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GI Javelin, more than just a toy

Miniature Army anti-tank gunner
has Redstone weapon system

By ERIKA READUS
For the Rocket

Team Redstone's hard work is now available in your local toy store.

Well, not exactly. But, Hasbro, the maker of GI Joe, has introduced a new model of Joe named the Army Anti-Tank Gunner.

"Actually, Joe is lovingly referred to in the Close Combat Weapon Systems Project Office as GI Javelin," Mary Dixon, assistant Javelin product manager, said. "The Army Anti-Tank Gunner is not the first weapon system modeled after a project in the CCWS project office. In previous years, the TOW weapon system as well as the Dragon system have been made into toys."

Production of the GI Javelin keeps up with the Army of today as Dragon is being replaced by Javelin. Javelin is the first fire-and-forget, self-guiding, shoulder fired, anti-tank missile.

Javelin gunners are free to reposition or reload right after launch. This makes it easy for gunners to immediately take cover and increases their survival.

The GI Javelin comes equipped with many of the same components of the real Javelin. It boasts about a "launching anti-armor projectile," similar to the actual Javelin missile sealed in the launch tube.

Its anti-tank launcher looks like the Command Launch Unit of the Javelin and it comes complete with a rechargeable battery coolant system molded onto the side of its toy launcher, an integral part of the actual weapon system. The tube featured on the toy launcher is the training tube instead of the tactical tube, though.

Lt. Col. Philip Carey, Javelin product manager, stresses the importance of the Javelin. The Battle of Debecka Pass illustrates the Javelin's capabilities to save lives and get the job done, he said.

In April 2003, two Special Forces A-Teams, a Split A-Team, Sig-

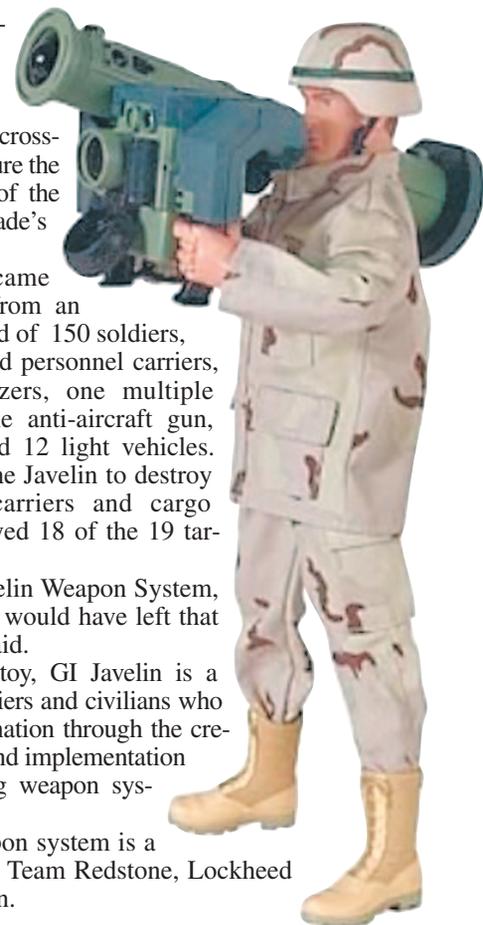
nal Intelligence personnel and three Tactical Air Controller forces were sent to seize the Debecka crossroads in Iraq and secure the area for the arrival of the 173rd Airborne Brigade's Artillery.

The forces came under enemy fire from an Iraqi force comprised of 150 soldiers, 12 tanks, 24 armored personnel carriers, three towed howitzers, one multiple rocket launcher, one anti-aircraft gun, six cargo trucks and 12 light vehicles. The Soldiers used the Javelin to destroy tanks, personnel carriers and cargo trucks. They destroyed 18 of the 19 targets engaged.

"Without the Javelin Weapon System, 30 Americans never would have left that pass alive," Carey said.

Although just a toy, GI Javelin is a reminder of the Soldiers and civilians who work to protect the nation through the creation, maintenance and implementation of joint war fighting weapon systems.

The Javelin weapon system is a joint venture among Team Redstone, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon.



Civilian, military invited to quarterly socials at club

Boss's Night follows
Right Arm event

By SKIP VAUGHN
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The first quarterly event had a Hawaiian theme but this one will have a German flavor.

"If you didn't come to the first one, you missed a great time," post Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn said. Right Arm Night drew about 285 people to the Officers and Civilians Club on Aug. 6.

Boss's Night, with a German theme, is scheduled Oct. 8 from 4-7 p.m. at the club. It's for all military and civilian workers on Redstone Arsenal as well as invited community leaders.

"The purpose is to build camaraderie and esprit de corps between military officers, noncommissioned officers and the civilian workers on Redstone Arsenal," Lunn said.

Right Arm Night was an opportuni-

ty for bosses to bring their "right arm person" to the club to thank him or her for a job well done. Boss's Night will enable subordinates to bring their boss to show their appreciation.

"We have not had what I call leadership or military social functions. I've initiated NCO Call, which is a monthly program for noncommissioned officers to come together in a relaxing atmosphere to build camaraderie and esprit de corps," Lunn said. "The second installment of leadership or military social functions for Redstone Arsenal is Boss's Night and Right Arm Night. And we will do these Right Arm and Boss's Nights every quarter; we alternate them."

The club was decorated with the Hawaiian theme for the first Right Arm Night. There was dancing, food, door prizes and games; and the event cost \$5 per person.

"The club went all out to decorate; and Bob Howell (general manager) and staff did a phenomenal job," Lunn said. "They dressed the part and made it a believable event that it was Hawaii."



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab
TROPICAL DANCE— A member of the Hawaiian Fun Polynesian Dance Troup helps set the mood at Right Arm Night, Aug. 6.

Letters to the Editor

Bicycling on the edge

In reference to the letter in the Aug. 25th *Redstone Rocket* which describes the struggle and death of Dr. Charles Bowden after being hit by a government vehicle while lawfully riding his bicycle on the right side of the road: I've seen some letters encouraging folks to ride their bikes to work, etc., but that's ridiculous, because it's not safe. I will always take a motorized vehicle to work over a bicycle. Anyone who obeys the bicycle laws in Alabama (and on Redstone Arsenal) are taking their lives into the hands of car drivers, who may or may not see them. I never ride my bike on the roads here — unless it's in my little neighborhood where there is little to no traffic — because it is a sure way to get injured and/or die.

The current Alabama bicycle laws are a death sentence to bicyclists. The law (as I understand it) requires bicyclists to ride on the road — not the sidewalks — and, even worse, on the right hand side of the road, where you cannot see other car drivers coming up behind you.

Pedestrians are required to walk on the opposite side of the road (the left) so that they may see and be aware of, and, I suppose, jump out of the way of, oncoming traffic. But the bicyclist does not have that option by law.

While visiting the Netherlands in the '80s and '90s, we saw wonderfully large bike lanes, both in the cities and in the suburbs, just as wide as, and sometimes wider than the car lanes (to accommodate the large numbers of bicyclists). Many, many people rode their bikes there in all kinds of weather. The savings in gas and emissions must be enormous.

But until something sensible is done about the current laws, you won't catch me riding a bike and obeying Alabama bicycle laws. I like living too much. When I ride my bike in town, I ride on the sidewalk, on the left side of the road. If I get a ticket, so be it. I'd rather pay a fine than die.

Amy Jo Gibbs Hartwig
Senior programmer, LESCO

Identifying rules for gate entry

Reference is made to the article in the *Rocket* dated Aug. 4 concerning the contractor guards at Redstone Arsenal's gates. In reference to the employees being courteous to the guards, shouldn't the guards also be courteous to the employees? This should be a two-way street. Everyone should remember the Golden Rule. The guards came on duty with a minimum of training and/or experience. A number were arrogant and very discourteous to the employees. They did not know the rules concerning military badges nor were they correct in their interpretation of cell phone policy. One does not even know the guard he or she is talking to because they do not wear identification badges where it can be seen by the public. They have their name tags covered and some have taken offense if asked for their name. People will usually relate to other people in the way they are treated. If the guards are polite to the employees, the employees should in turn be polite to the guards.

And yes, people do get impatient when they are going to be late for appointments or meetings because they are sitting in a line of cars waiting to get into the Arsenal. It's impossible to know at what time

you need to leave home to get to work on time if you don't know what is happening at the gate that day. Remember the procedures/requirements change daily. Also keep in mind that the time spent waiting in line is not free time. It comes out of someone's pocket. Maybe the uncertainty is the reason for the irritability and not that the government employee thinks that they should get special treatment.

Reference was also made about retirees expecting their retired ID cards alone getting them onto the Arsenal but there was more required. What exactly is more and when can we expect this change in policy to be published? A valid driver's license and proof of insurance has been a requirement for several years, so what else?

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "Security guard personnel received extensive training on gate procedures, badge recognition/identification as well as the Director of Public Safety's 'Officer Friendly Program,' which

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Zoning in on Saudi security

We strode into the terminal along with the other Boeing 777 passengers; an impressive steel, glass, and marble structure, its subdued majesty — in the middle of the desert — rivaled by few stateside terminals. As international airports go, the crowds were unremarkable; the exception being this one held an ocean of black and white. The men in their white Thobes, the women covered completely in their black Abayas.

Exiting the terminal we stepped into a security Twilight Zone. The van seemed ordinary; aside from being unable to open the windows, it didn't appear armored. Our escorts wore Kevlar vests. We raced from the airport, the "shooters" behind us in a chase car; our destination was a Saudi military headquarters. We were ushered in to a controlled area, stepped from our safety cocoon and entered the

building. Our hosts were welcoming but seemed concerned and embarrassed, concerned about our safety, embarrassed their concern was necessary. Hospitality is endemic to the Saudi soul. To fail at assuring generosity in one's home or country is a serious, unforgivable breach of etiquette. Obviously, this time-honored tradition is no longer shared by all. Hours later, our business complete, we left the building and stepped into our security bubble. Our escorts donned their body armor. We signaled our shooters — waiting patiently — we were ready. We blew to the airport in a two car formation. Stepping into the terminal, we boarded our plane and withdrew from our security Twilight Zone. In a world gone mad, we again relaxed.

Christopher Chavez
Madison

Some more bans to chew on

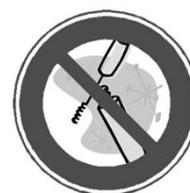
I heartily applaud the Garrison's campaign to ban the use of cell phones while driving. The use of cell phones while driving distracts the driver, leading to possible accidents, fatalities and the end of the free world as we know it.

As shown in the accompanying drawings, I'd like to propose some new policies and new signs for the Garrison to

consider.

These are just a few suggestions. Please have the Garrison let me know if it needs help putting these new signs up under the "Do Not Use Cell Phones" signs.

Claus Martel
AMCOM



DO NOT APPLY MAKEUP WHILE DRIVING— This sign depicts a cross over what is supposed to be a mascara stick. These women (and some men) cannot possibly see the road as they're applying makeup.



DO NOT SHAVE WHILE DRIVING— Almost as dangerous as applying makeup, probably as distracting as talking on a cell phone.



DO NOT EAT WHILE DRIVING— This sign depicts a cross over a hamburger. I'd like to invite the Garrison to watch people eating biscuits with two hands while driving on post in the morning.



DO NOT READ WHILE DRIVING— A favorite pastime of many of our workers at Team Redstone.



DO NOT SMOKE WHILE DRIVING— Someone brought this to my attention. They claim that smoking (the act of lighting up, for instance) is as distracting as talking on a cell phone.

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An open lane random survey

What does 'good health' mean to you?

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retiree

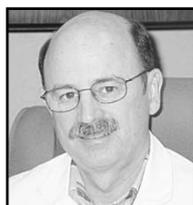
"I have my cholesterol in check. I have my blood pressure in check. I have my diabetes in check. That's what I call good health. I eat well. I don't drink and I exercise every day."

Houston Chapman
retiree

"Not being on a bunch of medication and seeing a lot of doctors or needing a crutch or something to get around."



Dr. Wayne Bosserman
DoD civilian



"Freedom from disease, the ability to exercise and the pursuit of happiness."

Robert Brown
DoD civilian

"Good health means to be physically healthy, to get around and enjoy life. It means to be mentally and spiritually healthy, again to enjoy life."



Getting to know you

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Name: Mary Wilson

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Where do you call home?
Birmingham, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

I know about the Senior Army Workforce Initiative — people are getting older and retiring. It makes me feel needed because I am so young and feel wanted, that I am a part of the strategic plan.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Study. I am a senior at Alabama A&M University majoring in business management. I also like to watch movies, go to the park and eat ice cream.



What are your goals?

In all that I do: to make sure that I am happy and successful.

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Aug. 21: An individual was observed in the Post Exchange selecting several items, concealing them and then leaving without rendering the proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Aug. 22: An individual was observed exceeding the posted speed limit on Vincent Drive. When stopped, he was found to be operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and that he had struck a telephone pole on Goss Road. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was issued several violation notices and then detained until his blood alcohol level reached the legal limit.

Aug. 22: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued a violation notice and then released.

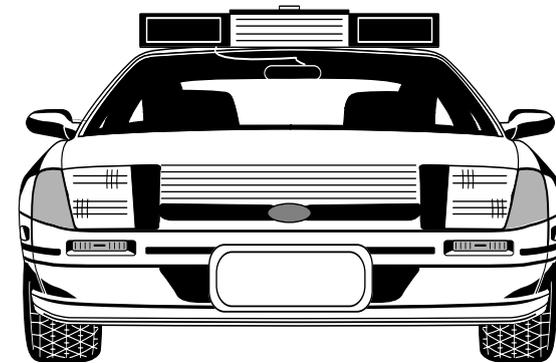
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Aug. 25: An individual reported that someone broke into his personal vehicle which was secured and unattended at building 3224 and removed an estimated \$3,000 worth of personal items. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Aug. 26: An individual was found to be in possession of a small amount of mari-



juana and drug paraphernalia during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Aug. 26: An individual was found to be operating her motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol after she was observed driving in an erratic manner on Rideout Road. She was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where she was issued a violation notice and detained until her blood alcohol level reached the legal limit.

Traffic accidents reported: 6 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 34 speeding, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia, 3 possession of a controlled substance, 1 open container, 1 no proof of liability insurance, 2 no driver's license in possession, 1 failure to obey a traffic control device, 1 no driver's license, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license and 2 driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Quote of the week

'I'd never join any club that would have the likes of me as a member.'

— Groucho Marx

Army spokesman: Everybody important in war effort

Deputy chief of public affairs describes freedom's cost

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Women's Equality Day has additional significance during an election year.

Becky Miller, federal women's program manager for the Garrison, reminded the 275 people attending the Women's Equality Day luncheon Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"Today is the 84th celebration of women's suffrage in the United States. On Equality Day it's easy to get motivated to vote," she said. "We hope you enjoy our program today and we hope you exercise your right to vote."

The guest speaker, Col. Mari Eder, the Army's deputy chief of public affairs, also had a reminder for the attendees: Civilians and military alike have a role in the Global War on Terrorism. She showed a videotape of Soldiers who had returned from Iraq expressing their support for the war effort during an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

"They do what all of you do and that is support and defend this country, because freedom isn't free," Eder said.

Regardless of military or civilian occupation, "Somebody has to do what you're doing," she said. "Somebody has to do it and it's part of the freedom of this country."

Various local agencies presented awards to outstanding women employees and outstanding supervisors. Outstanding Achievement Awards were presented to Delores Austin of Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Sgt. Stacey Boswell of Marine Corps Detachment, Dr. Helen Cole of Marshall Space Flight Center, Ivy Downs of the Garrison, Susan Hickam of Program Executive Office for Aviation, Rachel Kruse of Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, Kathleen Lundy of Marshall Space Flight Center, April Rafael-Adams of Corps of Engineers, Eura Reaves of Aviation and Missile Command, Susan Troendle of Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and Sandra H. Turner of Marshall Space Flight Center.

Supervisory Awards were presented to Patricia C. Brown of MSIC, Hal Green of Space and Missile Defense Command, Kenneth Goddard of Engineering and Support Center, Lois McVay of the Garrison, Julia Vaughn of PEO for Tactical Missiles, Kathleen Wachs of AMCOM and Angelia Walker of Marshall Space Flight Center.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

WHAT'S YOUR LINE?— Col. Mari Eder, the Army's deputy chief of public affairs, asks attendees at the Women's Equality Day luncheon to write 25 words or less about what they do.

Military analyst heads to camp as frontiersman

Christian boys' ministry sponsors outdoor events

By DEBRA VALINE
For the Rocket

John Robinson is a military analyst for missile defense in the Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab. In his spare time he's a frontiersman.

Similar to Civil War re-enactments – without the battles – or recreation of medieval times, the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship focuses on the time frame from the colonization of America up to 1850. The group – made up of men and boys – is part of the Royal Rangers, a Christian boys' ministry centered on outdoor activities.

The Frontiersmen and the Royal Rangers will come together Sept. 18 in Valhermosa Springs for their annual Ol' Fashion Farm Day. The fund-raiser for the Outreach Ministries of Alabama is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"The Ol' Fashion Farm Day is a family fun day," Robinson said. "There will be sack races, an upside down tea drinking contest, tomahawk throw, bow and arrow shoot, sling shot shoot, black powder rifle shoot, horseback riding, live music and plenty of food."

Admission is free, but there is a small fee for the tickets used at the events and for baked goods you just cannot do without. For more information, call (256) 778-8096.

Robinson got involved with the Frontiersmen and Royal Rangers through his church about 14 years ago. He's a commander in the Royal Rangers at Weatherly Assembly of God Church, Outpost 182. Older boys and commanders in the Royal Rangers can get into the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship once they have earned certain merits, such as fire craft, rope craft, lashing, camping, cooking, etc.

The Royal Rangers reach out to boys through campouts. At the campouts there are fun activities and competitions between patrols of different outposts (churches). First, second, and third place patrols are normally recognized with prizes or trophies. Other campouts allow the boys to work on their merits for



Courtesy photo

BEAD WORK— Skip Terry, left, from Athens, and military analyst John Robinson work with beads outside their tent at the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship's National Rendezvous held in July in Eagle Rock, Mo.

advancement within the organization.

"The older boys and commanders of the camping fellowship have separate campouts that also have competitions with tomahawk throwing, setting traps, and outfit (costume)," said Robinson, who won for best outfit at the National Rendezvous in July at Eagle Rock, Mo. "The National Rendezvous is held every four years. The outfits are as authentic as possible, for instance, no polyester. It takes time to put a good one together."

Robinson got involved with the group because he loves children and likes work-

ing with them. "The frontier aspect of the ministry was just icing on the cake. To me it's the most fun part of Royal Rangers," he said.

"We bring in a lot of kids who do not have fathers or male role models," Robinson said. "One thing that makes an event successful for me is being able to sit down

and spend time with some of the boys. It's amazing how quickly you can see a child change once they know you really care about them. Boys from all walks of life need attention and positive role models. Some seem to be hard cases, but once they know you care, it makes all of the difference in the world."

■ Access requirements basically unchanged

Identification

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requires all personnel performing law enforcement and/or security functions to act in a professional and courteous manner at all times when interacting with the general public. There are always some minor learning curves when you have major personnel changes but based on an overwhelming number of unsolicited comments the security personnel appear to be performing an outstanding job.

"Since Sept. 11, 2001, there have been many adjustments and changes that all who enter Redstone Arsenal have had to make. Security on an installation which allows in excess of 30,000 personnel access to it on a daily basis is a challenge, but a

challenge that the Directorate of Public Safety is up to, with the support of all who work and live on Redstone Arsenal.

"Identification required to access the installation has changed very little in the past few years and there are no anticipated major changes in the future. The writer is correct in stating that a valid driver's license, proof-of-insurance, and vehicle registration are and have always been required. There are however different types of Redstone Arsenal tenant activity badges that are also recognized as badges/identification to access the Arsenal and they are: military ID (active duty and retired), Common Access Card, Redstone Arsenal badge (AMSAM-RA Form 2341), Civilian Employee Retiree Identification Card (DD Fm 1602), and NASA identification cards/badges."

Army chief of staff selects books for professionals

Schoomaker offers his bestseller list

WASHINGTON — The Army Chief of Staff's Professional Reading List is "a way for leaders at all levels to increase their understanding of our Army's history, the global strategic context, and the enduring lessons of war," chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said.

Suggested books include the following:

- "The Constitution of the United States," available at www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html;
- "Centuries of Service: The U.S. Army 1775-2004" by David W. Hogan Jr.
- "The Face of Battle" by John Keegan.
- "For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America" by Allan R. Millett and Peter Maslowski.
- "Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest" by Stephen E. Ambrose.
- "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young: Ia Drang — The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam" by retired Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway.
- "If You Survive: From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge to the End of World War II, One American Officer's Riveting True Story" by George Wilson.
- "Touched with Fire: The Land War in the South Pacific" by Eric M. Bergerud.
- "Closing with the Enemy: How GIs Fought the War in Europe, 1944-1945" by Michael D. Doubler.
- "Patton: A Genius for War" by Carlo D'Este.
- "In the Company of Heroes" by Michael J. Durant.
- "America's First Battles: 1776-1965" edited by Charles E. Heller and William A. Stofft.
- "Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant" by Ulysses S. Grant.
- "The Philippine War, 1899-1902" by Brian McAllister Linn.

- "The War to End All Wars: The American Military Experience in World War I" by Edward M. Coffman.

- "An Army at Dawn: The War in Africa, 1942-1943, Volume One of the Liberation Trilogy" by Rick Atkinson.

- "Company Commander" by Charles B. MacDonald.

- "East of Chosin: Entrapment and Breakout in Korea, 1950" by Roy E. Appleman.

- "Leadership: The Warrior's Art" by Christopher Kolenda.

- "American Soldiers: Ground Combat in the World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam" by Peter S. Kindsvatter.

- "The Challenge of Command: Reading for Military Excellence, Art of Command Series" by Roger Nye.

- "The New Face of War: How War Will be Fought in the 21st Century" by Bruce Berkowitz.

- "National Security Strategy of the United States of America," available at www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf.

- "National Strategy for Combating Terrorism," available at usinfo.state.gov/topical/pol/terror/strategy.

- "Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror" by Rohan Gunaratna.

- "Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era" by James McPherson.

- "Supplying War: Logistics from Wallenstein to Patton" by Martin Van Creveld.

- "George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century" by Mark A. Stoler.

- "The General's War: The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf" by Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor.

- "On Becoming a Leader" by Warren Bennis.

- "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu, translated by Samuel Griffith.

- "On War" by Carl von Clausewitz, edited and translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret.

- "Masters of War: Classical Strategic Thought, 3rd Edition" by Michael I. Handel.

- "The Soldier and the State: The Theory and Politics of Civil-Military Relations" by Samuel Huntington.

- "The Future of the Army Profession" by Don Snider and Gayle Watkins, project directors.

- "Thinking in Time" by Richard E. Neustadt and Ernest May.

- "The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order" by Samuel Huntington.

- "The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization" by Thomas Friedman.

- "War in European History" by Michael Howard.

- "Makers of Modern Strategy: From Machiavelli to the Nuclear Age," edited by Peter Paret.

- "The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War," edited by Williamson Murray, MacGregor Knox and Alvin Berstein.

- "The Peloponnesian War" by Donald Kagan.

- "Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam" by H. R. McMaster.

- "Victory on the Potomac" by James R. Locher III.

- "The Dynamics of Military Revolution, 1300-2050," edited by MacGregor Knox and Williamson Murray.

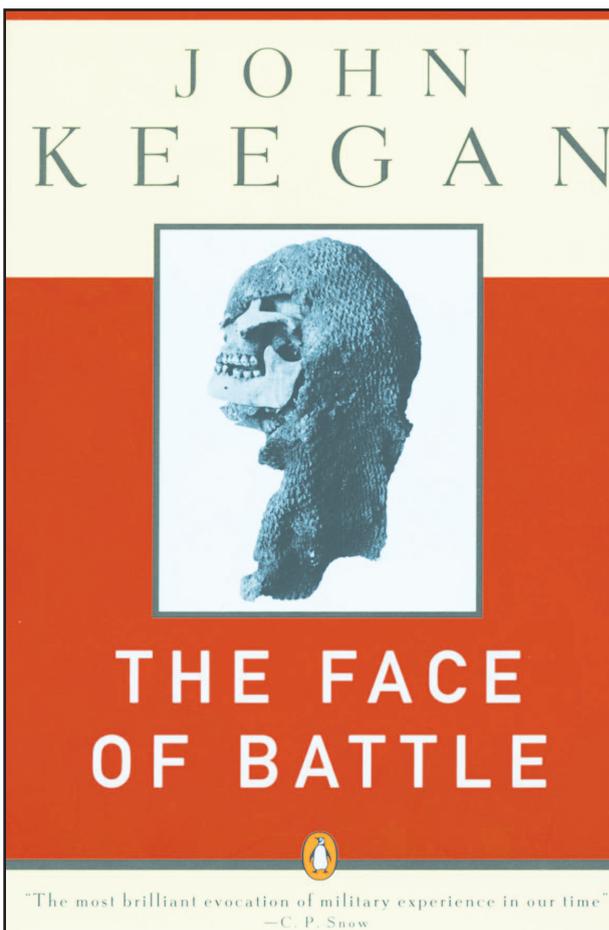
- "The Challenge of Change: Military Institutions and New Realities, 1918-1941," edited by Harold R. Winton and David R. Mets.

- "Transformation under Fire: Revolutionizing How America Fights" by Douglas A. Macgregor.

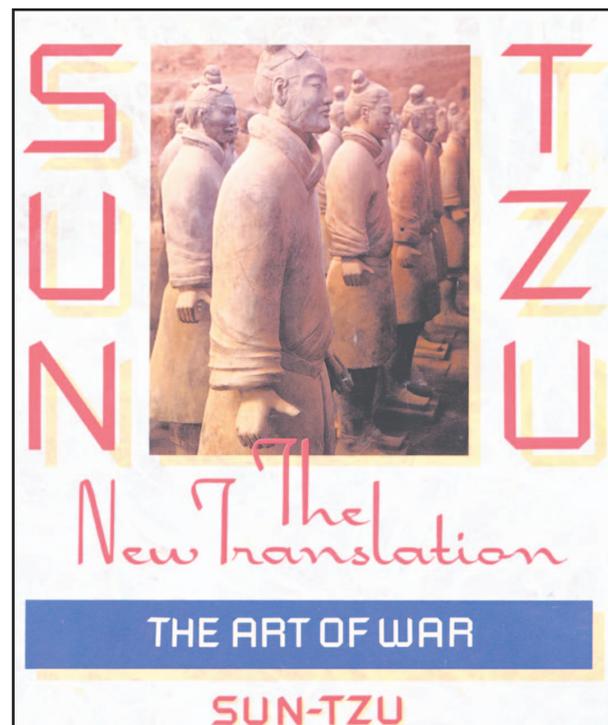


Photo by Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

QUESTIONS?— Chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker takes a question during a Defense Department press briefing.



RECOMMENDED READING— "The Face of Battle" and "The Art of War" are among the titles on the Army Chief of Staff's Professional Reading List.



Team Redstone co-operates with local colleges

Student internships lure future workers

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With age comes wisdom, confidence and eventually, retirement. As organizations struggle to fill the gaps left by a maturing work force, Redstone has a plan in place.

Students and recent graduates are being recruited to Team Redstone through programs designed to train them under the people whose jobs they will one day fill.

“We did an analysis of the work force,” Teri Mayo, lead human resource specialist for AMCOM Human Resources Directorate, said. “We’ve all heard about the human capital crisis that we’re facing all across the federal government with many of our workers reaching a point in their life where they’re going to be looking at retiring. The real crisis was that we were looking at a huge gap in our skill sets. If you don’t have the people with the skills to do the job then your mission is in jeopardy.”

With a Strategic Workforce Transformation plan issued by Aviation and Missile Command last October, existing programs expanded to include cooperative programs within local colleges and universities. It was not a new idea, just renewed dedication.

“This is not a new light bulb that just went on,” Mayo said. “The Office of Personnel Management has been talking about this for a while. The difference between us and the other organizations is that our commanding general saw the immediate need and took action. The commanding general, (then-Maj. Gen. Larry) Dodgen at the time, said that he wanted to make sure this was funded and that we continue these efforts.”

Dodgen’s action translated into dollars. Funding was set aside for new hires to be brought into developmental over-hire positions. When Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury



STUDENT COUNSELING— Interns, AMC fellows and SCEP students meet with Raymond Nabors, top right, and Teri Mayo, right center, to discuss their progress.

Photo by Kelley Lane

arrived, he concurred and took it a step further. He added that positions should be created and filled based on specific organizational demographics so that new hires were set up in offices that would need them the most. He also encouraged mentoring within the program and that the experience gained be through meaningful work assignments.

The newcomers can work alongside the experienced people in their respective offices, absorbing their knowledge so it does not retire with the employee. The loss of that knowledge is the main motivation behind the program expansions.

“You lose that institutional knowledge that people form in the way that they do business and understand the mission of the organization,” Mayo said. “We didn’t have those new employees in a developmental position to be able to export that knowledge from the experienced employee to the new one just coming on.”

In order to ensure that the new hires get the most from their experience, quarterly meetings are held with a representative committee made up of program members. They address issues pertaining to making the experience positive.

“We felt like we needed to provide them a forum to talk about what their needs and issues are in a non-retribution environment,” Mayo said. “All of this is part of their development. They’re doing their projects back at their duty station, but at the same time they’re learning leadership skills, interpersonal skills and a little bit of conflict resolution.”

Students and graduates are recruited through the career services offices of local colleges and universities. Those who are registered with those offices are referred to the program and their resumes forwarded. Once the initial review is made, those resumes are then sent on to the actual offices the students will work in. While interns and fellows have finished their degrees and are working their way up to permanent positions, Student Career Experience Program students follow a cooperative education schedule. Since

they have not completed their degree programs, these students either balance a part-time work schedule or alternate semesters between full-time work and classes. Requirements for cooperative education are set by the schools.

“They really sacrifice a lot to be a part of this program. Most of these guys will delay their graduation date by a year or up to two years because of part-time schedules,” Raymond Nabors, human resources specialist and SCEP manager, said. “They give up a lot to be a part of the AMCOM team.”

These paid positions represent an attractive opportunity outside the private sector and afford civil service benefits.

“That’s the difference training with the government,” intern Penny Koger-Thomas said. “The best thing about this is that you are gaining the experience, plus getting paid, plus eligible for employee benefits.”

Upon completing their degree they are eligible to convert to a standard position within 120 days. Nabors said the majority of students are converted, if space allows. Some are even converted between agencies.

Through developmental programs, Redstone is working to bridge the gap between the two rising sectors of the work force: those working their way out and those trying to work their way in. For more information on internships, fellowships or the SCEP, contact the career services office of your college or university.

Army enlists recruiter assistance program

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The Department of the Army announced Aug. 24 a Special Recruiter Assistance Program that will offer Soldiers who have served on the front lines, the opportunity to convey their experiences to their local communities. This initiative will enable families, friends, local organizations and leaders to hear firsthand accounts of the war through the voices of their hometown heroes.

Effective Sept. 1, enlisted Soldiers in the continental United States who have served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom may request to participate in S-RAP. In addition to being a veteran, Soldiers must also meet HRAP criteria outlined in AR 601-2 (Army Promotional Recruiter Support Programs). S-RAP participants will serve in a temporary duty status for a period up to 14 days and may claim reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem allowance for the period of TDY. Further, the TDY may be taken in conjunction with ordinary leave. U.S. Army Recruiting Command will allocate funding for this initiative and is responsible for man-

aging the program.

OEF/OIF enlisted Soldiers who want to participate must submit their applications online at www.usarec.army.mil. All requests will undergo a screening process and will take at least seven days to complete. USAREC's HRAP manager will notify Soldiers who pass the screening via e-mail. This e-mail will also include the name and address of the recruiting company where the participants will perform their S-RAP duty. Upon receipt of notification, these Soldiers must have their requests (DA Form 4187) approved by the first lieutenant colonel in the Soldier's chain of command. Soldiers will fax the 4187 to USAREC at (502) 626-0943 and upon receipt a DD Form 1610 will be completed and sent to the e-mail address of the Soldier and unit personnel section, as provided on the DA Form 4187.

The OEF/OIF Soldiers will report to the designated recruiting station commander on the day the S-RAP commences in their Desert Camouflage Uniform with a DD Form 1610 authorizing S-RAP participation. S-RAP Soldiers will work not less than 40 hours per week during their tour.

High energy laser has highflying test

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — The Tactical High Energy Laser Test Bed located at the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility here successfully destroyed seven medium caliber mortars in flight Aug. 24 to include a successful three-round salvo engagement.

The purpose of this test was to provide a "proof of principle" test in the evolution of demonstrating a high energy laser sys-

tem's capability to negate mortars in flight using range sensors to cue the HEL system. The next step is to begin addressing other classes of mortars and rocket threats.

This was the latest success for the THEL Test Bed. Since 2000, the system has destroyed several varieties of threats, including Katyusha rockets, artillery shells and large-caliber rockets.

Missile launch system contract tops \$1 billion



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SIGNING CEREMONY— Seated from left are NLOS deputy director Lt. Col. Bill Breffelh, contracting officer Charlotte Masucci and NLOS director Rod Summers. Standing are contracting officers Ann Edwards and Terry Neal and contract specialist Donna Camp.

NetFires joint venture represents Raytheon and Lockheed Martin

The Army's investment in non-line of sight technology is reflected in the contract amount for the NLOS launch system.

How about more than \$1.08 billion?

That's how much was awarded to NetFires LLC, a limited liability company comprised of Raytheon Tucson and Lockheed Martin Dallas, to develop the launch system within six years. The Aviation and

Missile Command awarded the contract in March; it was finalized in Aug. 20; and a brief signing ceremony was held Aug. 25.

"It's an accomplishment that all of us can be proud of," Rod Summers, director of the NLOS-LS Task Force, said.

The launch system includes a precision attack missile, to be built by Raytheon; a loiter attack missile by Lockheed Martin; and a container launch unit built by both companies. The NLOS-LS Task Force is part of the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles.

Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program

Public Notification

Finding of Suitability to Lease a 50' by 50' parcel atop Madkin Mountain on Redstone Arsenal to Louisiana Unwired, LLC

The Army is proposing to lease a 50' by 50' parcel located on top of Madkin Mountain on Redstone Arsenal to Louisiana Unwired, LLC for the purpose of constructing and operating a wireless telecommunications tower.

A Finding of Suitability to Lease (FOSL) is being prepared for the proposed lease and public comment is being sought for input. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report (PPM, March 2003) was prepared to document historical activities that took place at the site from 1975 to the present. Historical activities that took place from the Army's purchase of the property in 1941 to the present were researched as part of the effort by the Installation Restoration Program to identify potential hazardous substance release sources. While this effort is currently underway throughout the entire arsenal, the historical search for this parcel is complete. The historical search indicated that this parcel has never been developed and has no hazardous substance release concerns associated with it. The findings for this parcel are presented as area 145-PS-05D in the RSA-145 Site-Specific Field Sampling Plan Attachment for the Potential Source Area Investigations Limited Site Assessments (Shaw, May 2004).

For more information or to send comments about the initiation of this FOSL contact:

Commander
Attention: AMSAM-PA (Pam Rogers or Al Schwartz)
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5020
U.S. Army Garrison-Redstone
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Ninth annual Oktoberfest rolls into Redstone

*New items on German-style menu
Sept. 16-19 at post activity field*

By LIRA FRYE
For the Rocket

Bratwurst, bands and beer – it’s time once again for Redstone Arsenal’s Oktoberfest, Sept 16-19 at the post activity field off Patton Road.

The admission price includes parking, entertainment and carnival rides. In its

ninth year, the fest boasts more rides, a greater variety of beer, games, and activities while still featuring bratwurst and schnitzel from the Soldatenstube.

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

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

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

Every fest needs music along with food. Under the big tent or festhalle, Terry Cavanagh and the Alpine Express returns as the entertainment headliner. The Moonlighters, a polka band, will provide Saturday afternoon entertainment from 1-5.

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

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

Walk participants have free admission into the fest area through noon. During that time, a special promotion, “Brats

(bratwurst) for a Buck,” will be ongoing.

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

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

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

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

The event is open to public. Enter through Gate 10 on Patton Road. Discount coupons for the fest are available in the Thursday and Sunday editions of The Huntsville Times. For more information, call MWR at 876-5232.

Oktoberfest schedule

Date	Festival Hours	Terry Cavanagh & The Alpine Express	Daily Gate Admission
Sept 16	5 -11 PM	7-10 PM	\$8.00
Sept 17	5 PM -1 AM	7 PM -Midnight	\$10.00
Sept 18	Noon -1 AM	6 PM -Midnight	\$10.00
Sept 19	1 -8 PM	2 -6 PM	\$10.00

For more information on Oktoberfest, call 876-5232

www.redstonemwr.com



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

FAMILY FUN— Carnival rides are among the features at Oktoberfest.

Troops' plasma needed to develop anthrax defense

Globulin and antibiotics serve as treatment tools

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A program starting Aug. 11 to develop a new defense against anthrax will depend on servicemembers' donated plasma to be most effective.

The greatest number of the 1.2 million people vaccinated against anthrax — a deadly disease that can be used in biological warfare — is in the military. Their blood plasma — the straw-colored fluid part of the blood — can be used to make a new medication called anthrax immune globulin, said Army Col. John Grabenstein, the deputy director of the Military Vaccine Agency, in a telephone interview.

Unlike a vaccine that prevents disease, the anthrax immune globulin will be used to treat “people who develop a severe anthrax infection,” Grabenstein noted. They would receive the globulin along

with antibiotics “to give anthrax-infected patients their best chance for survival.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is in charge of the program. The CDC, part of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, is the lead federal agency in protecting people's health and safety. DoD responded to HHS' call for assistance by agreeing to distribute information to servicemembers.

“The plasma part of the blood has a lot of antibodies in it,” Grabenstein said. “Antibodies are proteins that people use to defend themselves from infection.” From that plasma, CDC can derive the medication to treat severe cases of anthrax.

The CDC wants to make enough anthrax immune globulin to protect between 5,000 and 10,000 people. They could be anybody in the country, civilian or military, Grabenstein said. The globulin will go into the CDC's strategic national stockpile, a collection of emergency supplies for mass-casualty events.

He said CDC “will need a good number of volunteers” to reach this goal.

‘Troops who receive anthrax vaccine have very valuable antibodies in their blood stream that could help others, as well as themselves.’

— Col. John Grabenstein
Military Vaccine Agency

And he does mean volunteers. No one will order anyone to participate. “It's entirely up to the troops, but they need to know what's in their blood might help other people,” he emphasized. “Troops who receive anthrax vaccine have very valuable antibodies in their blood stream that could help others, as well as themselves. By donating plasma, these troops would be sharing the protection they carry around inside them, so that an anthrax-infected patient would have a better chance at surviving the infection.”

The program began Aug. 11 at Fort Campbell, Ky. DoD plans to add other sites in the future, based on the need and the number of available volunteers.

Servicemembers who received anthrax vaccination No. 4 or higher are eligible to participate. There are six shots in the anthrax series. There's a narrow window when they can begin to donate — between 10 and 21 days after that vaccination “That's when their antibody levels are the highest and the CDC would get the most yield from the plasma,” Grabenstein said.

A civilian collection center in Clarksville, Tenn., will gather the plasma and turn it over to the CDC. Grabenstein said the process is just like giving blood, “except you get the cells back.”

During the process the blood flows from the donor through a needle to a collection chamber. In that chamber, a spinning centrifuge separates plasma from blood cells. The plasma is kept, and the blood cells go back into the donor's bloodstream. The process takes about an hour and a half.

Milestone results filter through depot partnership

Letterkenny, Edgewood produce filtration system

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Letterkenny commander Col. William Guinn and the depot team have been recognized for their contributions to the Global War on Terrorism in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and Letterkenny partnered to produce a filtration system that will remove toxic vapors and gases, sub-micron-sized particles and nuclear, chemical and biological agents.

Letterkenny has been working with Edgewood since 2001 on a variety of chemical-biological detection sys-

tems including M31A1 and M31A2 biological integrated detection systems, joint biological point detection systems, portal shield biological detection systems, and dry filter detection units.

With the installation of the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory's filtration system, the ceremony marked a milestone in the construction of the nation's most advanced chemical and biological research facilities. The 21-filter system can filter 225,000 cubic feet per minute and has two types of filters: 18 multiple cell radial filters and three fixed installation filters.

“Today is yet another important step in our journey to build what we feel will be the best chemical and biological research facility in the world,” Jim Zarzycki, Edgewood technical director, said. “We realize our awesome responsi-

bility when it comes to ensuring the safety of our associates and the general public, and this system will help us maintain the highest environmental safety level possible.”

“The Advanced Chemistry Laboratory Filtration System is an excellent example of the joint capabilities created by the LEAD/ECBC partnership,” Guinn said. “Through the combined effort of the LEAD/ECBC team, this procurement and installation was successfully completed. The partnership is a valuable tool for providing necessary equipment, at a reasonable cost, and in a timely manner. We look forward to continuing this great partnership.”

Editor's note: This article was adapted from a Letterkenny release.

Acquisition university, PEO Aviation agree on assignment

Procurement analyst serves tour at school

By KEISHA VANLEER
For the Rocket

James McCullough, dean of Defense Acquisition University, South Region, and Paul Bogosian, program executive officer for aviation, have signed a memorandum of agreement to facilitate a developmental assignment position between the two organizations.

The developmental assignment initiative is a result of both organizations' membership in the Huntsville Acquisition Learning Organization, a federation of seven major acquisition commands in Huntsville. HALO promotes career-long learning and cultivates a motivated and agile, acquisition, technology, and logistics work force to extend the concept of learning beyond the classroom.

Steve Cosgray, a procurement analyst from the Apache Project Office, was selected to participate in the 18-month developmental assignment. The assignment will provide him with a broader knowledge and understanding of his functional area of expertise through expanded

learning opportunities and daily interaction with DAU-S instructors and students from other service branches and organizations within the Department of Defense.

Cosgray brings a wealth of experience from the field and DAU-S benefits from having a highly qualified, functional expert for 18 months with current "real-life" experiences to assist with course reengineering, research, teaching and outreach. At the conclusion of the developmental assignment period, PEO Aviation can expect a returning employee who will be better prepared to assume greater responsibilities and to contribute functionally and strategically to the organization.

For information regarding developmental assignments with the Defense Acquisition University, South Region, e-mail Dr. Jerry Davis, associate dean for outreach and performance support, at jerry.davis@dau.mil. Information regarding the Huntsville Acquisition Learning Organization may be found at <http://acc.dau.mil/halo>.

Editor's note: Keisha Vanleer is outreach and performance support coordinator at the Defense Acquisition University, South Region.



Photo by Shannon Lyle

IN AGREEMENT— Aviation program executive officer Paul Bogosian, seated left, and James McCullough, dean of Defense Acquisition University, South Region, sign a memorandum of agreement. Looking on are Steve Cosgray, Debbie Rumpf, Dr. Jerry Davis and Steve Parker.

Italian officer finds friendly skies at Flying Activity

Captain earns wings as private pilot

By **ADRIAN BAKER**
For the Rocket

Flying is an exhilarating experience, as Capt. Tommaso Irrera, the Italian army's assigned representative for the multinational project office (Multiple Launch Rocket System), can testify.

Irrera arrived at Redstone in March 2002, and since learning about the opportunity to fly with the Morale Welfare and Recreation Flying Activity, he immediately enrolled.

"Capt. Irrera was no doubt one of the most eager and exacting students ever to have earned private pilot status at Redstone Arsenal," garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin said. While on Redstone Arsenal, Irrera racked up an impressive record as a student flyer.

Irrera is now qualified to exercise the privileges of a private pilot effective with the issuance of a private pilot certificate June 23, 2003. His aviation accomplishments so far include: completed a mandatory 40-hour Private Pilot Ground School on Sept. 23, 2002; began flight training July 9, 2002; flew his first solo flight Sept. 10, 2002; scored 97 out of possible 100 on the Federal Aviation Administration Private Pilot written examination; received passing score on the FAA flight last

accompanied by an examiner June 23, 2003; received passing score on complex aircraft pilot's test March 19, 2004; and received passing score on high performance aircraft June 17, 2004.

Irrera has also logged the following: 324 takeoffs and landings, and 22.5 hours of night flying. He recently completed 28.3 hours of simulated instrument flight lines, 74.6 hours of cross-country flying, 124.4 hours as pilot-in-command, for a total of 152.3 hours of flight time.

"Capt. Irrera's accomplishments are truly noteworthy and commendable," Devlin said. "He has accomplished his goals in a very short time when compared to most individuals engaged in fixed wing aircraft pilot study."

Irrera was cited for his accomplishments at the MWR Flying Activity with a Garrison Commander's coin Aug. 16. Devlin presented him the coin in a brief ceremony along with details on coin protocol when and if the coin should be required of him. The coin was accompanied with Devlin's certificate and official commendation from the MWR Flying Activity.

The Flying Activity, building 4828 off Hale Road, is open to all military personnel, DoD/NASA civilians and Redstone-based contractors. For more information, call 881-3980.

Editor's note: Adrian Baker works at Morale Welfare and Recreation.



Photo by Adrian Baker

TOP FLIGHT— Italian army Capt. Tommaso Irrera receives a certificate from garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin.

Movie, family channels debut in September

By **GERRY J. GILMORE**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's American Forces Network television system will start broadcasting new movie and family channels to overseas audiences Sept. 3.

The new channels — made possible by new satellite technology — will enhance choices for servicemembers and their families stationed overseas, said Air Force Lt. Col. Doug Smith, operations officer at American Forces Radio and Television Service headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

"The Family Channel is something we've been wanting to do for a very long time," Smith said, noting that programming content will be targeted to

children ages 2-17.

The Movie Channel, he continued, will offer "the best of Hollywood" films, with behind-the-scenes specials detailing how some popular movies were made.

For years, Smith noted, the American Forces Radio and Television Service has provided news, sports, and entertainment — as well as Defense Department-specific programming — to troops and families stationed overseas. The new channels, he said, will fill "a couple of niches" previously unavailable to audiences.

AFRTS provides policy guidance for American Forces Network, DoD's television and radio broadcasting programmer. The overseas audience currently numbers about 850,000 people.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Pull!

Members of the Business Management Office team compete in tug-of-war Thursday during the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity's organization day at the Rustic Lodge. From front to back are Mike Bennett, Keith Gray, Randy Bagwell, Gary Bennett, David Braxton and Mary Ann Brown. Not pictured is team member Wanda Jackson. BMO lost to the Army Primary Standards Lab.

Alabama, Auburn, A&M picked to win

College football openers slated

By SKIP VAUGHN
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It's time again for college football and that means "Skip's Picks."

Each week during the season, I'll predict the outcome of select games on the major college schedule.

I'll try to select the top games weekly without dodging the tossups in which the teams are evenly matched. Tie games count as ties in my won-loss record.

Bowl games don't count against my percentage at the end of the year. It's just too tough to pick the bowl game winners; and besides I'll need a break. So, I'll just predict the bowl winners for fun.

There's plenty of football to be played before January, so let's get started. Here are Skip's Picks for this week:

Utah State at Alabama – **Bama**
Louisiana-Monroe at Auburn – **Auburn**
Alabama A&M at Tennessee State – **A&M**
South Carolina at Vanderbilt – **South Carolina**
Memphis at Ole Miss – **Ole Miss**
Georgia Southern at Georgia – **Georgia**

Oregon State at Louisiana State – **LSU**
Kentucky at Louisville – **Louisville**
New Mexico State at Arkansas – **Arkansas**
UNLV at Tennessee – **Tennessee**
Middle Tennessee at Florida – **Florida**
Tulane at Mississippi State – **MSU**
Florida State at Miami – **Miami**
Duke at Navy – **Navy**
California at Air Force – **Air Force**
Baylor at UAB – **Baylor**
Texas A&M at Utah – **Texas A&M**
Texas-El Paso at Arizona State – **Ariz. State**
Northwestern at Texas Christian – **TCU**
Washington State at New Mexico – **WSU**
Troy State at Marshall – **Marshall**
Texas Tech at SMU – **Texas Tech**
Bowling Green at Oklahoma – **Okla.**
Colorado State at Colorado – **State**
East Carolina at West Virginia – **W. Va.**
Michigan State at Rutgers – **Mich. State**
Oklahoma State at UCLA – **UCLA**
Presbyterian at Furman – **Furman**
San Jose State at Stanford – **San Jose**
Virginia at Temple – **Virginia**
Wake Forest at Clemson – **Clemson**
Houston at Rice – **Houston**
Fresno State at Washington – **Wash.**
Syracuse at Purdue – **Syracuse**
Pittsburgh at South Florida – **Pitt**

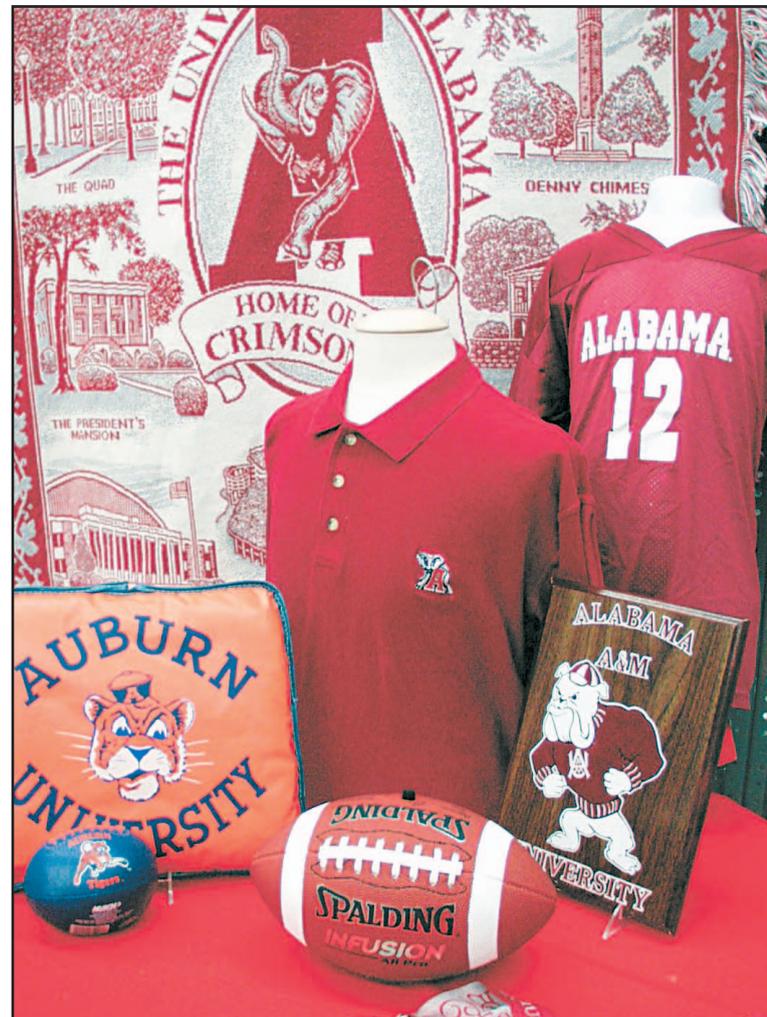


Photo by Skip Vaughn

HAPPY DAYS— Regardless of loyalties, football fans look forward to this time of year.



Photo by Kristi Foster

Saddle up

Retired Col. Roy White and his horse Asmar pose beside the barn that Asmar shares with White's other horse, Cabby. The roofs on all 32 barns at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Saddle Activity were recently replaced with red tin roofs for \$81,578. This project is another example of your MWR dollars at work at Redstone. For information about the saddle activity, call 876-4868.



Sports & Recreation

Alabama A&M football

A chartered bus will leave the Wal-Mart in north Huntsville at 9 a.m. Saturday to travel to Nashville for that evening's football game featuring Alabama A&M University vs. Tennessee State. Cost is \$75 which includes a game ticket (group rally session) and tailgate party at the stadium before game time. For reservations call 851-8778 or 653-7777.

Bowling league

The LOGSA Thursday Night League will have a meeting to set up the rules and schedule Thursday at 6 p.m. at Redstone Lanes and will start bowling Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. It is open to all Logistics Support Activity employees whether military, civilian or contractor. For more information, call secretary/treasurer Lee Weaver 876-8277.

Bass tournament

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

Youth bowling

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



Conferences & Meetings

Reliability workshop

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

Men singers

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

Professional seminar

"Are You Prepared to Help the Returning Veteran?" a professional seminar co-sponsored by Fox Army Behavioral Medicine, is Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Corporate University, 101 Sivley Road, off Governors Drive across from Huntsville Hospital. Topics include sur-

vival skills during war and in the home, realities of having Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and living with someone with PTSD. The seminar is geared for ministers, psychologists, counselors, social workers, nurses, drug and alcohol professionals and marriage and family counselors. Continuing education units are available. There will also be an evening session for servicemembers, veterans, family members, employers and anyone interested in understanding what happens during combat. For more information and to register for the daytime seminar, call 1-800-879-7272 or 416-7272. For information about the evening seminar, call 876-9085.

Air Force association

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

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 16 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. For more information, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jean Rose 313-1659.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. Child care is available for members. Call Jennifer Kennedy 837-3310 for more information.

Mentoring workshops

Maj. Gen Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, on June 17 approved the implementation of the AMCOM People Empowering People Mentoring Program. AMCOM Human Resources Directorate continues to sponsor mentoring training workshops. Both paired mentor and mentee are required to attend the same workshop. This workshop is required for all interns, co-ops and AMC Fellows as well as participants of the People Empowering People voluntary mentoring program. There are seats available in the Sept. 7 and Sept. 27 mentoring workshops. Registration is through the Training Information Program. For more information, call Cheryl Wise of Human Resources Directorate 876-6062.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management,

programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Civilian deployment

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

Surplus sales

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

Redstone motorcycle training

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesdays 9-5 and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. "On Sept. 11, we will be open for sales from 10-2," a prepared release said. "All active duty military personal and family members E5 and below, we are having a special sale in your honor. All donation tickets (will be posted) are 50 percent off this day only. You must have a valid ID or be in uniform for this special." Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

Silent auction fund-raiser

The 2004 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is gearing up for this year's campaign. An online silent auction will be held in late October as part of the CFC fund-raising activities. In 2002 the silent auction raised more than \$11,000 and helped increase awareness of CFC with federal donors. You can help by

donating or collecting items for the auction. Suggested items include gift baskets, sport memorabilia, gift certificates, antiques, jewelry, paintings, handmade items, family business services, etc. All donors will receive official acknowledgement for any items or services provided for their personal records. Items can be dropped off at the CFC Office, building 3708 on the corner of Patton and Aerobee roads. Donations are needed by Sept. 13. For more information call Maria Clark, chairman of the CFC Silent Auction Committee, 313-7620 (work) or 653-4695 (cell phone).

Bible studies

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

Back to school sale

The Post Exchange has a Texier Purse back to school sale going on from now through Saturday. You will find new styles just in time for the fall season, as well as closeout prices on purses. For more information call Kim Sumpter 883-6100, ext.122.

Hispanic association

The Alabama Hispanic Association invites nominations for its first "AHA Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award." This award recognizes an individual whose contributions to the Hispanic community are noteworthy. It will be presented at the sixth annual Hispanic Community Festival at noon Oct. 2 at the Roundhouse Depot. Nominations are due by Monday. For more information, visit the web site at www.alabamahispanicassociation.org or call president Margaret Rotger (256) 325-8464 or 325-4242.

Army family team building

Have you ever heard the terms AFAP, BNOC, CYS, DFAC, TA50 and MRE just to name a few? Did you ever wonder what the person was talking about when they used this foreign language? If you would like to translate these acronyms and more you are just the right person for Army Family Team Building. If you are new to the military lifestyle or would just like to learn more about the Army, AFTB Level 1 can help you make the connection. The classes are free and open to everyone who supports the mission of the Army — DA civilians, contractors, reservists, cadets, family members and friends. The first session of Level 1 will be held Sept. 21-23 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Call 876-5397 for enrollment or more information. Child care will be provided free of charge and enrollment for AFTB child care will be Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service.

Computer classes

Army Community Service offers free computer classes to help boost your career opportunities. You will learn the basic and advanced features that will help maximize

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

Technology expo

The Redstone Arsenal Technology Exposition will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club. All Army, DoD, tenant activity and contractor personnel are invited to this free event where more than 25 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in interactive multimedia communications, international cellular phones and more. There will be free refreshments and giveaways, while supplies last. For more information or to request a company/technology you would like to see at the expo, call Kristen Johannessen (888) 603-8899, ext. 214.

Fox Army Health Center

Fox Army Health Center announces holiday hours for Labor Day. The Primary Care Extended Hours Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Saturday and Monday, Sept. 3, 4 and 6 for scheduled appointments. All other clinics and the pharmacy will be closed. The Health Center is closed on Sundays. Advice Nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments. Access to the building may be gained through the Pharmacy entrance on the south side.

Youth classes

SKIESUnlimited is a program for children of military and Department of Defense personnel, including contractors. The program includes the following: Tennis lessons, starting Sept. 2, lessons for one month, Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 5-10, as well as ages 11-18, cost varies for weekly or biweekly lessons; Kindernastics, six-week class taught by USA Gymnastics instructor, cost \$30 per child; Cheernastics, Mondays 5-6 p.m., 6-7 p.m., and Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m., ages 5-14; Kindermusik, 15-week session for music instruction, cost \$150 per child; Dancing and Drumming, 15-week session, \$35 per month, held at SABA Dance School; Tumbling, Mondays 3-3:45 p.m. and 4-4:45 p.m., six-week class, cost \$35 per child; "Mommy and Me" classes (intro to tumbling), Thursdays 11:30-12:15, cost \$25 per child. All classes are held at the Youth Center, building 3148. Parents may register children in these classes at Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register today through Friday. For more information, call 313-3701 or go to <http://www.redstonemwr.com/html/cys.html>.

Financial readiness

Army Community Service is opening the Quarterly Financial Readiness Class to all AD, NG, RC, retired military, DoD employees and family members. The class

will be held today from 2-4 p.m. at building 3338, ACS conference room. The topics will include Budget/Planning, Using Credit Wisely and Savings/Investments. To reserve a slot, call Kathleen Riester at ACS 876-5397.

Value engineering award

The Robert B. Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award is presented annually to acknowledge individuals' notable contributions to the RDECOM Value Engineering Program. Nominations are now being accepted for a deserving individual who is assigned to AMCOM and has made significant contributions to the AMCOM VE Program. Criteria for nominations can be obtained from the RDECOM VE Office by sending your request to sharon.aldivjaili@rdec.redstone.army.mil. The honoree is selected by a voting panel comprised of the RDECOM Value Engineering Office. Questions concerning the award may be directed to Juanita Gooden 842-9402. Nominations must be submitted by Oct. 6. This year's award will be presented at the FY 2005 VE Kickoff and Awards Ceremony.

Commissary news

The Commissary will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

Post Exchange hours

The Post Exchange will operate Monday with the following holiday hours for Labor Day: Main store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; concessions, closed; GNC, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; mall barber shop, closed; beauty shop, closed; cellular service, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; furniture store, closed; one-stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; Burger King, closed; military clothing, closed; barber shop, building 3479, closed; food court - Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Churchs, closed.

Oktoberfest

Redstone Arsenal's ninth annual Oktoberfest is Sept. 16-19 at the post activity field near the intersection of Patton and Aerobee roads. For more information, call 876-5232.

Officer course

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

English language class

English as a Second Language class will begin Tuesday in the Army Community Service conference room, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Classes will be held Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. The class and materials are provided for free; and free child care is available for military spouses. The class is open to active duty and retired military, DoD employees and their family members. Self-paced ESL classes are offered on computer at Army Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road. For more information about the self-paced classes, call 876-9761. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Shakespearean shows

Madison Theatre Guild will present "Shakespearean Shorts," Sept. 10-12 at the Madison Public Library. Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 6:30 and Sunday afternoon matinee will be at 3. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students/senior citizens (62 and older); children 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available at the Madison Library or at the gate. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 772-1963 or the Madison Library 461-0046. A portion of all ticket sales will be donated to the library.

Project management professionals

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter offers the 2004 Fall PMP Exam Prep Course every other Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning Sept. 11 and ending Nov. 20, at Athens State University, room 210, Classroom Building. This six-class workshop will help you prepare for the exam and meets PMI's exam requirement for 35 contact hours in project management education. Register online at the following: www.northalabamapmi.org/pmpcourse.

Community volunteers

Day of Caring for Madison County, Sept. 14 is a one-day volunteer blitz. The United Way of Madison County and the Volunteer Center are making plans to help health and human service agencies serve the community. Day of Caring projects provide opportunities for agencies to gain needed resources to meet their needs. Agency projects are hands-on where vol-

unteers get to build, paint or "spruce up" an agency. Supply driven projects are for those who cannot leave the workplace or home. People projects allow volunteers to spend time with agency clients. "Join us and adopt a project, buy T-shirts or spread the word about the event," a prepared release said. For more information call the United Way office 536-0745, ext.109.

Christian concert

Ivan Parker, an award winning gospel singer, will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at Hillwood Baptist Church, 300 Kohler Road southeast. There is no admission charge. A love offering will be taken. Special guest will be Channel 48's Lee Marshall. For more information call 721-2424 days, 883-0485 evenings.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, building 5435. To sign up call Joyce Thompson 842-7710 or Wanda Jackson 876-3021.

Group life insurance

For the first time in five years, the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program is having an open season. It starts today and ends Sept. 30. This open season gives employees in FEGLI eligible positions the opportunity to enroll in the program (if they don't have Basic now) or change or increase their current FEGLI coverage. The director of the Office of Personnel Management, Kay Coles James, stresses the importance of this open season: "Like many things, life insurance needs change over time. That is why I want to make sure you have every opportunity to elect FEGLI coverage without having a physical examination or answering any medical questions." For more information, visit www.fegli2004.opm.gov.

Latin dance party

SaborLatino invites you to "The Labor Day Party" Saturday at Club Ozz at 1204 Posey St., with DJ Signey Hernandez. The party is from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cover charge is \$6 for ages 21 and up, and \$10 for those 20 and under. To reserve a table call hostess Yvonne, aka SaborLatino, (256) 527-9364.