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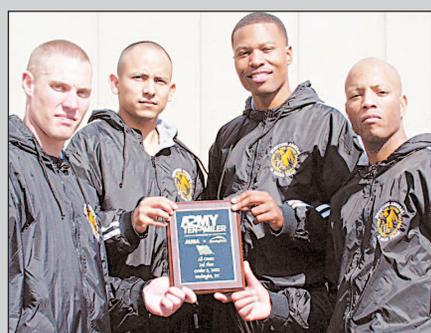
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Proud warrior makes final flight

*Cobra helicopter donated
to local veterans museum*

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A local AH-1S Cobra helicopter took its final flight Thursday.

The helicopter was airborne for the last time when the crane lifted it from a truck bed into the Veterans Memorial Museum.

Cobra, the predecessor to Apache, was the premier attack helicopter during the Vietnam War and also saw service in Haiti and Somalia.

"I am pleased to give (the Veterans Museum) a real piece of history," John Vile, assistant product manager for AH-1, said. "I believe this is something they cannot get anywhere else."

The Program Executive Office for Aviation and project management for aviation systems are supportive of the donation and encourage a good relationship with the local community, according to Vile.

In 2001, the Cobra helicopter fleet was retired and more than 450 were moved to Fort Drum, N.Y. There are only 273 F models remaining, and less than five S models — the S model was the one that was donated to the museum.

Some of the retired Cobras are used for foreign military sales and others are donated to museums, American legions, VFW posts and municipalities for display. All donations must first be approved by the Tank and Automotive Command, Warren, Mich.

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Photo by Kim Mason
TEAM EFFORT— Lt. Col. Jeff Crabb helps volunteers push the Cobra to its new home.

Army sending Strykers to Iraq

*Armored shipment
deemed 'historic'*

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

TACOMA, Wash. — The Army's new Stryker armored vehicles are headed for their first operational assignment — service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Vehicles of the Fort Lewis-based Stryker Brigade Combat Team began rolling onto ships Thursday at the port of Tacoma.

The Stryker vehicles and related equipment will support 3,600 soldiers from the I Corps' 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division who will begin their assignment in Iraq in a few weeks.

Last week's move at the port of Tacoma represents several benchmarks for the port, according to the Military Traffic Management Command. It's the biggest movement of military cargo at the port since Operation Desert Shield in 1990. In addition, this is the first time Large, Medium-Speed,

Roll-On/Roll-Off vessels of the Navy's Military Sealift Command have ever visited the port. The two vessels designated for the move are the USNS Shugart and the USNS Sisler.

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City contributes housing units

An event next week underscores the long partnership between the Army and Huntsville.

A ribbon cutting will be held 4 p.m. Oct. 21 for three new general officer quarters donated to Redstone by the city of Huntsville. Officials have renamed the end of Wadsworth Drive as Cribbins Court; and these new homes are on Cribbins Court.

"The city of Huntsville has set up a group called the Federal Building Authority and they have made a collective gift to the Army of three new general officer housing units," Joe Davis, chief of master planning division in the Directorate of Public Works, said.

"There will be an open house to the general populace of the Arsenal on the 22nd (from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) and 23rd (from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)," he said.



Arnews photo
GREEN LINE— Stryker armored vehicles line up at the port before being loaded onto ships.

Act against domestic violence

Redstone Arsenal is committed to the prevention of domestic violence in all its forms.

I call upon our community to support the Army theme for domestic violence prevention month, October 2003: "Domestic Violence Prevention: Make the changes that strengthen families and relationships."

Examine your attitude about domestic violence. In our community, we do not stand by and allow domestic violence to seed itself and grow. Our attitude is that domestic violence has no place in our community, in our careers or in our lives.

Prevention begins with you and me. As commander, I call upon everyone in this

community to examine your own behavior, and your own actions. Make sure you are doing everything you can to support healthy family relationships, and that any domestic violence you witness or experience is not ignored. First, make sure you have the right attitude. Second, make sure you take the right action.

Think prevention: right attitude, right action.

If you have any questions, call upon our Family Advocacy Program. I have charged them with responsibility for this campaign for domestic violence prevention.

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen
commander, AMCOM and Redstone

Paying tribute to veterans

Iwould like to join the rest of America to pay tribute to the U. S. servicemen for their humanitarian effort to alleviate famine conditions in Somalia, Africa; and their bravery, ordeal of agony and terror, and exposure to the extreme and terrible nature of the biggest single fire-fight involving American soldiers since the Vietnam War in the Battle of Mogadishu, Somalia where 18 American soldiers and pilots were killed, 73 were wounded and five helicopters crashed (two in target area and three crash-landed at base) on Oct. 3 and 4, 1993.

Our local resident, then CWO Mike Durant, who suffered gunshot wounds and a broken femur as a result of his helicopter crash due to hostile fire, received little or no medical aid during his 11-day captivity by the warlords. Together with

Mike Durant, the Task Force Ranger, Delta units, and the late SFC Randy Shughart and MSgt. Gary Gordon who jumped in the crash site from another helicopter to defend Durant's downed crew symbolized the American professional soldiers who lived by the Army's seven values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

These veterans of the Battle of Mogadishu, and those who currently serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom are America's shining stars and white knights against terrorism and oppressive regimes. The women and men in our armed forces are America's national treasure and best of the best!

John Yim

Taking offense against changes

AFGE Local 1858 has been working diligently to thwart attacks aimed at destroying the current civil service personnel system and dismantling the mechanisms put in place to protect employee rights. Currently, congressional leaders are considering language that will change our pay system, impact our rights to collective bargaining and negate any protective measures for

employees who may become subjected to adverse actions. In the attempt to open the eyes of the legislators, AFGE, both here at your Local and at the national level, have undertaken various campaigns, to include targeted radio advertisements, letter writing, phone calls and fax blitzes. These measures have had a

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Quote of the week

'Determine never to be idle. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.'

—Thomas Jefferson

More understanding needed

"All Mexicans are good for is construction work; they are good for nothing else; they can't make it in the American world." Students had been discussing a story related to race when these words were blasted by a young man in my daughter's ninth-grade Madison classroom. My daughter — a mixture of Mexican and independent Arkansas DNA — came unglued. The exchange swiftly heated with the young man clueless that his comment would be insulting to someone of Mexican ancestry. The teacher stood by until tempers flared. Once my daughter was admonished for losing her temper, the teacher remarked to the class that all people have a right to their opinions; my daughter retorted some opinions need not be shared. The teacher threatened suspension; my daughter dropped the subject.

Our country is now working its way through "Hispanic Heritage Month." I

sometimes wonder if these cultural awareness months foster more resentment than understanding. What I do not wonder about is whether prejudice and racism are still alive and well. The majority will never understand the pain, the frustration and the anger linked with minority treatment in white America. I could not have been prouder of my daughter that day. Unfortunately, as long as parents allow their offspring to freely boast as that young man did, without even a token reprimand, and as long as our schools support the freedom to express these bigoted attitudes, Alabama public education will never lose that distinctive, intolerant aroma of the Old South. What a shame.

Christopher Chavez
Security Assistance
Management Directorate

Unpleasant parking exchange

On Sept. 18, I drove my wife to the Arsenal for a hair appointment at the Post Exchange and parked in the place adjacent to a car sitting in the spot reserved for O-6 (full colonel) officers. I parked in the approximate center of my spot, well over a foot from either line.

About 3 p.m., I was dozing in the driver's seat of my car when I was aroused by voices and a firm bump on the side of my car next to the O-6 spot. I protested

by calling "Hey," but the rubbing and light bumping continued. After another firm bump I again protested by calling, "Take it easy on the paint." The person then responded by clearly stating, "Kiss my a—!"

I would like to say to that person, "Nice talk from a colonel (or a colonel's lady)."

Name withheld by request

An open lane random survey

What do you think about plans to rebuild the World Trade Center?

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PFC Jeremy Zenquis,
Marine Corps Detachment

"It should be rebuilt to show that we're still alive and kicking and we stood back up."



SFC Richard May,
Fort Campbell, Ky.

"I like the plan they've got going right now, the design and the tribute. I have no complaints with it."

Pvt. Jacob Chapman,
Marine Corps Detachment



"I believe it shouldn't be rebuilt due to the fact that people end up just forgetting about it and just going back to work. If a memorial was placed in front of it and the center wasn't set aside for the exact

same purposes as before, it would be a different story. I just don't believe people should be going back to the same business at the same place over the top of that mass grave."

Gail Woods,
military spouse

"I think it's a great idea. It needs to be rebuilt. It's a tragedy and the families deserve for it to be rebuilt."



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Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Pecan Island, La.

What do you like about your job?

Getting to work on aircraft and being the liai-

son between the product manager and the field units.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Mechanic.

What are your goals?
Retire from the military and start my own business.



■ Legislation impacts civil service rights

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positive impact for our cause. But the fight is not over. We must continue our struggle until we are victorious.

I have been in close contact with members of Congressman Bud Cramer's Washington, D.C. office. On Sept. 15, Congressman Cramer wrote the letter below and solicited endorsements from the other listed congressmen and forwarded the package to the Conference Committee on Sept. 23.

Congressman Cramer and the others who signed the letter have done a great service for all DoD civilian employees. I, and the other Local officers and members, will continue to work closely with Congressman Cramer's office. If you would like more information on what AFGE Local 1858 is doing to protect the DoD Civil Service System, feel free to call the main office at 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Don Eiermann
president, AFGE Local 1858

Editor's note: The following letter was signed by Bud Cramer, D-Ala., and 80 other congressmen. "As you negotiate the defense authorization bill in conference, we urge you to avoid eroding the rights of civil servants who serve our country in the Department of Defense. The personnel provisions in the House

Defense Authorization bill would be a significant setback to the progress we have made to ensure a fair and effective civil service system. More importantly, we should not be punishing civil servants by taking away longstanding protections at a time when our country has asked more of them than ever before.

"First, we are concerned about the lack of substantive collective bargaining language in the House bill. Waiver of Chapter 71 of Title 5 and elimination of the Federal Labor Relations Authority to adjudicate disputes between labor and management will likely render collective bargaining a mockery. Our current system has been in place since President Kennedy's administration, and removing it will only serve to so severely undermine the bargaining ability of labor that the DoD would not be inclined to enter into good faith negotiations.

"The proposed rollbacks to civil service protections further undermine 736,000 dedicated Department of Defense employees who serve our country by:

"— Removing protections of appeal and due process rights of individual workers.

"— Providing no guarantees on overtime pay, hazard pay, weekend pay, or holiday pay.

"— Waiving non-discrimination protections against union members.

"— Eliminating existing firefighter

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

Oct. 3 — An employee of the Shopette reported that an unknown person operating an unknown vehicle dispensed gasoline in his vehicle and then exited the area without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 3 — A soldier reported that someone stole his personal vehicle from his off post residence. Affixed to the windshield was a Redstone Arsenal decal. Investigation continues by the Huntsville Police Department.

Oct. 4 — An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 8. It was also learned that he had two outstanding arrest warrants from Huntsville. He was issued a violation notice and then released to the Huntsville Police Department.

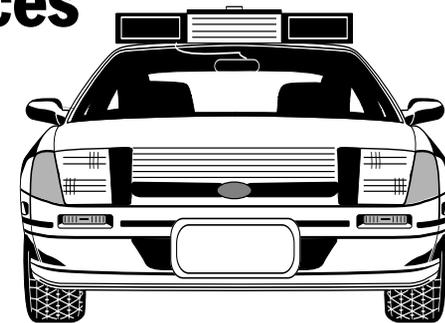
Oct. 4 — An individual was issued a violation notice at the Post Exchange after she was observed selecting merchandise and then exiting the PX without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 5 — An individual reported that she had been receiving several threatening telephone calls while at work and that the person making the calls was on Redstone Arsenal. The person making the calls was detained by officers from the Provost Marshal Office and escorted off post. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 7 — An individual was issued two violation notices at Gate 10 after an inspection of his vehicle revealed a small

formula pay.

"In addition, the changes to the pay and classification system do not include adequate safeguards against abuse, which can return us to the days of patronage, political favoritism, nepotism and abuse that characterized federal employment before the advent of the civil service system. Indeed, at the Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Reorganization, David Walker, comptroller general of the General Accounting Office, testified: 'Unfortunately, based on GAO's past work, most exist-



amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 7 — An individual was issued a violation notice at the Post Exchange after he was observed selecting merchandise and then exiting the PX without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 7 — Two individuals were detained at the Post Exchange after a female was observed selecting merchandise and then exiting the PX without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Oct. 8 — An individual was issued a violation notice at the Post Exchange after she was observed selecting merchandise and then exiting the PX without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 24; possession of drug paraphernalia, 1; possession of controlled substances, 1; parking violations, 1; no proof of liability insurance, 2; larceny of government property, 1; failure to obey a traffic control device, 1; expired registration, 3; expired driver's license, 1; and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license, 1.

ing federal performance appraisal systems, including a vast majority of DoD's systems, are not currently designed to support a meaningful performance-based system.'

"We urge you to drop the controversial personnel provisions in the House DoD authorization bill, and report out a bill that maintains the fundamental civil service protections on which DoD employees now depend. We should not be punishing civil servants by taking away longstanding protections at a time when our country has asked more of them than ever before."

New sensor system can track multiple targets

Advanced range instrument delivered to Air Force base

SMART WEAPONS RELEASE

The weapon-testing problem of resolving and simultaneously tracking multiple closely spaced objects in small volumes has been solved for up to 20 objects.

The 3 Dimensional Acquisition and Tracking Assembly has been under devel-

opment for several years by Trex Enterprises in San Diego under AMCOM's technical and contractual management. Beginning in the mid-1990s, transition of this optical tracking technique from a strategic scenario into Army instrumentation, training, and tactical applications was the initiative of Brian Matkin, chief of concepts and analysis division at AMC Smart Weapons Management Office. The successor organization, the Strategic Customer Initiatives Office of the DCSS, sup-

ports multiple Team Redstone program managers, DARPA project leaders, Chicken Little JPO, and Eglin Air Force Base's 46th Test Wing.

The co-technical partners of Ronald Higdon, chief and technical director of the Range Division, 46th Test Wing and Trex's project manager Paul Fairchild teamed with Matkin as customer, supplier and Integrator respectively to ensure development and acquisition success.

The 3DATA sensor system was demonstrated at building 5308 on Oct. 6 on its way to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The system was set up at White Sands Airport in Alamogordo, N.M., for a demonstration Oct. 2 for the Army test community and Air Force pilots. Matkin and Trex engineers showed the inner workings of its rapid optical beam steering system to Team Redstone observers.

The 3DATA range instrument is a mobile half-meter aperture telescope designed for the precision tracking required for testing of advanced missiles and their submunitions. It uses the most recent commercially available components in an older design. The Rapid Optical Beam Steering was the world's first optical range instrument capable of simultaneously tracking four objects. Technical success by BMDO in developing the ROBS optical sensor suite capable of

multi-target tracking has made feasible the development of a precision 3-D optical tracker for field testing of complex missile test and engagement scenarios. ROBS is a proven design in routine range use by the Navy in Hawaii for testing its Aegis missile interceptors against long range strategic targets. Both generations of range instruments were built by Trex Enterprises.

"Range radars cannot resolve the close distance between multiple individual targets within their azimuth-elevation angles and range resolution cell volumes," Matkin said. "Further, multi-path clutter aggravates a radar's position tracking and range capabilities at low altitudes close to the horizon, even on single targets. 3DATA also reduces the complexity of the array of radars and optical instruments used today for fine tracking.

"This optical system can track up to 20 targets simultaneously in its field of regard and is at Eglin AFB where it is being installed as range instrumentation in support of all the services flight test requirements," he said. "In addition to testing applications, 3DATA will be evaluated for tactical use to support air defense, situational awareness, and the single integrated air picture. A tactical scale version is on the drawing board."

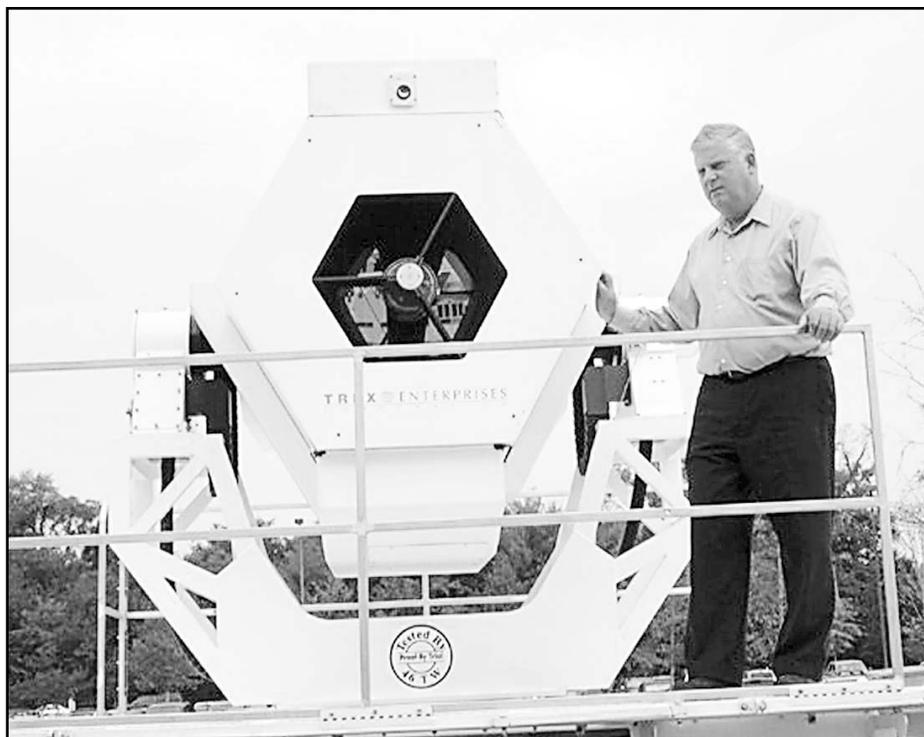


Photo by Duke Gerhardt

DEMONSTRATION— Engineer Brian Matkin stands next to the 3 Dimensional Acquisition and Tracking Assembly.

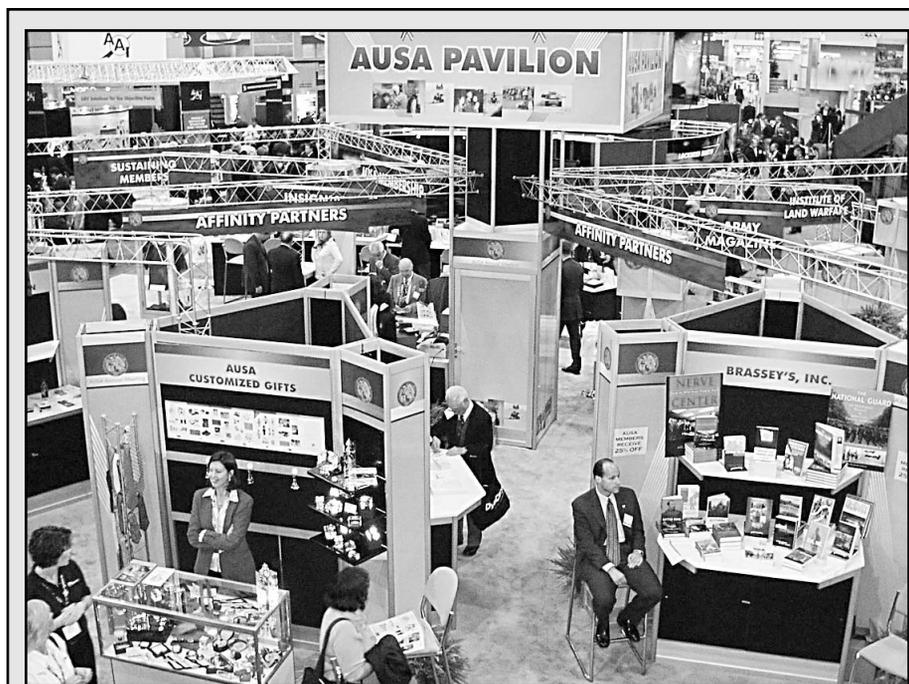


Photo by Skip Vaughn

Annual meeting

Exhibits fill the Washington Convention Center last week during the annual meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Future combat launch program in sight

Non-line of sight system under development

By JIM BOWNE
For the Rocket

The Non-Line of Sight-Launch System is a key program for fulfilling the role of a Networked Fires weapon, which is an enabling capability for the Future Combat System.

The FCS approach not only involves weapon systems, but also an integrated network of systems. These systems have the capability to rapidly establish, alter and terminate linkages between all relevant systems for Line of Sight, Beyond-Line of Sight, and Non-Line of Sight external and joint fire systems.

The NLOS-LS partially fulfills the non-line of sight mission in this concept by offering two missiles and a launch system integrated with the network. NLOS-LS will be an unmanned system and platform independent. NLOS-LS has been identified as one of the 19 core programs within FCS and receives funding through the FCS program element appropriated by Congress.

In order to manage the acquisition of the NLOS-LS and to transfer technology from the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, the Army acquisition executive directed the program executive officer for tactical missiles to establish the NLOS-LS Task Force. Based upon the DARPA Netfires program, the task force formed an acquisition strategy to contract to Raytheon and Lockheed-Martin for pre-System Development and Demonstration efforts for the Precision Attack Missile, the Loitering Attack Missile, and the Container/Launch Unit. The task force intends to transition the DARPA technologies and award a System Development and Demonstration contract to a recently established joint venture of Raytheon and Lockheed Martin, called the Netfires Limited Liability Corporation.

Research center

The Research Development and Engineering Center is working with the task force and the contractors, supporting the development of NLOS-LS by inserting technologies for risk reduction and performance enhancement. This action will reduce program risk for the System Development and Demonstration Increment I, as well as demonstrate and integrate key technologies in support of Increment II. The NLOS-LS system will be accepted by the government and provided to the FCS lead system integrator, Boeing Corporation, as Government Furnished Equipment for fielding with the FCS Unit of Action.

The NLOS-LS program will develop and test a containerized, platform-independent and multi-mission weapon system.

“These systems will provide rapid response and lethality in packages that

require significantly fewer personnel, decreased logistical support, and lower life cycle costs,” Greg Haynes, NLOS-LS Science and Technology Objective program manager, said. “At the same time, they will increase survivability and lethality compared to current forces.”

The system’s primary purpose is to provide responsive, precision attack of high-payoff targets in support of the Unit of Action in concert with other Unit of Action NLOS, external and joint capabilities.

“The system also provides a ‘discriminating’ capability via automatic target recognition and limited battle damage assessment,” Haynes said. “The system has flexibility to respond to the full complement of Unit of Action sensors, Special Operation Forces, and other Unit of Employment, or joint elements.”

Coordinated approach

NLOS-LS STO will mature critical technologies in a coordinated approach with the NLOS-LS Task Force that will potentially transition to NLOS-LS Increment I and will ultimately achieve Increment II/Future Force requirements.

“The task of the STO is to demonstrate performance sufficient to meet system requirements that can be transitioned to the tactical design in a near-fieldable status,” Haynes said.

During fiscal 2004 through ‘07, the science and technology efforts will be focused on developing those technologies that have been identified as principal to meeting the objective performance required in the FCS operational requirements document, as well as providing margin to achieving the threshold requirements.

“Specifically, the technology areas that will advance as transition potential for Increment I System Development and Demonstration are the PAM and LAM seekers, processing capabilities, propulsion systems, tandem warhead integration, and insensitive munitions,” Haynes said. “In addition, a communications networking solution for NLOS-LS missiles will be demonstrated, based on the Networked Fires using NLOS-LS STO efforts currently ongoing.”

In Increment II, efforts will be directed toward performing trades studies of alternate variants (Air Defense) and maturing new, high-payoff technologies to meet the objective NLOS-LS requirements.

Army vision

The NLOS-LS science and technology objectives support the spiral development concept. As such, the STO effort will transition affordable, mature components through a subsystem development effort prior to the NLOS-LS Increment I critical design review during fiscal ‘06-07 and continue risk reduction and critical component maturation for Increment II/Objective NLOS-LS during fiscal ‘07 and beyond.

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New playground slides into Posey Park

Colorful equipment, modern design and federal safety compliant

By **KIM GILLESPIE**
For the Rocket

While the children using playground equipment never age, the playground equipment itself can reach retirement age. The playground at the Easter Posey Recreation Area is the latest community area to have its aging equipment replaced by a safer playground design and activities.

"Most of the playgrounds here on Redstone were built in the 1950s, and needless to say, requirements and standards have changed since then," Myra Garriott, Child and Youth Services coordinator, said. Many of the changes are easily noticed, such as the bright colors. But there is more to playground design and construction than meets the eye, according to Garriott.

As most parents know, the wood on old playgrounds can leave small, but painful splinters. Big, exposed bolts can also pose a danger. But the types of equipment and the positioning of age appropriate activities are now incorporated into the design of playgrounds.

"You don't see things like see-saws or merry-go-rounds anymore, and even swings are made differently with lower crossbars," Garriott said. For the Easter Posey Recreation Area playground, it also made sense to relocate the equipment on the same side of the road as the camp sites. "Not only was there more space, the children no longer need to cross the road from the camping area."

Garriott credits the playground in the Easter Posey Recreation Area and equipment and other playground improvements at Redstone to Army Materiel Command and former AMC commander Gen. Johnnie Wilson. "Back in the late 1990s, Gen. Wilson toured AMC installations and deter-

mined that community quality of life improvements centering around families should be made and a central fund was set up to modernize the playgrounds," she said.

Playground improvements also included getting personnel trained as certified playground inspectors so equipment is properly serviced and improved to maintain safety standards. Improvements also meant removing randomly placed equipment and consolidating playgrounds into community areas.

Playground designs for AMC were created by the Army Corps of Engineers, and construction was managed by the Corps' Redstone Arsenal Resident Office.

"Rather than randomly placed equipment, playgrounds are now designed with areas segregated for age appropriateness," Garriott said. "Willie Hall, the project manager, did an excellent job ensuring the playground met standards and was Americans with Disabilities Act compliant."

But Garriott is quick to emphasize, "While the equipment is more child friendly, the best safety precaution that can be taken is adult supervision."

In addition to the Easter Posey Recreation Area, the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area is also slated to undergo a playground renovation. "Outdoor Recreation provides wonderful family areas and is critical to helping maintain a high quality of life for our servicemembers and their families. The playgrounds, whether they are in a housing or recreation area, are designed for the same purpose — they provide a safe place for our children to have fun," Garriott said.

The Easter Posey Recreation Area and Posey Park are located along the Tennessee River, off Shields Road and hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the Recreation Area or playground, call Outdoor Recreation at 876-4868 or visit the web site at <http://www.redstonemwr.com>.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

KID TESTED— Kaitlyn and Lauryn Rody enjoy the new playground at Easter Posey Recreation Area. The equipment meets Consumer Product Safety Standards and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

OUT WITH THE OLD— The playground equipment at the Easter Posey Recreation Area was outdated and did not meet current safety standards and regulations.

Information technology leaders click on plans for year

Thursday meeting has full agenda

GARRISON RELEASE

Redstone information technology decision-makers are planning to attend the Garrison Configuration Management Board

meeting Thursday.

A plethora of Redstone information technology issues is planned for board members as they gather in the EMS Green Room, third floor, building 5309, from 9-11:30 a.m. A full agenda of current information for the Redstone community will be presented and participants will



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Dome field

Nathan Kennedy, center, of the Prototype Integration Facility, demonstrates a dome that simulates the cockpit of a Black Hawk helicopter to members of the Society of Women Engineers. The Society of Women Engineers held its annual conference in Birmingham; and some members toured several Research Development and Engineering Center facilities, including the APEX lab and the Software Engineering Directorate on Thursday.

have the opportunity to shape activities for the coming year at the close of the meeting.

Discussions will focus on issues such as the Secretary of Army mandate on Army IT purchases and the Army Small Computer Program, Redstone LCIRT Information Assurance protection, new Redstone community visual information services, and the Directorate of Information Management for the future force. The future DOIM will be providing IT common services to joint and federal organizations in North Alabama.

The Redstone CMB is completing a successful year as working toward transforming the Army's enterprise info structure, bringing the power of IT to the Objective Force. The CMB members have brought Department of Army recognition to the Redstone community for participation in the Armywide Business Case Analysis. The BCA is helping lay the foundation to support future Army capital (and recapitalization) investment resource requirements for the information systems, networks and services that will support the Army community.

The CMB is a central source for information concerning the I3MP infrastructure implementation. I3MP is the reason for the

construction equipment and digging along the Redstone roadways the past months. This new program has moved steadily along as the \$33.5 million data infrastructure, to include data network equipment, will replace a majority of the above ground infrastructure. This will allow for diversification of redundant communications paths off and onto Redstone Arsenal and eliminate single points of failure (a major concern for the Redstone customer base). Another estimated \$14 million will be invested in a new, Army-owned, telephone system for Redstone. The program will provide increased bandwidth to gigabit data rates for all connected customers to the desktop.

The focal point for a CMB is to provide a process and procedure for validating configuration change requests of Redstone organizations and guide the future development of the community IT infrastructure. The CMB is mandated by Army Regulation 25-1 and supports the single DOIM requirement to ensure that the Directorate of Information Management enables transformation of the Army to a knowledge-based learning organization. Together, the board members are actively meeting the Army Knowledge



Courtesy photo

ON SCREEN— The Directorate of Information Management for the future will provide information technology services to federal organizations in North Alabama.

Management goals and objectives providing cohesive Redstone coordination with the Army enterprise infrastructure.

Col. Bob Devlin, Garrison commander, and Terry Yancey, director of information management, support the CMB. Persons interested in becoming board members should be military or government employees in a position to make organizational decisions for their agency and possess an in-depth knowledge of Army organizational missions, processes, information and technology specific to the Garrison community. For more information e-mail Robert Brown, rdbrown@us.army.mil or Lillian White, lillian.white@us.army.mil.

Information managers open awareness campaign

Kickoff session slated Oct. 20

GARRISON RELEASE

Have you been wondering about NETCOM, Installation Management Activity, and the Army's Single DOIM Concept?

Perhaps, you would just like to know what a Directorate of Information Management is and what the future plans are for each installation to centralize Information Technology common services. To hear the facts, plan to attend the "Redstone Single DOIM Concept Awareness Campaign Kickoff, Oct. 20 from 1-3 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin and director of information management Terry Yancey will bring to you an informative presentation concerning Army Information Technology Transformation, Army Knowledge Management Goal 3, Centralization of Army Information Technology, and the Installation DOIM's services into joint and federal organizations. In support of Army transformation, Devlin has recently released a memo requesting each Redstone organization to designate a point of contact to partner with the DOIM for increased IT service quality in business processes.

Yancey will present the Redstone plan to

partner with every organization in the Redstone community to streamline IT business processes and provide cost savings to missions supporting soldiers and increasing the quality of life for their families.

Attendees will hear how this Army initiative will forge new relationships to transform the sustaining base of the Army to compliment the Objective Force through technology integration and business process acceleration. They will learn how the DOIM, in support of the Army objectives, plans to meet today's requirements and tomorrow's challenges.

Redstone is participating on the Army G6 "DOIM for the Future Force" panel designing the installation DOIM's role for all DoD and federal IT services at Redstone Arsenal. Robert Brown will present the "DOIM for the Future Force — An Installation's Perspective" multimedia briefing that was recently presented at the Army DOIM Conference.

Everyone in the Redstone community is welcome to attend this presentation. The presentation will include a short video message from Army Materiel Command commander Gen. John Keane, a multimedia visual of the Objective Force — Future Combat Systems, and a futuristic scenario of the Redstone work force in 2022. The three guest speakers will conduct a question and answer session for the audience immediately after the presentations.

Museum

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The Cobra that was donated was originally being used at McKinley Range for Explosive Ordnance Disposal training. The Scout/Attack product management office put together the donation of the Cobra at no cost to the museum.

At the time of the museum's request, the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School needed a newer model Cobra for its EOD trainees. They requested an F model from Fort Drum and donated their older S model back to the Scout/Attack PM. This worked out better since the S model looks more like the Cobra aircraft flown in Vietnam.

Seven staff members from the Scout/Attack PM volunteered to sand, paint and stencil the Cobra to look like new. This too came at no cost to the museum.

By 2006 all Cobras left at Fort Drum will be destroyed. "We had much rather give the Cobras to museums like this one, than have them turned into scrap metal," Lt. Col. Jeff Crabb, product manager for Scout/Attack helicopter, said.

"It is much more than magnesium, steel, titanium and Plexiglass," he said. "It is a symbol of freedom, dedicated to the

men and women who have served their country in aviation units all over the world in support of democracy."

In order to give the Cobra to the veterans museum, the Scout/Attack PM had to remove its rotor blades, transport it by trailer truck to the museum, and use a crane to lift it off the truck bed onto dollies for movement into the museum. Once inside, the mast was remounted and the mission was complete.

Several Vietnam veterans volunteering from the Scout/Attack PM conveyed a sense of pride in donating the Cobra to the museum. This was a helicopter that saved many lives in Vietnam, so there is no doubt of its place in their hearts.

Randy Withrow, veterans memorial museum director, was appreciative of all the work by the Scout/Attack PM.

"This will be special to the Vietnam vets," he said. "It will bring back memories and will be like seeing an old friend. We are also very proud of the linkage to the Aviation (and Missile) Command at Redstone."

The public can view the latest edition to the Veterans Memorial Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 206-A Airport Road, in the old airport hangar. For more information, call 883-3737 or e-mail info@memorialmuseum.org.

Armored vehicles going to Iraq

Strykers

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"This is an historic move," said Lt. Col. Darren Zimmer, commander of the 833rd Transportation Battalion, the unit conducting the loadout for MTMC. "This is the first use of the Stryker vehicles in an active combat environment. My unit is honored to have such a significant role in

support of both a changing Army and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The Stryker Brigade Combat Team completed its combat certification at Fort Polk, La., in May. The wheeled Stryker vehicles are part of the Army's transformation to move to a more agile combat force that may be transported faster.

Editor's note: Information provided by John Randt, MTMC Public Affairs.

**Redstone Arsenal Environmental Program
Information Meeting and Poster Session
6-8 p.m. Thursday, October 23, 2003
Whitesburg Baptist Center**

6:45-7:15 p.m.

The Army will provide an update of environmental cleanup activities conducted at Redstone Arsenal

6-6:45 p.m. and 7:15-8 p.m.

Posters and experts on a variety of topics, including an invitation to form and participate in a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Redstone Arsenal

Redstone Arsenal is hosting this public meeting and poster session to inform the public about its efforts to clean up old hazardous waste sites and the groundwater. The Army will present information about the ongoing cleanup as well as extend an invitation to form and participate in a Restoration Advisory Board.

Whitesburg Baptist Center Fellowship Hall
7300 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama

**Public Comment Period
October 12-November 10, 2003**

For Time-Critical Removal Actions and Non-Time-Critical Removal Actions

The Army also invites the public to review and comment on various time-critical removal actions and non-time-critical removal actions conducted at Redstone Arsenal. A fact sheet will be available at the meeting or at the information repositories.

To send comment or for more information contact:

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Team Redstone celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Program turnout up from last year

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Irma Tuder recalled how her father stressed the value of education to her and her six siblings.

All followed his advice and found success in their careers. Tuder, president and CEO of Analytical Services Inc., was guest speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Month program Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"I stand before you today as testament to how education can make a difference," she said.

Team Redstone is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. An exhibit outside the auditorium profiles Hispanic American Medal of Honor winners.

"It will be back on display again (next year)," Bob Salinas of Logistics Support Activity, chairman of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, said. "We have it on loan to the military museum the rest of the year. And we're hoping to redo the display next year."

An estimated 300 people attended Thursday's program, an increase from last year. "This is absolutely the best turnout



Photo by Skip Vaughn

EDUCATED ADVICE— Irma Tuder, president and CEO of Analytical Services Inc., speaks during the Hispanic Heritage Month program.

that we've had," said Ivy Downs, a member of the 2003 Hispanic Employment Committee and the Garrison's ethnic observance program coordinator.

"It was wonderful, musical and informative," attendee Diane Horton of Weapon Sciences Directorate said.

In support of this year's observance, Team Redstone sponsored an essay writing contest and a static display contest. The purpose of the contests was to enhance educational awareness by highlighting the achievements and contributions that Hispanic Americans have made

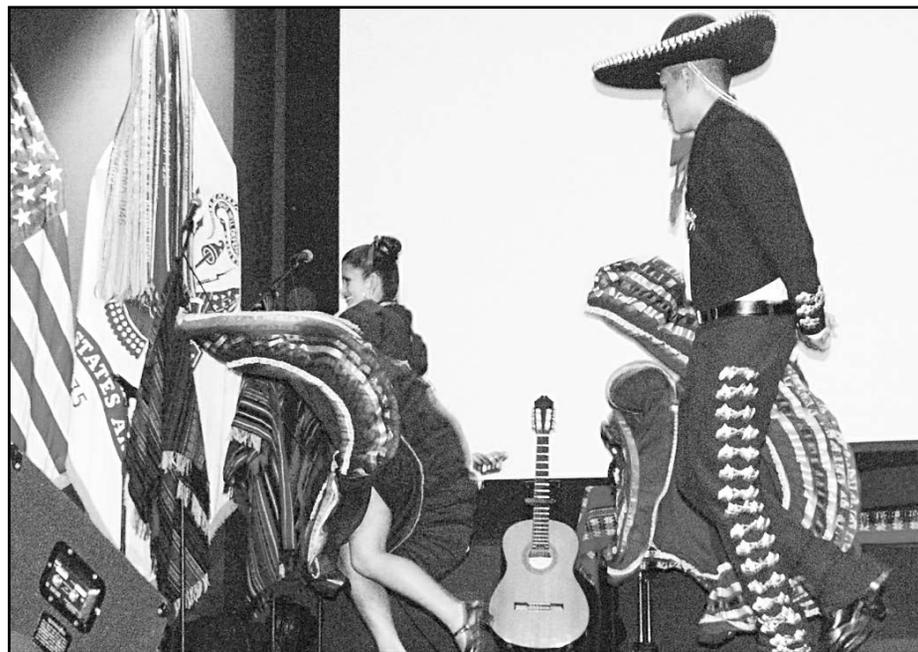


Photo by Skip Vaughn

FIESTA— Members of the Ballet Folklorico de Mexico, from Birmingham, perform traditional dances.

and continue to make to this nation.

Winners included:

- Display – Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, first place; Electronic Technology Training Department, second; and Missile System Training Department,

third.

- Essay – Pvt. Benjamin Roberts of Charlie Company, first; PFC Wayne Hester of Bravo Company, second; and Spec. Becky Jane Mercaldi of Delta Company, third.



Photo by Virginia Dempsey

Sweet gift

Annie Powers, a volunteer first responder for Crisis Services of North Alabama, distributes Hershey Kisses candy to gate guards Oct. 8 for the 13th annual Kiss-A-Cop Day. Seated in front row, from left, are Alfred Herford, James Wingfield and Lewis Brown; and in second row, Cyneith Davis and Ted Brown.

■ Future combat system includes non-line of sight

Weapon

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“The development of the NLOS-LS is in direct response to the Army’s vision for the Future Force and the Future Combat System,” Haynes said. “And the NLOS-LS technology development is in response to Unit of Action objective capability requirements for responsiveness, deployability, versatility, lethality, survivability and sustainability.”

In accordance with the spiral development process, the purpose of the NLOS-

LS risk reduction/performance enhancement program is to further refine technology development and demonstrate technology maturity facilitating NLOS-LS Increment I/II capability.

Testing will facilitate risk reduction and include user feedback, ensuring that mature technologies are identified that provide the best possible capability. Maximum use will be made of data resulting from the current and planned DARPA-directed and contractor-executed Netfires demonstrations, including Captive Flight Test, Controlled Vehicle Test, and Guided Vehicle Test.

Saturday on Post

Oct. 4 busy for Redstone

By SANDY RIEBELING
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It was busy Saturday on the post Oct. 4, with a yard sale at the PX parking lot starting things off at 8 a.m. Shoppers got lots of great bargains. R.J. Ortiz even found the first piece to build a set of drums for the band "Twice after Tuesday," house band for Redstone's teen group, Club Beyond.

Several booths filled with crafts crowded the back room of the Thrift Shop. A table sponsored by the Huntsville Achievement School was covered with small decorative trees made from soda can rings. There were trees for all seasons, made in part by the disabled students the craft funds benefit.

By 10 a.m., planes from the Fly-

ing Activity were already filling the skies and stayed in the air most of the day. Food and drinks pacified waiting pilots and passengers. There was also a static display plane open for viewing.

But not everything was fun and games. Soldiers were raking the grounds and cleaning the areas outside their barracks during the cool morning hours. Contractors were also at work, seeding the ground disturbed by the installation of access tunnels to the underground cabling for the I3MP fiber optic project.

By late afternoon, Bicentennial Chapel looked more like Wild Kingdom as animals congregated on the front lawn for the annual blessing of the animals by Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen, the senior installation chaplain. Five horses arrived just in time for the prayer and blessing. Food for both animals and people was served afterward.



BARGAIN HUNTERS – Shoppers were out in force at the post yard sale that covered about a third of the Post Exchange parking lot Oct. 4. Everything from Kevlar and hunting equipment to kitchen appliances and baby clothes was on sale at discount prices.

CRAFTS FOR ALL SEASONS— It was a first ever for the Thrift Store's Craft Fair Oct. 4, which brought vendors with floral arrangements, fabrics, pillows, needlework and more. Pat Bellono looks at a fall tree made from recycled soda can rings. The booth was sponsored by the Huntsville Achievement School to benefit learning disabled children.



CHARLIE COMPANY CLEANUP— From left Pvt. David Little, Pvt. David Smith and Pvt. Timothy Brey are tasked with area beautification outside their barracks.



MEN AT WORK— Contractors reseed and cover the ground that was disturbed to install manholes for the I3MP fiber optic project on post.

FLYING THE FRIENDLY SKIES— More than 10 planes from Redstone's Flying Activity stayed airborne most of the day to supply the demand for mini flight lessons Oct. 4.



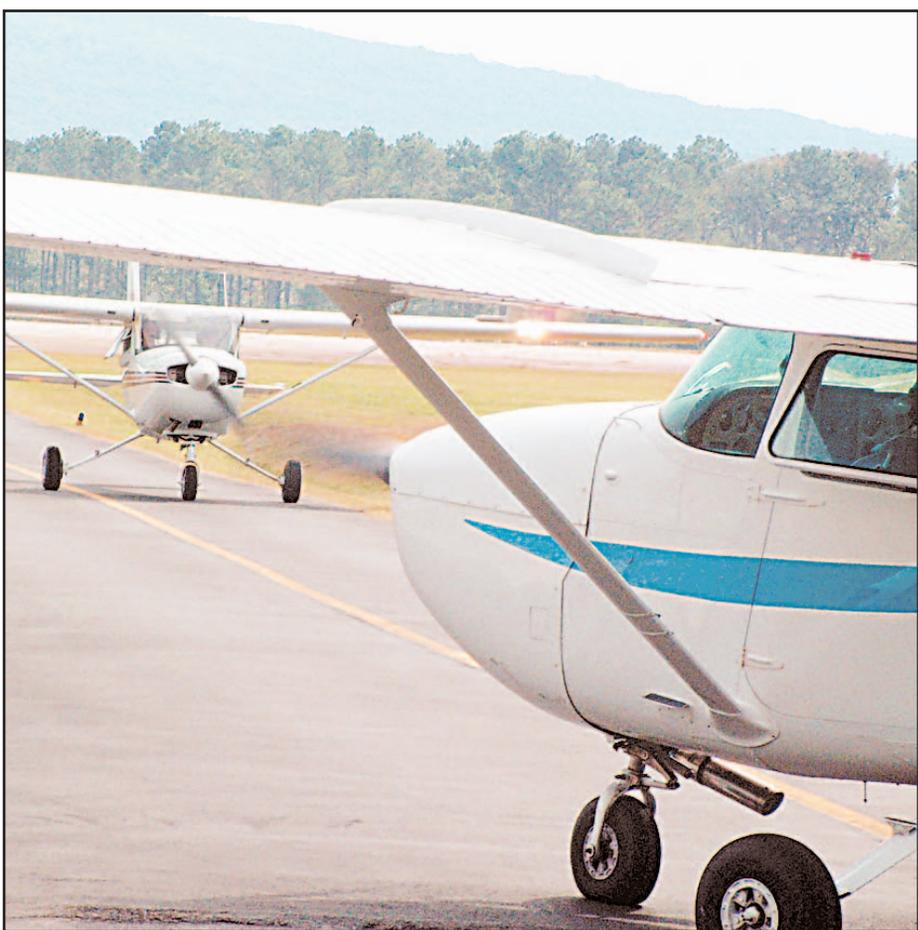
Photos by Sandy Riebeling



GOD LOVES ANIMALS, TOO— Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen blesses Rocky the horse, brought to the Blessing of the Animals at the Bicentennial Chapel Oct. 4 by his owner, Mervin Hudson, an instructor at Toftoy Hall.



SMOOTH LANDING— Instructors give mini lessons to future pilots during the Flying Activity Open House Oct. 4.



RIGHT OF WAY— Planes pass each other on the runway keeping the skies full during the Flying Activity's open house Oct. 4.

Meal deals may not be bargain after all

Extra calories are costly when it comes to health

By **ROSEMARY GATES**
For the Rocket

We think we're getting a bargain, getting a lot more food for a little more money. But is it really such a bargain when we wind up consuming many more calories than we need?

The food industry calls this "value marketing" since food, as opposed to labor, utilities and rent, is their lowest cost. The end result is that restaurants can offer a lot more food for a little more money and make substantial profits. And we, the consumers, are often manipulated into paying a little bit more money for a meal containing 1,380 calories instead of the 700 calories we would have had without that "meal deal."

Of course, if we didn't eat all those extra calories everything would be fine. Research, however, indicates that 70 percent of individuals eat everything they are served in a restaurant. Hmm. Could that be one of the reasons why 64 percent of Americans are now overweight or obese?

A study conducted by a group of health organizations nationwide to quantify the damage done by "value marketing" revealed the following:

- At Cinnabon, one Minibon (300 calories) was ordered. The clerk suggested that for 48 cents more they could get a classic Cinnabon (670 calories). So, for 24 percent more they got 123 percent more calories.

- At 7-Eleven, they asked for the "Gulp," a large Coke (150 calories) and left the store with a "Double Gulp" (600 calories) for only 37 cents more. That's an increase of 400 percent more calories for a 42 percent price increase.

- At movie theaters, researchers asked for a medium popcorn without butter (900 calories) and were told that for 60 cents more they could get a large (1,160 calories). That's 23 percent price increase for 260 more calories.

- At McDonald's researchers found the "best" deal of all. For eight cents less they got the value meal (Quarter Pounder with cheese, large fries and large Coke at 1,380 calories) rather than the Quarter Pounder, small fries and small Coke (890 calories). In other words, they spent

eight cents less to purchase 490 calories more.

The pattern is widespread. No matter where we go, we are duped into these "bargains." So how do we fight back? Ask for the smallest size. Of course that can be a challenge in itself since "small" is now what used to be the medium or large.

Think of what you'll be eating the rest of the day. Since most of us eat three meals a day, don't order all your calories in one meal. Become familiar with menu items that are low in fat, and thus calories (an English muffin or bagel instead of a biscuit or croissant, baked or grilled chicken instead of fried chicken, ham instead of sausage or pepperoni). Don't be afraid to ask for something the way you want it, even if it's not listed on the menu.

In restaurants share a meal or order from the appetizer menu since these are often smaller versions of the main entrees. Did you know that it takes 20 minutes after you eat for your brain to tell your stomach that you've eaten? If you eat smaller portions slowly you may be surprised at how satisfied you'll feel even when you eat less.

Obesity and chronic diseases are the price we pay for many of these food bargains. The next time you consider "upsizing" your fries or ordering that "meal deal" think about what kind of "bargain" you're really getting.

Information for this article was obtained from The American Institute for Cancer Research

Newsletter, summer 2003, issue 80. You can visit the web at www.consumer.gov/weightloss or www.navigator.tufts.edu for more information related to weight control.

Editor's note: Rosemary Gates is a dietitian at Fox Army Health Center.



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Lunch music

The Blue Velvet Quartet performs patriotic and popular selections at the American Society of Military Comptrollers monthly luncheon Sept. 11.

Age, diet factor into potential prostate cancer

Symptoms include low back pain, discomfort during urination

By SSgt. MELVIN JONES Jr.
For the Rocket

Men: Please take a good look at preventing prostate cancer, especially as you move up in age. Approximately 100,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year. More than 30,000 will die from it.

The prostate is a gland in males that is involved in the production of semen. It is located between the bladder and the rectum. The normal prostate gland is approximately the size of a walnut and surrounds the tube that carries urine from the bladder.

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among men in the United

States. There are three primary health issues related to the prostate: benign prostatic hyperplasia (enlargement of the prostate), prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate) and prostate cancer.

Around age 30, the prostate begins a slow change, causing it to enlarge. Men are generally unaware of this gradual change, unless the enlargement causes a change in urination patterns. This type of enlargement is non-cancerous and is known as benign prostatic hyperplasia. BPH is common in men over 50, and causes symptoms (painful, difficult urination or burning sensation during urination) similar to those of prostate cancer. Prostatitis is an inflammation of the prostate and is most common in men between the ages of 20 and 50. It generally causes pelvic pain, lower back pain and discomfort during urination, and possibly blood in urine. Symptoms of prostate cancer include: pain or burning during urination; a weak or interrupted flow of urine; or pain in the pelvis or lower back, which remains fairly constant.

Physicians cannot always explain why one person may get cancer and another person does not. However, scientists have studied general patterns of cancer in the popula-

tion to learn what things around us, and what we do in our lives, increase our chance of developing cancer. Anything that increases a person's chance of developing a disease is called a risk factor. Anything that decreases a person's chance of developing a disease is called a protective factor. Some of the risk factors for cancer can be avoided, but many cannot.

Although some risk factors can be avoided, it is important to keep in mind that avoiding risk factors does not guarantee that you will not get cancer. Also, most people with a particular risk factor for cancer do not actually get the disease. Some people are more sensitive than others to factors that can cause cancer. Those at highest risk are African-American males and those with a family history of prostate cancer. Age is an additional risk factor, with the majority of the cases of prostate cancer occurring in men over age 65. High testosterone levels and high-fat diet have also been identified as risk factors for prostate cancer. If you have any of the risk factors mentioned, or any of the symptoms for prostate health issues, discuss them with your health-care provider at your next visit.

Controllable protective factors include: a diet with limited fat, especially saturated fat found in meat and dairy products, and exercise (researchers believe exercise helps to suppress the hormones linked with stimulating prostate cancer growth).

Don't let prostate cancer be the silent disease that controls your life. For more information related to this topic visit the web at: <http://www.cancer.org>.

Editor's note: SSgt. Melvin Jones Jr. is the NCO in charge of education and training at Fox Army Health Center.



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I'm waiting...

An 8-week-old mixed breed male puppy is available for adoption. He is very active and playful. If you are interested in adoption call the veterinary clinic at 876-2441.

Approximately 100,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually. Those at highest risk are black males and those with a family history of prostate cancer.

Red ribbons reflect drug awareness

Just tie a red ribbon for drug abuse prevention.

The annual National Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Campaign is Oct. 23-31. As part of this nationwide event, the office of the Secretary of Defense has declared Oct. 27-29 for the Department of Defense Red Ribbon Week observance.

"We must join together with the nation to demonstrate our commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by contributing to or participating in some type of anti-drug program or activity, and wearing and displaying red ribbons, representing nonuse of

drugs," Ruby Turner, alcohol and drug control officer, said in a prepared release. "Our participation will show our support for the continued attention in our effort to make Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama and America drug free."

The Red Ribbon Campaign theme this year is, "Mobilizing Against Drugs."

Activities planned will be announced by e-mail to the Redstone community. Red ribbons will be available throughout the installation or can be obtained from the Army's Substance Abuse Office, building 3204 on Little John Road.

Answers for Hispanic Heritage crossword puzzle

Here are answers to the Hispanic Heritage Month crossword puzzle which appeared in the Oct. 1 issue:

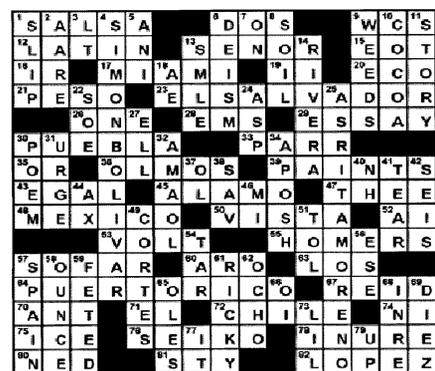


Photo by Kim Mason

Sending supplies

Rita Leonard and Charles Moses, both of Integrated Materiel Management Center, pack goods for shipping to deployed soldiers. Leonard organized these donations from the Close Combat Team for her son's unit, the 82nd Airborne HHC Aviation Support Battalion, stationed in Iraq.



Photo by Kim Gillespie

Yearend closeout

Members of the Resource Management Directorate watch Bill Matthews, director, sign and certify the FY '03 AMCOM report for yearend closeout. The Aviation and Missile Command's FY '03 direct program of \$7.2 billion was the largest in AMCOM history and the largest program among the Army Materiel Command's major subordinates.

Redstone wins second place at Army Ten-Miler

All comers division draws 60 entries

By SKIP VAUGHN
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More runners and more teams meant tougher competition at the 19th annual Army Ten-Miler, Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C.

Redstone competed in the all comers division which drew 60 teams, 28 more than last year. A record 13,195 runners crossed the finish line.

The Arsenal's representatives were up to the task. The Redstone Rockets and Redstone Two finished second and seventh, respectively, out of the 60 all-comers teams. Awards were presented to the top three teams.

"I'm just glad we were able to place," said Morris Bodrick, Redstone's top finisher in a personal-best 59 minutes and 54 seconds. His time was surprising because he's been dealing with a hip injury.

"Once I got out there, I just ran," the 36-year-old major said. "It was a blessing."

Bodrick, assistant product manager for systems sustainment in Short Range Air Defense Project Office, combined with Randy McFarland (1:01:51), Maurice Conner (1:02:09) and Nathan Graham (1:02:16). Their accumulative time of 4:06:10 was second only to the 3:56:47 by the Fort McPherson (Ga.) Front Runners. The Fort Still (Okla.) Redlegs finished third in 4:07:21.

Redstone Two (4:36:43) included Marlon Alvarado (1:04:35), Darin Kruse (1:09:22), Charles Mason (1:10:11) and Doug Everett (1:12:35).

Other members of Redstone's teams included Shawn Landon (1:14:10) and Brian Nalley (1:14:24). Coach Skip Vaughn and assistant coach Alexander Steel finished together in 1:18:28.

"I'm pretty satisfied," said McFarland, 42, a materials engineer in the Aviation Engineering Directorate. "I would've liked to have gone faster but since I was in the ballpark to the previous time (last year's 1:01:16), I felt I ran OK. I still want to get under 60 (minutes) one more time in my life."

Graham, 30, an electronics engineer in systems engineering division of Lower Tier Project Office, surpassed his previous personal best, 1:03:34 in 2000.

"I was happy with my time but disappointed I didn't break 62," he said.

John Henwood of Washington, D.C., won the race in 48:39; and Alisa Harvey of Manassas, Va., was the top female finisher in 59:29.

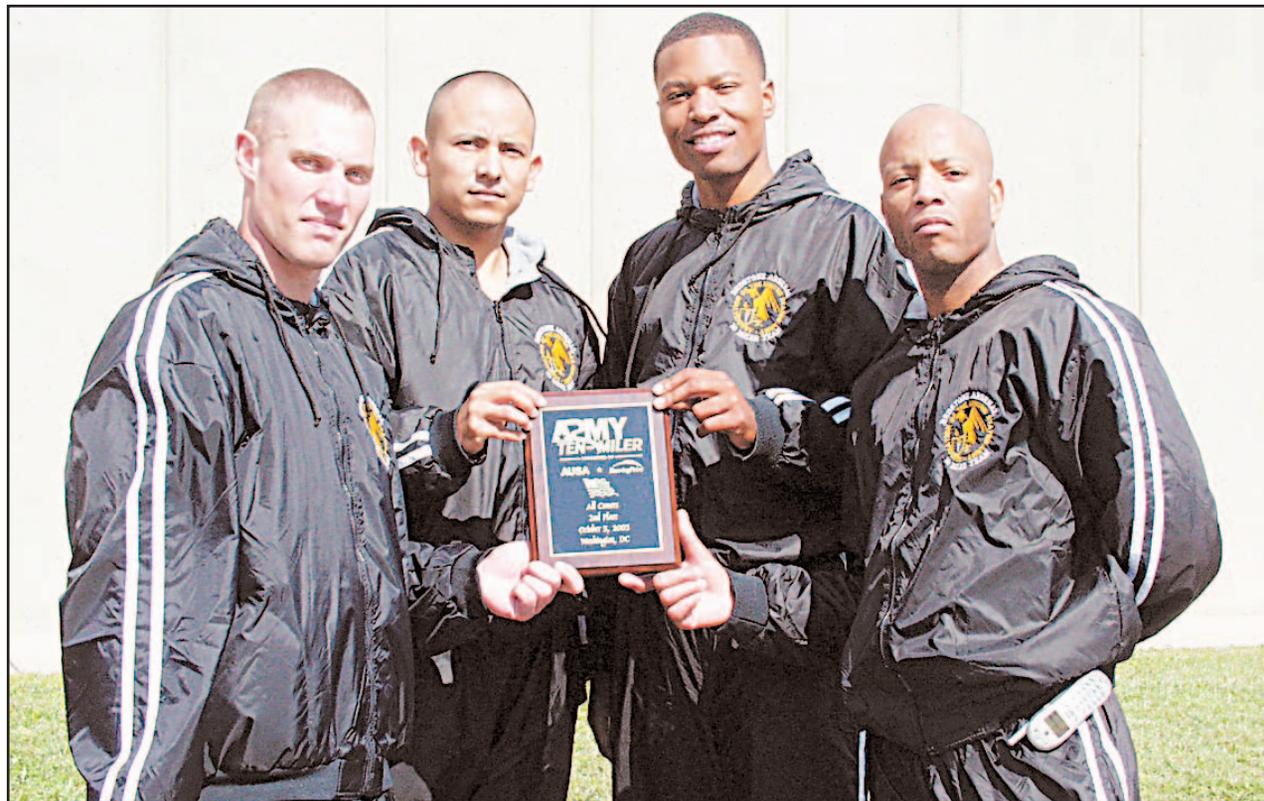


Photo by Skip Vaughn

SECOND PLACE PLAQUE— From left are Shawn Landon, Marlon Alvarado, Charles Mason and Maurice Conner.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

READY FOR START— Kneeling from left are Darin Kruse, Nathan Graham, Randy McFarland and Shawn Landon. Standing are Alexander Steel, Brian Nalley, Charles Mason, Maurice Conner and Marlon Alvarado.

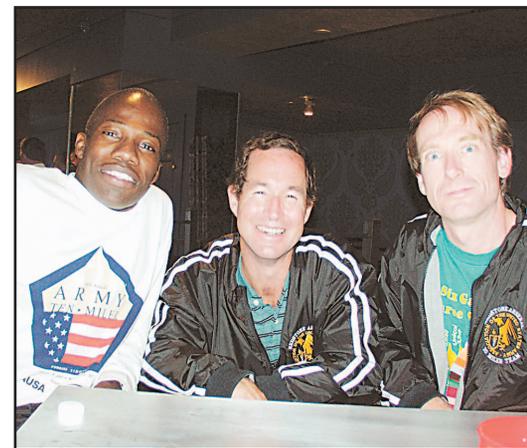


Photo by Skip Vaughn

CELEBRATION TIME— From left are Morris Bodrick, Alexander Steel and Randy McFarland.

Crimson Tide due for ole whipping

Picker favors
Mississippi

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My college football predictions were 148-59 after eight weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Alabama at Ole Miss — **Mississippi**
- Florida at Arkansas — **Arkansas**
- Mississippi State at Auburn — **Auburn**
- Georgia at Vanderbilt — **Georgia**
- Ohio at Kentucky — **Kentucky**
- LSU at South Carolina — **LSU**
- Alabama A&M at Savannah State — **A&M**
- Air Force at Colorado State — **Air Force**
- East Carolina at Army — **East Carolina**
- Navy at Rice — **Rice**
- Temple at Miami — **Miami**
- Florida State at Virginia — **FSU**
- Illinois at Michigan — **Michigan**
- Iowa at Ohio State — **Ohio State**
- Washington at Oregon State — **Wash.**
- Southern Cal at Notre Dame — **USC**
- Missouri at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**



- Boston College at Syracuse — **Syracuse**
- Furman at Citadel — **Furman**
- Texas A&M at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
- Clemson at North Carolina State — **N.C. State**
- Purdue at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**



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Monster catch

SFC Donald Seip, a student in the Advanced NCO Course, shows the 38-pound catfish he caught Sept. 27 in the Tennessee River just below Gunterville Dam. "I just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom and came to school so it was awesome to be able to come down here for ANCOC and catch a monster like that," he said.

**Sports & Recreation****Hunter orientations**

Redstone Arsenal Hunting Orientations, for everyone planning to hunt on post, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 16, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Participants only have to attend one session. For information call Missy 876-4868 or Mike 876-0901.

Army football game

Discount tickets are available for the Alabama-Birmingham vs. Army football game Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at Legion Field in Birmingham. Military personnel are invited to purchase UAB flex packs which include four tickets for \$25. Regular single admission tickets start at \$12. Flex packs can be purchased before Oct. 28 by sending checks payable to UAB Athletics to the following address: Ashley Fulmer, c/o Army Flex Pack, AB 1370, 1530 3rd Ave. South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0113. Purchasers are asked to include their name and shipping address with payment.

Monday night football

Come out and enjoy Monday night football with friends at Firehouse Pub. Each Monday night throughout the NFL season, they're serving up free hot dogs and hamburgers with beverage purchase and watching MNF on the big screen. They'll also have door prize drawings. Come early for a good seat. The Firehouse Pub, located in building 114 on Hankins Road (north off Goss Road, near the pool), opens at 4 p.m. For more information, call 842-0748 or 830-2582. Coming games include Oct. 20, Kansas City vs. Oakland; Oct. 27, Miami vs. San Diego; Nov. 3, New England vs. Denver; Nov. 10, Philadelphia vs. Green Bay; Nov. 17, Pittsburgh vs. San Francisco; Nov. 24, N.Y. Giants vs. Tampa Bay; Dec. 1, Tennessee vs. N.Y. Jets; Dec. 8, St. Louis vs. Cleveland; and Dec. 15, Philadelphia vs. Miami.

Bowling fund-raiser

Big Brothers/Big Sisters annual fund-raiser, Bowl for Kids Sake, is Nov. 14-16 at Monarch Lanes on Bob Wallace Avenue. Bowl one game for the kids. For more information, call the office 880-2123.

**Conferences & Meetings****Protestant women**

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Thursdays from 9:30 to noon at Bicentennial Chapel. Four studies are offered. "Come for fellowship, worship, prayer and Bible study," a prepared release said. Child care is available. Other classes are held Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and in the evening. For more information, call Tonie Welch 489-5646 or Jennifer Devlin 716-0107.

Federal bar symposium

The Federal Bar Association will hold its 31st annual Symposium, Nov. 5-6 at the Huntsville Marriott next door to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. The title is "Recent Developments in Government Contracting." Cost is \$250 for both days. To register call treasurer Cindy Van Rassen 955-5717.

Health expo

The Personnel and Training Directorate will hold an Employee Health Benefits Expo on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Sparkman Center, building 5304, room 4233 (second floor). Informational health-care brochures as well as health provider representatives will be available to answer your questions. Representatives invited to attend include: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mail Handlers GEHA, PDP, National Alliance, Rural Carrier, NALC, APWU, and Healthspring of Alabama.

Sergeants major

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

Simulation conference

The annual Huntsville Simulation Conference, sponsored by the Society for Modeling and Simulation International, is Oct. 29-31 in Huntsville. This year the conference is adding a day of classified presentations to be held entirely on the first day, Oct. 29 at the Army's Advanced Research Center. Admittance to the classified sessions will be limited to U.S. citizens with secret clearances who submit proper visit

requests. There is no extra charge for the classified sessions. Visit the web site for details at www.scs.org/hsc. For more information, call chairman Joseph Gauthier 520-2275.

Air defenders

The Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association will hold its annual St. Barbara's Dinner Dance and Ball, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the ballroom of the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Michael Vane, commander of the Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Texas, and commandant of the Air Defense Artillery School. Cost is \$30 per person for members, \$40 per person (\$70 per couple) for non-members. To RSVP, contact keith.furney@lmco.com by Oct. 21.

Public speaking club

Learn to speak with confidence. The Northwest Communicators Organizing Unit, International Training in Communication (formerly Toastmistress), will hold its next meeting Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at New Shiloh Church, 5101 Mastin Lake Road. For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216.

Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. The next meeting is Oct. 18. Membership is open to anyone who is airborne qualified, as well as anyone who has served in a unit assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. Anyone interested in the association or attending the meetings can call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

Admin professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals invites you to its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Oct. 21 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Paul Myers, scheduled speaker at this annual Manager Appreciation luncheon, is to discuss the Video Imagery Stabilization and Registration which he co-invented. Members and guests will go through the buffet for lunch. Secretaries/administrative professionals are encouraged to invite their supervisor and are requested to RSVP by Thursday to Dorothy May at dorothy.may@rdec.redstone.army.mil.

**Miscellaneous****Logistics course**

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

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club each year presents Merit Awards to qualified applicants based on their scholastic achievements, citizenship and sincere desire to pursue higher education. These awards are designed to help offset the cost of tuition, books and related fees. All applicants must meet the following criteria: be a member, spouse of a member, or the dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of Oct. 1, 2003 and live within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Candidates may compete in one of four categories: high school senior, undergraduate, graduate and member/spouse. Previous award winners may compete in succeeding years, but may win only once in each category. Additionally, students receiving full scholarships are not eligible to apply for a Merit Award. Applications will be available at all OCWC board meetings and luncheons beginning in October. The deadline for Merit Award consideration is Feb. 11, 2004. For more information call Michelle Archer, the Merit Award chairperson, 534-5783.

Reserve unit

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty soldiers who want to return to duty, or soldiers who wish to transfer from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 74B information systems operators, and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification/waiver action to 74B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, PC programming languages,

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networking/systems administration and telecommunications skills. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the character and personal qualifications to pass a SBI Investigation check to obtain a top secret clearance required by the specialty. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For MOS 75B/H, you must be MOS-Q prior service or transfer from another unit. For information call Charles Vartan (W) 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. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Jane Wyatt 876-4106 or Maj. Felicia Carter 313-3867.

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.

Community outreach

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will assist CASA in the annual winterization of houses for Madison County elderly and homebound Nov. 1. To volunteer to help, call Bill Trevey 313-2607 or Karen Trevey 955-9784.

Computer classes

Would you like to enhance or learn new computer skills? Army Community Service offers free computer classes on CD-ROM in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access and Publisher. Classes are available Monday through Friday. You can work at your own pace and receive a certificate after successfully completing each course. To register for free computer classes, call Debra Jefferson 876-5397.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of business administration program Thursday at 6 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. RSVP at 800-672-7223, ext. 5026. Weekend classes meet in Huntsville on an 18-month alternate weekend format. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046.

Challenger bingo

"Every Saturday in October, we'll have extra games to keep the programs jumping," a prepared release said. "On Oct. 15, the manager's having a birthday and he wants to give you a free game pack to help him celebrate. Last but not least, on Oct. 31 we're having another great Halloween Bingo Bash with free punch, cookies, a costume contest and lots of door prizes." Challenger bingo is open to anyone over

19 years old. Call 837-0750 for program hours and information.

Logistics achievement awards

The 2003 Ernest Young Logistics Achievement Awards will be presented Nov. 6 at a luncheon ceremony at Officers and Civilians Club. The award winners for the Professional/Technical and Management/Executive categories will be selected from 32 nominations submitted from Team Redstone organizations. Integrated Materiel Management Center nominees include Imtiaz Ather, O.V. Bonner, John Chapman, Kathy Elfrink, Thomas Fitzgerald, Judith Gerley, John Henrikson, Manuel Jones, Marsha Lawson, Mitchelene Pryor-Betts, Elaine Rucker, Dennis Urhahn and Bernhard Wiegand. Nominees from the Acquisition Center include Sheri Baskins, Cheryl Moore Davis, Charles Miller and Brian Wood. Nominees from the PEO Aviation offices include Ronald Dalton, Michael Haragan, Capt. Bryan Phillips, Barbara Quick and Ralph Smith. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems Project Office nominees include Anthony Grayson, Ani Powers and Terri Schwierling. Nominees from Letterkenny and Corpus Christi Army Depots include Hallie Dubia and Carol Bullington. Missile Defense Agency nominee is James Hatchett; Lower Tier Project Office nominee is Gifford Lee; representing PEO for Tactical Missiles is Lisha Adams; Space and Missile Defense Command nominee is Lt. Col. Robert Steward; and the Garrison nominee is William Holliday. Tickets for the luncheon are \$13. For more information, call Faye Yates 876-1757.

Simulation council

The newly-formed Alabama Modeling and Simulation Council will hold its first public event Oct. 29 at the Holiday Inn Research Park. There will be speakers from government, academic and commercial organizations. For more information, call Charlotte Sallas 922-0802.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays 9-5 and Thursdays and Fridays from 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-12:30. Appointments are Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The Thrift Shop seeks more volunteers for Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, call 881-6992.

Wilson's Farm tickets

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring discount tickets for Wilson's Farm Corn Maze in Union Grove. The maze opened Sept. 13 and will remain open through Oct. 31. CWFC discount rates for Redstone employees and their families are \$3 per person for ages 11 and under, \$5 per person for ages 12 and up. Children 5 and under are admitted free with a paid adult. To get your CWFC discount, you should bring a copy of this announcement with you and show it to the attendant at Wilson's Farm. To schedule special group appointments, call (256) 931-6768 and leave a message. Be sure to mention that you are a Redstone employee.

Breast cancer screening

Breast Cancer Screening Day for military beneficiaries will be held Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fox Army Health Center Surgery Clinic. An appointment is not required; just walk in. A physician will perform breast examinations and refer patients for a mammogram as needed. Other screenings will be offered the same day. For more information call 955-8888, ext. 1037.

Entertainment contest

The Community and Family Support Center announces the 2003 Margaret "Skip-py" Lynn stars of Tomorrow Entertainment Contest, an individual talent contest for soldiers, to be held Nov. 22 at Fort Belvoir, Va. The competition will be co-sponsored by CFSC Army Entertainment Division and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. The Stars of Tomorrow contest is an entertainment contest highlighting solo performers and small groups in a competition setting. The top three finalists will be awarded cash prizes from \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000 (respectively), a trophy and/or medal; and the first place winner will be guaranteed a slot at the Soldier Show live auditions for the next tour. Talented active duty Army personnel desiring to participate in this competition should call Gail Glass of Recreation Center 876-4531 or PFC Siyeicea Love, BOSS president, 955-7022. The deadline to enter is Friday.

Army family team building

Help others learn to cope with the challenges of a military lifestyle; become an AFTB instructor. After one year of active service with the program you qualify for additional training provided by the Department of the Army to receive the classification of master trainer. Our volunteers are spouses of active duty soldiers, retirees, active duty soldiers, and Department of the Army civilian employees. Want to get involved but you're not comfortable being an instructor? We are always looking for volunteers to assist with administration, but completion of instructor training is still a requirement. Instructor training will be Oct. 20-23 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338, Redeye Rd. AFTB Level I is a prerequisite for instructor training. If you missed the Level I classes held in September go on-line to www.armyfamilyleamteambuilding.org and complete Level I. Print out your completion certificate and submit it when you register. Call 876-5397 to register and make a difference for Army families.

Education week luncheon

The American Education Week luncheon is Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lucy Baxley, lieutenant governor of Alabama. Tickets are available at the club for \$16 per person or \$150 for a table of eight. Deadline to buy tickets is Nov. 7.

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