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Balloon goes up for Fort Drum soldiers

10th Mountain Division platoon training on surveillance balloon

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The soldiers from 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., didn't know what they were getting into.

They're receiving training June 2-26 at Test Area 1 on the Army's air defense surveillance balloon. The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment version of the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System is the first JLENS equipment to be fielded. It has been deployed in Afghanistan since early April in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 10 soldiers, most Sentinel radar operators, are the first JLENS trainees from their unit. They've learned fast.

"The training's been good," 2nd Lt. Casey Parsons, the early warning platoon leader from 3-62 Air Defense Artillery,

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Courtesy photo

AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM— Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division work on the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment system which provides surveillance for air defense.

Aviation parts contracting going paperless

Potential suppliers apply on computer

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Wouldn't you rather answer up to five questions on computer than sort through 26 pages of instructions?

That's the idea behind a new automated process for prospective suppliers of aviation spare and repair parts. The Comprehensive Automated Process for Source Approval Request went online in May to replace a paper process.

"It should be more efficient, faster, leaner and easier to track," Victor Kerns, alternate competition advocate and an engineer in the Competition Management Office, said.

The process represents a joint effort between the Research Development and Engineering Center's industrial operations division, the Aviation Engineering Directorate, the Competition Management Office and the Acquisition Center. The University of Alabama in Huntsville's Systems Management and Production Center, under contract with the aviation engineer-

ing directorate to provide information technology services and expertise, developed CAPSAR.

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— Dr. Gary Maddux
UAH systems management and production center

"It's going really well," Dr. Gary Maddux, director of the UAH systems management and production center, said. "We've already got users that have logged onto the system and started using it and we're getting positive feedback."

The paper method, with its 26 pages of instruction, was "somewhat confusing to the user," he said. The center staffers developed the logic so computer users would instead answer up to five yes-or-no questions. "That's a pretty big advantage," Maddux said. "We feel like this is going to be an excellent way to strengthen the

industrial base to improve the readiness of the fleet."

The Aviation and Missile Command receives from 25-30 requests monthly for aviation spare parts source approval. Patti McCann, an aerospace engineer in the aviation engineering directorate, serves as the command's focal point for approval.

"Time management, for sure," she said of the benefits of the automated process. "I think it's going to make it a lot more productive. I think it's going to reduce the amount of time it takes to review a package. And we're moving toward 100 percent paperless. Several offices will be able to review a package at the same time."

A link to the CAPSAR program is available on the competition management office's web site at <http://www.redstone.army.mil/cmo>.

"This is strictly an aviation program right now," Sharon Blackwell, a procurement analyst in the competition management office, said. "Missile to follow."

The competition management office staffers encourage giving all qualified potential contractors the opportunity to do business with the government and to compete with others on an equal basis. "It assures the government gets a good price,"

See **Competition** on page 9

NCOs help elementary school

I would like to thank SSgt. Eric Loar and the men in the NCO Academy for helping us at Williams Elementary School with the school beautification project. Sergeant Loar arranged to bring an NCO group in March and also a group in May. I can't tell you how much they have assisted students, parents and teachers with numerous projects around the entire school, and especially the "Big Backyard."

Since our school is the home of an award-winning wildlife sanctuary and outdoor classroom (Big Backyard), there are a number of areas that need to be maintained and revised. Many times parents and children come to a Saturday workday to help get a project started. The soldiers that came on the two workdays helped to do projects in all three of the areas mentioned: maintaining, revising and helping to start new projects.

NCO soldiers worked alongside other military parents (since we serve the Redstone population) and children, and helped to make both times you came (in

March and in May) wonderful community workdays. Since the soldiers were going to come to our school to help, many families made special homemade treats for the soldiers. All of us are grateful to the soldiers primarily for serving our country, but especially appreciate that they would come to our school on a Saturday morning to help us. That really says a lot!

Thanks to the NCO soldiers and to Sergeant Loar for picking up the mulch at the Botanical Garden, moving mulch, getting the wisteria to grow up the wall, moving rocks on the kindergarten playground, planting plants, painting signs, planting trees, installing a fountain, and attaching a birdhouse, etc.

On behalf of our school, I would like to thank Sergeant Loar and the NCO soldiers again for coming to our school. We sure appreciate all of your help!

Patti Lovejoy McKee
Williams teacher

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

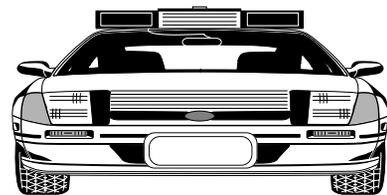
June 6 — A military reservist reported that while at an off-post location, his military identification card was taken from his secured vehicle. The incident was reported to the Huntsville Police Department.

June 7 — Police officers from the Provost Marshal Office at the Post Exchange arrested a family member after evidence revealed that he had taken a Play Station game without rendering proper payment. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 9 — A Redstone resident reported that while he was on vacation that persons unknown damaged the side door to his quarters. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

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June 9 — A Redstone Arsenal employee reported that she has been receiving harassing e-mail and telephone calls from her ex-husband at her workplace. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 9 — A Redstone Arsenal employee reported that persons unknown removed a painting, valued at several thousands of dollars, from his work area. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 10 — A Redstone Arsenal contractor reported that persons unknown removed two Redmax weed eaters from an unsecured tool crib. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 11 — A person reporting to Gate 9 to escort an individual onto Redstone Arsenal during an inspection time was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a DD Form 1805 and released.

Extra minutes at gates worthwhile

*Native Huntsvillian
notes changing times*

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Don't you miss the good old days? No, I'm not talking about the end of World War II, nor am I talking about the ceasefires in the conflicts in Korea or Vietnam. Heck, I'm not even making reference to the first few days after the Cold War. Those were before my time and all I know about them is what I have heard or read.

What I am talking about, however, is that moment in time that followed the first war in the Persian Gulf. Things were just a little more relaxed and laid back a decade ago than they are now.

I have lived in Huntsville all my life (except for those four-month vacations I take to Tuscaloosa twice a year) and I can remember the days when getting on to the Arsenal took about as much effort as crossing the state line.

My club soccer team used to practice twice a week on post and I distinctly remember riding by the gates every time and occasionally I would ask my parents what they were for (in my 11-year-old mind, I saw no purpose for them). My parents would usually say something like, "Oh, they're there in case something happens and the folks on the Arsenal have to start checking everyone coming in."

I found it odd that the couple of years after the first war of my lifetime did not warrant "something happening." But I shrugged it off and never thought about it again until just last week when I started working for the Rocket.

Getting on post took more effort than crossing the border (i.e. Canada or Mexico), and I needed just about every bit of paperwork that normally just sits in my glove box collecting dust. Oh yeah, and the guards making sure I was legitimate instilled just a bit of fear into me. Keep in mind, I do see some pretty big guys down at the University of Alabama, but none of them tote large guns on their shoulders and bark orders at me.

Commentary

I am sure I will be desensitized to it after a few weeks, but in all honesty, that first trip to the gate was a world of difference from riding through the same one 10 years ago. It is funny how things evolve over time.

I am not complaining about the new procedures, though. All I am saying is that I miss the days when I really did not know why such a thing was needed. Being naïve was quite different than the feeling I get every time I get checked now.

It might inconvenience some people, but can anyone actually win the argument that the extra five minutes (at max) is not worth ensuring just a bit more safety? Having your bags checked umpteen times at the airport might be worth arguing, but that is a different story all together.

So be pleasant to the guards, even if you do win the "strip-search" lottery (your car that is). They are just doing their job so that you can do yours in a safe, peaceful environment.

And remember the good old days, but also take notice of the fact that those days are gone and these new procedures help prevent "something" from happening. I know I will.

Oh yeah, if anyone finds it humorous to read a column about the good old days by a 20-year-old intern, feel free to laugh. There is nothing wrong with a good chuckle.

An open lane random survey

What is your favorite war movie?

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Rosie Douglas,
DoD civilian
"The Tuskegee Airmen' because I think it's important for all people to learn what

they did for their country. I think it's a valuable tool for the young people of today to know about them and let them strive and keep going for what they believe in."

Sgt. Mark Vance
"Black Hawk Down.' You realize in the movie that you should always be prepared for what you're up against and in the movie they weren't prepared for what they faced."



Spec. Robert Cleghorn
"We Were Soldiers' because I feel like it showed the family side of the military."



Spec. Blake Hood
"I like 'Saving Private Ryan' because they didn't even know the soldier but they risked their lives to save him."



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Annual conference for industry has top-level Army participants

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

The 2003 Advance Planning Briefing for Industry offers businesses a "sneak peak" of anticipated needs and future requirements for Team Redstone.

This year's conference features both national and local defense leaders as featured speakers from July 15-17. But according to APBI organizer Laurretta Mitchell, the conference is not just about briefings — it's an opportunity for businesses to ask questions and interface with conference participants.

This year's theme is "Transforming Partnerships in Technology and Logistics for the 21st Century Battlefield." Claude Bolton, Jr., assistant secretary of the Army (acquisition, logistics and technology),

and Lt. Gen. Richard Cody, deputy chief of staff, G-3, Army, will be the featured luncheon speakers. Other speakers include Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Albert Puzzuoli, deputy program executive officer, Ground Combat Systems, Army, and Dr. Arthur Morrish, director, Tactical Technology Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Local leaders scheduled to speak include Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander; Dr. William McCorkle, director of Research Development and Engineering Center; Marlene Cruze, executive director of the Acquisition Center, and James Ivey, chief information officer, Acquisition Center.

Information will be provided on potential contract opportunities including major end items, secondary items (components/spares), automation, maintenance (overhaul/repairs), and other service requirements, as well as scientific and

technological advances required to meet future Army needs.

"The conference forum will assist our team members in the private sector in planning and preparing for those requirements," Mitchell said.

Other conference participants include the Aviation and Missile Command; Space and Missile Defense Command; Research, Development and Engineering Command; Training and Doctrine Command; the Program Executive Offices for Air and Missile Defense, Aviation, Tactical Missiles and Ground Combat Systems; Ground-based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, Missile Defense Agency; Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville; Logistics Support Activity, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Redstone Technical Test Center and Marshall Space Flight Center.

"This conference offers different forums, ranging from formal briefings to informal socials, and it is truly convenient for local businesses to attend. APBI also attracts a large number of attendees from outside the area, so there are always a large number of organizations to network with," Mitchell said.

APBI early registration cost through July 1 is \$425 for industry and academia, and \$300 for military and government employees. Early registration can be done online at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil> or by calling 519-6682.

APBI registration from July 2-17 is \$475 for industry and academia, and \$350 for military and government employees. Registration the day before the conference will be available July 14 from 1-4 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium (site of the conference). For more information, visit the APBI web site at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil> or call Laurretta Mitchell 876-4270.

Program executive office honors those who served in war

Special edition coin from PEO represents token of thanks

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Members of the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense gathered Thursday to honor those who went above and beyond in their support of recent military operations including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle.

Maj. Gen. John Urias, the program executive officer, presented certificates, plaques and special edition coins designed to commemorate support of the operations. The coins featured soldiers in combat pose over the flag with helicopters in the background. Surrounding the center field were the names of the operations. The reverse side bore the Air and Missile Defense insignia underneath the phrase "Supporting the Warfighter." The coin was to be retired after this ceremony, Urias said.

Offices and corporate contractors honored at the ceremony included PEO Air and Missile Defense, BAE Systems, SAIC, Joint Tactical Ground Stations, Technical Support Directorate, Northrop Grumman, JLENS, Lower Tier Project Office, Raytheon, CAS, SHORAD Project Office, Lockheed-Martin, Dynetics, Radiance Technologies, Science Applications, and Theater Defense Services, among others. Some recipients were unable to attend because they are deployed.

After the formal presentation, a video presentation scrolled the names of those team members involved with mission support over video footage of soldiers at the front, Sept. 11th images and patriotic images.

"The ceremony was all about teamwork," Urias said. "Teamwork from a

number of people from different disciplines — military, civilian, industry partners — who came together in support of a great mission and that was to support our warfighter that was in harm's way. Plenty of our folks were deployed. They were

there on the ground in sandy boots with theater ballistic missiles flying overhead and the patriots engaging them, but they never stopped a minute. They were focused on the mission each and every minute of the time that they were there."

NCOs, soldiers compete for annual recognition

Candidates for Redstone Arsenal NCO/Soldier of the Year will learn their fate in July.

They competed last week in physical fitness, land navigation, common task testing, weapons qualification, a pre-board exam and a formal board appearance. The NCO of the year and soldier of the year winners will be announced at a luncheon July 14 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For information on the luncheon, call Sheila McCrary of the post command sergeant major office at 876-1874.

The NCO candidates include SSgt. Brian Arthur of Delta Company, SSgt. Stephen Dix of HHC 59th, Sgt. Jeffrey Vanasselt of Delta Company and Sgt. Patrick Perry of HHC 59th.

The soldier candidates include Spec. Marlon Alvarado of Headquarters & Alpha, Spec. Ha Thu Tran of MEDDAC, Spec. Hui Zhao of NCO Academy, Spec. Anthony Wright of 95th Maintenance Company (Korea) and Spec. Brandon Parrett of 95th Maintenance Company (Hawaii).



Photo by Kelley Lane

PRESENTATION— Maj. Gen. John Urias, program executive officer for air and missile defense, explains the significance of the special coin presented to honorees.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TESTING RESPONSE— Spec. Anthony Wright, a candidate for Soldier of the Year, participates in the common task testing portion of last week's competition. Using a mannequin, the candidates had to perform first aid to prevent or control shock at one of six CTT stations.

North Alabama blood level drops critically low

American Red Cross expresses concern

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Imagine taking a loved one to the hospital for a serious surgery only to have the doctors delay it indefinitely due to an issue with blood availability.

In a blood supply dilemma of economic-theory proportions, the recent supply of donated blood in North Alabama has fallen significantly below that of the demand, thus causing that haunting thought to become a reality.

The difference between the two is so vast that, according to the American Red Cross (the organization responsible for collecting and distributing half of the nation's supply), a handful of major surgeries had to be either postponed or canceled last week due to a lack of units of donated blood.

Exactly how low is critical? "Low enough to send out press releases to all media entities," Lisa Charness of the Madison County chapter of the Red Cross said. "We're very low on almost all blood types and we hope that the numbers will improve very shortly."

"It's an unfortunate situation where the

need for blood reaches its peak at the same time the amount of activity that could lead to accidents does," she said. Examples such as boating and automobile accidents are occurrences that typically create trauma-like situations. Even some heat-related problems require extra attention. These injuries require additional blood that has not already been allocated to regular day-to-day surgeries.

The disparity is very ironic but also very fixable.

Increasing the supply will help decrease the demand and eliminate the inability to carry out typical surgeries on a daily basis. But volunteer donors are the only way to balance out the equation.

Luckily, Redstone Arsenal is frequently recognized as the highest-volume donation area in North Alabama. Since 1951, the Arsenal has donated more than 25,000 gallons of blood. And just last year more than 4,700 units were collected from the many blood drives organized on post.

"We usually have about six or seven blood drives a month and around 80-100 per year," Lisa Wright, head organizer of blood drives on the Arsenal, said. "We're very proud of the fact that the drives are consistently successful year in and year out."

Such turnouts are very inspiring, but do not reflect the national average.

A recent American Red Cross survey



Photo by Craig Wysock

DOING THEIR PART— Mike Louque, left, and Alex Coma donate blood as Red Cross employee Jackie Jefferson assists them.

found that about 95 percent of Americans that are eligible to donate blood never have. Plus, of the 5 percent that does donate blood, each person is only allowed to do so once every 56 days. Facts like these shine light on the solution. More eligible donors are needed.

In order to be eligible to donate, a volunteer must meet a list of requirements provided by the organizations responsible for the service.

Key qualifications include being at least 17 years old, weighing at least 110 pounds and not having a disease transmittable by blood transfusion (HIV, hepatitis, etc.). Many other requirements must be met, but usually vary from case to case. For more information about these, a list is provided at www.redcross.org, the official web site of the American Red Cross.

A European deferral exists too, though,

and that has an impact on many military people who have spent extended time overseas.

"If you're a person that has lived in Europe for at least six months straight or the United Kingdom for at least three months you're being deferred right now," Charness said. "And that is due to the fact that we do not have a screening tool for Mad Cow disease at this time."

Questions about what is allowable and what is not may also be directed to the local chapter of the Red Cross by calling 536-0084, ext. 230 or 231.

"One donation can save the lives of up to three other people," Charness said. "Redstone Arsenal has always been good to us, but we need even more help lately. Every little bit helps."

Especially if the need for major surgery hits close to home.



Photo by Ronald Bowman

Diploma replaced

Dr. William McCorkle, center, executive director of the Research Development and Engineering Center, receives a surprise replacement diploma from Dr. Andrew Newcomb, dean of arts and sciences, University of Richmond, Va. McCorkle graduated with a bachelor's degree in physics in 1950. Col. William Gavora, left, commander of Aviation Applied Technology Directorate, learned that following graduation, McCorkle had given the diploma to his mother for safe keeping. After her death, the diploma could not be found. Gavora contacted the president of the University of Richmond for a replacement. The ceremony was held recently in conjunction with McCorkle's visit to AATD.

Commissary web site links customers to savings

2-4 million hits made monthly

By **BONNIE POWELL**
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FORT LEE, Va. – When is the next case lot sale? What time does my commissary open? Where can I get more coupons? The answers to those questions, and more, are at <http://www.commissaries.com>. Commissary customers will find their one-stop cyber information center is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year – and there is always something new.

“The web site is there to help them save money,” Rick Brink, web content editor for the Defense Commissary Agency, said. “One thing we’re often asked is why there aren’t Internet coupons on our site. But there are. We may not be able to offer them ourselves, but customers can find links to commercial sites that offer commissary sales information, newsletters and downloadable coupons through the links page at <http://www.commissaries.com>.”

The number of coupons redeemed online or downloaded and used at “brick and mortar stores” has increased dramatically over the last three years, with grocery coupons among the most popular. For example, a link to CoolSavings, one of the largest providers of coupons on the Internet, is brand new on the links page of <http://www.commissaries.com>.

“If a business sells groceries in commissaries or has coupons of interest to our customers, all they need to do is provide a gateway page for commissary customers

and we’ll provide a text link to their web site,” Brink said. “We want to do anything we can to encourage savings above and beyond the 30 percent savings we typically provide commissary shoppers.”

The DeCA web site attracts heavy traffic and experiences from 2-4 million hits per month, according to web master Corintha Russell. “Average daily visits this year increased more than 20 percent by the end of March,” she said. “In fact, March 28 was the most visited day ever at the web site.”

“Store pages are the most visited areas of our web site by far,” Brink said. “Customers can find commissary locations, hours, news about store events and other useful information about their commissary. They can even e-mail the store. It’s all right there at their fingertips – all they have to do is click.”

The DeCA web site also has the latest news releases about what’s happening at commissaries and customers can contact the agency directly to ask questions, offer suggestions, send compliments and resolve issues through the web site’s comment feature. Customers can also access the shopping pages before they plan their commissary trips to find out what’s on sale.

Another recent addition is a link to the “Commissary Gift Certificates” page, which allows anyone to purchase the certificates as a “gift of groceries” for military families and friends or to donate to charities that support the military. The gift certificates page has become the top-ranked specialty page with more than \$1 million commissary gift certificates purchased or donated since October 2002.

Exchange service ‘pulls the wool’ to keep servicemembers in uniform

DALLAS – Delays in obtaining certified fabric have created production delays on selected Air Force and Army optional uniforms.

Affected by those delays are Air Force polyester/wool blend shirts and blouses, polyester slacks and skirts, mess dress uniforms and officer service coats. Also affected are Army dress blue uniforms, but the Army & Air Force Exchange Ser-

vice is seeing some improvement on their availability, an AAFES release said.

Meanwhile, AAFES is pursuing multiple avenues in search of a short-term fix and a long-term solution. Innovative measures such as cross-leveling merchandise from available sources are helping to fill “the gap” to meet the immediate needs of the military community AAFES proudly serves.



Greg Patch/Test Area-1 Photo Group

Gator country

An alligator comes up for a little sun at Test Area 1.

New president wants larger, stronger union

Inventory management specialist wins runoff at AFGE Local 1858

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Don Eiermann has big plans for Local 1858 of the American Federation of Government Employees.

Eiermann, an inventory management specialist in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, became the union president for 2003-05 on June 9 by winning a runoff election with Abner Merriweather.

"I feel honored that the people trust me and believe I can do this job for them," he said. "And I look at it as an opportunity to help the work force in whatever manner I may be called upon."

The local union has about 900 dues-paying members and represents around 8,500 workers in the Huntsville area. Eiermann, 37, succeeded Jim Brothers who chose not to run for re-election as president.

"First and foremost, I plan to reorganize AFGE Local 1858 to be more representative and decentralize the representation aspect of this local," he said. "And that means I plan to put the power back out to the people and give them support as needed. I intend for us to get more legislatively active on issues that affect our work force here at Redstone Arsenal. And the main thing is I hope to build AFGE into a larger and stronger union altogether."

Hooks, Texas, is his hometown. "I was born in Germany, I'm a military brat," Eiermann said. He's the youngest of three children of retired SFC David and Judy



Photo by Skip Vaughn

IN OFFICE— Don Eiermann became union president June 9 by winning a runoff election with Abner Merriweather.

Eiermann of Hooks. His brother, Andy, works in procurement at the Research Development and Engineering Center; and his sister, Debra Thompson, lives in Bealeton, Va.

Eiermann, a GS-11, arrived at Redstone in 1989 as a supply intern from Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas. He received a bachelor's degree in business in 1988 from Henderson State University.

His wife, Sheila, also works in the Integrated Materiel Management Center. He has two sons, Joey, 12, and Blake, 8.

"I'm a computer junkie," Eiermann said of his hobbies. "And also I like to go shooting on the rifle range. I do a lot of target shooting."

The lifelong member of the National Rifle Association hopes to be on target with his union plans.

"The union's important because it helps protect employee rights in a system that was built upon checks and balances," Eiermann said. "And in these dynamic times when the Army's going through major transitions, it lets the employees have a foothold and a voice in the ways their jobs may change in the future. It gives us a voice in how things are done and how these changes are applied."

The other elected officers for 2003-05 include Franklin Bowles, vice president for SMDC-professional; Ethel Brandon, secretary; Mack Ennis, treasurer; Don Hunnicutt, vice president for Logistics Support Activity; Nita Jones, vice president for MEDDAC/DENTAC; Star Mormon, vice president for the Post Exchange; Art Murtha, assistant president; Homer Reynolds, executive vice president; Don Robinson, vice president for the Commissary; Henry Earl Smith, vice president for Corporate Information Center; Jeffrey D. Smith, vice president for the Garrison; Theodora Stewart, vice president for SMDC-nonprofessional; and Gregory Strickland, vice president for the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School.

The staff employees are Vicki Fuller, chief of labor relations; and Mae Nell Perkins, staff secretary.

Time and attendance system takes step forward in July

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT RELEASE

Team Redstone will change the way time and attendance is reported starting July 27.

The Automated Time and Attendance Production System-Mainframe will convert to the ATAAPS-Graphical User Interface. The ATAAPS-GUI provides a web-based application for certifying officials and timekeepers, and a client/server application for system administrators and coordinators. The ATAAPS provides an automated single-source input to report

and collect time and attendance and labor and production data and to pass that information to the Defense Civilian Payroll System.

Approximately 9,000 employees are set up in the ATAAPS. Approximately 2,000 certifying officials and timekeepers will have to be trained to use the ATAAPS-GUI. The training began June 9.

Resource Management Directorate officials are confident that the certifying officials and timekeepers will be pleased with the new time and attendance system.

For more information, call Vanessa Williams 876-8078 or Rebecca Simons 876-2286.

Lightning blamed for fuel tank fire

No injuries occurred when a diesel fuel tank caught fire during a thunderstorm June 10.

Lightning is the suspected cause for the fire reported at 6:10 p.m. The 17,000-gallon storage tank, No. 5631, contained 11,150 gallons of fuel.

Estimated dollar loss was \$49,000, including \$14,000 in fuel, according to Redstone Fire Department.

Marshall Space Center replacing office complex

Marshall Space Flight Center broke ground June 10 on a new office facility for the Engineering Directorate, which provides development and research engineering services for the center.

The five-story, 139,000-square-foot building will house approximately 500 current Marshall workers. It is the first of several new buildings to be constructed as

replacements for older facilities at the center.

GSC Construction of Waynesboro, Ga., has been selected as the contractor for the facility, scheduled for completion in September 2004.

The construction site is southwest of the intersection of Martin Road and Ride-out Road.



Courtesy photo

New charter

Members of the Activity Career Program Management Council at the Logistics Support Activity sign a new charter in support of the LOGSA career program work force June 12. From left are Robert Stauner, John Peer and Pamela Webb.

Post Library goes online with automated inventory

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The Post Library has a reputation of trying to make its services more convenient and user friendly. The newest addition to this endeavor is the automation of the card catalog and circulation desk, in use since early May.

Automating the library has been a gradual process. Visitors to the facility over the past several months have become acquainted with the new computers installed for public use. The computers are available for online and Internet research and to provide access to word processing and publishing programs. They can also search the library catalog.

Those familiar with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library will note the similarities. Both systems were designed and maintained by the Sirsi Corporation, based in Huntsville, who will continue to provide technical support and service for the project.

"A lot of our customers use the Huntsville-Madison County Library, so they already know how to use iBistro," post librarian Gail Alden said. "But if they don't, it's pretty straightforward."



Photo by Kelley Lane

CHECK THIS OUT— Leslie Dodgen and furry friend LouLou use the new automated catalog at the Post Library.

The days of searching through a confusing card catalog to find exactly what you are looking for, then scouring shelves only to find the book checked out by someone else, are gone. Now you can search by author, subject, title or keywords from the comfort of your home computer. A library card is not required to search the online catalog, Alden said. Links to the online catalog at www.redstonemwr.com make it possible to find exactly what you are looking for and ensure that it is available before you leave home.

Once you have found your selection online, a quick phone call to the library

reserves the item until you pick it up.

"We can make sure that it is on the shelf and if there are two or three copies, like paperback or hardcover, we can save you one," Alden said. "We'll put it behind the desk with your name on it."

The simple act of checking out a book has also been updated. Library employees have spent several months bar coding every item available for checkout. The circulation desk is equipped with a computer and scanner similar to those at your local grocery store. This means up-to-the-minute accuracy for the inventory and availability of library materials.

Once you have been registered with the new updated system and have received your personal pin number, you can access your library account online through the same web site used to search the catalog. Having a library card does not necessarily

mean that you are registered in the new system, Alden said. Through your account information, you can find a list of everything you have checked out and see when they are due back at the library. If you need more time, a click of the mouse can renew your items. Once you return them, they are scanned and added back to the available inventory.

The automation is part of a larger project initiated by command librarian Lorna Dodt of Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va. It encompasses five general post libraries including Fort Monmouth, Selfridge Air National Guard, Aberdeen Proving Ground and Tobyhanna as well as Redstone Arsenal. Redstone's facility is in building 3323 on Redeye Road across from Army Community Service. It is open Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 876-4741.

Aeronautical university takes flight at Redstone

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's oldest and largest university specializing in aviation and aerospace, announces the grand opening of its new Huntsville Center.

The Huntsville Center is part of the university's extended campus, which offers academic programs both in the classroom through a network of more than 130 teaching centers throughout the United States and Europe and through web-based distance learning.

The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center opened May 14 and is located in the Army Education Center, building 3222.

The center offers degrees in Aircraft

Maintenance, Aircraft Maintenance Management, Professional Aeronautics, Technical Management, Aeronautical Science and certificate programs in Aviation Safety and Logistics.

ERAU Huntsville is open to both military and civilian students and provides fully accredited instruction, following university-wide academic standards, at approximately one-fifth the cost of attending the resident campus in Daytona Beach, Fla. The next term starts Aug. 4, with classes to be held at the Redstone Flying Activity. Stop by and meet the center director, Christy Pinero, or call 876-9763 for more information.

Helicopter society chapter awards scholarships, grants

The American Helicopter Society has awarded \$2,000 scholarships and \$250 grants to area students and teachers.

Scholarships were presented May 19 to Marc Mahanna and Tammy Wenslow, both engineering students at University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Grant recipients included teachers Sylvia Dean of Challenger Elementary for grades 2-5 and John McGuire of Vestavia Hills High for grades 9-12.

The scholarships and grants were provided in partnership with the Alabama Aerospace Teachers Association and its director Cheryl Cotton. The grants will be used to purchase a Lego Mindstorm Robotics Kit (including software) for use by grades 2-5 and a radio controlled helicopter for use by 9-12 graders.



Photo by Laura Bequette

SOCIETY CEREMONY— From left are Marc Mahanna and Tammy Wenslow; Paul Bogosian, president of the Redstone Chapter of American Helicopter Society; Sylvia Dean and John McGuire.

Balloon

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said. "Our instructors are really good. They're real knowledgeable about the system itself and explained it to us. All these guys picked it up real quick."

Parsons, 23, from Davenport, Wash., said this is the soldiers' first exposure to the tethered aerostat. "There's a lot that we've learned. And it's actually a lot harder to fly than what it looks like. But all these soldiers picked up on it real well."

They're learning to fly the aerostat during the first two weeks and will learn to operate the sensor system the second two weeks, according to Don Bridges, test/operations engineer with the JLENS Project Office.

Raytheon is the prime contractor for the joint Navy-Army system. CAS Inc. is the support contractor providing the two instructors for the training, Calvin Schlafke and Ed Alsup. Schlafke, test manager, was deployed in Afghanistan from March through early May; and Alsup is a 15-meter consultant.

The RAID version, 15 meters in diameter, can hover approximately 1,000 feet. The 71-meter JLENS will hover at 15,000 feet.

"It's made out of a special laminated Dacron material," Schlafke said. "It's very durable. With a fairly new aerostat, with this size aerostat, you can expect to stay on station somewhere in the neighborhood of 4-6 days."

The helium balloon can stay in the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week, weather permitting. The soldiers are receiving training Monday through Friday, basically eight hours a day, and have gotten some night training.

"It's an outstanding piece of equipment," SSgt. Richard Pyles, early warning

section sergeant, 27, from Oxon Hill, Md., said. "Now we've got the old balloon theory with the new technology."

Pvt. Edson Caupp and Pvt. Kenneth Paul have learned to handle the mooring lines. "It's cool," Caupp, 20, of Dayton, Ohio, said. "It's a new skill to learn. It's taught me a lot I didn't even know about."

Paul, 20, of Gastonia, N.C., noted the responsibility of being the first training class. "A lot of guys are watching us right now," he said. "We've got great leaders."

"It's good surveillance equipment," Spec. Brian Sibila, 23, of Hicksville, N.Y., the wench operator, said. "We've learned a lot these past two weeks. It's equipment we've never seen before so it was a good learning experience because we didn't have a clue what to expect."

"We've never had anything to do with this before so it's something completely new," Spec. Jason Driggers, 24, of Charlotte, N.C., said.

That's especially true for Spec. Donn Brower, the only non-Sentinel member of the group. He's a nuclear, biological and chemical NCO. "It's very easy to follow along with the instructors we have," Brower, 23, of St. Louis, said. "They explained everything in great detail. The rest of these guys helped me out a lot, too."

"This is a pretty cool system," Pvt. Matthew Barry, 18, of Teaneck, N.J., said. "It'll definitely give us the advantage and I look forward to working with it in the future."

"It's pretty interesting," PFC Jackson Chapple, 20, of Southfield, Mich., said. "I mean I had no idea what it was till I came down here. Now that I've actually seen it up and seen what it can do, it's pretty good stuff."

"I think it gives us an advantage over countries that aren't as evolved," Spec. Eugene Sefranek, 23, of Allentown, Pa., said. "It's all about early warning."

■ Process simplified for suppliers of aviation parts

Competition

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competition advocate Rebecca Pratcher said, "and a quality product that meets the needs of the requirer."

Some 16.1 percent of the command's contracts were awarded competitively

through May, against a 14.4 percent goal for fiscal 2003. Members of the competition management office include Pratcher, Kerns, Blackwell; procurement analysts Russell Hickam, Cathy Richardson and Ernie Robinson; logistics management specialist Shelley Muhammad and clerk Laquandis Baldwin.

Vacation Bible School puts youngsters in zone

Annual offering gets boost from community volunteers

By SCOTT SEELEY
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This year's Vacation Bible School, June 9-13 at the Bicentennial Chapel, was much more elaborate than those of past summers.

Chris Fishel, Zoom Zone director, helped by 44 adult and teenage volunteers, guided 86 students through a week-long adventure as they traveled from one activity to another.

The student's ages ranged from upcoming kindergartners to seventh-graders.



Photo by Scott Seeley

FOR A GOOD CAUSE—A friendly competition between the boys and girls attending the Vacation Bible School benefited the 9th Street Mission. Marc Johnson, 8, offers part of the boys' donation of food stuffs to Chris Fishel, Zoom Zone director.

"Zoom Zone: Discover Jesus is Forever" was the theme of the program. The focus changed each day, as a fast-paced interactive program reinforced the theme. The daily topics covered Jesus' life in the temple, Jesus' blessing of children, the coming of the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost, Jesus' friendship with Mary and Martha and Jesus' life-changing visit to Zacchaeus's house.

Volunteers crafted balloon portals arching up to create a pathway for the students to zoom from one zone to the next. The shimmering electricity was accentuated by silver star-shaped balloons, dangling foil and shiny sheets.

Fishel emphasized that the program "reaches out to the kids in a way that reflects their busy and hurried lives. They don't have time to stop and rest so they can relate to the pace of the program."

Each day the students went to six different activity zones. The "Zoomers" heard stories of Jesus in the prayer zone, made crafts in the craft zone, danced to tunes in the music zone, played games in the recreation zone, were treated with snacks in the refreshment zone and were entertained with a daily skit in the drama zone.

The drama zone featured elaborate backdrops appropriate for each day's lesson. Volunteers spent several weekends creating and painting the backdrops.

After helping to shepherd a group from one zone to another Patty Wilson, religion education coordinator, said, "it all looks so hectic, but it is really a lot of fun."

The students brought in daily donations of food and household items to benefit the 9th Street Mission. The boys and girls competed against each other to see which group would bring in more items. The donations were presented at the end of the week.

"We had a very energetic week," Chaplain (Maj.) Fred MacLean said. He noted

"the positive influx of new people in the community, both on and off base."



Photo by Scott Seeley

VIVID SCENERY—Costumes and detailed backdrops help Michelle Kimbrough, Daniel Fishel and Adrian MacLean bring a Bible story to life for students at the Vacation Bible School.

■ Provost Marshal Office reports activities

Crimes

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June 11 — Two people requesting information at Gate 10 failed to follow instructions and entered Redstone Arsenal in their privately owned vehicle. They were stopped and the driver was found to be operating the motor vehicle without a driver's license and proof of liability insurance. Both individuals were issued a DD Form 1805 for trespassing and the driver was issued a DD Form 1805 for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and a DD Form 1805 for no proof of liability insurance.

June 11 — A person was stopped inside Gate 10 for failing to stop for inspection. The person was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a DD Form 1805 and released. The vehicle was secured at the scene.

June 12 — A person was stopped on

Patton Road for exceeding the posted speed limit and found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued a DD Form 1805 and released. The vehicle was secured at the scene.

June 12 — A soldier attempting to clear reported that while he was not at his unsecured quarters, persons unknown entered and poured paint on his carpet and damaged his side door. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 12 — A contractor working at Redstone Arsenal is under investigation when it was discovered that he was misusing his government computer systems in violation of the joint ethics regulation.

Violation notices issued: speeding, 17; parking violation, 6; expired registration, 7; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended drivers license, 3; no drivers license on person, 2; driving while in violation of limited privileges, 1; failure to maintain insurance, 1; trespassing, 2; and unrestricted child, 1.

Potential contractors invited to bid on air defense system

Short range program has long range goals

By KRISTAL NICKOLES
SHORAD summer hire

The Short Range Project Office is transforming to Enhanced Area Air Defense System and the Objective Force, and as a result, released the Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile request for proposal to industry.

SLAMRAAM is a mobile beyond line of sight system that employs the Air Force active seeker AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile, an Army common carrier heavy variant High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, the Sentinel Radar, and the net-centric Integrated Fire Control Station developing state of the art automated battle management and high fidelity fire control for stressing threat engagements.

The system is capable of defeating the rapidly evolving air threats including Cruise Missiles, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing aircraft to the Unit of Action/Unit of Employment as well as critical assets.

"The SLAMRAAM system that is to be developed would have been extremely effective against the Iraqi cruise missile threat and would have saved countless dollars," Jeff Stevens, deputy product manager, said. The system is an Objective Force capability that will initially fight side-by-side with the currently fielded Stinger-based weapon.

In order to release the request for proposal on time, the project office began planning more than a year ago. SHORAD held an Industry Day on Feb. 11 and a Pre-Solicitation Conference on March 27 that provided information to industry regarding the Army's vision for transformation including the evolution of Short Range Air Defense and the development of the Enhanced Area Air Defense System of which SLAMRAAM is the initial increment. Industry officials also received briefings on the most advanced technologies available, the SLAMRAAM require-

ments and acquisition strategy, and a question and answer period in order to ensure industry understood the task at hand prior to the submission of proposals.

The government anticipates the selection of a prime contractor that will accomplish system development and demonstration, as well as engineering, production, integration, training and logistics in order to provide the warfighter with an advanced evolutionary capability. General program schedules and key events were also discussed. About 150 industry and government personnel attended each briefing.

The next step in preparing to release the request for proposal involved briefing the community leadership to include the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile, the commander of the Aviation and Missile Command, and the Department of Army and the Training and Doctrine Command combat developer communities.

"We have buy-in from all the major organizations and received outstanding support from both the AMCOM Acquisition Center and the AMCOM legal office," Lt. Col. Scott Shifrin, the SLAMRAAM product manager, said.

The request for proposal was released May 20. The Source Selection Evaluation Board will convene by July 21 to begin the evaluation of the proposals. SLAMRAAM is scheduled for a Milestone B Decision Review in fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 followed by a contract award in November.

"We are on an extremely fast pace," Shifrin said. "We only have a short period of time to analyze and select a proposal winner so we can begin immediate work."

To celebrate the culmination of months of teamwork and dedication developing strategies and evaluation criteria for the request for proposal, the SHORAD Project Office held a barbecue luncheon at the Col. Hudson pavilion. Office members engaged in games using the reality television series "Survivor" as the theme for conducting teambuilding events as the group prepares for the work required to evaluate the proposals. Following lunch, Col. Rick Defatta, SHORAD project manager, and Shifrin conducted an awards ceremony.



Courtesy photo

READY TO ROLL— Ideas are sought from industry for the Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile.

Veteran's hole-in-one wins new car



Photo by Nicholas Miller

WINNING DRIVE— From left Ted Gortsema, tournament chairman Jerry Whitsell, Dave Trevino and Mike Jeffress of Madison Square Chrysler-Jeep stand in front of Trevino's new Pacifica.

Retiree tournament golfer nets prize on opening day

By NICHOLAS MILLER
For the Rocket

"That's going to be pretty close," thought military retiree Dave Trevino as he watched his ball fly off the tee on Hillside sixth hole at Redstone Golf Course.

It was more than just close. Trevino made a hole-in-one, which didn't just net him praise and envy from his friends. His shot also won a 2003 Chrysler Pacifica, a three-day vacation and cash prizes.

"I was nervous afterwards. It took five more holes for it to set in," Trevino of Huntsville said.

He hit his prize winner June 10 during opening day of the third annual Rocket City Retired Military Golf Classic. The retired infantryman, machine gunner, tank

operator and medic was among 184 golfers during the three-day event.

Trevino used a driver to ace the 176-yard, par-3 hole. He couldn't see where the ball went but saw his spotters celebrating.

He finished his round and then received the keys to his new car from Madison Square Chrysler-Jeep.

"We're very excited here at Chrysler about Mr. Trevino making the hole-in-one and winning the car," Ted Gortsema, the Chrysler field representative, said.

Two years ago, Trevino was stricken with Guillain-Barré Syndrome which temporarily paralyzed him from the neck down. He is almost fully recovered but has not regained full use of his legs.

Trevino, 76, likes playing golf two to three times a week. He started in 1969 when he retired as a sergeant first class after 23 years of service.

He served in the Korean War and was in Europe during World War II.

Preseason softball in homestretch

The final for the unit-level preseason softball tournament is scheduled Monday night at 7 at the softball field off Patton Road.

Here are results from last week's games in the double-elimination event:

June 10 - Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over AMCOM and HHC 59th d. Charlie 24-7.

June 11 - Marines d. MEDDAC 10-0, Bravo d. Headquarters & Alpha 11-4 and Delta d. NCO Academy 19-5.

June 12 - Charlie eliminated AMCOM 21-15, MEDDAC eliminated Charlie 18-8 and NCO Academy eliminated Headquarters & Alpha 17-12.

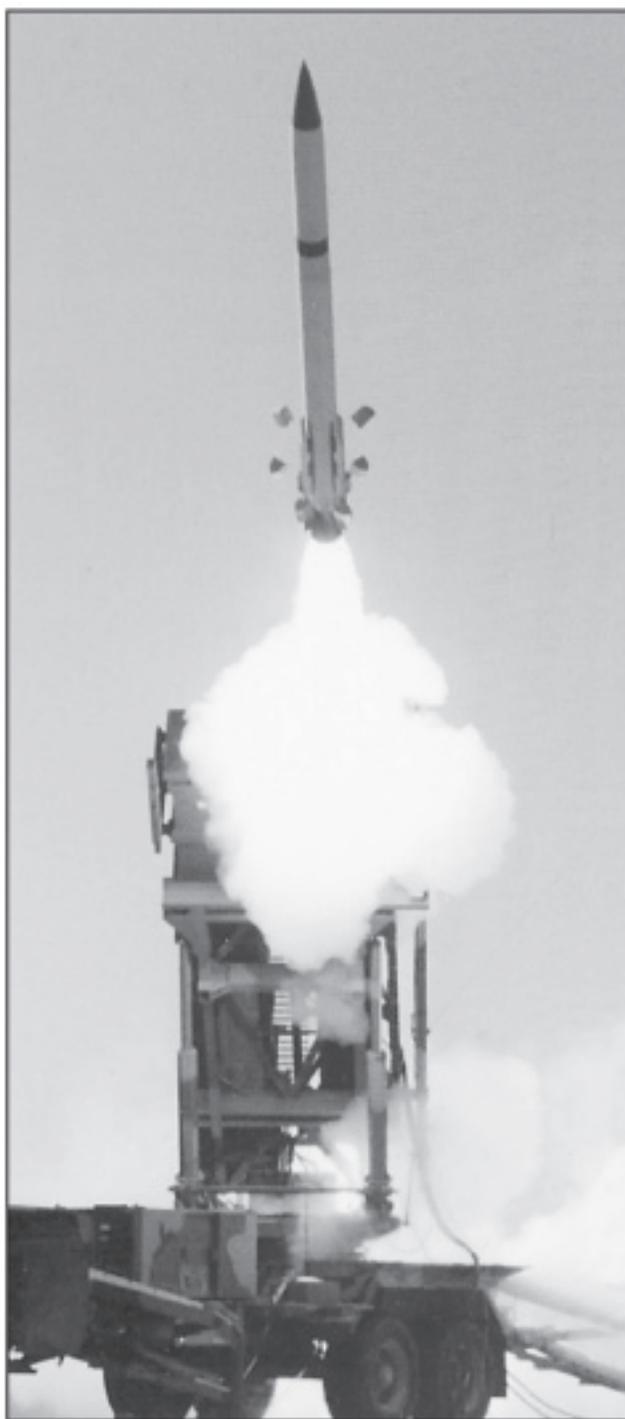


Photo by Jack Lundy

Sparkman wildlife

Father, mother goose with their twins ply the Sparkman Center's Patton Road pond on a warm afternoon.

Longtime contractor marks 50th year of service



Courtesy photo

PATRIOTIC SUPPORT— Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. has continued to provide software support for the Patriot system since 1976. In hardware, the company is producing a prototype and 25 missile round trainers for Patriot.

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc. still serving Army and NASA

By EILEEN HEATON
Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc.

Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc., a key provider of systems engineering and technology solutions to NASA, DoD and others in the Redstone community, will mark its 50th anniversary Friday with several commemorative events and public celebrations.

The official ribbon cutting for the Teledyne Terrace, a three-story gazebo donated by Teledyne to the community and the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden, will take place Friday morning. The Terrace commemorates 50 years of dedicated service to Teledyne's customers and will be used for receptions, concerts, weddings and other gatherings.

A VIP reception will take place Friday evening at Teledyne Brown's headquarters on Sparkman Drive. Attendees will include present and former employees, industry partners, local and national leaders, and government and military customers who have played a role in Teledyne's rich history.

"It is a history very much intertwined with the history of Redstone Arsenal," said Jim Link, president of Teledyne Brown Engineering Inc., a retired three-star general and former commander of the Missile Command. "Teledyne may hold the record for the longest continuous support to Redstone Arsenal agencies — unbroken since 1953."

Teledyne's Brown's original organization, Alabama Engineering and Tool Company, was formed in 1953 to work on development of the Redstone Rocket. Three years later, the company merged with an Indianapolis operation owned by Rufus P. "R.P." Brown and was renamed Brown Engineering Company.

That was also the year the Army Ballistic Missile Agency came into existence and Brown Engineering played a critical role in developing both the Jupiter and America's first satellite payloads.

In 1958 Milton Cummings, often called the "No. 1 Citizen of Huntsville," became president of the company. Cummings oversaw the growth of Brown Engineering facilities and extended the company's capabilities to include a full range of engineering and manufacturing services. One year later, Joseph Moquin was brought on as executive vice president. Moquin later became Teledyne Brown's longest-serving president and was its CEO from 1985-89.

Cummings and Moquin worked together to develop Cummings Research Park, currently the second largest corporate research park in the world. The park's first occupant was Brown Engineering.

In 1967, as the company worked on the Saturn/Apollo programs and the Lunar Rover Vehicle known as the

"Moon Buggy," it was acquired by Teledyne Inc. and renamed Teledyne Brown Engineering.

In addition to its support of NASA during the 1960s, Teledyne Brown added Army missile development as a major customer. The company provided design, fabrication and testing services for the newly formed Missile Command, including engineering studies, and program support for Ballistic Missile Defense. Teledyne Brown also established and operated one of the first large-scale information centers, providing technical data on more than 50,000 items used in government programs.

In the mid-1960s, Teledyne's Research Laboratories developed the breakthrough Laser Doppler Velocimeter, the first non-interacting instrument for motion measurements and forerunner of the laser radar.

Teledyne's work with Marshall Space Flight Center and the Army's BMD program continued to grow in the 1970s. Teledyne played a major role in the Skylab program, the first U.S. manned laboratory in space.

Teledyne contributed to the design of structures for the Space Shuttle's solid rocket boosters and modifying the stands for vibration testing. After Columbia, the first Space Shuttle, was launched, Teledyne was responsible for scientific payloads on 24 missions over the next two decades.

The 1990s saw Teledyne Brown becoming intimately involved in the development and operation of the International Space Station, working as a major subcontractor to the Boeing Company. Teledyne Brown also established environmental operations that developed processes and hardware systems for safely destroying non-stockpile munitions. Teledyne also engaged in chemical weapons recovery and disposal, threat reduction through destruction of foreign material, nuclear waste processing and storage and radiological laboratory services.

In support of air and missile defense programs, Teledyne developed several simulation software packages. The Extended Air Defense Simulation has become a worldwide standard and has more than 400 users worldwide.

Teledyne has been involved in the Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance Contract for BMD since 1971. In 2000, Teledyne formed Teledyne Solutions Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary to focus on providing analytical services to the Space and Missile Defense Command as well as other key agencies.

"For the past five decades, Teledyne Brown has remained at the forefront of providing outstanding products and services to our customers," Link said. "We will continue our 50-year tradition of excellence as we grow into the future. Our innovative technology applications provide unique engineering solutions for homeland security, space control, missile defense, environmental cleanup and precision manufacturing. Our heralded legacy stands in testimony to our promising future."

Sports & Recreation

Golf sweepstakes

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, event sponsor, and Redstone Golf Course are hosting a spring golf driving range promotion, "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes," through June 30. The promotion is targeted at all ages and skill levels. Winners must be authorized MWR patrons — active/retired/Guard/Reserve military, DoD/NASA civilian or contractor and dependents. Two "Great Golf Escape" vacation packages will be randomly drawn Armywide at the end of the nine-week promotion. In addition, instant prizes are awarded on the spot when you find the red "lucky" ball in your bucket of driving range balls. The more you participate, the greater your chances are of winning. Call 883-7977 for more information.

Alabama sports festival

Registration is under way for the 2003 Alabama Sports Festival XXI State Games, June 26-29 in Huntsville. Opening ceremonies are June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Von Braun Center. "This is Alabama's largest, Olympic-style, multisport event for amateur athletes of any age or skill level," a prepared release said. For more information, visit the festival's web site at www.alagames.com or call (800) 467-0422.

Bowling benefit

The alumni of Florida A&M University will have their first Scholarship Bowling Night, Saturday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pin Palace. Cost is \$12 for as many games as you can bowl in two hours. For more information, call Robert McCoy 858-0830.

Golf classic

MAG 7, Men Aiming for Goodness, will hold its 10th annual Golf Classic, June 28 at 8 a.m. at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Cost is \$65 per player; and proceeds benefit the Harris Home for Children. For

more information, call George Kelly 852-1618 or Leon Bradford 837-5328.

King of Hill tournament

The King of the Hill bowling tournament is noon June 28 at Redstone Lanes. Signup starts that morning at 11 with a \$15 entry fee. For information call Pat Hunt 837-1834.

Conferences & Meetings

Alcoholics anonymous

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

Alcorn State alumni

The Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter of Alcorn State University will meet for breakfast Saturday from 8:30-10 a.m. at Victoria's Café, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. For more information, call Melvin Mayo 876-1731.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, formerly The Retired Officers Association, will hold its June/early Fourth of July dinner party June 25 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. Entertainment will feature Philippine songs and dancing. Reservations are required. All active, retired and former military officers; their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired CWO 4 Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

Federally employed women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its monthly meeting June 26 at the Sparkman building 5302 in the Executive Dining Room on the first floor. Lunch is served in the cafe-

teria beginning at 11 a.m. Those who wish to have lunch should go through the lunch line and bring their meal to the dining room. The meeting will start at 11:20. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mary Peoples 955-4275 or Meg Lipsey 955-6262, extension 112.

Airborne association

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will meet Saturday at Greenbrier Restaurant. Membership in the association 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. For more information, call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

Miscellaneous

Thrift shop

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

Butler High reunions

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20-year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427. Butler's classes of 1968 and 1969 are having their 34th and 35th year reunion June 20-21; and for more information call Jeannie Sharpe King 772-1963 or Robin Hall Brewer 325-1018.

Lee High reunion

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

Association scholarship

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

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.

Summer 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, Army, Redstone/NASA contractors and dependents may participate. Trophies will be awarded to the top readers. For more information, visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Youth sponsorship

Youth Sponsorship Training will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youth (grades 6-12) that would like to become a Youth Sponsor or youth that have recently moved to the Redstone community are invited. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Car show helpers

Volunteer are needed for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising car show, "Cars and Camouflage," July 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking area off Zeus Road near Gate 10. Volunteers are needed for everything from directing participants to staging areas and traffic control for public parking areas, to registration, setup and

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judging (some experience or background is required for those volunteering to judge). Individuals interested in volunteering should call SFC Thomas Perkins 955-8888, ext. 1141 or e-mail him at thomas.perkins@se.amedd.army.mil.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The quarterly retirement ceremony is June 25 at 1 p.m. at Heiser Hall. Retiring servicemembers should call SFC Rodger Pettitt, operations sergeant for the garrison, 876-2819.

Academy fund-raiser

The third annual Charity Fund Raiser Dinner for the Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is July 11 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parish Life Center, 2300 Beasley. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two tickets. Scheduled speaker is Mayor Mims Hackett of Orange, N.J., a Birmingham native. He was a teacher for 32 years, twice winning "Teacher of the Year" for his excellence in teaching science. The evening will feature a fashion show, dinner, silent auction and dancing. For more information call Lillie Townsend, executive director, 746-9026.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will have an information meeting on its master of business administration program Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. For more information call 800-672-7223, ext. 5026.

Air show

Arnold Air Force Base and the Tri-Chamber Air Show Coalition of Manchester, Tullahoma and Franklin County will present an air show Saturday and Sunday at the Tullahoma Regional Airport. The free event celebrates the centennial of flight with some of the best military and civilian aerial acts in the country. For more information, visit www.arnoldairshow.com.

Summer musical

Pocahontas will be the 2003 summer musi-

cal for the Madison Community Chorus. Performances are 7 p.m. July 25 and 26, and 2 p.m. July 26 at Bob Jones High School in Madison. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors. Corporate sponsors receive a \$2 discount off the adult ticket price. Groups of 15 or more may receive a 10 percent additional discount. For tickets call 316-0521 or 316-0522. Tickets are also available at Shaver's Books in Huntsville and Mulberry Street in Madison.

Special Forces recruiting

The U.S. Special Forces is looking for soldiers seeking their next challenge. To apply, enlisted soldiers must be E-4 through E-6 with a minimum GT score of 100. Commissioned officers must be in year groups 2000 through 2001. SFC Andy Wilson and SFC Ian Gerdes of the Special Forces Recruiting Team, Fort Benning, Ga., will be at Redstone Arsenal June 24-25 to conduct briefings at 10 a.m. at building 3447. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call MSgt. Billy Sanders 842-0870 or the SF Recruiting Team (706) 545-3079, DSN 835-3079.

Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Prayer Breakfast is June 24 at 7:30 a.m. in Sparkman building 5308, room 8124. "No food or drinks will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own or feast on the message for the morning," a prepared release said. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Clif Canady 876-1587.

Historical musical

Discount tickets to "Civil War — the Musical," are being offered to anyone with a Redstone badge or military ID. Independent Musical Productions is presenting this historical production for the first time in Alabama at the Lee High auditorium, June 20-21 and June 26-28 at 7:30 p.m., with 2:30 p.m. matinees June 22 and 28. Regular ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors. A special \$2 off each is offered for individuals with a Redstone badge or military ID. For more information, call Shelby Holland 859-2563.

Arts camp

The Arts Council will present its seventh annual "Art Ventures" Summer Day Camp, July 7-18 at University Place Elementary School for ages 6-12. This two-week camp takes place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Each day campers will participate in 45-minute sessions covering all five art forms as well as attend workshops taught by visiting guest artists. Children are divided into groups by age with no more than 20 children per group. The camp registration deadline is Friday. The cost of camp is \$200 per camper for the two-week session. For more information or to register, call (256) 519-2787.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will present "Moon Missions: The Speech" by Bill Mellberg, aerospace historian and author, Saturday night at 7:30 at the Werner Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For non-members, admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Weather permitting, a star party, using the big VBAS telescopes, will follow. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 961-7626.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for June include: Area 1, Columbia Centre — SSgt. Maurice Conner, 504-B Walnut Circle; Area 2, Challenger Heights — SFC Luis R. Ortiz, 1041 Hof Circle; Area 3, Saturn Pointe — Lt. Col. Thomas Harrison, 42 Ripley Drive; Area 4A, Endeavor Village — SFC Daniel Hine, 607 Wesson Circle;

Area 4B, Endeavor Village — SSgt. Kevin Lade, 642 Dyer Circle; Area 5, Freedom Landing — Capt. Daniel Blaz, 278 Skinner Drive; Area 10A, Apollo Landing — SFC Donnie Burnett, 476B Cooke Drive; and Area 10B, Pathfinder Pointe — Maj. Sean Wester, 492 Cooke Drive. The unit winner is Marine Detachment, building 3412.

Theater tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring Broadway Theatre League season tickets for 2003-04. There are five shows in the season ticket package this year: Miss Saigon, Oct. 21-26; Jesus Christ Superstar, Nov. 28-30; Cats, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1; Grease, Feb. 20-22; and Les Miserables, April 27 to May 2. Performance times and discounted ticket prices for orchestra-2 seating are: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., \$210; Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m., \$198; Sunday at 7 p.m., \$192. Contact Charles Urban at charles.urban@redstone.army.mil to purchase season tickets. Ticket payments must be made by July 9 at Sparkman building 5303, first floor, room 3136. If you had reserved seats for last year's season and would like to reserve your same seats for this season, please e-mail your reply by June 27.

Babysitting class

A babysitting class for ages 11 and older will be held June 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500, Redstone room. For information call Carolyn Taylor 313-3609 or Evelyn Carnes 313-3701.

