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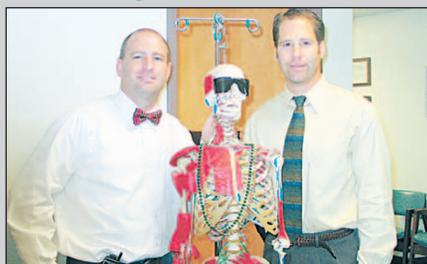
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Community answers call once again

Emergency relief campaign collects more than \$82K

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At the close of the 76 day fund-raising mission to replenish the Army Emergency Relief coffers, \$82,137 has been collected locally with more expected to be turned in over the next two weeks.

"I'm not surprised that the campaign is doing so well," Kristi Foster, AER officer, said. "We expected it to be successful from the beginning. Everyone at Redstone has always come out in high gear to support this campaign. This year was no exception."

Surpassing the \$70,000 goal was expected. The question then becomes: Will the campaign top last year's take of \$104,433?

"We had less money turned in at this same time last year and several large organizations have yet to turn in money," Foster said.

"We're still thinking we could have somewhere around that amount come in this year. Someone came in today and bought 50 yellow ribbons to sell. We'll have those for sale until the end of the month."

The magnetic yellow ribbons, printed with "Support Our Troops" and sold by Army Community Service, were a big hit this year. There were several new fund-raising events, such as personalized cartoons and patriotic calendars.

"We've had more events this year," Foster said. "Once again, the civilian population went above and beyond, as well as support from the military units. We've had new organizations join in and new corporate donors, too."

"It's been really great," Staff Sgt. Stephanie Owens, co-chairman of the AER fund-raising campaign, said. Owens was involved from the very planning

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

MAKING THE GOAL— Staff Sgt. Stephanie Owens, co-chairman of the Army Emergency Relief campaign, and Kristi Foster, AER officer, count donations from various fund-raising events.

Civilian training takes center stage in new office

Human resources cell has two-member staff

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Training needs for civilian workers haven't subsided during the Army's ongoing transformation efforts.

This means personnel offices, themselves reorganized, still must meet those needs. At Redstone the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has created a human resources development cell to meet the training mission for non-AMCOM organizations. The Human Resources Directorate, a command staff office, provides training for members of the Aviation and Missile Command.

"Our primary focus here is we want to be proactive to serve the customers' needs and be able to help them meet their organization and mission requirements through any training venue," Jackie Bennett, supervisory human resources specialist in the Redstone CPAC, said. The two-member training cell is part of her organization.

Civilian personnel advisory centers Armywide were reorganized last October and now report to a regional Civilian Human Resources Agency. The Redstone CPAC

reports to regional director Dave Brooks, for example. That meant effective Oct. 5 the center stopped doing human resources development. But its staffers decided they needed to re-create a training cell to handle the non-command organizations; and the two-member office has been at work about a month. "In other words, we're back in business," Bennett said.

Human resources specialists Syleria Jarmon and Jerrel McCollum serve the train-

ing needs for about 6,000 people in non-command organizations. "They need to know they have two folks here, and me, who are ready to advise and assist," Bennett said. "We have a comprehensive training program for our customers."

The program includes delegation of training authority, where leadership can approve up to \$25,000 annually per training

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

LOOKING AHEAD— Discussing employee training are from left Jerrel McCollum, supervisor Jackie Bennett and Syleria Jarmon, human resources specialists at the Redstone Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Letters to the Editor

Armed Forces Day message

Today, we pause to honor the noble service of the men and women in America's military. The threat of terrorism is great, but your willingness and ability to defeat the enemy are greater. Those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America stand between liberty and tyranny, as they have for over two centuries.

You have proven to the world that the United States and our allies seek not to conquer, but to defend freedom, restore peace and create hope for a better future. On many fronts, in the United States and across the globe, you stepped forward when called and are making the world a safer place for all peace-loving people, regardless of race, creed, color or religion.

On the first Armed Forces Day in

1950, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Omar Bradley, said, "Sacrifice, not selfishness, must be the eternal price of liberty." The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join all Americans in recognizing your selfless sacrifice, as well as that of your families. We appreciate your professionalism, character and sense of duty. You are leading the charge to make the world a better place, free from terror and fear.

May God bless our nation and the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF
Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman

Editor's note: This open letter was distributed May 14 by the Defense Press Service.

In light of road resurfacing

Neal Road was recently given a new layer of asphalt. The asphalt job was quick and superb! However, it seems that the traffic lights at three intersections I frequent no longer detect when cars are waiting and when no cars are waiting. Therefore the lights do not change as effectively as they used to.

The intersections are Mills Marshall and Neal, Burose and Neal, and Marshall and Toftoy. Any chance the asphalt might have interrupted the traffic light detection system? And could that be corrected, if that happened?

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "We regret the inconvenience caused to traffic movement by this resurfacing project. As a

part of the Arsenal-wide road paving project, the old asphalt has to be milled up along with the vehicle detecting devices for the traffic signals.

"This milling process is necessary to remove the old cracked asphalt and to create a smooth surface for the new asphalt. During this time the traffic signals have to run fixed time, until the new detectors are installed in the asphalt. The problem with the fixed time setting is more time is required during the morning and afternoon rush hours, and less during off peak hours. The signals have to be set for the peak hour conditions which causes an additional delay during off peak hours.

"The contractor is supposed to start the weekend of May 15 cutting the loops in the new pavement. When this is completed, the signals will be returned to normal operation that works according to traffic demand."

Amused by service charge

I found it interesting reading about the debit card/gasoline debacle. I had this exact same thing happen to me and was surprised to find out it was quite legal. I went back to the service station and inquired as to why \$50 was held for \$11 worth of gas in a Ford Escort and

was given the amusing justification that "it would cover driving off with the pump still in the car." Go figure. I don't trade there anymore.

Debra S. Lively
SAMD

Horrible act in Iraq costly

The case of the young man from Pennsylvania who lost his life in Iraq recently due to a horrendous act is to say the least horrible. However the way I understand the story, he was warned to leave the country and ignored the warning. The war on terror is nasty in every sense of the word. The fact is, going to war for the sake of freedom as we Americans know it comes with a price.

This terrible act by the enemy is really no worse than what American Soldiers did to some captured enemies during the Vietnam conflict. I served in the Army during that conflict and spent a year in that country. I can remember prior to going into the Army as a draftee seeing pictures in my local newspaper of captured enemy soldiers being pushed out of flying Army helicopters to their deaths because they refused to talk during interrogation.

I don't remember any outrage by the leaders of our country back then regarding this harsh treatment of prisoners. It would seem to me that then President Johnson sort of turned his head the other way and our Congress apparently did the same. Of course news coverage by the major news networks back then was not what it is today. If it had been, there might have been a different reaction from our leaders. It was sort of like, "Let's toss the rules about the treatment of captured enemies out the door and forget about the rules of the Geneva Convention."

These leftover sympathizers of the old Iraqi regime couldn't care less about the rules of the Geneva Convention. Human rights don't mean a thing to them ...

Name withheld by request

Veteran needs our prayers

Please add the name of George Thaler to your prayer list. This man has cancer and is spending his last days at home with family. This man was highly decorated during the Vietnam War for his special operations, recon and special missions behind enemy lines. This man was one of the real heroes and Rambo of the Vietnam War. Most of his missions are still classified and most likely used by Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, N.C.

George and his wife had planned to

retire from Redstone Arsenal together. Most likely this will never happen. This man deserved a lot more than he received. He stood up for our country and for all of us who were too young to serve.

His family and many friends are standing strong waiting on a special miracle. He needs it soon. Please help!

Name withheld by request

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Quote of the week

'You cannot deal with the most serious things in the world unless you also understand the most amusing.'

— Winston Churchill

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An open lane random survey

Should gay marriages be banned?

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Yancey Rhoden
DoD civilian

"It should be banned, yes. It's against the holy Bible. It says a man shall not lay with another man like he lays with a woman."



Donnie Jennings
DoD civilian
"Heck yes. It's mathematically incorrect."



Bonnie Sherrill
DoD civilian
"Yes. The only reason you need is the Bible. If God had intended for men to marry men and women to marry women, then he wouldn't have created two sexes."

Sherry Stanford
DoD civilian

"I feel the Bible says it all. I'm a Christian and I never have believed that man and man should be together or that woman and woman should be together. God created woman and man. That's the way I feel it should be."



Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

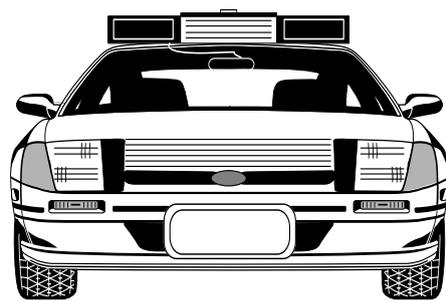
May 9: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 8. He was issued a violation notice and released.

May 10: An individual reported that an unknown caller left a threatening message on his answering machine at building 6263. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 10: An individual reported that someone took his personal jewelry valued at \$650 from a work sink where he had left it unsecured. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

May 11: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and having an outstanding arrest warrant during an inspection at Gate 1. He was issued a violation notice and released to the Madison County Sheriff Office.

May 11: An individual was found to be in possession of controlled substances and having two outstanding arrest warrants during an inspection at Gate 1. He



was issued a violation notice and released to the Huntsville Police Department.

May 12: An individual reported that someone damaged her personal vehicle while it was parked and unattended at building 5302. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Lost identification/badge reported: 27.
Traffic accidents reported: 4 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 16 speeding, 1 parking, 1 principal accessory, 1 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving with suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license and 1 possession of controlled substances.

Getting to know you

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Job: Office automation specialist, Jacobs Sverdrup, Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles

Where do you call home?
Huntsville, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

PEO Tactical Missiles and Jacobs Sverdrup, they are all great people to work with and they make my job very enjoyable. Also, I have only been here six months and can see a lot of opportunity for growth.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spend time with my fam-



ily (I have a 3-year-old daughter) and work outside around the house.

What are your goals?

To be a better Christian example for my wife and daughter.

Tax assistance center hits trail with happy returns

Free service results in \$1.75M refunds

By Capt. FRANK ULMER
Tax assistance officer

After preparing almost 3,000 federal and state tax returns and helping clients claim over \$1.75 million in refunds, the 2004 Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center closed for business on April 15.

This year's Tax Center prepared 1,578 federal tax returns and 1,410 state tax returns, for a total of 2,988 returns. This free service saved our clients more than \$317,000 in tax preparation and filing fees and helped them claim \$1,757,454 in refunds.

Many lucky clients received more than just free tax preparation service, thanks to the generous donations from Morale Welfare and Recreation and the Commissary. Morale Welfare and Recreation donated \$150 in MWR bucks, which the Tax Center randomly distributed to clients. The Commissary, in conjunction with some of its suppliers, awarded free groceries to several lucky Tax Center clients. As the center's officer-in-charge, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to these two organizations for their generous support of the Tax Center. I would also like to



acknowledge Army Community Service for its generous financial support in providing office supplies.

Finally, I would like to recognize the Soldiers and civilians who worked as tax preparers in this year's Tax Center. The Soldiers, all from units on this post, spent time away from their primary duties to deliver this valuable service to the Redstone community. The civilians demonstrated true selfless service by donating their own time to enable the Tax Center to help as many eligible clients as possible. Thank you all for making the 2004 Tax Center a success.

Like last year, the Legal Office will offer out-of-season tax assistance in building 111 on Goss Road. If you have questions about your taxes or need a tax return prepared, call 876-9005 to schedule an appointment.

Reserve commander took care of his Soldiers in Iraq

Lt. Col. Stephen Scott gets Bronze Star after leading battalion on year's tour

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Yet another friend or co-worker stops by to greet the Soldier who has returned from the war.

Stephen Scott, a Reserve lieutenant colonel wearing a crew cut and his uniform, exchanges pleasantries and earnestly tells each well-wisher he's happy to be back. A year in Iraq is a long time.

Scott received a hero's welcome April 21 from his co-workers in the Advanced Systems Directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center. The program management officer also received a Bronze Star Medal from the Army for serving as battalion commander of the 356th Quartermaster Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I'm not a hero," the St. Louis native said modestly. "Just taking care of my Soldiers."

That's what he's most proud of – taking care of his Soldiers. All 51 members of the

Reserve battalion headquarters, based in Laurel, Miss., returned home safely from their one-year tour. Scott served as battalion commander for Task Force 356, Supply and Service, Airborne, which is under the 81st Regional Support Command.

Their original mission was to head to Incirlik, Turkey, to establish a logistics support base and provide direct support to the 4th Infantry Division. Scott was installed as battalion commander in January 2003 by Maj. Gen. Michael Mayo, commander of the 81st Regional Support Command. The Soldiers reported to Fort Benning, Ga., for deployment readiness and in-processing. On April 19, 2003, it was decided that the battalion would deploy to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom; and the unit arrived in country four days later. By that July, his task force had added six units – three active component, two Reserve component and one National Guard – and represented 792 Soldiers.

As a supply and service battalion, its mission included redeploying equipment from the war zone for return to the Army inventory, processing captured enemy weapons and equipment, and providing direct support maintenance. Its Soldiers operated in the war zone but there was no direct combat engagement, according to Scott.



Ryan McGill/contractor HDC

PROUD TO SERVE— Reserve Lt. Col. Stephen Scott got a hero's welcome when he returned to the Advanced Systems Directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center.

"Security and tension was very high," he said. "Anytime we were in hostile territory, we were at risk."

In November 2003, he and his Soldiers were extended for 112 more days in Iraq. By this time he had contracted about 90 percent of his operations to prime contractors on the battlefield: Kellog-Brown-Root and CSA Limited. In December, Army leaders gave the battalion the additional mission of re-establishing Camp Victory as the primary deployment and redeployment camp in Iraq. It accomplished that mission, too.

"First and foremost, I feel great that we got in there and made a difference and got all our Soldiers back (home) with no fatalities," Scott, 50, said. "I never took my eyes off my Soldiers. But if anybody brought us back alive, it was the Good Lord."

He lived in a tent, slept on a cot and dealt with intense heat and windy conditions for a year. His 73-year-old mother, Patricia Scott of St. Louis, wrote him a letter every Sunday. Scott also credited his

executive officer, Maj. Stephen Long, who works for contractor CAS in combat development at Fort Rucker, for providing "fantastic" support during the tour.

Scott, here since 1997 when the Army aviation function arrived from St. Louis, has 27 years of government service. This includes an initial four years of active duty military from 1975-79 as an enlisted air traffic controller with the 101st Airborne Division "Screaming Eagles." He received a master's in business administration in 1985 from Webster University in St. Louis. The avid runner has two daughters, Rebekah, 18, of Huntsville, and Rachel, 21, a cosmetologist in St. Louis. Rachel, who has an 8-month-old son, Zachary Stephen Scott, is engaged to be married Sept. 17.

"We made a significant difference in stabilizing Iraq, a very unstable culture with a rebellious attitude," Scott said.

Would he return for another tour? "Absolutely," he said. "Somebody has to take care of the Soldier."

Enlisted Spouses Club full of service and support

Members give to community, cultivate bonds and friendships

By CRAIG WYSOCK
For the Rocket

When the conflicts of life reach a crescendo, either amidst the familiar walls of home or thousands of miles away in foreign lands, one principle remains constant: People need the support of others.

And while everyone bands together with love and care for the many brave men and women overseas, few realize the difficulties that the spouses of those enlisted struggle through everyday.

That's where the Enlisted Spouses Club steps in and flourishes.

As a small group that fluctuates from anywhere between 15 to 30 members, depending on whose spouse has been sent where, the ESC maintains a strong core of members and prides itself on being a group which goes to great lengths to provide service and support to members of Redstone Arsenal and the surrounding community.

Membership is open to the spouses of civilian employees GS-1 to GS-8 and to spouses of enlisted servicemembers from private to command sergeant major from all branches of the service. This includes active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired.

The club is not limited to the Arsenal, however. Enlisted spouses clubs can be found anywhere members of the armed forces have families, but many of this

chapter's members say this is one of best they have ever been associated with.

'We like helping and we like being involved in meaningful activities.'

— Jean Mulcahy
ESC member

Dessie Johnson, a Birmingham native, has been a part of different ESCs for 35 years, including nearly 20 with the Arsenal's.

"Throughout the ups and downs of life, everybody's always right there nearby," she said. "They make you feel like their extended family. These ladies really are genuine people."

Gail Meyers, who doubles as a teacher at Farley Elementary School and the club's treasurer, shared Johnson's sentiments.

"This group really is so much more than just a bunch of women getting together to socialize. There really isn't any pettiness at all," Meyers said. "We take a lot of pride in all the services and contributions we give back to the community."

That list of services includes more than 3,000 hours of volunteer work at such functions as Oktoberfest, any concerts that come to the area, and a gift wrap around the holiday season.

And all the proceeds go right back to the community in some form or fashion.

In the last year alone the club has given more than \$5,000 to organizations like Army Emergency Relief, the Red Cross, the Chaplains Fund, the Downtown Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, Youth Services and more.

But the financial contributions are not limited to organizations. The club has also given monetary support to drill instructor of the year, Soldier of the quarter and Soldier of the year, NCO of the year and a Space Camp scholarship fund.

"The most satisfying benefit of membership is feeling good about playing a positive role in the service of others," member Jean Mulcahy said. "We like helping and we like being involved in meaningful activities."

For many of those involved, the club provides an opportunity to spend time with their peers and talk about what is going on in their lives. They share what's on their minds and cultivate bonds that can be counted on in times of need.

The members range from the newly inducted to those like Martha Welch, who has been in the club since 1959 and has been everything but president over those 45 years.

"I have to keep them straight," Welch said jokingly. "If they're nice to me, I like them. And I like all these girls."

For more information about the Enlisted Spouses Club, call president Jennifer Kennedy at 520-2331 or vice president Debra Jefferson at 859-7829. Other alternatives include going to www.redstoneesc.4mg.com, e-mailing the group at

redstoneESC@hotmail.com, or stopping by a meeting every second Thursday of the month at the Redstone Room of the Challenger Activity Center.



Courtesy photo

**Happy
birthday**

Garrison friends of Karen Bender, support agreements manager, wish her a happy birthday. She turns 50 on May 21.

Officials pave way for new Visitor Center

Construction opens outside Gate 9

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A ground breaking ceremony was held May 12 for a Visitor Center to be constructed just outside Rideout Road's Gate 9.

The center is part of the revamping of Redstone's gates.

Along with badging changes and visual identification checks, the center is a large part of the plan to streamline traffic flow onto the Arsenal. Being billed as one stop shopping for those wishing to enter Redstone, the 3,000 square foot facility will offer visitor passes and vehicle inspections just to the right of Gate 9's inbound lanes. It will serve as a 24-hour point of entrance for all visitors, eliminating the time and space consuming checks at all other gates.

Keith Cook, chief of construction branch in Directorate of Public Works, said actual construction will begin any day now and should take approximately seven months to complete. If all goes according to schedule, the new center should be operating by the first of the year. Estimated costs for the construction are \$1.3 million.

"There will be a 50-car parking lot," Cook said. "It will have a special lane to go through the gate and a turnaround to go back out at the light and across."

In addition to housing visitor services, the facility will also be the new home for the badging office.

"The little building where you go to get your badge will no longer be there once this facility is completed," Susan Velez, team leader for the Badging office, said. While Marshall Space Flight Center intends to use the center for visitors and keep its badging office where it is, Redstone will move its office in entirety.

"All of our badges, all of our decals, all of our visitor passes and all of our vehicle inspections are all going to take place here," said Fred Keith, who is coordinating with the badging office on



Photo by Kelley Lane

BREAKING GROUND— On the site of the new Visitor Center are from left Jim Carter, director of center operations for Marshall Space Flight Center; provost marshal Lt. Col. Brad Scofield; Owen Johnson, manager of Protection Services; and garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin.

the project. "We're getting in line with the rest of the military. With the rest of the military, you have to come get your badge and decal before you get on the installation. At Redstone, you get on the installation and then get it. So we're trying to get in line."

Estimates of staffers needed to run the facility are still being made. Velez said the badging

office plans on having six people in the facility, but numbers for inspectors and other employees are still being determined, based on actual numbers and hours.

"It will be a 24-hour operation," Keith said. "We're still doing a final count of how many visitors are served and how many badges and decals we issue plus how many passes we write."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

All clear

Sparkman Center building 5309 was evacuated Friday morning after a personal computer monitor failed, triggering the fire alarm.

Retiring chief of staff doesn't plan to leave

Smith lauds Team Redstone as dedicated to Soldiers

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The word "retire" brings thoughts of leaving work to rest and relax. Although Col. John Smith, 52, does have a little R&R planned, he also aims to return to work for Redstone.

"I'm thrilled to know he will be staying in the area," Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, said. "He is a great American and he will come back and work for AMCOM. We are still blessed to have him working

for us." Pillsbury addressed an attentive audience May 12 for Smith's retirement ceremony at Bob Jones Auditorium. Several times they gave a standing ovation for the retiring chief and his wife.

"I hate to see him go. He is really good to work for," Shirlee Turpen, management assistant for the chief of staff, said. "I should say work together, not for, because that is how he always says it."

Smith, a Portland, Ore. native, and his wife, Sharon, have been married for 32 years. Sharon works for the Garrison as the management and program specialist. John is retiring after 30 years service.

"Many have asked how I feel about retiring," he said. "It's hard not to reach it without some since of melancholy. It's hard to put it behind and move on, but I have lasting lessons, a lifetime of friends and leave with irreplaceable memories."

Among the awards Smith received at the ceremony were the Distinguished Service Medal, Honorable Order of Saint Michael Bronze Medal (Aviation) and the Distinguished Order of St. Martin Silver Medal (Quartermaster). Sharon was honored for her continuous support to her husband and the installation. Notably she received the Catharine Greene Medal (Quartermaster spouse).

"We shouldn't be here ... we should be in a parade field with 10,000 Soldiers and the colors flying," Pillsbury said. "Those are the ones he has influenced, through his ethos and leadership. The Army is much better because of him."

Smith's overseas tours include Germany, Korea and Saudi Arabia. Before

coming to Redstone he was the assistant deputy chief of staff, logistics for the U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. Smith has served as AMCOM's chief of staff since September 2002.

After his years of experience and travels around the world, Smith sees Redstone as one of the best.

"Team Redstone is truly a team dedicated to the Soldier," he said. "You can look in

the mirror and know you've done a great job for the Soldiers on the front line."

So what's next? Smith says that he has several things planned such as visiting family, moving into a new house and playing golf. "We are not leaving. Huntsville is a great community with the right values," he said. "We are truly blessed to stay here and waiting to see what the next journey brings us."

Product manager returns home to Redstone

Lt. Col. Dwayne Morton first arrived in 1985

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It was like a welcome home party for the incoming product manager.

Lt. Col. Dwayne Morton became PM for Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment in a ceremony Thursday at Bob Jones Auditorium. He arrives from Washington, D.C., where he served since July 2001 as Department of the Army system coordinator for heavy tactical vehicles and tactical bridging systems in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

About seven years of his 19-year career have been spent at Redstone where he attended the Ordnance Officer Basic Course in 1985. In 1989 he attended the advanced course and was

assigned to the then Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. He was assigned to the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense from 1998 to 2001.

"This is a day that I've looked forward to probably as far back as 1989," the Wichita Falls, Texas, native said.

He succeeded Richard Paul who served as TMDE product manager, over a tenant organization at the Aviation and Missile Command, since June 2001. During the ceremony, Paul received the Commanders Award for Civilian Service.

Morton, 41, is a 1984 distinguished military graduate from Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor's of business administration in finance and banking. He and his wife, Linda, who works for a contractor, have two daughters, Faith and Destiny.

"It's good to be home," he told a well-wisher in the receiving line after the ceremony.



Photo by Kim Mason

DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN— Many employees gave their final congratulations to Col. John Smith on his retirement.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ALL SMILES— Lt. Col. Dwayne Morton, TMDE product manager, is joined by from left daughter Destiny, wife Linda and daughter Faith.

Facility has ironclad safety record

May 7 marked the five-year anniversary of no lost time injuries for employees at ISP Chemical's Huntsville facility located on Redstone Arsenal.

The facility produces iron pentacarbonyl and iron carbonyl powders at its facility on Industrial Road.

Workers include Dennis Clarke, Chris Reed, Tommy Bell, Wayne Shoemaker,

Jackie Moore, Chuck Jennings, Richard Copeland, Walter Smith, Ray Bergman, Lisa Holt, Lon Britt, James Young, Danny Elmore, Dwight Jones, Larry Weeks, Paul Hubler,

Ken Riley, Gary Buck, Scott Elmore, Mickey Maples, Mike Boggs, Arvil Bailey, Johnny Lawrence and Billy Baugh.

Emergency relief campaign tops goal, more expected

Campaign

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stages this year and conducted training for the key representatives before the kickoff March 1. "I've enjoyed going to all the events and working with the campaign. It's amazing how much community support is out there for the Soldier."

Although the campaign has officially ended, some products — such as the ribbons and calendars produced by the Integrated Materiel Management Center — will be on sale for an extended period. Donations to AER are welcomed year-round.

"The need is always there," Foster said. "People can be very careful with their money and think they have everything covered but it's hard to plan for an emergency. It happens though. People get sick. Cars break down. Loved ones die. We're

here to help when an emergency hits."

Last year Redstone's AER raised \$104,433, eclipsing the \$65,000 goal, and provided 512 active duty, retired servicemembers and their families from the Redstone community with \$361,911 in emergency assistance through interest free loans and grants.

Armywide in 2003, AER assisted 49,000 Army people with more than \$34 million.

"We want to thank everyone — the community — all the key representatives who've gone the extra mile, getting the word out, planning events, the organizations and individuals conducting and participating in all the different fund-raising activities," Foster said. "The *Redstone Rocket* as well, for printing an ongoing list of events and activities to keep the community aware of everything that was happening. Thanks to everyone for making this a successful campaign."

Training staff members ready to serve customers

Training

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opportunity; the leadership development program or personnel management for executives I and II; the sustained base leadership development program; organizational leadership training; student career employment programs; career management and employment programs; and competitive development.

Jarmon began her career as a logistics management intern in 1985 and became an employment development specialist in 1994.

"This has actually been a better fit for me, working with people rather than

(spare) parts," she said. Her goal is "provide a world-class human resources development or training cell to our customers."

McCollum began his career in civilian personnel administration in 1974. Before becoming a human resources specialist, he worked in staffing and classification in the CPAC.

"Essentially we want to provide customer service support," he said. "One of our goals is to go out and contact folks and introduce ourselves and meet their requirements for training their employees."

"We want our customers to know we're here to serve them and they should call us if they need us," Jarmon said. Her phone number is 842-9058; and McCollum can be reached at 842-8850.

Electronic courses go online at learning center

eLearning lab opens May 24

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTORATE RELEASE

Do you enjoy working and learning at your own pace? Do you become frustrated when an instructor moves too quickly over subject material? Or do you sometimes wish that you didn't

have to wait for other classmates to "get the point" before the instructor will continue? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, Army's eLearning Program may be for you.

Army's eLearning Program offers a variety of IT and business courses through computer/web-based courseware. These courses are centrally funded by Army, so you incur no costs taking these courses. Army's eLearning Program isn't confined

to the classroom; any computer with Internet capability can become your classroom. You can take courses from home, the office, or virtually anywhere with Internet access. The possibilities are unlimited.

As an additional method of utilizing the Army eLearning Program, the AMCOM Learning Resource Center established an eLearning lab. Beginning May 24, the eLearning lab, located in room 4377 of building 5304, will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The eLearning lab will offer civilian and military employees the opportunity to take Army eLearning Program courses in a disturbance-free environment. In addition, a facilitator will be available during specified hours to provide assistance.

The AMCOM Learning Resource Center lab provides just one alternative site for your eLearning experience. You may wish to consider utilizing the lab for the following reasons: Work at an individual pace; affordable training delivery, large selection of courses available, interactive training delivery; live, personal help; distraction free environment and a career enhancement tool.

To utilize eLearning, you must have a SmartForce account with a user name and password. To register for a SmartForce account go to the following: <https://www.smartforce.com/v2.1/custom/usarmy/login.asp>. Click on register in the Register for a Army e-Learning Account block.

AMCOM employees can register for a "three hour block" of facilitated eLearning time in Training Information Program

using the catalog number ELEARN. A facilitator will be available to assist customers on the following dates and times: 1-4 p.m. today, 9-noon Thursday, 1-4 p.m. May 25, 9-noon May 26, 1-4 p.m. May 27, 1-4 p.m. June 2, 9-noon June 3, 1-4 p.m. June 8, 9-noon June 9, 1-4 p.m. June 10, 9-noon June 15, 1-4 p.m. June 16, 9-noon June 17, 1-4 p.m. June 22, 9-noon June 23 and 1-4 p.m. June 24.

Employees who do not desire a facilitator can come any time from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SmartForce course library offers a variety of curriculums. Not only can learners take a course in computer applications such as word, powerpoint, excel, outlook, microsoft project, access, web design, Internet and network technologies, they can also take instruction in professional effectiveness, personal development, project effectiveness, management and leadership, and customer service skills. Learners can access the subject catalog from the web site.

Once a course is completed, employees will receive a certificate of completion from SmartForce via their e-mail account. Employees can take the certificate to their organization's training contact to add to their IDP, or have the TIP help desk in room 4389 add the information. These courses are also eligible for continuous learning points. The certificate states the number of hours for course completion that equates to continuous learning points. For example, a four-hour course equals four continuous learning points.

High energy laser tracks, destroys test target

The U.S. Army and the Israel Ministry of Defense conducted a test May 4 of the Mobile Tactical High Energy Laser testbed at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. This was a continuation of a test begun April 29.

The primary objective of the test was to establish a viable laser-quality track of a large caliber rocket. Preliminary data indicate a track was successfully established. A secondary objective, destroying the target with the laser, was also achieved. This was the first attempt to establish a track and destroy this type of target.

The test was conducted using the Tactical High Energy Laser demonstrator at the High Energy Laser Systems

Test Facility at White Sands.

MTHEL is a project of the United States and Israel to produce a mobile prototype of the THEL, a deuterium fluoride chemical laser which will be capable of destroying a wide range of airborne threats.

MTHEL is managed by the Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense, Short Range Air Defense Project Office. Northrop Grumman Space Technology, Redondo Beach, Calif., is the prime contractor for the THEL demonstrator. In Israel the MTHEL is managed by the Directorate of Defense Research and Development, Israel Ministry of Defense and involves several Israeli defense industries.

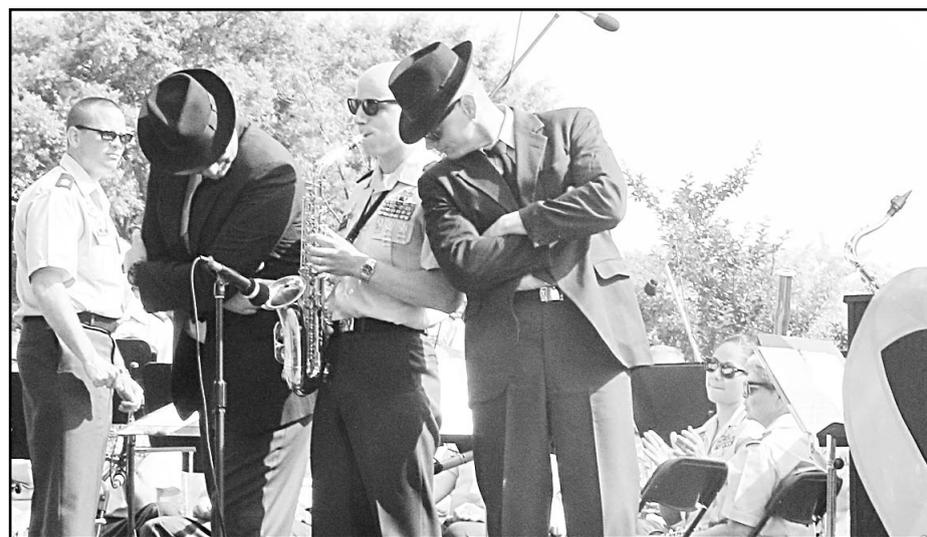


Photo by Kelley Lane

Band and brothers

The Blues Brothers, Jake and Elwood, stop by to help the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) get down Chicago-style at the Mother's Day concert May 9 in Big Spring Park. The two-hour show featured traditional patriotic selections, salutes to the armed forces, merengue music and special appearances by the Blues Brothers and even the king himself, Elvis.

Benefit on course to honor law enforcement officers

Golf scramble earns \$2,500 for Athens memorial fund

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Police and security personnel from across North Alabama answered the call to serve, yet again. But this time, instead of arriving at the scene in police cars, they drove golf carts. Instead of weapons, they were armed with a set of golf clubs and hopes of good weather.

The North Alabama Law Enforcement/Security Golf Scramble and Barbecue May 11 attracted 19 teams of golfers to Redstone's Whispering Pines Course for a day of fun and remembrance. The benefit, organized by Jeffrey Cassell, chief of security for Marshall Space Flight Center, was in honor of National Law Enforcement Week May 10-14.

"It's extremely important to recognize who these (law enforcement) people are and why they're here for us," Cassell, a retired military policeman, said. "We need to remember what kind of sacrifice they make to protect all of us. The week is also important to recognize comrades - fallen brothers and sisters - their lives taken in the line of duty."

The benefit raised \$2,500, through corporate, local business and individual sponsorship of each of the holes on the course. "It was amazing how people,

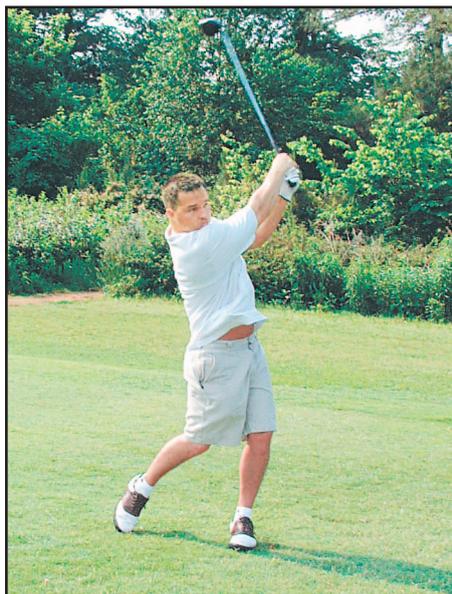


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

FORE A GOOD CAUSE— James Rucker, Huntsville police officer, tees off on Redstone's Whispering Pines course, in a benefit golf event during National Law Enforcement Week May 11.

companies and corporations wanted to donate to help support the cause," Cassell said. "We had a great turnout."

The first place team included Danny Davis, Jack Rush and Mark Thompson.

Redstone's own provost marshal, Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, was among the team



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

NICE AND EASY— Danny Davis, senior criminal investigator with NASA security, enjoys a day on Redstone's course for the North Alabama Law Enforcement/Security Golf Scramble and Barbecue.

with the highest score. He and his three teammates were presented with fishing poles — "because they need to take up a new sport," Cassell joked — and a plastic toy golf club. "Yeah, we had a great time."

About \$2,100 in door prizes were donated to the event by various companies and organizations.

"This is going to be an annual event,"

Cassell said. "Next year we hope to double the donation."

At the end of the day, a check for \$2,500 was presented to Athens Police Chief Wayne Harper for the Athens Police Department Memorial Fund in honor of Sgt. Larry Russell and Officer Tony Mims who were shot to death in Athens Jan. 2.



Courtesy photo

BIG CHECK— Athens Police Chief Wayne Harper accepts a \$2,500 check from Danny Davis, left, senior investigator with Protective Services, Marshall Space Flight Center, and Ed Rose, vice chairman at ASIS International.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Drive for donors

Teri Holly, wife of Maj. Gen. John Holly, gives a blood sample in the Bone Marrow Drive, May 12 at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Staff Sgt. Nikidra Arthur of Fox Army Health Center does the procedure with assistance from Pfc. Valerie Esquivel.

Dying to get closer look at this car

Contract specialist drives hearse to work

By **KIM MASON**
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Visitors to building 5303 may be curious when they see a hearse parked outside.

The owner is used to all the questions. "I originally bought it just to have one," Greg McPherson, Acquisition Center contract specialist, said. "Somebody asked me to deliver some flowers and a present to a buddy who had turned 50, so I said sure ... then I thought, I can make money off of this."

McPherson's brother got him interested in the automobile. "My brother had three hearses," he said. "I thought they were neat and always wanted one so I found one on eBay and bought it."

The formal coach — as they were once referred to because they were horse drawn — also served as ambulances. Funeral homes used to run the ambulance services because they were the only ones with a vehicle long enough to carry someone laying down, according to the Professional Car Society.

Vehicles of this sort — hearses, ambulances and limos — attract quite a following. Enthusiasts attribute it to the custom design and uniqueness of the automobile.

"I like the car because it is a very nice, elegant vehicle with plenty of room," McPherson said. "It rides just like a Cadillac (all 7,000 pounds of it) and it is great to carry stuff around in." He points out that many people just collect the ornate artwork that is on the inside of all hearses.

The Huntsville native has owned the 1984 Cadillac Sayers & Scovill Victoria Coach for a little over a year. After work hours, he offers delivery services of all sorts. Of his more unusual deliveries he set up a casket, candelabras and funeral sprays at a woman's 50th birthday party. "She didn't know what to say," he said.



Photo by Kim Mason

GAG TAG— Greg McPherson says most people laugh at his vehicle's license plate.

"But she had a pretty good time with it after a while."

For effect, McPherson wears a black suit and even a nametag from the previous funeral home that owned the vehicle. He said most people like him to make deliveries at night because of the dramatic impression.

"The coach lights on the sides of the hearse are a throwback to the old horse-drawn carriages," he said. "They are more decorative than functional nowadays."

On another occasion, a girl asked him to deliver a bouquet of dead roses to her ex-boyfriend's workplace. "They were kind of aghast. In fact the guy was pretty mad, but the women who worked with him thought it was a hoot," he said.

Some may ask why anyone would want to drive a car like this; and McPherson's reply simply is, "It's a beautiful car." The only downside he finds is trying to park the long vehicle and the gas mileage. "It only gets about 9.5 miles in the city," he said.

Redstone employees think it's fascinating as well.

"Well with some people this may hit them wrong," Jim Fisher, Acquisition procurement clerk, said. "But the man paid money for it, he can drive what he wants. I bet it rides good and handles good, too."

"Does it offend me? Not at all," Chris Barrett, Legal Office, said. "It's unique and humorous."

And as for getting into the gates of Redstone, McPherson has registered the



Photo by Kim Mason

DELIVERY MAN— Greg McPherson stands beside his 1984 Cadillac hearse parked at the Sparkman Center.

vehicle and gotten some reaction from the guards. "When the Soldiers were on the gates they would get a big kick out of it ... especially as I drove off and they saw the license plate, 'TOES UP,'" he said.

Those interested in using Patty's

Hearse, a name McPherson created for the car, may call him at (256) 457-6270.

"A limo, that's humdrum," he said. "This will get you noticed." And — no pun intended — he's dying to do a wedding.

Fox's physical therapy clinic has room to grow

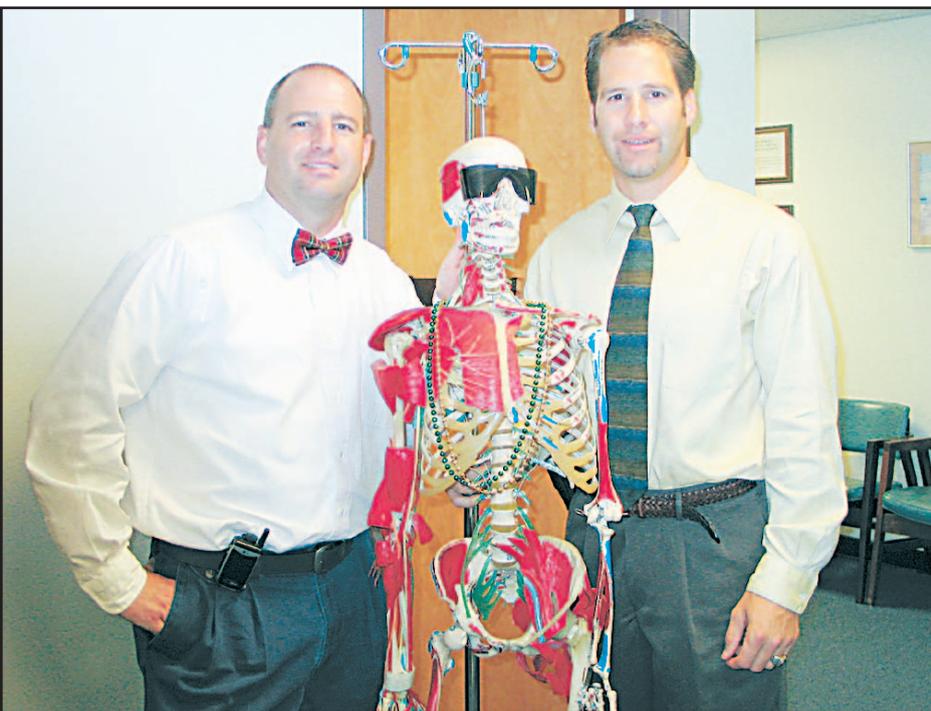


Photo by Skip Vaughn

OPEN HOUSE— From left physical therapy assistant Gordon Keene, an unidentified staff member and clinic chief Dirk Carson welcome guests to their second floor location.

Move to second floor means more space

By **SKIP VAUGHN**
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The chief of physical therapy at Fox Army Health Center figures there were 1,000 reasons for moving his clinic from the first floor to the second floor.

In square feet, that is.

"I think it's between 500 to a thousand square feet difference," Dirk Carson said at his clinic's open house Thursday. "I'd say close to a thousand square feet (more)."

The new location "gives us more space to allow better access," he explained. This means room for more equipment.

Carson joined Col. Steven Klamerus, the health center commander, in cutting the ceremonial ribbon. "We thought there was a (physical therapy) need out there that we could address but not with the space that

we had," Klamerus said of the move. The vacant former location will eventually become a referral management center.

The clinic's four-member staff includes a physical therapist, two physical therapy assistants and a military clerk.

"What they do here is help people with muscular-skeletal injuries regain their full function," Klamerus said.

"I like it because the patient load is not so heavy you have to wait to get in for your appointment time," Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Madison, a mobilized reservist from Birmingham, said. "I think it's great. Dirk has been very helpful, easy and I've never had a problem getting in (for an appointment) which to me is a lot better because from my experience on the outside, it takes a week. Whatever ailment you have, to get in it's a lot quicker."

Physical therapy is open from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To reach the clinic, take the elevator to the second floor, make a left and then an immediate right.

Genetic disorder known to cause serious problems

By **Maj. FARRELL ADKINS**
Community health nurse

May is the month of recognition for the uncommonly known genetic disease Neurofibromatosis.

NF affects approximately 100,000 Americans and represents a set of genetic (inherited) disorders that cause tumors to grow along various types of nerves and, in addition, can affect the development of non-nervous tissues such as bones and skin.

Neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow anywhere on or in the body. It also leads to developmental abnormalities. For example, individuals with Neurofibromatosis have a higher incidence of learning disabilities. Neurofibromatosis can lead to disfigurement, blindness, deafness, skeletal abnormalities; skin, brain and spinal tumors; loss of limbs, malignancies and learning disabilities.

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Both forms of Neurofibromatosis, NF1 and NF2, are genetic disorders that may be inherited from a parent who has Neurofibromatosis or may be the result of a new or spontaneous development. Each child of a parent with Neurofibromatosis has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the gene and developing Neurofibromatosis.

Anyone with concerns about NF should contact a knowledgeable physician by using the web site below or call the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation at 1-800-323-7938. Persons with a positive family history, and are suspected of having NF, are usually diagnosed after a physical examination and in some cases, a genetic test can be done.

For more information on Neurofibromatosis or to learn the differences between NF1 and NF2, go to <http://www.nf.org>.

Heat injuries aren't hot fun in summertime

*Drink enough water,
take breaks in shade*

By **PATRICIA R. ALBERT**
Environmental health/safety specialist

Now that summer is finally here, it's time to think about hitting the beaches and pools, playing ball and other warm weather activities. With all that sun beating down and the sticky Alabama humidity, heat injuries become a real threat to our health.

Heat injuries, like all accidents, are preventable if you follow protective measures and know how to respond to warning signs.

Heat injuries occur in response to four environmental factors — temperature, humidity, wind and radiant heat or heat absorbed from the environment (such as inside a vehicle). Our bodies need to maintain a stable internal temperature. When body temperature rises, the heart pumps more blood to the skin where heat is lost to the cooler environment. When external temperatures approach body temperature, the loss of heat through the skin is hindered. Sweat is produced which cools the body through evaporation. Wind can speed up evaporation, cooling the body faster. If humidity is high, sweat evaporation decreases and the body's ability to cool itself is impaired. Since so much blood is at the surface of the skin, less is available for the muscles, brain and

other organs. Alertness declines and fatigue sets in. Without preventive measures, heat injury is likely to occur.

Heat injuries include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The symptoms and first aid measures are listed in the accompanying chart.

There are numerous preventive measures that you can take to avoid developing a heat injury. The most important preventive measure is to drink enough water. Hydration is necessary for the body to produce sweat to cool the body. If the body is dehydrated, fluids will be used to maintain the organs and there will be none available for sweating. Alcohol and caffeinated beverages increase urine production; so avoid using them as fluid sources. Also, avoid excessive salt intake since salt affects the sweat mechanism by causing retention of fluids.

Schedule heavy work for cooler parts of the day. If this is not possible, take occasional rest breaks, preferably in a shaded area and drink plenty of fluids. This allows the heart rate to drop and gives the body time to cool. Wear loose, lightweight, light colored clothing that allows perspiration to evaporate and wear a wide brimmed hat and use sunscreen on exposed skin. You can attain and maintain acclimatization by gradually increasing physical activity during the hours of the day that you will be exposed to the heat.

For more information on heat injuries and heat injury prevention, visit the web site at the following:

Type of Heat Injury	Symptoms	First Aid for Casualty
Heat Cramps	Muscle cramps (usually in large muscles and legs) excessive sweating, thirst	Move to a shaded area, loosen clothing. Drink water or a sports beverage. Monitor casualty, give more water as needed. Seek medical attention.
Heat Exhaustion	Weakness, faintness, dizziness, cool, clammy skin, headache, loss of appetite, nausea	Move to a shaded area. Loosen or remove clothing. Pour water on casualty and fan. Have casualty drink cool water. Elevate legs. Monitor until medical assistance arrives.
Heat Stroke	Hot, dry skin, dizziness, confusion, headache, nausea, seizures, breathing difficulties, loss of consciousness, faint pulse	A MEDICAL EMERGENCY! Seek medical attention immediately. Perform life-saving measures. Move to shady area. Remove outer clothing.

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat> Army Health Center, at 955-8888 ext. 1026.
or call the Preventive Medicine, Fox

Sergeant first class wins World Cup Silver Medal

Soldier shooting for Olympic slot

By PAULA RANDALL PAGAN
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece — A Soldier with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., took silver at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup April 26.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Tamas finished second by less than 2 points only to Guy Starik of Israel and in the Men's 50-Meter Prone Rifle competition.

After shooting for 597 points out of a possible 600, Starik shot a 104.7 out of a possible 109 points and won the Gold Medal with the total score of 701.7 out of a possible 709. Tamas shot a 596 and got a 104.1 in the finals for a total of 700.1. Christan Lusch of Germany took the Bronze Medal after shooting 596 with a 103.8 in the finals for a 699.8 total.

Raised in Columbus, Ga., Tamas started shooting in 1978 with the Fort Benning Junior Rifle Team and graduated from Kendrick High School in 1983. He joined the Army in 1986 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit after he completed Basic and Infantry Training.

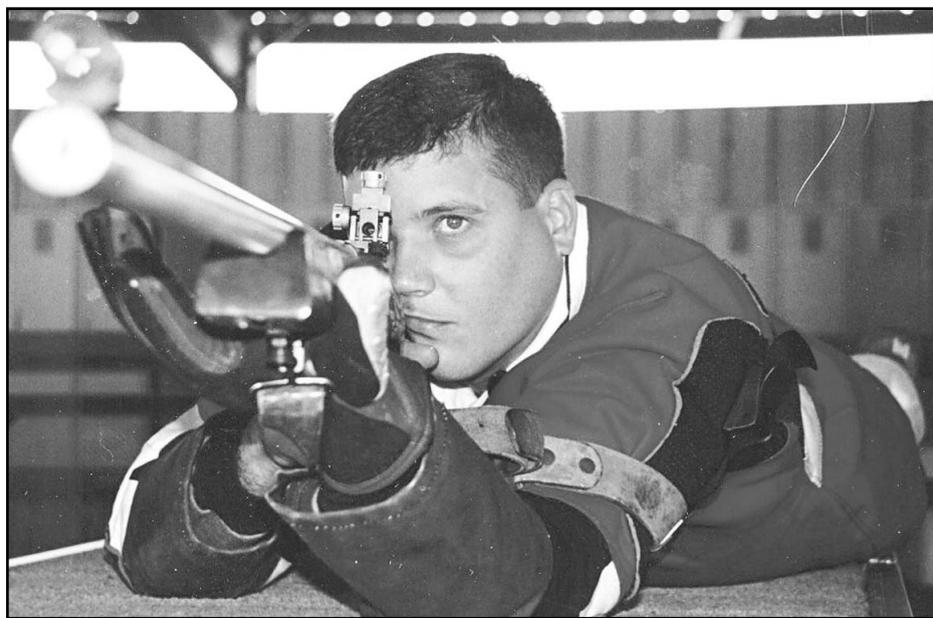
Tamas served with the Army Marksmanship Unit for seven years before being assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, in Korea in 1992. After his overseas tour, Tamas returned to Fort Benning and Marksmanship Unit in 1993.

Tamas is a two-time Olympian. In 1992 he did not get to compete in the Olympics because he was an alternate, and in 2000 he placed 13th in Prone Rifle at the Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Tamas set the Prone Rifle World Record of a perfect 600 points and was the 1998 Prone Rifle World Champion.

Last year, he won the Gold Medal and an Olympic Quota Slot for the United States at the Pan-American Games. He will be competing for one of two slots on the U.S. Prone Rifle Olympic Team at the Olympic Selection Matches, which will be conducted at Fort Benning May 25-27.

Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army, the Army Marksmanship Unit is assigned to the Accessions Support Brigade of Fort Knox, Ky., which is under U.S. Army Accessions Command, of Fort Monroe, Va. Accessions Command is charged with overseeing recruiting and training of the Soldiers.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its Sol-



Courtesy photo

WORLD CLASS— Two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Tamas takes aim.

diers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development. The world-class Soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

For more information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, visit the unit's home page located at: www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/.

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Second to none

Johnson High's Nate Boclair IV, an All-City second baseman, signs a baseball scholarship with Alcorn State. He is the son of Nate III and Sharon Boclair, both of whom work at Redstone. Standing behind him is Lt. Col. Tony Hodge, past president for Alcorn alumni. This represents the first baseball scholarship at Johnson in 10 years.

Devastating Dragons capture postseason volleyball title

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Delta Company beat Headquarters & Alpha on Monday night for the troop volleyball championship.

The Devastating Dragons (14-2) won 21-25, 25-23, 17-15 in the postseason tournament final at Pagano Gym. Headquarters & Alpha, co-favorite entering the tournament, finished at 12-4 after advancing from the losers bracket.

Delta had beaten the Gators 22-25, 25-13, 15-12 in the winners bracket final May 12.

"I think it was a lot of teamwork," Delta player-coach Doug Smith said of last week's win over the Gators. "We had some good sets for some put-away kills, and just working as a team."

Delta's key players included hitter Stanley Lewis, setter Mindy Stuart and hitter Walter Pike.

Here are tournament results from last week:

- May 10 - HHC 59th won by forfeit over Charlie, Bravo won by forfeit over Marines and Delta def. MEDDAC 25-9, 25-16.

- May 11 - MEDDAC won by forfeit over Marines, Delta def. Bravo 25-22, 26-24 and Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 25-18, 25-11.

- May 12 - Delta def. Headquarters & Alpha 22-25, 25-13, 15-12; Bravo won by forfeit over Charlie; and HHC 59th def. MEDDAC 25-13, 25-9.

- May 13 - HHC 59th def. Bravo 15-25, 25-19, 15-13; and Headquarters & Alpha def. HHC 59th 25-17, 25-14.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

GOING UP— Bravo players, left, battle HHC 59th in a losers bracket match May 13 which the 59th won.

Golfers raise money for cancer research

The Ladies Golf Association raised \$780 for the Susan G. Komen's Breast Cancer Foundation with its golfing event May 5 at the post course.

First place winners were Joy McGuire, Judi Dwyer, Linda Jones and Alice Brayton. The closest-to-the-pin winner was Debbie Fulmore.

Satterfield wins RDEC 5K run

RDEC RELEASE

The annual RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief drew 130 participants May 11 and raised \$2,345, more than tripling last year's \$700.

DeWayne Satterfield of SimTech was the overall winner in 17:15. Barbara Saunders, of Torch Technologies, Systems Simulation Directorate, was the female winner in 19:05. She was the overall winner last year.

Other winners included:

- Male: ages 18-35 – Robert Youngren of SimTech (17:48); 36-49 – Henri Richard of SimTech (19:24); and 50-over – Rob Lucas of Acquisition Center (20:24).
- Female: 18-35 – Young Rivera of

Sparkman Fitness Center (22:58); 36-49 – Monica Gorbandt of Fox Army Health Center (24:43); and 50-over – Laurretta Mitchell of Technology Integration (31:06).

- Team (average time for top three finishers): SimTech (18:36).

Sponsors for the event, held at the physical training track off Corporal Road, included Redstone Federal Credit Union, Bowman's Enterprises, First Place Athletics, H.G. Peake Company, Atlanta Bread Company, Publix Super Markets Inc., Home Depot, Bruno's, Winn Dixie and Kroger. The event was organized by Carolyn Farmer, Shane Mills and Sherman Goss.

Sports & Recreation

Brickyard 400 sweepstakes

The Community and Family Support Center/Miller Lite "Brickyard 400 Sweepstakes" continues through June 30 at the Redstone Golf Course and Challenger Activity Center. This promotion features an 'instant-win' scratch card and enter-to-win sweepstakes. In addition to the scratch card giveaways, there will be an enter-to-win drawing for four trips-for-two to the NASCAR Brickyard 400 in Indiana on Aug. 8. To enter, participants simply fill out the information on the back of their scratch card and drop it in the entry box provided.

Swimming pools

Pool season passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation and the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Outdoor Recreation is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Swimming pools will be open May 29 through Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily. Pool hours will be posted at each pool. Cost of season passes is \$45 for families and \$35 for individuals. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Win in Redstone Arsenal's "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2" promo-

tion. Sharpen your golf skills and win prizes in the process. Through June 30, one orange "lucky" ball will be dropped in the range ball machine each week. Find the ball and win instantly. In addition, an "enter to win" sweepstakes is available. You could win a Play Station 2 unit in the local grand prize drawing or one of three trips for two at any Trading Places destination courtesy of www.GovArm.com, event sponsor in the national grand prize drawing. Grand prize drawings will be held at the end of promotion. Call 883-7977 for more details.

Golf classic

The Bob Jones Touchdown Club will hold the Golf Classic, the first of what is to become an annual event, June 14 at Canebrake Golf Course in Athens. Cost for this tournament is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. There will be door prizes, longest drive, closest to the pin and more. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. "Come out and meet Bob Jones (High School's) new football coach, Shannon Brown," a prepared release said. He played for the University of Alabama from 1992-95 while being named first team Academic All-Southeastern Conference from 1993-95. For more information, call Paul Busing 895-6694 or Dan Bobrowski 461-0921.

Bicycle riders

The third annual Tour d' Arsenal bike ride is Thursday at 5 p.m. at NASA Exchange Fitness Center. Bike to Work Day is Fri-

day beginning at 6:45 a.m. at the runners' parking lot near Huntsville Municipal Golf Course off Airport Road and continuing to Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Jamie Miernik 544-6534. May is National Bike Month.

IMMC golf tournament

The Integrated Materiel Management Center will hold a four-man scramble golf tournament June 17. Lunch will be served at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places, as well as prizes for closest to the pin on all par 3s, longest drive for women and men, door prize drawings and a chance at \$1,000 or a hole in one. Teams may be pre-assembled or the committee will arrange one for you. Entries must be received by June 10. Cost is \$47 per player which includes cart fees, green fees, lunch and prizes. For information call Herb Cleveland 586-5059, Kim Lund 876-7841, Rich and Darlene Kerr 881-2687, Laveeta Kochevar 828-0040 or Billy McGee 883-2075.

Conferences & Meetings

Configuration data managers

ACDM Huntsville Interest Group will hold a technical symposium on "Enterprise Configuration and Data Management," June 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holiday Inn-Research Park, 5903 University Drive. Cost is \$100 per person; or \$75 each for three or more persons from one organization. For more information, call Cindy Hauer 536-1096 or Sue Fair 544-0691.

Sergeants major

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

Coast Guard auxiliary

You're invited to join the volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary local flotilla 05 which meets every fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Latham Methodist Church on Weatherly Road. For more information, call Dee Watt 772-7744 or 316-3625.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its monthly luncheon Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at Marshall Space Flight Center, room 4203 (private dining room). All members are urged to attend and bring a guest. A presentation will be given by Don Eiermann, AFGE Local 1858 president, on elements of the grievance process. For more information

call Meg Lipsey 955-6262, ext.112 or Billie Swinford at MSFC 544-0087.

AMCOM town hall

The next AMCOM Town Hall, with commander Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, is June 10 from 9-11 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. It will be broadcast on Team Redstone Television Channel 42, and via Internet Portal TV to computer desktops equipped with the IPTV application. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the auditorium. Badges must be worn by all attending.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The monthly luncheon meeting is May 26 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club with Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer as guest speaker. All active, retired and former officers, their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

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

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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 Gleria Edwards 313-3867. 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.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday and Thursday 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. The shop will be open June 5 for sales from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992. "We at the Thrift Shop would like to say thank you to all of the people at the Post Yard Sale who donated their left over items to the Redstone Thrift Shop," a prepared release said.

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.

Butler High reunion

Butler High School Class of 1969 will hold its 35th reunion June 19 at the Clay House Museum, 16 Main St., Madison. Class members are urged to call Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Robin

Hall Brewer (256) 325-1018.

Red Cross youth volunteers

The Red Cross Youth Program at Fox Army Health Center is about to begin and will provide valuable experience to teens. The youth volunteers will be staffed throughout the health center and assist in clinics, the records room and in other areas. Teenagers 14 or older with valid military ID cards are eligible. Those interested in volunteering must call the Red Cross 536-0084, extension 210 to pre-register and then attend a training meeting June 1 at 9 a.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House, 1101 Washington St. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting with their teenager.

Train in concert

The 2004 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, featuring Train and special guest Graham Colton, is coming to Redstone Arsenal on June 19. General admission advance tickets are on sale for \$15, compared to \$20 on the day of show. If you can access Redstone Arsenal, buy your tickets at Sparkman Cafeteria, Redstone Lodging, the Post Exchange cashier's window, the Officers and Civilians Club or at the ITR office in building 3711 at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets (Publix stores in North Alabama) and at www.ticketmaster.com. Call 800-277-1700 for tickets or 876-5232 for more information.

Aviation group scholarships

Army Aviation Association of America offers scholarships for entering freshmen which range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 grants given out as one, two or four year scholarships. Interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 a year) for entering freshmen are available. Scholarships are also reserved for enlisted, company grade, warrant officer, Army civilian, and spouses of AAAA members. Call the AAAA National Office (203) 268-2450 or e-mail aaaa@quad-a.org for an application. Local points of contact for the Tennessee Valley Chapter are vice president for scholarships Tom Harrison (256) 964-8460, ext. 103, and vice president for membership Jim Pepper 922-1211.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is registering for the

summer term May 24 to July 24. Classes offered meet one evening per week and include the Air Transportation System, Aviation Safety Program Management, Principles of Management, and Studies in Rhetorical Theory. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Technical Management fields, both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is Friday. Call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222, for more information or to set up an appointment to receive a free unofficial evaluation of transfer credit for prior military service.

Commissary schedule

The Commissary will be closed May 23 for a switchgear box relay update which requires a power outage. Its normal closure is Monday. The Commissary will reopen May 25 at 8 a.m.

Youth reading program

Child and Youth Services sponsors "Heating it Up With Books at Redstone," a summer reading program through July 31. Children of active duty, retired, and Guard/Reserve military, DoD and Redstone/NASA contractors may participate. Trophies and medallions are awarded to those who read 1,000 pages or more. For information visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Vehicle decal and badges

The Vehicle Registration/Badging Office, building 3423, will close at 3:30 p.m. Thursday (rather than 8 p.m.) so the second-shift employees can attend their children's graduation ceremonies off post. The office will reopen Friday at 7 a.m. with normal business hours which are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7-3:30 Friday. For information call Susan Velez 876-5770.

Father of Year gala

The Volunteer Center wants you to add a special event to your community calendar. The Father of the Year Gala will be at the Huntsville Museum of Art, June 25 from 7 p.m. until midnight. The evening includes food, drink, dancing, a silent auction and the announcement of the Madison County Father of the Year. Entertainment will be provided by The Blue Savoy Combo. Admission is \$35 per person, \$60 per couple and \$250 for a table of eight. Call the Volunteer Center 539-7797 to reserve your seat via Visa or Mastercard. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Volunteer Center.

Consideration of others

Aviation and Missile Command and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School will hold the third quarter Equal Opportunity Consideration of Others Facilitator Course, June 8-10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in building 111, EEO conference room. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Vasquez 876-8648 or Sgt. 1st Class Weber 876-9224.

Flying activity open house

The Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have its annual open house Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Mini

flyng lessons are \$30 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under. There will also be certified flight instructors on hand, aviation videos, simulators, and hamburgers/hot dogs and refreshments. For more information, call 881-3980 or 880-9495.

Asian Pacific observance

NASA, Team Redstone, and Missile and Space Intelligence Center are sponsoring two events celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage Month on May 26. Samuel Mok, chief financial officer from the Department of Labor, is to speak on the theme "Cultural Diversity in Government Service" from 11 a.m. to noon that day at building 4316. Cultural performances, multimedia presentations and food tasting will also be featured at this event. A bus will stop at several locations on the installation to transport participants. The second event is that night from 6 until 9 at the Tai Pan Palace Restaurant; and tickets can be purchased from the EEO office. Cost is \$10 for adults, and a reduced rate is offered for children. The evening event features a buffet, cultural performances, multimedia presentations and presentations of awards.

Veterinary clinic

The Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics Thursday from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and the "home again" microchip identification system will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for May include: Area 1, Columbia Centre - Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Bobby Jones, 543-A Willow Circle. Area 2, Challenger Heights - Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Thomas West, 1024 Flagler Plaza. Area 3, Saturn Pointe - Capt. and Mrs. Richard Hall, 31 Ripley Drive. Area 4A, New Endeavor Village - Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Delbert Francis, 603 Wesson Circle. Area 4B, Endeavor Village - Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Jose Figueroa, 688-B Dyer Circle. Area 5, Freedom Landing - Capt. Laura Edwards, 293 Skinner Drive. Area 6, Voyager Village - Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew Doucette, 362 Crowell Circle. Area 10A, Apollo Landing - Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Jesse Walker, 470-B Tripp Drive. Area 10B, Pathfinder Pointe - Maj. and Mrs. Timothy McRae, 491 Cooke Drive. The troop winner is the Marine Corps, building 3412.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held May 27 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of building 5435. For an appointment, call Joyce Thompson 842-7710 or Wanda Jackson 876-3021.

Engineering summer camp

University of Alabama-Huntsville is offering two Engineering Summer Camps, June 14-18 and July 12-16 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., on the UAH campus. Enrollment is limited to 20 students per session, so avoid the race for space and

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sign up today. The fees for each session (one week) of the camp are \$350. Fees include all activities, lunch, instruction and supervision and materials that will be provided when the student arrives at the camp. A limited number of partial and whole need based scholarships are available. For more information, visit the camp's web site at www.eb.uah.edu/camp or call Veronica Molina 824-3590.

Church center

Pastors Broderick and Marie Humphrey and the members of Church of the First-born Christian Center, 5650 Sanderson (next to Sam's on University Drive), will consecrate their Sanctuary and Training Center May 23 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 864-0002.

Military dining discount

Alabama Roadhouse offers 10 percent off on Tuesdays for "Military Special Day." The restaurant, 2322 South Memorial Parkway (across from *The Huntsville Times*), is also collecting items to send to deployed troops. For more information, call 536-2121.

Air show

"Wings of Victory Air Show," commemorating the 60th anniversary of D-Day, is June 5-6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. It features the Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights and the Air Force F-16 demonstration team. For information call the air show hotline (334) 953-3500.

Missile defense scholarship

The Army Space and Missile Defense Association will select one graduate student and one undergraduate student to receive a \$1,000 scholarship in August. For more information call Robert Belton 971-1800, ext. 257.

NCO call

Non-commissioned officers – all services, active duty and retired – are invited to an NCO Call, May 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the Firehouse Pub.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society invites you to a presentation by NASA astronomer Dr. Bill Cooke at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the VBAS planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. He is to discuss what conditions are necessary to make a planet habitable in the sense that it possesses decent amounts of water. Weather permitting, a star-gazing party will follow

the show.

Robot competition

More than 100 robots from 17 states ranging from 1 to 220 pounds will compete for the title of "Toughest Robot in the Southeast," May 29-30 at Lowe Mill on Seminole Drive. Divided into eight weight classes, the robots will be sawing, hammering, flipping and smashing into each other. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 for each of the four sessions with a \$3 discount for students. Event times begin at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.secr.org.

Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government is sponsoring a "Drop In, Stop, and Go Social Mixer," May 27 from 4-6 p.m. in the Twickenham Room at the Officers and Civilians Club. Chapter members and visitors are welcome to attend, drop by and network on issues impacting federal employees such as the National Security Personnel System. This food, fun and fellowship event is open to all government and contractor employees. For more information, call chapter president James Foster 852-2129 or publicity chairman Mary Peoples 955-4275.

Youth development seminar

The Child and Youth Services "SKIES Unlimited" program is offering a "Skills for Success! Knowing and Understanding Yourself" seminar, with Dr. Elizabeth Hall, for eighth- and ninth-graders. Hall will work with your child in developing self-management, study, problem solving, time, money management skills, and several more key areas for developing life skills. Class fees are \$150 for the eight-week session. Registration continues through May 31. For more information or to register, stop by CYS Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, or call Brandie DeRemer 313-3701 or Chris Carter 876-3704.

Supreme Court ceremony

North Alabama Chapter, Federal Bar Association will hold a U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony, administered by retired Maj. Gen. William K. Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. Cost for lunch is \$25. For reservations call Laura Owens 842-0544 by June 9.

