors and technical directors of Army laboratories and research, development and engineering centers for exceptional performance that exemplifies the SBIR program goal of bringing innovative technologies and products to the marketplace.

Mesa Associates Inc. submitted the

winning SBIR Phase II proposal titled, "Development of Software to provide Aerothermal and Pressure Loading Boundary Conditions for Nonaxisymmetric, 3D, Supersonic and Hypervelocity Airframes." Frank Westmoreland received the award for Mesa Associates and Dr. Alvin Murray, ITT Aerotherm, subcontractor to Mesa, contributed significantly to the SBIR research.

"The objective of this SBIR topic was to significantly enhance aerothermal analysis and design of supersonic and hypersonic missile systems," Dr. Gerald Russell, technical point of contact in the Propulsion and Structures Directorate for the contract, said. "This objective required development of reliable engineering methods for generating aerothermal boundary conditions, analytic modeling of complex material thermodynamic response and the coupling of these capabilities to finite element analysis tools for thermostructural modeling and design. Until successful completion of this SBIR program, these capabilities were not available."

Congress started the SBIR program in 1982 in part to enable small firms with strong research and development capabilities to participate in solving defense

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**BACK ON TOP**— The Research Development and Engineering Center won one of six Team Quality Awards for 2002 Small Business Innovation Research Phase II, Aug. 2. AMCOM team members named on the plaque are, from left, Raymond Shores, contracting officer, Otho "Buddy" Thomas, SBIR coordinator, Dr. William McCorkle, RDEC director and Dr. Gerald Russell, technical monitor.

# Logistics team earns quarterly recognition

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The Automated Maintenance Division, General Missile Directorate, Associate Director for Missiles, IMMC has received the IMMC Quarterly Team Award.

The team was recognized for working logistics operations issues for Test, Measurement and Diagnostic support. It also provided outstanding support to an aviation unit experiencing problems with properly grounding the Base Shop Test Facility at Fort Hood, Texas. The team instructed the unit in the proper procedures resulting in substantial savings in repairs annually.

Timely data and outstanding support provided in management and execution of foreign military sales programs resulted

in a sale of more than \$500,000 in engineering services and support.

Team members include Nick Miller, Michelle Williamson, Benita Cross, Gerald Turner, Regina Ivey, Peter Ewing; David Baswell, chief of Sustainment/Log Branch; Debra Widener; Gloria Brown, director of GMD; Richard Rice, Michael Murdock, Lloyd Potter, Xavier Bonilla, Leroy Broadnax, Carmen Davenport, Kevin Williams, Paul Square, Jimmie Davidson; Bobby McDonald, chief of ATE coordination; Ernest Hazzard, William Sharp, Gerald Morgan, Arthur McDonald, Sharon Rembert, James Champion, Leo Manning, George Smith; Bob Wilkerson, chief of Automated Maintenance Division; and Arthur McDonald, chief of ATE/TPS Management Division.

## ■ Honoree represents Aviation and Missile Command

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Hall at Fort Myer. The NCO of the Year is Jeffery Stitzel, stationed in Washington with the 3rd Infantry, the Old Guard.

"Being the first one and everything it's definitely an honor being able to hold a title of that magnitude," said Brown, in a telephone interview from Washington. "The Army is 1.3 million strong (including National Guard and Reserves). In my short career, it's definitely the biggest thing I've achieved. I just hope I can live up to the standards that go along with that title."

His goals include getting promoted soon to sergeant, and spreading a message to young people while he travels during the next year with the Sergeant Major of the Army. He plans to tell youngsters about the camaraderie that they won't find elsewhere, "that the Army is a place that will challenge you and also reward you for being able to meet the goals."

Brown, 21, was born in Ottawa, Ill., and raised in Mundelein, Ill. The son of Robert Brown and Rhonda Mueller, he's the oldest of four siblings. He finished Mundelein High School in 1999 and joined the Army in August 2000. His braces prevented him from enlisting earlier than that.

"It was my plan coming out of high

school because I really didn't want to go to college," he said of joining the Army. "I was kind of tired of school."

"I feel I made a good decision in joining. It's an organization where a little bit of motivation can go a long way. You decide to do something and most of the time the leadership will be supportive of what you decide to do. And the camaraderie goes a long way. It's kind of like a brotherhood between soldiers."

He's pursuing an associate degree in general studies from the University of Maryland through the education center at Baumholder. But he put that on hold while studying for the competition board. The soldier of the year competition included a physical fitness test, common task testing, a written exam on basic military subjects, day and night land navigation, M-16 qualification, a ruck march and the formal board.

Brown will attend the Association of the U.S. Army annual convention Oct. 19-24 in Washington before returning to Baumholder.

A bachelor his hobbies include reading, playing computer games and working out in the weight room. He played in a park district roller-hockey league for two years during high school. He roots for the Chicago Bears in football and Blackhawks in hockey.

The Bears might not get there, but Brown has already won his Super Bowl.

■ Command still has 79 surplus workers who must be placed

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that through these measures we can place these employees thereby eliminating the need for a reduction in force."

The Aviation and Missile Command initially received 48 authorizations for the fiscal 2002 special restructuring VSIP out of the 2,000 throughout the Defense Department. The command later got 23 more authorizations, bringing the total to 71. This enabled the command to approve 71 out of 223 on its priority list. Since there were no applicants in some targeted positions, and others were approved for the reshape program, the command was able to reach line 109 on the list. "Therefore we were able to get about halfway down on AMCOM's priority list," Dixon said.

"We will be developing a new command priority list for FY '03 for special restructuring VSIP and we will be prioritizing 306 command requirements," he said. Congress has authorized 6,000 special authorizations throughout the Defense Department for fiscal 2003. The command has requested 306 but has not yet received its number.

In the fiscal 2003 reshape program, there were three application periods. And the command was able to approve 50 of 73 applicants, according to Angela Williams, a personnel management specialist. The first application window, Aug. 1-7, was open only to targeted occupations; the second, Aug. 8-14, was for targeted and related occupations; and the third, Aug. 28 through Sept. 4, covered remaining targeted and related occupations.

Workers approved under the special restructuring program had to be off the rolls by Sept. 30; and those approved under the reshape VSIP left by Oct. 3.

They received a separation bonus of up to \$25,000 based on a severance pay for-

mula. They had three options for payment: a lump sum, two payments (after they're off the rolls for six months and then six months later), or biweekly. The final processing is coordinated with the Army Benefits Center at Fort Riley, Kan., according to Mischa Walker, human resource specialist in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Those leaving under the separation programs either take regular or early retirement, or resign. Voluntary Early Retirement Authority candidates had to be age 50 with 20 years service or any age with 25 years service.

Voluntary separation has become an annual process at this command. Reshape VSIP has been used here each year since first authorized in 1993. "Since 1993 we've approved over 4,000 VSIPs in Team Redstone and predecessor commands," Dixon said.

The Aviation and Missile Command has about 7,000 civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal.

"I'd just like to thank all the AMCOM managers that were involved in documenting the saves of surplus employees," Dixon said. "They've agreed to take an employee off the surplus list as a save for the employee that was approved for VSIP. In some cases, this has involved re-engineering positions and retraining of surplus employees."

Valerie Morgan, a personnel management specialist, said she supports the command's attempts to use voluntary methods to reduce its rolls.

"I applaud the command for making an effort to assist the employees," she said. "They're looking out for the best interest of the employees which is important for the culture of Team Redstone amidst all the other things that are going on, so I applaud them. It's something positive. We have to go through the exercise of making sure all the T's are crossed but the outcome is good. Most employees are happy with the results."

# Team Redstone employees approved for separation bonuses

The following workers were approved for separation bonuses of up to \$25,000 to end their government careers, resulting in

saving the jobs of surplus employees, according to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

1	ALONGI, ROBERT E	RDEC	62	LAWLER, RONALD W	RMD
2	ARCHIBALD, ALBERT M	RASA	63	LEONARD, A. ANDERSON	CCAD
3	BARBAGLIA, JOAN M	ACQ	64	LUCAS, LANA K	SGS
4	BARKER, JUDITH M	IMMC	65	MACKSEY, ARTHUR W	TMDE
5	BARNES, ROBERT T	RASA	66	MADDOX, MARION H	IMMC
6	BERRY, JACK E	RASA	67	MARLER, WILLIAM A	RDEC
7	BROADWAY, EASTER	CAD	68	MATHIS, MARCELLA	P&T
8	BUCHANAN, SANDRA M	RASA	69	MAYHALL, JUDITH C	CAD
9	CASEY, ROBERT E	TMDE	70	MCDONALD, BRADLEY	P&T
10	CASTANON, MANUEL M	CCAD	71	MCGOWAN, ELMA S	TMDE
11	CHRISTIAN, VIVIAN E	CIC	72	MCKAY, ERNEST L	RDEC
12	COLLIER, PATRICIA A	IMMC	73	MCREE, LARRY E	SAMD
13	COURTNEY, ROBERT	TMDE	74	MEELER, BEVERLY H	CAD
14	CURRIE, RICHARD W.	RDEC	75	MITCHELL, RITA	CM
15	DALY, JOHN P.	CAD	76	MONKS, LAURIE R	RASA
16	DANIELS, JEFFREY W.	CIC	77	MOORE, EDWARD E	IMMC
17	DENSON, CHARLES L	CIC	78	MURRAY, LARRY D	IMMC
18	DENT, IRVIN	RDEC	79	NEAL, CHARLES M	RDEC
19	DERRYBERRY, PEGGY W	RDEC	80	NEW, JERRY D	CCAD
20	DEWEESE, JAMES E.	RASA	81	NORTH, MARY K	IMMC
21	DISMUKE, RONALD E	RASA	82	OSMER, OLLIE B	CIC
22	DOWNING, JUDITH	IMMC	83	PARKER, FAYE H	TMDE
23	ECKSTEIN, BARBARA H	RDEC	84	PARTIDA, LILIAN	DCSS
24	ELKINS, JACKIE	CIC	85	PAULSON, CARL V.	IMMC
25	ELROD, GLENDA M	LEGAL	86	PETERSON, LAWRENCE	IMMC
26	ESSLINGER, BRENDA T	IMMC	87	PFEIFFER, ROSALEE M	DCSS
27	FERNET, JUDITH E	SAMD	88	POPE, VICTOR T	IMMC
28	FLOWERS, JIMMY K	IMMC	89	POSEY, NANCY A	RASA
29	FREEMAN, JOYCE J	SAMD	90	PRICE, SANDY N.	LAISO
30	FULDA, PAUL R JR.	IMMC	91	READUS, WILLIE L	IMMC
31	GARDNER, JOHN H.	IMMC	92	RICE, ROSE E	DCSS
32	GARRETT, ELSIE	RDEC	93	RICHARD, GLADYS W	RDEC
33	GEBHART, TIMOTHY	IMMC	94	RIEMERSMA, JERRY L	IMMC
34	GEORGE, CHALMER D.	DCSS	95	ROBERTS, BARRY W	DSA
35	GILLESPIE, JAMES W.	RMD	96	RUSHING, BENNY W.	LAISO
36	GLADINA, M. GRAVES	CCAD	97	SCHULTE, CONNIE	CIC
37	GOLDEN, PATRICIA P	ACQ	98	SCOTT, LINDA R	IMMC
38	GREENE, JOHN G	IMMC	99	SEITZ, JAMES N	RMD
39	GROLEMUND, LAWRENCE J	DSA	100	SHEGOG, AUDREY J	IMMC
40	HACKETT, BETTY G	ACQ	101	SMITH, RONALD	RASA
41	HALL, PEGGIE A	RDEC	102	STRICKLAND, HUGH H	IMMC
42	HALL, RONALD E	IMMC	103	TAYLOR, CLAUDETTE	CIC
43	HAMBRICK, ELLIS M	IMMC	104	TERRY, EDWARD E	IMMC
44	HICKS, WALTER W. JR.	IMMC	105	TONEY-BURRESS, BETTIE	P&T
45	HODGES, JEAN D	CAD	106	TROLINGER, WINSTON	TMDE
46	HOOD, PATRICIA W	IMMC	107	VANDIVER, MARY	RDEC
47	HOYT, GERALDINE A	RDEC	108	VOELKERS, LINDA R	LAISO
48	HUDSON, JIMMY A	IMMC	109	WALTON, RONALD L	IMMC
49	IGNACIO, SEGOVIA	CCAD	110	WARREN, CARL H	RDEC
50	IRVIN, MARGARET E	CIC	111	WEBSTER, ALISON	P&T
51	JACKSON, GLYNN R	IMMC	112	WEEKS, RUTH C	RDEC
52	JACKSON, SADIE M.	CIC	113	WHALEY, DANA L	IMMC
53	JOHNSON, HOYTE E	RDEC	114	WHITAKER, JOHN M	RDEC
54	JOHNSON, LINDA P	CIC	115	WHITAKER, THOMAS B	IMMC
55	JONES, LARRY S. SR	IMMC	116	WHITE, JOANNE L	DCSS
56	KILGORE, ROBERT B.	IMMC	117	WHITSELL, GERALD W.	DCSS
57	KIRK, WILMA G	TMDE	118	WILBANKS, PAMELA S	CM
58	KIRKLAND, GEORGIA	LEGAL	119	WILLIAMS, JOHN R.	RDEC
59	KIRKLAND, IRIS	IMMC	120	WORSHAM, GWENDOLYN	DCSS
60	KRUMM, ROY E.	CIC	121	WYKE, JACKIE R	TMDE
61	LATHAM, MARK T	IMMC			

# West Nile Virus cases spread concern nationwide

## Installation control program monitors mosquito population

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Autumn means falling leaves, trick-or-treaters, and cooler temperatures. This autumn has, so far, also meant wetter weather. With mosquitoes and West Nile Virus buzzing around in the backs of everyone's minds, the increase in puddles and standing water has been a concern for all. Even though the mosquito season is coming to a close, do not let autumn catch you with your Deet down. Higher than normal hurricane activity has kept a steady influx of warm tropical air and heavy rain across the South, seemingly extending summer and keeping insect populations buzzing. Until the season's first frost slows the blood sucking community to a standstill, it's business as usual for the installation mosquito program.

It has been an eventful summer for the Centers for Disease Control and the Alabama Department of Public Health. With more than 2,000 cases of human infection nationwide, the virus has seemingly spread across the entire country. Sixty-two of Alabama's 67 counties have confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus and it is likely present in every community throughout the state. That makes for 39 human cases, 49 horses and 563 birds infected. Sadly, the state has had three fatalities this year, two women in Montgomery County and one man in Mobile County. All three were elderly. Most of the fatalities nationwide have been in either the very old or very young. Their immune systems are not

as strong and they are thereby more susceptible. Most people who become infected with WNV have either no symptoms or very mild ones. According to the Alabama Department of Public Health, only about 1 percent of those infected actually develop encephalitis and only 10 percent of those patients died. While the chances of becoming ill and dying are slim, it is always better to be safe than sorry.

The surest way to ensure your health and well being is prevention. While everyone has heard what measures to take, it bears repeating. The installation program has sent instructions to post housing areas in the past week, reminding everyone of exactly what those personal safety measures should be: Limiting outdoor activities during mosquito heavy hours, such as dawn, dusk and nighttime; wearing loose clothes in light colors, with long sleeves and pants; and applying Deet or permethrin products to the exposed skin and clothing, as per manufacturer instructions, when you must venture out. While most of these instructions are nothing new, they are still important. Also included was additional information on doing your part for mosquito control. Residents were urged to be vigilant, checking frequently for upright containers that can hold standing water and turning them over. Birdbaths, flowerpot saucers, swimming pools and wading pools should have the water changed twice weekly. Pet dishes should be done daily. Keep your boat drained and/or covered to keep it from becoming a mosquito haven. Cleaning out gutters and repairing leaky faucets and pipes also helps. Make sure old tires are stored under cover or disposed of properly. Keep kid's toys where they will not collect water. Simple steps can have a big impact when everyone does their share.

Mosquitoes have been captured at Redstone and sent off to be tested for WNV. Huntsville has had three separate sites come back positive. Mosquito sites on post are being treated with larvacide to keep eggs and adolescents from growing up to be problems. Light traps are used to capture and test a wide sampling of the population. While no mass spraying has been done, the installation program is prepared to do so, should the need arise.

"Spraying is a short-term solution for one area," says Jesse Horton of the installation control program, "it is not really effective when you're dealing with hundreds of acres."

While WNV is the most pressing issue when dealing with mosquitoes at the moment, it is not the only reason for vigilance. The post program strives to monitor and control mosquito populations because of all the diseases that are mosquito borne and started long before West Nile made an appearance in Alabama. For two years they have been keeping their eye on the African virus. Still, Horton says the most important way for those on the installation to aid in the cause is to keep up preventive measures.

Yet another reason to look forward to fall — the end of mosquito season.

"Cooler temperatures will result in reduced activity of the mosquitoes, thereby reducing some of the risks associated with mosquito population growth and their biting activities," Horton says. Until frost comes somewhere around the middle of the month, be aware and be prepared. Autumn picnics are grand, but don't let yours end by becoming something else's meal.

For more information about prevention and control efforts in the installation control program, call Horton at 876-6145.

# Break the silence, stop the violence



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**SPREADING THE WORD**— Virginia Dempsey, center, Family Advocacy Program coordinator, talks with workers at Crisis Center of North Alabama Beth Taylor, sexual assault nurse examiner, and Bill Farris, development manager, about services available to domestic violence victims and their families. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

## Domestic violence awareness highlighted during October

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Ever wonder where the old adage "rule of thumb" comes from?

It was common English law that a man could beat his wife as long as the instrument he used to inflict the beating was no wider than his thumb.

Alabama was the first state in the country to make case law to reverse that common law, to say that it isn't all right to beat your wife. The law changed in 1871, but society has yet to get the message.

The U.S. Surgeon General reports that more than 4 million American women are severely assaulted by their male partners at least once per year. About 95 percent of DV victims are women.

In Alabama, of the 19,873 violent offenses (excluding simple assaults) reported in 2001, domestic violence was indicated in 4,013. There were 25,635 domestic simple assaults reported for the same year.

Domestic violence happens everyday and in every community.

There were 19 arrests on Redstone Arsenal for domestic disturbance in 2001.

"The biggest pitfall to ending domestic violence is breaking the silence," Bill Farris, development manager, Crisis Services of North Alabama, said. "People don't talk about it. They don't like to report it because perception out there is that it only happens to lower class people. The truth is, it happens across the board — men, women, rich, poor, all races.

"We have to break the silence on both sides," he said. "The victims and the people around them that suspect or know something is going on, they have to start

speaking out."

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As a way to bring attention to the cause and highlight the programs and services available to those who need help Crisis Services will conduct candlelight services to remember victims killed by domestic violence in Huntsville, Oct. 22 at Wesley Center First United Methodist Church; in Decatur Oct. 24 at the Morgan County Courthouse and in Scottsboro Oct. 24 at the First Baptist Church.

### Cutting abuse

A new program being introduced in the community, "Cut It Out" is designed to educate and train hair stylists and manicurists to spot abuse and deliver information that can help make positive changes in the lives of their clients.

"These people have a unique opportunity because they get close enough to see physical evidence — bruises, cuts, scrapes," Farris said. "And because people trust their hairdressers. There's already a bond there."

Cut It Out sessions will be Oct. 14 at the Beville Center, 550 Sparkman Drive; Oct. 21 in Guntersville at the Holiday Inn, Highway 431 and 79; and Oct. 28 in Decatur at the Marriott Courtyard, 1209 Courtyard Circle. Call 716-4052 for reservations.

"We're also doing the Kiss-a-Cop program, giving out little bags of Hershey's kisses as a thank you to every law enforcement officer in North Alabama, including officers at the Arsenal," Farris said. "Police officers see it firsthand. The attitudes of the police departments have changed 180 degrees. They are the ones on the front lines. It's our way of saying thank you."

"Add the Family Advocacy Program to that thank you," Virginia Dempsey, Family Advocacy Program manager, Army

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# Prize money profits help Waiting Spouses program

*Authors of winning paper  
double prize money to \$500*

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Army Emergency Relief officer Kristi Foster often gets calls from people looking for a little cash to help them through a tough situation. Last week it was just the opposite.

"I got a call from Mike Peck who works in the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Project Office," Foster said. "Several people from his office had written a paper together and it won a cash award. They wanted to donate the money to a worthy cause and he wanted to find out more about our programs."

Foster began describing the Army Community Service programs on post that can accept donations such as AER, Army Family Team Building, Total Tots and Waiting Spouses. When she began to explain the mission of Waiting Spouses as a support group for military wives geographically separated from their husbands, Peck didn't wait for her to finish talking. He knew without a doubt that's where the group would want the money to go.

"We looked at several possibilities through CFC (Combined Federal Campaign), but Waiting Spouses specifically supports the Army," Nhuchi Khong, division chief for System Engineering and Integration, said. Khong was one of six co-authors of a paper on the test capabilities supporting the Ground-based Midcourse Defense program. Among the 40 technical papers presented at the International Test and Evaluation Association conference in September, their's placed third and earned a \$250 cash award.

"We are all very blessed," she said of the contributing authors. "None of us were going to get rich on \$40 but we thought \$250 might really make a difference for a local organization. Then we

thought, \$250 is too little so we decided to throw in another \$250 between us and make the donation \$500. We're very excited to be able to help such a wonderful group."

It's the first donation for Waiting Spouses. The group has a ladies night out once a month, free baby-sitting provided, which gives them the opportunity to fellowship, share, help and be helped by women who are in the same situation.

"This is a tremendous boost for Waiting Spouses," Foster, program coordinator, said. "We've always looked for low budget activities but money is always tight. Dinner and a show might be rough, so she (a group member) says, 'Maybe I'll just meet you at the show.' We can use this to help when someone wants to come out with us but just can't afford it. We might even be able to have a Christmas party for the families."

Helping Army families is exactly what the group had in mind when they decided to make a donation. Two of the six authors, Khong, and John Pate are government workers in the GMD JPO; the other four are contractors: Bob Gravitz and Alleen Bray work for Aegis Research Corporation; Mike Peck works for S Y Technology Inc., and Michelle Sterling works for ELMCO Inc.

Besides the writing team, Khong credits Lt. Col. Chuck Driessnack who stood up the Test Training Exercise Capability Product Office in January 2001. He came up with the concept for test capabilities, an idea the team expanded on for the paper. Driessnack left in July 2001.

"Col. Tim McKaig, director of TTEC Directorate and Maj. (Mike) Monis, the deputy, were very supportive in our work and about the donation," Khong said. "Col. McKaig thanked us several times for helping the Army directly.

"It makes us feel good," she said. "I would like to encourage people who write papers to do this. I know most conferences don't give out money, but when they do, it's great to pass that on."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**SURPRISE GIFT**— A group of workers from the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Project Office donated \$500 to the Waiting Spouses group on post. Receiving the check for the Waiting Spouses group are, from left, member Janet Lones, with her two children, Ashton, 1, and Kendall, 3 (standing beside her), Tracey Silvia, volunteer program assistant, with her children (in front) Marjorie, 2, and Joey, 4, and from the GMD JPO, Nhuchi Khong, with her children, Donny, 11, and Danielle, 5.

■ Small business award no small achievement

## Award

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related scientific or engineering problems through defined phases.

Phase II includes principal research or research and development efforts to produce a well-defined deliverable prototype. It lasts up to two years with funding up to \$730,000.

■ Domestic violence usually escalates

## Abuse

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Community Service, said. "We really appreciate the support and protection the officers give our families."

The Army provides annual training for military police and criminal investigators on the handling of domestic violence calls.

"We do have services in place to protect families and treat the domestic violence situation but the Army focuses heavily on prevention," Dempsey said, listing a myriad of classes and programs offered regularly including anger management, stress management, parenting classes, financial management, Army Family Team Building, relocation assistance, improving communication, and behavioral medicine services.

Crisis Services also offers help to victims through shelter, HELpline crisis hotline 716-1000, counseling, group therapy, legal assistance, education and training programs and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault victims.

### Warning signs

Domestic violence doesn't usually happen without warning. There is a cycle of violence that begins with the emotional abuse, isolation, extreme jealousy, intimidation, insults, degradation, humiliation, threats to harm the victim or chil-

Quality team members named on the award include Dr. William McCorkle, RDEC director, Raymond Shores, RDEC contracting officer for the SBIR Phase II contract, Russell and Thomas. The team credits Jane Greer, program analyst in the Advanced Systems Directorate, Kathy James' group, RDEC contracting office and Willard Rathbun's group in the Legal Office for the success and daily operation of the AMCOM SBIR program.

dren. All of this stems from the need for control. Abuse isn't caused by anger, anger is caused by the abuser feeling a lack of control.

When the abuser can no longer control the victim through emotional means, the violence escalates. It could take days, months or even years but unless the cycle is interrupted, the abuse typically intensifies to physical abuse — pushing, shoving, slapping, punching, kicking, choking, assault with a weapon, holding, tying down or other restraints, leaving the victim in a dangerous place and refusing to help when she is sick or injured.

Sexual abuse is another facet of domestic violence. Just because the victim is the wife, girlfriend or ex-girlfriend doesn't mean the abuser has the right to force her to perform sexual activities. Sexual abuse includes pursuing sexual activity when she is not fully conscious, is not asked or is afraid to say no, hurting her physically during sex or assaulting her genitals including the use of objects or weapons, coercing her to have sex without protection against pregnancy or sexually transmissible diseases, criticizing her and calling her sexually degrading names.

Abuse can also take the form of destruction of property or pets, including breaking, burning or damaging her clothes or property, destroying family heirlooms, damaging her vehicle, and hurting, maiming or killing family pets.

# Intelligence center opens annual charity drive

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center launched its 2002 Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 1 with a Kickoff Ceremony and Agency Fair. Charitable organizations from across the Tennessee Valley packed MSIC's Exhibition Atrium offering MSIC employees and contractors a view of the services they offer.

The kickoff ceremony opened with a performance by the MSIC Quartet and the singing of the national anthem by

Athurine Shackelford followed by opening remarks from MSIC director Clyde Walker, and MSIC CFC financial chair and loaned executive Greg Mitchell.

The event was capped by a rousing speech from guest speaker Fred Holland, host of WVNN radio 770's "Fred and Peter in the Morning." Holland expressed his sentiments and feelings for "America, the most caring and sharing nation on Earth" sprinkled with anecdotal snippets

about life with his on-air partner Peter Wilkinson Theil.

Mitchell, a MSIC employee for the last 22 years, is performing the duties of CFC loaned executive for his third year and is the MSIC CFC financial chair for the 2002 campaign.

"When I first start working with the CFC LE program in August 2000 and visiting the service organizations during orientation week, I could not believe the number

of valley people that were out there living day in and day out with pain, disease, emotional distress, despair and poverty," he said. "It was disheartening until I realized how many groups, organizations and individuals were out there doing a great job providing aid, help and hope. That one week in August 2000 changed my life. I totally believe in supporting these organizations with my time and money through the CFC and the United Way."



Photo by Buster Walker

**KICKOFF CEREMONY**— From left are Melinda Seigler, CFC director for United Way of Madison County; Greg Mitchell, MSIC loaned executive and financial chair; Fred Holland, WVNN 770 radio personality; Gay Money, CFC campaign coordinator; and Phyllis Henley of the CFC staff.



Courtesy photo

## Fire station visit

Hannah Carter, 3, and Shandi Burrows, 2, sit in the Special Response Unit while visiting the fire station on Vincent Road, Sept. 30. Family Child Care providers Denise Jones and Genny Pugh took their groups to tour the fire station for National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12.



Photo by Linda Morton

## Pony ride

Madison Pittman takes a ride during the seventh annual Oktoberfest held Sept. 12-15 at Redstone Activity Field.

# Black Hawk up with \$1.4B contract to Sikorsky

The Aviation and Missile Command has awarded a \$1.4 billion multi-year, multi-service contract to the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Conn.

The basic contract, awarded Sept. 26 on behalf of the Program Executive Office for Aviation, and the Department of the Navy, includes 80 Army UH-60L Black Hawks and 82 Navy MH-60S Utility Helicopters, associated mission kits and related support for production years 2002 through 2006. The contract also contains options which, if exercised, could potentially be worth \$6 billion for approximately 600 total aircraft, mission kits and support.

The UH-60 Black Hawk is the front-line utility helicopter for the Army, and it

is used primarily for air assault and general support missions. The Black Hawk is designed to transport 11 combat-loaded air assault soldiers plus its crew (two pilots and a crew chief, along with a door gunner when required) and built to survive small-arms fire. The UH-60A also can move a 105mm howitzer with its six-person crew and 30 rounds of ammunition in one trip.

The Army began fielding the Black Hawk in 1978, and there are more than 1,500 Black Hawks in the Army's fleet. Black Hawk models include the UH-60A and UH-60L Utility/Assault, the UH-60Q Aeromedical Evacuation, the MH-60K Special Operations, and the EH-60A Electronic Warfare.

# Soldiers have online option for requesting assignments

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lowing information:

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# Single soldiers welcome trip to Atlanta

*Day in amusement park, night on town among committee members' activities*

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With the end of the fiscal year in sight, Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers committee members had to find an appropriate use for the funds remaining in the BOSS treasury. With little chance of rolling the funds over until next year, the BOSS committee members decided on a trip to properly utilize the hard earned money from past fund-raisers.

After a few meetings, the 10 to 15 soldiers who attend meetings on a regular basis decided on a weekend trip to Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta. Diane Campbell, whose contributions to BOSS and Redstone Arsenal will be sorely missed, coordinated the trip. (Campbell, the Recreation Center director, died Sept. 25.) The trip was designed to take up to 24 soldiers, and the plan was to travel in both privately owned vehicles and a 15-passenger van.

After an in-depth safety briefing from resident safety expert Don Cranford, the

group agreed to meet early the next morning. The plan was to leave early enough so that soldiers could be the first in line for the more popular rides. There were some concerns about the weather due to the storms that canceled military stakes competition that Friday.

The weather could not have been better, and all the soldiers arrived Sept. 28 before it got too warm. Members rode the Superman, the Déjà vu and the classic Ninja.

"We were fortunate when we tried to get on some of the rides because they had just opened the park and the line wasn't too long. We did wait in line for a while but the lines weren't nearly as long as they were later on in the day. Even by the time we got on the ride, the line was three times as long," Sgt. Jason Byrd said. "We wished we could have done more but lines and the time were not permitting. We still had to check into hotels and such for later on that day."

They checked in at Residence Hotel in Buckhead and settled into the rooms. The location of the hotel was very nice. It was just minutes away from Lenox Square and not too far away from Underground Atlanta. Soldiers took full advantage of that location and went out to eat and shopping at Underground Atlanta.

"We all ate at the food court, and it was a pretty lively urban environment," Byrd said.

After a few hours of rest, BOSS members set out for the Buckhead strip to sample Atlanta's night life. The group split up according to music tastes and proceeded to various clubs. Some soldiers went to a block party at Morris Brown and spent a considerably smaller amount of money. The hotel had a sauna, a pool and a workout room. There was also a basketball court outside.

"The hotel accommodations were nice — everyone had a place to stay. The hotel had nice facilities. It was a good vacation-type trip for us. The staff was nice and worked with us in straightening out the billing issues. It would be a good place to go in the future," Byrd said.

Spec. Twanica Nelson conducted an after action review for the group. The general consensus was that things went well. The minor logistical problems that were present can easily be dealt with on planning future trips.



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

**CHILLIN' OUT**— Taking a break Sept. 28 at Six Flags Over Georgia are, from left, Sgt. Jason Byrd, PFC Loniel Greene, Pvt. Brian Lasher, PFC Jowanna Crews, Sgt. Tamara Price, Spec. Brandon Cooley, Spec. Twanica Nelson, PFC Hui Zhao and PFC Ryan Masinelli.

## Redstone home for 23 newly-arriving soldiers

Twenty-three soldiers, including eight officers, reported for duty at Redstone during September.

Personnel and Training officials provided the following in-processing list:

- SSgt. Leroy Howard III, MEDDAC; SFC Eric M. Moe, AMCOM; SSgt. Matthew Winbon, Delta Company; Spec. Brian K. Smith, MEDDAC; SSgt. Tommy J. Haygood, Delta Company; SFC Kevin J. Howell, Delta Company; SSgt. Michael D. Roser, Headquarters & Alpha Company; Pvt. Ryan A. Blas, AMCOM; SSgt. Gildardo Calderon, NCO Academy; SFC Benito Cantero, Fort Bliss, Texas; Sgt.

- Amanda Calderon, HHC 59th; MSgt. Veronica A. Davis, AMCOM; SFC Michelle A. Penn, LOGSA; SFC Stanley J. Littleton, Delta Company; SSgt. Jeremy Conway, Delta Company;

- 1st Lt. Adam L. Brink, Charlie Company; Maj. Desiree Burgessfield, HHC 59th; Lt. Col. Daniel A. Cutshall, attached to AMCOM/Army National Guard; 1st Lt. Brian D. Costa, Headquarters & Alpha; Lt. Col. Lyle M. Stone, LOGSA/IMA (new); Capt. Ingrid M. Terry, STRICOM; Maj. Alonzo B. McGhee, MISC; and Lt. Col. Jeffrey A. Gabbert, AMCOM.

# Neighbors

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me so, let me say for the record, I generally view political correctness as a blight on our society. It has sucked the marrow of honesty from the skeletal framework we call communication. Simply put, I am not out scouring the media, looking for ways to be offended but this one really got me.

Although it's not obvious to the reader at first, the eight-page advertisement is actually promoting a new Do It Yourself network on cable television which is also linked to a web site.

## Commentary

The first of three spreads was a picture from the perspective of a person driving in the country at dusk, a large Jersey cow standing in the middle of the road caught in the headlights. Imminent danger is obvious. Over to the right, is a block of solid color with only a few words, sort of an explanation of the scene. At the top: Auto Body Repair- Episode DCR- 108; a few inches lower, Leather Crafts- Episode DIC- 148; and a couple inches below that, Grilling Techniques- Episode BBQ-102. At the very bottom of the section, a logo and the words Do It Yourself Network appear.

Hmmm. I get it. The car hits the cow, you'll need to fix the car, and make good use of the victim. While I thought it was a little "tasteless," I wasn't offended. I'm not a vegetarian, either.

I turn the page and find the ad continues with a new scene, in the same colorful glossy paper and format. This time the picture is of two boys, maybe 7 or 8 years old, jumping up and down on a large bed, with the ceiling fan above a little too close for comfort. Over to the side was again, more explanation. At the top: Building a Playground- Episode DIP- 103; in the middle, Ceiling Fan Repairs- Episode DIR 134; and finally, Treating Head Wounds- Episode DIK- 202. Again the company name and logo appeared at the bottom.

I totally understood the point, having cracked my own head on a ceiling fan or two. No problem... until I turn the page.

Same format. Brilliant colors. It is a summertime view across the top of a chain link fence, looking into the neighbor's grassy back yard. In the upper right corner of the picture is part of a wading pool with a garden hose draped over the side. A few feet away from the pool, an overweight man, dressed in knee-length shorts and a tank top, is lying face down on a lounge chair catching a few rays, listening to music playing on the portable radio next to the chair, his Diet Coke in a cooler cup on the grass nearby.

Over to the right is the explanation. At the top: Curing Nausea- Episode TUW- 105; in the middle, Planting a Privacy Hedge- Episode DIG 120; and below that, Selling Your Home- Episode DIY-

KITS. Again the Do It Yourself Logo at the bottom.

I was puzzled by this one. The nausea thing didn't make any sense. And as for the privacy fence, well the pool was a little tacky maybe but nothing to get bunched up about. I reread the words and looked at the picture and for the first time realized that the guy in the lawn chair wasn't a *GQ* model. What was he doing in the magazine? In today's society if you're not perfectly buffed or busty, you don't appear in magazines like *Time*... unless they're making fun of you.

All the sudden I felt the steam rising. No, wait, surely there's another point to the ad but as I scoured the picture I couldn't see it. The yard was neatly trimmed. The man's clothes fit and covered him appropriately. All that was left was the undeniable message: overweight people are unworthy.

A cure for nausea? Are you kidding me? What kind of Anorexic Annie lives next door to this guy? Here's a little something for the ad company to chew on. Maybe this neighbor, while rooting around the kitchen for a midnight snack to sustain his rotund figure, looks out the window and notices smoke billowing out from your upstairs window, calls the fire department and makes sure you get out of the house alive?

Maybe he is the guy who stops to give you a lift when your car leaves you stranded on the highway. Maybe he's a co-worker who will listen to your woes, encourage you and keep your private issues from becoming fodder for the gossip mongering water cooler crowd (who all have perfect bodies). Maybe he's the one who'll watch your kids in the time of emergency, take care of your pets while you're out of town on business or simply give you a nice smile and wave when he sees you in the yard.

I am stunned by this company's bold, colorful promotion of the idea that an overweight person couldn't possibly have any redeeming qualities. Plant a privacy hedge? Sell your house and move based on the single fact that a fat (yes, I used the politically incorrect term) guy lives next door? That sporting a few extra pounds somehow makes a human being worthless?

Do I sound ticked? I am. With all the evil entrenched in our society — child molesters, rapists, thieves, murderers, corrupt businessmen, violence targeted toward every segment of the population, terrorists on the loose — and I'm supposed to judge a man undeserving because he shops at the Big and Tall store?

No way. I'll surround myself with all the good, kind, honest, gently, loyal, loving, people I can find, no matter what shape, size or color they happen to be. Shame on *Time Magazine* for running that ad. And you can bet when I do pick up the phone and call 877-9GETDIY, it won't be "to get DIY added to my channel lineup." Maybe it's a good thing they already have a show about treating head wounds.

# Bowling center delivers Xtreme fun for community

*Redstone Lanes open seven days a week*

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This was ultimate proof that bowling covers all age groups.

Mel Webb, who works the counter at Redstone Lanes, had already told a visitor about youth bowling on Saturday mornings, "Xtreme" bowling on Friday and Saturday nights, and league play for men and women. And now he, at 74, agreed to bowl a few frames so the visitor could snap some photos. He hadn't bowled since 1985.

"I used to be a pretty good bowler," Webb said. "I had both my knee joints replaced so I gave it up. But I used to love it. I used to bowl four or five times a week."

Redstone Lanes is the place to go for that and more. It's open 5-9 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday, noon to 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 5-9 p.m. Sunday.

The snack bar offers lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SPARE TIME**— Mel Webb, 74, bowls for the first time since 1985. The Redstone Lanes worker used to bowl several times each week but stopped after having both knees replaced.

Try the Betty Burgers served up by cook Betty Clark. "She's well known all over the post," bowling center manager John Howard said.

The eight adult leagues have a total of 84 four-member teams. There's the Monday Night Officers Mixed League, Tuesday Night Mixed League, Wednesday

IMMC Mixed League, Wednesday Night Men's League, Thursday Morning Ladies League, Thursday LOGSA Mixed League, Friday OCWC Ladies League and Friday Night Mixed League. For information call Redstone Lanes at 876-6634.

"Most of our bowlers out here are average bowlers," Howard said. "I think our most competitive bowlers are in our Tuesday Night Mixed League. Scores are really jumping out here."

The Young American Bowling Alliance offers bowling for ages 5-21 on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Xtreme Bowling, with the lights out and music blaring, is in concert Friday and Saturday nights from 9-11. "If you really want to come out for fun and enjoyment, try Xtreme bowling Friday and Saturday night," Howard said.

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

"I'm looking forward to the new (bowling) center," Howard said of construction plans. "We'll hopefully break ground sometime in December or January."

## Skip's picks

*Sooners are better than rival Texas*

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Skip's picks went 25-6 in the fifth week of the college football season, bringing the season totals to 120-31. Here are my predictions for selected games this week:

- California at USC — USC
- Clemson at Virginia — Clemson
- Colorado at Kansas — Colorado
- Wyoming at Colorado State — Colo. State
- Duke at Wake Forest — Wake Forest
- Louisiana State at Florida — Florida
- Tennessee at Georgia — Tennessee
- Purdue at Illinois — Purdue
- Wisconsin at Indiana — Wisconsin
- Michigan State at Iowa — Iowa
- Texas Tech at Iowa State — Iowa State
- Oklahoma State at Kansas State — Kansas State
- South Carolina at Kentucky — Kentucky
- Middle Tennessee at Vanderbilt — Vandy
- Northwestern at Minnesota — Minnesota
- Arkansas State at Ole Miss — Ole Miss
- Troy State at Mississippi State — Miss. State
- Missouri at Nebraska — Nebraska
- N.C. State at North Carolina — N.C. State
- Pittsburgh at Notre Dame — Notre Dame
- San Jose State at Ohio State — Ohio State
- Oregon at UCLA — UCLA
- Rice at Navy — Rice
- West Virginia at Rutgers — West Virginia
- Utah at San Diego State — Utah

- Southern Miss at South Florida — Southern Miss
- SMU at Fresno State — Fresno State
- Washington State at Stanford — Washington State
- Syracuse at Temple — Syracuse

- Oklahoma vs. Texas — Oklahoma
- Florida State at Miami — Miami
- Arkansas at Auburn — Auburn
- Tennessee State at Alabama A&M — Tenn. State
- Penn State at Michigan — Michigan
- Brigham Young at Air Force — Air Force
- Arizona at Washington — Washington
- Oregon State at Arizona State — Oregon State
- Texas Christian at Army — TCU
- Texas A&M at Baylor — Texas A&M
- Virginia Tech at Boston College — Va. Tech



# Martial arts tourney features variety of warriors

Students and instructors get kicks in competition

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The martial artist is unique because he invents himself. The martial artist's identity is forged through will, sacrifice, discipline and suffering. Tournaments like the Rocket City Taekwondo invitational give these unique athletes a chance to come together and test their skills against their peers. Relatives and friends get to see the result of all the hard work done by their martial artist.

Three schools were involved in the annual tournament Sept. 21 at Madison Elementary School. Some competitors had come all the way from Athens, Ga. Male and female competitors of all ages and skill levels participated in form and sparring competitions.

"The organization of the events was superb," MSgt. Jeffrey Davis said. "They went right from the forms to the sparring competition, so no one had to wait around getting stiff."

The event began with a sword demonstration. Intermediate students performed some sword techniques, and then Master M. K. Kim demonstrated some forms before putting on a spectacular straw and bamboo cutting show.

Then the black belts and junior black belts strutted their stuff in a forms competition before sparring. Competitions ran concurrently in three or four different rings. After these events, the black belt competitors became the judges and the referees for the colored belts.

"Because the black belts went first, the younger students got a chance to see where they could be after some years of hard work and dedication. It was a good incentive for those just beginning their study," Davis said.

Most members of the team had less

than a year of martial arts experience, but when it came to getting in the ring, they executed like it was second nature. The team managed four first place finishes, and six second place finishes.

"I was very impressed with the student's performance. For many of them, this was their first tournament and they had been dealing with nerves since early on that week. They showed a lot of maturity in the way they handled themselves. They were confident in what they had learned and went out there and executed," Davis said.

The team made an impression on the other martial artists in attendance. Students were attentive, well behaved, and well supported by friends and family.

"Some of the black belts from other schools approached me as I was leaving and commented on the outstanding performance of our students. It was a good first showing and the outcome of the competition really set a standard. These other schools will be looking for some fierce competition in the future," Davis said.

When a school gets a reputation for good sportsmanship and quality tournament fighters, it can more easily attempt to host tournaments, and it's more likely to get invitations to tourneys.

"I'm still doing homework on some of the area tournaments. David Mitchell did an excellent job in setting up The Rocket City Championships. It was a safe, competitive environment, run the way a tourney should be run. I'm hoping to find more tournaments out there of similar quality," Davis said.

He has big plans for the program on the Arsenal. With continued success at tournaments, he hopes to increase the number of students participating in the class and maybe begin to host tournaments at the Youth Center gym.

A martial arts school is a business venture. Overhead costs like renting space, a variety of equipment and instructor compensation put fiscal demands on the pro-



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**SNAP TO IT—** Danyealla Ross of Rocket Taekwondo executes a front snap kick during the forms competition of the Sept. 21 tournament at Madison Elementary School.

gram. These usually get passed on to the students through belt testing fees and class fees. By having Rocket Taekwondo on post, the overhead cost is slightly diminished.

"As always I appreciate the support of the Youth Center. It keeps the cost from being prohibitive and makes Taekwondo training accessible to more students," Davis said.

**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.

**Basketball salute**

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

**In-line hockey**

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

**Conferences & Meetings****Federal Bar luncheon**

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will hold its luncheon Oct. 17 at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 6000 South Memorial Parkway - note location change. Michael Durant, the pilot who was taken captive in Somalia in 1993 after his Black Hawk helicopter was shot down, is the scheduled guest speaker. The social will begin at 11:15 a.m. and the prime rib lunch will be served at 11:30. Cost is \$11.75. Reservations are due by Oct. 15 via e-mail: cindy.vanrassen@smdc.army.mil or by phone at 955-5717.

**Enlisted spouses**

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Community Activity Center. The meeting is open to all spouses of active duty or retired enlisted. New members are always welcome. For more information, call club president Crystal Taylor 864-3126 or vice president Sue Furia 895-6037.

**Union meeting**

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its regular monthly membership meeting Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. at building 3202 (union office). All employees are invited to attend. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

**Parent council**

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

**Engineer society**

The Huntsville Post, Society of American Military Engineers will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fogcutter Restaurant on University Drive. Admission is free; meals are pay as you go. Nonmembers are welcome. For reservations, please e-mail both of the following: david.a.sheets.maj@usace.army.mil and deborah.d.walker@usace.army.mil.

**Retired officers**

The Retired Officers Association will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Valley Hill Country Club, 8300 Valley Hill Drive, southeast. For more information, call retired Lt. Col. Bill Aldrup Jr. 881-0652.

**Miscellaneous****Soldier payments**

The deadline for the \$2,700 payment for VEAP to MGIB convertees is rapidly approaching. The responsibility falls on the individual to check and ensure that they have paid the full \$2,700 within the

statutorily required deadline (18 months from the date entered on their DD Form 2366). Meeting this deadline is critical. Soldiers have no education benefits to utilize until the required \$2,700 is paid in full. Furthermore, soldiers who fail to pay the \$2,700 in full by the deadline will forfeit all contributions made to that point and will not be eligible for any MGIB benefits, according to the Education Center. Many soldiers have had problems with their local finance offices erroneously stopping the reduction in pay when it reaches \$600 or \$1,200. Finance has erroneously refunded some payments to soldiers. DFAS will send out a message to finance offices for corrective action. Soldiers, however, are ultimately responsible for initiating action to discover and correct any finance mistakes. Soldiers may have to make lump sum payments to ensure the full \$2,700 is paid within the required 18 months. For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

**Instructors luncheon**

The Instructor of the Year luncheon is Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$7 per ticket. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Battle 842-9767.

**St. Barbara dinner**

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

**Army family team building**

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

**Logistics achievement awards**

The Ernest A. Young Logistics Achieve-

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

**Army health center hours**

Fox Army Health Center announces holiday hours for Oct. 11 and Oct. 14 for Columbus 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 Oct. 11 and closed Oct. 14. All other clinics will be closed both days. 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.

**Nashville bus trip**

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

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be morning juice and muffins available on the bus. Seats are limited so make your reservations early. For reservations call Randy Bigler 955-0505.

### Preschool crafts

Child and Youth Services will present a class for parents of children ages 3-5, "Crafts and Projects for the Preschooler," Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the June M. Hughes Arts and Crafts Center, building 3615 at the corner of Vincent Drive and Gray Road. Parent participation points are given with attendance. This class is free and it's open to the entire Redstone community to include contractors. For registration or more information, call 876-2798.

### Catholic pilgrimage

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel is planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Lourdes, France for the annual International Military Pilgrimage. The patrons will be in France May 14-23. Many sightseeing trips are included in this pilgrimage, to include a day trip to Utah and Omaha Beaches, visit to the American Cemetery, and two days in Paris. The price of this pilgrimage is approximately \$1,677 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Huntsville and \$1,560 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Atlanta. Cost includes roundtrip coach air fare, transfers, tours, two meals per day, 4-star hotels and taxes. For more information, call Donna Ragueni 461-9415.

### Spraying for mosquitoes

The Garrison has announced that "test fogging" will be starting at selected events. Notification will be announced in the *Redstone Rocket* as well as the bulletin board.

### ACS move

Army Community Service has moved to its new location at building 3338, Redeye Road. Services are available, but please excuse its reorganization. Call 876-5397 for more information.

### Parenting class

A four-session parenting class for parents with children ages 6-12 will be held from

6-8 p.m. Oct. 15, 17, 22 and 24 at ChildWise, 1413 Nike. The class and materials are free to active duty and retired military, DoD civilians and contractors. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey of Army Community Service 876-5397.

### Putting baby to sleep

"Your Baby Can Sleep," a class on practical methods for solving baby's sleep problems, will be held Oct. 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. at ChildWise, building 1413 on Nike Street. This class is free and it's open to the entire Redstone community to include contractors. For registration or more information, call 876-2798.

### PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will have the following hours on Columbus Day, Oct. 14: 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, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; Barber Shop, building 3479, closed; Food Court - Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Churches, closed.

### Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will have an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program, Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. To RSVP call 800-672-7223, ext. 5026.

### Disability awareness program

The Individual with Disabilities Committee and the special emphasis program manager will present three videos today at Bob Jones Auditorium, for Disability Employment Awareness Month. The videos can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. "The Americans With Disabilities Act: New Access To The Workplace" will be shown at 8 a.m. and noon; "Breaking The Attitude Barrier: Learning To Value People With Disabilities" will be shown at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and "The Power To Excel: Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program" will be shown at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This year's theme is "New



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## No parking

Effective immediately, the graveled parking area located just inside the gate 9 Redstone boundary on Rideout Road is no longer an open parking area. This directive is a result of vehicles at this location lacking proper registration, insurance or valid driver's license, according to the Provost Marshal Office. Additionally, personnel are littering the area with trash as well as contraband prior to entry onto the installation. Recently numerous rounds of ammunition were disposed of in this area prompting a response by law enforcement officials for a suspicious package. Lastly, using this area to park creates a safety hazard by allowing personnel to travel north in the southbound lanes of traffic as they depart the installation to cross over the median back onto Research Parkway. Vehicles found using this no parking zone after Oct. 14 will be ticketed/towed. For more information call Art Riley at 842-2441 or e-mail at [arthur.riley@redstone.army.mil](mailto:arthur.riley@redstone.army.mil).

Freedom for the 21st Century." Pamphlets for the Cap program, material from the Huntsville Madison County Library, Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Arc of Madison County (Opportunity Center) will be on tables in the auditorium for distribution. Tom Wharton of the

Equal Employment Opportunity Office will be in the auditorium from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to answer questions about the Individual with Disabilities Program, Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Cap Program. Self-Identification of Handicap, standard form 256, will be made available.

