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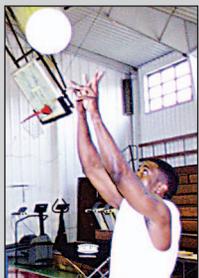
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Tearing down, building up, moving in

Housing area residents getting new quarters

By SANDY RIEBELING
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Patty Snell didn't wait for the movers to get all her household goods inside the quarters before she started unloading the kitchen boxes.

"I couldn't wait," she said, stacking the dishwasher with plates and glasses, leaving her husband and three sons to take care of getting the rest of the belongings off the truck and in the house. "We're really excited about the new house. It's absolutely beautiful. They are the nicest quarters we've lived in during the 13 years in the military, including off post."

SSgt. Michael Snell, with his wife and three sons, Caleb, 11, Joshua, 10, and Stephen 4, spent the past three and half years living in apartments, most of the time in Germany. The family arrived at

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

MOVING IN— The Snell brothers, Stephen, 4, Caleb, 11 and Joshua, 10, help movers unload their belongings. SSgt. Michael and Patty Snell, with their sons, moved into new quarters on Dyer Circle.

Excess computers deployed to units

Reutilization program answers call for laptops in Afghanistan, Kuwait

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When CWO 2 Brian Musher of 101st Airborne found himself in Kandahar, Afghanistan, without the computer equipment necessary to do his job, he knew exactly who to call.

"Brian e-mailed us in February, in desperate need of computers and printers," Gloria Lang, a contractor supply specialist with the Reutilization and School Donation Program at Redstone, said. "Soldiers overseas are No. 1 on our priority list. We shipped three laptops and three printers out within two days and they had the equipment within a week."

In appreciation, Musher sent an American flag that had been flown over the Kandahar Army Airfield.

"I thought it was very nice that he took the time to do that," Lang said.

The flag, along with a picture of it flying over the airfield in Afghanistan, will be displayed at the Garrison headquarters.

But this wasn't the first time the reutilization team came to the rescue for Musher.

"I found out about the program through a course I took at Fort Rucker," he said. "I never tried to research the web site until we found out that we were deploying. We normally make do with what we have which isn't much at the lower levels sometimes."

"I researched all the surrounding states through the web site since it would be easy to fly there and pick anything up. I am stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C. I finally made contact with Gloria two months prior to deployment and ever since then, she is the only person I deal with. She understood my predicament and was always willing to hold stuff that she thought we might like."

Musher received at different times, two shipments of five laptops and one

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Photo by Claus Martel/Historical Office

Big paint job

Workers are repainting the Hermes missile at the corner of Airport Road and Memorial Parkway for the 50th anniversary of when the Hermes first went on display in public. The Hermes was shown in Huntsville on May 14, 1953. The Hermes being repainted was erected at this site July 22, 1956 by Maj. Gen. Holger Toftoy and Maj. Gen. John Medaris.

Nurse has good first impression

My journey to Redstone Arsenal started with a call from my commander on Feb. 26, notifying me of my activation in five days from an Army Reserve status to active duty. The Army was sending three of us from our Reserve unit (4208th USAH) in Lexington, Ky., to Redstone Arsenal to fill slots left empty by deployed personnel. We spent three days at our Reserve unit, and then proceeded to Fort Knox for six days of in-processing. We arrived here March 11.

Right off the bat, I knew that this was not your typical Army post, when the first building I saw was the golf club! Then sitting next door and perched up on a gentle hill, was an attractive two-story building — Fox Army Health Center. This was a very favorable first impression. Experiences in the past two months have repeatedly reinforced this perception of Fox Army Health Center and Redstone Arsenal.

Redstone Arsenal seems to have been a well-kept secret, for many of us. I had never heard of it before my Reserve commander told me I was being sent here. This Army post is a delight, compared to quite a few other previous and more austere annual training sites. It has

a unique and interesting history. At the opposite end of the post, about 11 miles from the golf course, is a beautiful recreational spot on the Tennessee River. The adjacent city of Huntsville seems to have the advantages of a good-sized city with a small town friendly flavor. An added attraction is the Space and Rocket Center, which is a definite drawing card when I am encouraging family and friends to come visit.

Right now there are seven activated Reservists at Fox: one physician, one staff registered nurse, three nurse practitioners, one lab officer and one lab tech. We are from Arizona, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina and even Alabama. Col. Steven Klamerus, the commander of FAHC, and all the staff have gone out of their way to welcome us, with smiles, greetings, friendly assistance, tours and luncheons. All of us have duty assignments at Fox. They have put us to work, and made us feel like part of the team. Eventually, the activated Reservists will go home, but we will take back favorable and friendly impressions of Redstone Arsenal and its community.

Lt. Col. Marilyn Allen
Fox Army Health Center

Concerned about job security

Department of Defense civilians beware! If our leadership in the DoD gets its way, your job security may be in serious jeopardy. I just finished glancing over 207 pages of a DoD request to the House and Senate to enact a bill titled, "The Defense Transformation for the 21st Century Act." A better title might have been, "Congress, If You Are This Dumb, We Have Some Swamp Land In Florida For You."

Under the pretense of national security, DoD is asking for carte blanche authority to do whatever it wants, whenever it wants to whoever it wants. The "Act" abolishes and/or waives decades of legislation as it pertains to the DoD. Depot commercialization is a likely outcome due to rewrite of 50/50 laws, A76/commercialization studies will no longer really be necessary to contract out your jobs as "cost" consideration is replaced by best value, solely determinable (probably delegated) by the secretary of defense, and protections under Title 10 (merit protection/legal recourse) are no longer applicable to DoD employ-

ees. Best yet, the GS system, complete with step and yearly schedule increases and Title 10 protections, will be replaced by a "National Security Demonstration Project" which is yet to be defined but under the sole final discretion of the SECDEF vice the OPM. The SECDEF will listen to employee and union input (national not local level) but can choose at his sole discretion what to accept/reject. Not only does the DoD want to be exempt from the laws that apply to everyone else, they propose to not even report to Congress on most issues anymore.

While Sept. 11th has necessitated a more vigilant society, I for one do not see the need to ignore the Constitution and the existing three branches of government by setting up a fourth to be known as the DoD under the guise of national security. I intend to contact my representatives in the House and Senate over this absurd proposal. You may want to do the same.

Michael Ayres
TMDE Activity

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

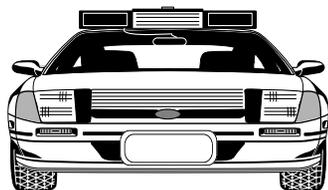
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents:

April 26 at 3:10 a.m. — A soldier was stopped at gate 9 and found to be driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages. The soldier was transported to the Provost Marshal Office and after testing, was released to his unit. He was charged with driving under the influence.

April 26 at 3:10 a.m. — A military family member was stopped at gate 9. An inspection of his vehicle revealed the presence of marijuana. The subject was issued a DD Form 1805 requiring him to appear in the U.S. Magistrate Court. The subject was processed and released.

April 26 at 4:50 p.m. — Officers of the Provost Marshal Office stopped an individual who failed to stop at gate 10. He was found to be operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license or proof of liability insurance. The individual was cited and released for trespassing, no driver's license, and lack of insurance and escorted from Redstone Arsenal.

April 27 at 9:20 p.m. — A soldier was



apprehended in a Redstone Arsenal housing area after he had shouted obscenities toward a military family neighbor.

April 28 at 3:58 a.m. — A Huntsville resident was stopped at gate 9. An inspection of his vehicle revealed the presence of marijuana. He was also operating his vehicle with a suspended drivers license and was issued two DD Form 1805s and escorted from Redstone Arsenal.

April 29 at 8 a.m. — A retired military member reported that person(s) unknown damaged his recreational vehicle, which was located in the storage area on Mauler Road.

April 30 at 2:30 a.m. — An out of state resident stopped at gate 9 and requested

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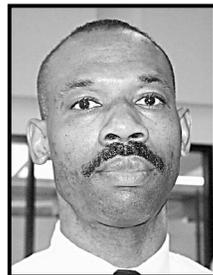
An open lane random survey

What do you think of embedding reporters to cover the war?

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O.D. Green, contractor
"I think it's great. It's nice to be able to get real time news from the front lines."



Greg Wilson, DoD civilian
"I think it's a very good idea. We get to see the war up close and I like it."



Gary Ellis, vendor
"I think President Bush was very smart to do this. Saddam Hussein has tried to manipulate the media from the start. Bush just beat him at his own game."



2nd Lt. William Smith
"For someone in the military it isn't that informative. It's interesting for what the individual troops are going through, but as far as actual movements and strategic operations, it's not."

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Letterkenny Depot team surges for Iraqi Freedom

By CWO 4 ANDY VAN WINKLE
For the Rocket

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — As soldiers were preparing for war in early March, the Short Range Air Defense Project Office scrambled to ensure adequate stocks of repairable components were on hand to sustain weapon system



Courtesy photo

WORKING AHEAD— From left Richard Campbell, Floyd Kriner and Jay Peck work on a Forward Looking Infrared receiver.

readiness. At the core of this effort was their request to the Letterkenny Army Depot to repair and overhaul specific weapon system components as rapidly as possible to support soldiers in the Iraqi Freedom area of operations.

The Letterkenny MLRS/Avenger Branch team quickly went into overtime and by mid-April had churned out more than 113 individual critical Avenger Line Replaceable Units. The depot's ability to prioritize and surge for repair and production in times of war has once again proven to be invaluable to the Army's equipment readiness.

Members of the MLRS/Avenger team include Floyd Kriner, Susan Brechbill, Richard Campbell, Leonard Carbaugh, Gregory Gress, Ronald Kudasik, Jay Peck, Richard Tracy, Richard Schur, Brett St Clair and Sandra Stine.

Letterkenny Army Depot is located in south central Pennsylvania and is the Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for missile systems for the Department of Defense.

One percent pay raise coming by summer

Retroactive locality pay takes time to process

Most federal employees will see a larger 2003 pay increase from President Bush amending executive order 13282 to provide retroactive locality pay. The increase varies by locality from .9 to 1.7 percent and will be retroactive to Jan. 12.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service should make retroactive payments to Department of Defense civilians based on information received from personnel systems.

"Processing of the retroactive transaction is the initial step that Civilian Personnel Operating Centers must perform in order to document and flow the adjusted salary as of Jan. 12, 2003 via the payroll interface to the Defense Civilian Pay System," a prepared release from the Personnel and Training Directorate said. "In addition, all intervening pay related transactions effected since Jan. 12th must be corrected and updated in DCPS. The number of corrective transactions will vary for each employee and must be done in order to ensure that all retroactive payments can be paid accurately and timely by DFAS. Only upon receipt of the corrective transactions, will DFAS be able to make retroactive payments.

"For CPOCs, processing of the retroactive transactions has begun now that the necessary salary tables have been loaded in the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System.

"(Department of Army) employs a wide variety of employees in various pay plans, occupational series, geographic

locations, etc., all of which impact the benefits, entitlements, and pay of each employee as a group or often individually. This involves a labor intense process and results in a variety of situations and processes as well as individual circumstances to consider.

"Due to volume and processes involved in completing the retroactive 1 percent pay adjustment and intervening transactions, it may take several pay periods for the CPOCs to complete the total process. Some employees have gotten an initial increase on one paycheck and will see an additional increase on later paychecks. This is part of the normal process involved in executing retroactive personnel actions.

"During this time frame, your servicing CPOC will be working not only to complete all retroactive processing but to process current personnel transactions within a timely and efficient manner.

"We ask employees to refrain from contacting customer service representatives, CPAC and CPOC representatives on matters relating to the processing or receipt of retroactive payments until June 27. After June 27th, employees should contact his/her CSR to determine what action, if any, is necessary.

"The overall goal of everyone involved in this process is to work efficiently and expeditiously so that all employees receive monies he/she is due as soon as possible. Your cooperation in this effort is sincerely appreciated," the personnel release concluded.

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directions. He was found to be operating his vehicle in an intoxicated condition. He was apprehended, issued a DD Form 1805, and then held at the

Provost Marshal Office until such time as his blood alcohol level reached the legal limit.

Traffic citations issued: speeding, 18; DUI, 1; no driver's license, 3; failure to obey traffic control device, 2; no insurance, 1; possession of controlled substance, 1; and trespass, 1.

Command sergeant major retires to golf course



Photo by Skip Vaughn

REVIEWING TROOPS— CSM Roscoe Johnson, with his wife, Shelia, salutes troops marching across the parade field at the end of his retirement ceremony.

Roscoe Johnson's career spanned three decades

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The newly-retired command sergeant major is probably on the golf course right now. He's lining up a putt or walking across the green.

Roscoe Johnson has plenty of time for his favorite hobby these days. He retired as the post command sergeant major with more than 30 years service in a ceremony Thursday at the Redstone parade field.

"CSM Johnson by every measure you have done very, very well," Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, said. "Your legacy is secure."

In his remarks Johnson acknowledged the soldiers, Marines and Army band assembled on the field. "All blessings

come from the Lord. He deserves all the praise," Johnson, 52, said. He retires with mixed emotions, he said. One of seven children, he recalled his family's legacy of military service. Johnson dedicated his Distinguished Service Medal to older brother Cpl. Bill Johnson, who was killed in action in Korea. Another brother became disabled in the Air Force.

Johnson listed past and present soldiers who have influenced his career. He said Dodgen was the reason he went past 30 years of service and then promised that he would get the general on the golf course within a year.

"I want to thank all those on Team Redstone," Johnson said.

He recalled that he learned in basic training never to leave his post until properly relieved from duty.

"Sir, request permission to leave my post," he said to Dodgen.

"Permission granted," Dodgen replied. The two soldiers exchanged a salute and stood together.



Photo Lab

Floral tribute

Anna Wynn and Abbie Rodgers present their grandmother, Gay Money, with flower bouquets at her retirement luncheon March 11 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Money, an Integrated Materiel Management Center logistics programs specialist, served as chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign for 2001 and 2002.

Have fun(d) raising money for Army Emergency Relief

Scheduled activities for the Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign include the following:

- Pentagon Commemorative Lapel Pins on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call Graciela Gonzalez 842-0861.
- Army Community Service Volunteer Cookbook on sale for \$5 through May 15; sponsored by the Garrison, Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities and Army Community Service. Call Phyllis Montgomery or Mary Breeden 876-5397.
- Valiant Bear Sale through May 15,

sponsored by Resource Management Directorate. Call Janice Nolin 876-5134, Wilbert Brownlow 876-8929 or Martin Roggio 876-5133.

- Garrison Cookbook Sale (160 recipes) through May 15 at building 4488. Call Donna Johnson 876-9675.
- Cookout today at Col. Hudson Recreation Area, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. Call Kathy Williams 842-0789, Ann Bickmore 842-6604 or Ernie Hazzard 313-0171.
- Plant sale May 15 at Sparkman Cen-

ter parking lot, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Call SFC Snead 842-7883 or Romona Rice 313-1641.

- Golf Tournament, Friday at Redstone Golf Course, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center. Rain date is May 16. Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Jim Dabbs 842-0170, Austin Watson 313-2422 or SSgt. White 876-5399.
- 5K run and fun walk May 14, south of Patton Road soccer field. Call Justin Olander 876-2769.



Special bowlers strike chord with soldier helpers

Redstone Lanes site for tourney

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Some 65 special needs children from schools throughout Madison County visited the Redstone Lanes on April 29 as part of the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament series. It was a morning filled with snacks, dancing, friendship and 10-pin fun.

About 40 soldiers attended to offer tips and assistance, plus provide the occasional dance partner. With the on-post event being smaller than the earlier tourney held in Huntsville, the soldiers were able to interact with the children on a deeper level. They were able to spend more time with them individually and learn a little more about them.

"This is a free open bowling social event that we have for the children," Natalie Taylor, Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator for Army Community Service, said. "It's our 10th year anniversary, so we're very excited."

Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, rolled the ceremonial first ball. During the early part of the games, a child remarked that she liked to dance and gestured to the jukebox. That was all it took. Within moments change had been collected and the music played nonstop for the rest of the event. Bowlers took the opportunity to dance between frames, and many of their uniformed coaches were all too happy to join in.

Refreshments were provided, some by the children themselves. Bowlers from Lee High School baked chocolate chip cookies to bring to the event. They also prepared a special thank you for the soldiers. They put together bags of homemade cookies, sealed with a yellow ribbon and an American flag pin for the soldiers to take with them.

"I try to teach them that everybody gives to us and we need to give back," said Mary Kay White from Lee High School, who helped coordinate the event with ACS. "I don't know if they realize, but I hope they do, how much the soldiers give to us."

The obvious affection between the bowlers and soldiers warmed the hearts of all those in attendance. At every lane the children showed their appreciation with hugs and smiles. The soldiers made an effort to spend personal time with each child in their group, at times having two or even three children in their laps while cheering on another.

"It's really neat to see these soldiers pick the little ones up and just give them a hug," Taylor said.

Even when the fun was over, the smiles went on as the bowlers waved fond farewells to Redstone and the soldiers who had made their day.



Photo by Kelley Lane

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND— Christian Akin shares a dance with Pvt. Elizabeth Curtis.



Photos by Skip Vaughn

Dunkin' Devlin
Col. Bob Devlin, the garrison commander, does his stint in the dunking booth at the garrison's "AER Fun(d) Day" fund-raiser April 29 for Army Emergency Relief. The day's activities raised \$3,993.

Local arts festival draws patriotic crowd

Panoply kids make cards with messages for troops

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Panoply kids not only support the arts, they also support the troops.

This year's Panoply Arts Festival, sponsored by the Arts Council Inc., included a "make your own greeting card" booth that allowed youngsters to make patriotic, hospital, and Mother's and Father's Day cards. The result was more than 450 cards designed by local children in support of the military.

Panoply Arts Festival is an annual community event featuring performances, demonstrations and hand-on activities promoting all art forms. It is free to the public; and any donations received are used to fund art education programs and events for local children. This year's April 25-27 event drew more than 90,000 visitors.

"Huntsville is really a unique community. Most people would not link the arts with the military," Jo Ann Henderson, director of Panoply 2003, said. "Redstone Arsenal has so many close ties to the community, it's only natural that they would also be tied to Panoply."

The idea for the cards came during the planning stages for this year's Panoply. While plans for a performance by an Army band were canceled because of the band's deployment, Panoply officials offered to let kids make cards for troops.

"The paper, glue, and other decorations for the cards were all donated, and we set



Photo by Kim Gillespie

STARS IN PLACE— Devin Preyer, 6, aligns the stars on his card for the troops.

up an area in our 'Stamp It' booth for patriotic card-making," Henderson said. "It was probably the most popular topic for the kids' cards, and they really put some time and effort into what they created."

Messages on the cards included sentiments like "Thank you for fighting for freedom," "We support our troops," and longer, more personal letters.

Although mailing restrictions prevent the cards from being sent to deployed troops, the cards are being displayed for soldiers at Redstone. "It is just as important to support our troops here at home as it is to support deployed troops," Henderson said.

The Sparkman Center's building 5300 has a large display of the cards in the first floor corridor. Smaller displays using the



Photo by Kim Gillespie

MESSAGE BOARD— Maj. Kevin Zurmuehlen reads some of the cards for troops created by kids attending Panoply.

cards are being created for other offices.

In addition to the cards for the troops, garrison commander Col. Bob Devlin opened the Showcase Stage.

"This is the second year in a row that we have had a Redstone commander open our main stage (last year AMCOM com-

mander Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen opened the Showcase Stage). We hope that tradition continues," Henderson said.

Photos of the card-making for troops and the display of cards can be viewed at http://www.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs/code/pan.html.

Community has a blast at block party



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

ROARING GOOD TIME— Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of Lt. Col. Tom and Suzi Harrison, takes on the tiger slide.

Hundreds help celebrate Month of Military Child

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Bigger, busier and better than ever is how some described Child and Youth Services block party April 26.

"We were a little worried about having it the same weekend of Panoply," Myra Garriott, CYS director, said. "But everything went great. We had about 600 people come and we've gotten really positive feedback."

The block party has become a tradition over the past decade, the culminating event of the Month of the Military Child, to celebrate and honor military families. Two slide bounces and a boxing ring, complete with soldier referees and oversized boxing gloves were the highlights on the west side of the party at the Youth Center grounds, along with face painting and carnival games like bean bag toss, ball throws and the duck pond.

"I really like this golfing," Sarah Macedonia, 11, said, while lining up a putt on the miniature golf greens, near the food tent.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PICTURE PERFECT— Child Development Center clerk Deborah Wallace shares her artistry with Alicia Bryant, 12.

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New merit promotion system goes online soon

Manual application process being replaced by Resumix

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RELEASE

Starting May 12, employees will begin to see new merit promotion announcements for Team Redstone jobs. The Resumix Merit Promotion System will be used to fill nearly every position at Team Redstone that is filled through competitive merit promotion procedures.

External hire announcements announced through the Office of Personnel Management or under Delegated Examining will still use a manual application process. This new merit promotion system is being briefed to Team Redstone employees May 7-17 in Bob Jones Auditorium. Copies of the charts are on AMCOM CPAC's web page at www.redstone.army.mil/cpo.

Getting considered for jobs under the

Resumix Merit Promotion System is a simplified two step process. First, the applicant must complete and have one resume on file in Army's centralized Resumix data base. The easiest way to do this is by using the Army's Resume Builder which can be found under the Employment tab at Army's personnel web site, www.cpol.army.mil. Second, the applicant must watch for announcements and indicate interest in announcements through a "self-nomination" process. The self nomination process is a quick process that only takes 2-3 minutes to complete, according to Don Dixon, chief of Division B, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Resumix greatly simplifies the job application process. There are no longer any hard copy application forms that need to be submitted for internal promotion announcements. Everything is done electronically — both the resume and the self nomination.

Employees will also benefit from greatly improved feedback through the

ANSWER system which is also available at Army's personnel web site. Under the previous manual system employees had to wait for a selection to be made to get feedback on their job applications. Now employees can find out the status of their resume, view their resume, and find out what is happening with their self nominations by going to the web. As referrals are issued and selections are made, the records of all employees who self nominated are immediately updated in Army's ANSWER system.

Until May 12, Team Redstone will continue to use the current manual merit promotion process. Since announcements are good for six months, these old announcements may be used to generate lists until about November.

Employees should carefully read job announcements to ensure they are using the proper application procedures, Dixon said. If it is a Resumix announcement, employees will be able to self nominate

electronically straight from the announcement. Employees can find out more information about Resumix by reviewing the briefing slides, or by contacting their administrative office or their servicing personnel specialist.

Child and Youth Services sponsors community event

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"We served about 1,500 hot dogs and another 400 corn dogs during the picnic," Garriott said. All the food, including chips, sodas, sno cones, cotton candy, pickles and popcorn was free. "I was so busy handing out hot dogs I didn't get to look around much but everyone seemed to have a good time. The bike rodeo was a hit again this year. There's so much community support for this with the military displays, the Tae Kwon Do demonstration, volunteers and donations of food and prizes."

Bingo games ran continuously during the three-hour event. Nearby was a basketball shoot and displays; and information booths from various organizations on post handed out pamphlets, balloons and trinkets for the kids.

"It was nice that people came and stayed this year," Garriott said. "The block party is a great time for people to come out and socialize, talk to their neighbors. Every year the event just gets bigger, better, unbelievable."

Law Day leads to high school reunion for soldier

Military lawyer visits her ex-teacher's class

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Capt. Erika McPherson was trying to find a high school class she could speak to

on Law Day, May 1 when she had a pleasant surprise.

McPherson, chief of administrative law and claims, had already called several local schools without success. So she tried Oakwood College Academy, a high school next to Oakwood College.

She got on the phone with Crystal Thomas, who teaches a U.S. government history class at the academy. Thomas asked her name.

"When I said Erika, she said 'Oh, I know you,'" McPherson said.

It turns out Thomas, the former Crystal Greene, taught McPherson in 1988 at Pine Forge (Pa.) Academy. McPherson was a senior who graduated that year. Thomas later moved to Huntsville and has been teaching at Oakwood College Academy for 12 years.

McPherson addressed Thomas' class of 11th-graders Thursday about Law Day, mainly focusing on jury selection. This year's theme was "Celebrate Your Freedom: Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties."

McPherson divided the mostly female, 16-student class into prosecutors and defense attorneys with three judges. They held a mock jury selection for a criminal case.

"They really got into it," said McPherson, 33, who attended Oakwood College 1988-92. "They really enjoyed it. And they invited us back next year. So it was a success."

Law Day was established in 1961 by joint resolution of Congress. The Staff Judge Advocate Office, led by newly-promoted Col. Kathryn Sommerkamp, is holding its Law Day luncheon today at 11:30 at the Officers and Civilians Club with scheduled speaker John Burbach, president of the Huntsville/Madison County Bar Association. Maj. John Hughey is the deputy staff judge advocate.

"Law Day is important because it reminds us about how important our judicial system is in protecting our rights and freedoms, and upholding the Constitution and making changes if necessary," McPherson said. "In a democratic society, we're governed by the rules of law and not emotion or passion. In general everyone has access to a fair judicial process."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling
FUTURE SOLDIER— Darby Nash, 6, daughter of retired SFC Michael and Nilda Nash, tries out the Avenger's remote control unit at the block party. SFC Mark Richmond and SSgt. Mindy Stuart, both of Delta Company, assist.

Moving

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Redstone in February and lived off post for a few months waiting for this new full brick, three-bedroom, three-bath home on Dyer Circle.

Ironically, the family is living on the exact lot they did when they were stationed at Redstone from 1990-94. "It was a four-plex at the time," Michael said. "We still have two trees here from the original yard."

But it isn't coincidence that the family ended up in the same spot. "I admit it," Patty said. "I went window pecking in the neighborhood. No one was living there and the blinds were open. I loved the house and we liked the lot and the fact that we'd lived there before so we asked if we could have this place."

They moved in April 28.

There's a lot of that going on in their neighborhood, which includes the bulk of the 118 new housing units built on Redstone in the last two years. About 30 quarters have yet to be turned over to housing but "things are moving right along," according to Cynthia Ziegler, chief of housing management.

"Our primary goal is to get everyone out of area 8 first because those units are being demolished," Ziegler said, adding that Redstone has been tasked to reduce the inventory of family housing units.

"The quarters there are falling apart, problems left and right," said Jennifer Kennedy, military spouse who spent three years living in area 8 before moving into the new housing area last month. "I'm so glad to be in the new quarters."

Once area 8 is vacant, demolition will begin. The Redstone fire department will be able to use some of the units for training before demolition.

The newest construction project, three new full brick general officers quarters, a \$1 million gift from the City of Huntsville, began this week on Wadsworth Drive.

"They're going to be extraordinary," Kevin Burleson, master planner, Directorate of Public Works, said. "One is 3,300 square feet, the other two are 3,100 square feet, with all the amenities. Since there's no cost for the land, all the money will be going into the construction." Project completion is expected in about six months.

Units in areas 5 and 6 are in the midst of a new windows, doors and floors replacement project. About 120 quarters are getting a facelift with new windows and doors and carpeting throughout.

"Carpeting is tough because sometimes the customer ends up having to pay," Ziegler said. "They burn candles on the floor and get wax on the carpets or they iron on them which ruins it. And you can't just cut a section out and replace it. Most of the time the whole room has to be replaced. People need to be more careful."

About 30 units in Area 10 on Tripp and Cook are getting new kitchen cabinets and counter tops.

"They're real pretty," Ziegler said. "Those are being done while the quarters are occupied but the tenants don't seem to mind. Obviously, we can't do the door and window replacement projects while

quarters are occupied so we have to do those as people move out. The project will take a little longer to get finished that way but you can only do what you can."

The old area 7 with all the brick duplexes is still being removed from the Arsenal by contractor Kennedy and Sons House Moving.

Areas 1 and 2 contain much of the housing built in 1995 and are still in very good shape, according to Ziegler.

Some officers quarters, about 50 in area 3, are getting new retaining walls installed. There was talk of a revitalization plan for this area but with the upcoming changing in housing management to privatization, it was put on hold.

Privatization is a 50-year contract lease of land and transfer of property on that land to a private business who will then take over housing responsibilities on the post. The goal is to eliminate old inadequate housing on Army installations while at the same time utilizing private sector expertise, creativity and borrowing power.

The Residential Community Initiative (privatization) will essentially become the housing office, handling housing management and maintenance as well as renovations and new construction projects.

"It's very much going to be a partnership," Burleson said. "There will be a five-member board - the garrison commander will be on - which gives us a lot of influence in how the housing plan develops."

Within the privatization issue, Redstone has been selected as a pilot program to qualify as non-profit and the money generated within the contract to be tax exempt which would allow money for projects to be borrowed at a lower interest rate resulting in more money reinvested in housing.

The Internal Revenue Service will review the plan over the next month and rule on whether this proposal package meets the requirements. A ruling is expected by June. After that, the Community Development Master Plan is rolled into a contract, defining all aspects to include the number of demolitions, new housing units, renovations, Redstone requirements and expectations on utilities, maintenance and response times.

The contract will be bid traditionally, under the umbrella of this entity of tax exempt financing. Final transfer to the selected partner is expected to occur in October 2004 if the IRS package is approved in June.

"Going this route gives us a big advantage in the amount of money to renovate and build new units," Burleson said, adding that when all the new quarters are released to the installation and the 204 units are demolished, Redstone will have net housing in FY '04 of 459 units.

"The number of units we will have will be proportionate to the housing needs at Redstone," Ziegler said. "There will always be a waiting list because people are always coming and going. And some people take housing off post and have to wait for their lease to be up, so they stay on the waiting list until they are free to move. Overall I think we're doing pretty good. We have a waiting period of a week to three months. Other installation wait lists are for years."

Laptops

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printer. The computers received are vital to the unit, allowing pilots with additional duties to have their own computers as well as all the flight mission programs they use to be readily available.

'You have a great team down there. They have been a lifesaver for my unit.'

— CWO 2 Brian Musher
101st Airborne

"While over here (Afghanistan), I found out that a unit was lacking just a little on computers and printers so I contacted Gloria and within a week she found three laptops and three printers to send us," Musher said. "You have a great team down there. They have been a lifesaver for my unit."

A few weeks later the office received a request from CWO 2 Matthew VonTrapp, serving with the 50th Medical Unit in Kuwait, for six laptops and a printer.

"We didn't have the equipment on hand so we sent out an e-mail to the community, requesting excess laptops be turned in. We started getting computers in the same day. The equipment was shipped to Kuwait in four days."

More than 50 laptops were turned in to the program as a result of the e-mail but not all would work for what they needed because of speed and capabilities. What can't be reutilized for military or government purposes is shifted to the donation program that provides civilian law enforcement agencies, schools and non-military organizations with computers and related equipment.

"Of course, we save the better equipment for the military," Lang said. There are more than 50 requests waiting to be filled through the donation program. Filling requests is a lengthy process that involves all of the 11 office staff from equipment pickup, hand receipts, cleaning computer memory, repackaging, prioritizing, verifying requests and shipping.

A couple of weeks ago, two warrant officers from the 81st Regional Support Command, an Army Reserve unit out of Birmingham, were visiting Redstone and they didn't leave empty-handed.

"They have units that are about to be deployed and they found out we had 11 laptops," Betty Walker, general supply specialist with the reutilization program, said. "They got it OK'd; we did the proper paperwork and we ended up sending them another 10, so they got 21 in all to split between the units."

"It's very rewarding," Lang said of the assistance the office is able to provide soldiers in the field. "It makes us feel good to do our part to help them do their mission."

The Reutilization and School Donation Program is operated under the garrison Directorate of Information Management.

Tax assistance center closes with many happy returns

Free community service delivers more than \$1.5 million in refunds

By **Capt. WILLIAM CARPENTER**
Tax assistance officer

The Redstone Tax Assistance Center closed for business April 15 with the end of the income tax filing season. The 2003 Tax Center broke previous records in all categories of assistance.

This center prepared 1,450 federal and 1,427 state returns, which saved clients more than \$270,000 in tax preparation and filing fees and recovered more than \$1.5 million in refunds for clients. Ninety percent of the center's returns were filed electronically.

The center also enjoyed positive feedback from clients' customer service questionnaires. Clients had the opportunity to rate the quality of the center's services with a Redstone Tax Center Customer Service Questionnaire and an IRS Customer Satisfaction Comment Card. Ninety-six percent of client surveys rated the overall quality of the center "Excellent," and likewise 96 percent of IRS comment cards stated clients were "Very Satisfied" with the center's personnel and overall services provided.

The new web site, <http://www.redstone.army.mil/legal/taxcenter.html>, was



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TEAM EFFORT— From left Capt. William Carpenter, officer in charge of the tax center, discusses promotional incentives with commissary store director Rita Harper and PX general manager Kim Sumpter.

also a popular resource for the Redstone community. In just over two months, the web site has received more than 2,675 hits. Clients who have additional tax related questions will find a wealth of tax related resources available on the web site.

While the center's free federal and state income tax preparation and e-filing

services represent a great deal that's hard to exceed, this year's center has done just that. The center has made its services even more valuable through promotional partnership incentives with the Post Exchange, Commissary, and Morale Welfare and Recreation. The winner of the \$100 gift certificate donated by the PX

was Gary Helms. There were also seven winners of gift certificates donated by the Commissary. V.W. Stephens, Jose Cordero, Kathy Ford, Mrs. Norman Hoover and SFC Richard Hawkins each won \$25 gift certificates to the commissary. Spec. Howard Keith won a \$10 gift certificate and Sgt. Billy White won a \$5 gift certificate. Many clients also received 10-unit, prepaid long distance calling cards donated by the PX. MWR donated a total of \$150 in "MWR Bucks" that clients were randomly selected to receive until all of the coupons were distributed.

As the center's officer-in-charge, I would like to acknowledge each of these organizations and express my sincere appreciation for their generous support of the center's clients in the Redstone community. The center would also like to thank Army Community Service for its generous financial support in providing needed supplies.

Taxpayers who have yet to file their tax return or need more assistance should visit the local Internal Revenue Service office at 806 Governors Drive. Its phone number is 539-0642; and that office is open year-round Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If clients of the Redstone Tax Center have questions or need more assistance, they should call the Legal Assistance Office at 876-9005.

Juvenile curfew imposed by command regulation

PROVOST MARSHAL RELEASE

Since the turn of the century, curfews have been imposed when there has been a perceived need for more stringent efforts in social control. Curfew ordinances were originally enacted in the 1890s to decrease crime among immigrant youth. During World War II, curfews were perceived as an effective control for parents who were busy helping with the war effort. More recently, interest in juvenile curfew ordinances emerged as a response to staggering increases in juvenile victimization and delinquency.

Curfew laws vary with respect to the locale affected, time frame and sanctions. On Redstone Arsenal, AMCOM Regulation 210-2, Appendix Z (Control of Children), paragraph c, states, "Children under 16 years of age will not, except in case of necessity, go or remain on any installation street, highway, public place, or private place held open to the public between the hours of (10 p.m. to 4

a.m.) unless accompanied by either a parent or guardian or a duly authorized adult to accompany the children. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that children under their control or supervision abide by these curfew restrictions."

All active duty military personnel and their spouses are responsible for ensuring their dependent children comply with this regulatory guidance. Military Police, DoD Police and DoD Guards are tasked with enforcing this directive and reporting violations thereof.

Violators of this directive are subject to administrative actions by the garrison commander, through the Juvenile Review Board. Military members are subject to UCMJ action for failure to obey a regulation.

By enforcing the AMCOM curfew directive on Redstone Arsenal, installation leadership has taken a positive step in ensuring a more safe and secure environment for our military families.

Clinic at Fox provides employee health services

By NITA JONES

Occupational health nurse

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week is May 4-10. In recognition of this observance, all federal employees are reminded of the purpose and scope of occupational health services at Redstone Arsenal.

The federal government promotes and supports health services and disease prevention activities for its employees. Federal agencies are encouraged to adopt health policies and programs that reduce the risk of premature illness, death and disability while promoting healthy lifestyles and healthy work environments. The worksite is an effective and convenient place for employees to receive employee health education and services. In the federal government, these programs are well established and well accepted as a valuable resource for enhancing work force effectiveness.

Traditionally, employee health services (immunizations, physical examinations, medical screening tests, and first aid) are provided to employees through clinics located at the worksite. Recently, many agencies have expanded the scope of services and established a more comprehensive disease prevention and health promotion program to help employees assess, improve and maintain good health. Most departments and agencies in the federal government have some type of health promotion activities. Some of the most common programs offered at the federal worksite are health screenings, exercise activities, and health education and intervention

activities (weight control, stress management, smoking cessation and nutrition).

There are various ways in which agencies can organize, manage and develop employee health programs and services. The methods chosen depend on the agencies mission, health needs, program goals and objectives, and of course, available resources.

Specific employee health services provided at Fox Army Health Center's Occupational Health Clinic include work related travel immunizations, laser eye exams, audiograms, and required physicals and evaluations for employment and workers' compensation injuries. If you have a TDY assignment or deployment out of the country, you will need to make an appointment with a nurse in Occupational Health for your immunizations. For information call 955-8888, ext. 1420. The nurses will be happy to assist you with your immunizations for travel. An employee leaving the country needs a TB skin test before leaving and about two months after returning. TB testing ensures that you are free of TB before leaving the country and that you did not get infected with TB while outside the country. Other work related travel immunizations may include yellow fever, typhoid, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus, meningococcal, mumps, measles, rubella, polio, anthrax and flu. Workers' compensation claims at Redstone Arsenal are processed through the Occupational Health Clinic. The Occupational Health Clinic will provide all the necessary forms. For more information on federal employee health services, visit the web site: www.osha.gov.

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Five players enough for HHC 59th volleyball team

Reserve joins regulars for fourth straight win

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The preseason volleyball champion has stayed hot into the regular season.

HHC 59th improved to 4-0 by beating AMCOM 25-21, 25-19 on April 28 at Pagano Gym. AMCOM fell to 2-2.

"We had five players," the 59th's Michael Copeland said. "We went out there and had a good time. That's all we did was had a good time."

So, how did the 59th manage to stay unbeaten so far?

"We play as a team, we don't really get down," Copeland said. "If we make a mistake, we correct it and pick each other up and play harder, get strong. We're always trying to win."

The 59th's five players included Copeland, player/coach Hector Rivera, Darius Blackwell, Jermaine McGee and Eddie Bryan.

"You know it wasn't really that tough," Rivera said. "I think most of the points (AMCOM) made were due to errors on our team. But as usual, we regrouped and managed to overcome those minor errors."

"Part of the game is not just hitting hard or playing hard. Part of the game is also looking for a weak point and exploiting it. And that's exactly what we do."

All five players contributed to the win, including Blackwell who is normally a reserve. "He's not one of my regulars," Rivera said. "Of course (against AMCOM) we just had five and he played the whole game. And he did good."

AMCOM, which didn't have a team last year, opened the season with two wins but dropped its second straight match.

"We still have some players who are

learning the nuances of the game," AMCOM's John Faris said.

Here are results from week two:

April 28 — HHC 59th d. AMCOM 25-21, 25-19; Delta won by forfeit over Charlie; and Headquarters & Alpha d. NCO Academy 25-11, 25-22.

April 29 — Delta d. AMCOM 25-23, 16-25, 15-8; Headquarters & Alpha d. Bravo 25-22, 19-25, 15-9; and Marines d. Charlie 25-12, 25-11.

April 30 — Bravo d. Marines 25-23, 25-

11; HHC 59th d. NCO Academy 25-13, 25-19; and Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over AMCOM.

May 1 — NCO Academy d. Charlie 25-10, 25-10; HHC 59th d. Bravo 26-24, 21-25, 15-8; and Delta d. Marines 25-15, 25-14.

The standings entering this week were HHC 59th (6-0), Delta (5-1), Headquarters & Alpha (5-1), Bravo (3-3), Marines (2-4), AMCOM (2-4), NCO Academy (1-5) and Charlie (0-6).

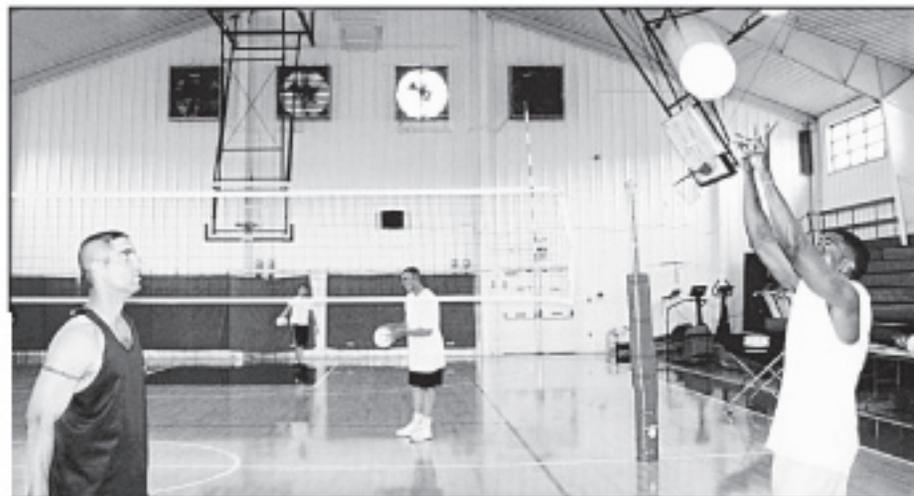


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WARMUPS— Player/coach Hector Rivera, left, and 59th teammate Michael Copeland warm up for a game April 28 against AMCOM at Pagano Gym.



Sports & Recreation

Bicycle ride

The second annual Tour de Arsenal Bicycle Ride is May 20 at 5 p.m., sponsored by the Jacob Sverdrup Marshall Space Flight Center Group Support contract Employee Welfare and Morale Committee. The 18-mile ride, starting at the NASA Exchange Fitness Center parking lot at Morris and Digney roads, roughly follows the historical railroad route around the southern part of Redstone Arsenal. Helmets are mandatory. For more information, call Jamie Miernik 544-6534.

Fund golf tournament

The 2003 AER Golf Tournament, a four-person scramble, is Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. Rain date is May 16. Entry fee is \$23 for members, \$35 for non-members. Call Nadine Manderson 842-8714, Austin Watson 313-2422, Jim Dabbs 842-0170 or SSgt. White 876-5399.

Conference golf tourney

In conjunction with the Army T&E Days 2003 Conference, a golf tournament will be held June 3 at 8 a.m. at the Canebrake Country Club in Athens. Fee is \$60. Registration information is on the web site: www.testevadays.com or call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Benefit 5K

The second annual RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk to benefit Army Emergency

Relief is May 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the area directly south of Patton Road soccer field (off Corporal Road). The registration deadline is May 7. The \$15 entry fee includes a T-shirt and race day refreshments. Pre-orders on T-shirts only (not running or walking) will be taken until May 7 for \$10. For more information, call Carolyn Farmer 876-3810.

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.

Youth golf clinic

Registration is under way for the Youth Services Golf Clinic. You may register your child Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Golf Clinics will be held June 2-6 and June 16-20 from 9 to 11 a.m.

followed by course Play Days each Thursday until school begins. The instructor is Chip Enlow, PGA pro. Price per child is \$50, plus annual central enrollment fee of \$15 if not already registered. Clinic space is limited to the first 50 youth registered per clinic. This is open to the entire Redstone community. Call 876-3704 or 313-3699 for more information.

Cougar Chase 5K

The third annual Cougar Chase 5K is May 17 at Sparkman Middle School in Toney. The PTSA, along with local businesses, will sponsor this event with all proceeds benefiting the school. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the run at 9. Cost is \$12. Participants receive a race packet, T-shirt and refreshments. For more information, call race director Nancy Carson 852-2880.

Boating safety

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct Boat Safety Checks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 17 and 1-5 p.m. May 18 near the Ditto Landing Launch Ramp. The check will cover equipment on board the boat with emphasis on meeting federal and state safety requirements. This will give the boater a chance to become more familiar with boating safety rules and to review the proper use of equipment. The safety check is voluntary and intended to provide information to the boater. "Come by the boating safety booth for refreshments and to talk about boating," a prepared release said. For more information, call Walt Whitacre 544-0047 or 881-5685.

Bowling tournament

The "King of the Hill" tournament is noon May 17 at Redstone Lanes. Signup starts at 11 that morning with a \$15 entry fee. For more information, call Pat Hunt 837-1834 or 527-1173 (cell phone).

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.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

On course

1st Lt. Brian Costa makes a turn during the Motorcycle Safety Course, April 30 at Rocket Harley-Davidson. Costa, of Headquarters & Alpha Company, will get his captain bars May 22. Everyone who operates a motorcycle on a defense installation must have completed an approved motorcycle safety course.

Fishing bait

Live bait, minnows, nightcrawlers and redworms are available at all hours in the Live Bait machine outside the PX Shopette (One Stop), building 3234.



Conferences & Meetings

Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency will sponsor its sixth Army T&E Days 2003 — "Building Test Capabilities for the Future: Supporting FCS, The Objective Force, and the Next Generation Army" — on June 3-5 at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. Scheduled speakers include Claude Bolton Jr., ASA(ALT); Walter Hollis, DUSA(OR); Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster, CG ATEC; Dennis Muilenburg, vice president-FCS, Boeing; and Lt. Gen. Joseph Cosumano, commander of SMDC. An exposition will be held in conjunction with the conference.

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Government and industry organizations are encouraged to participate in the exposition. Registration is \$325 (form is on web site) and is in TIP. For more information, call Mike McFalls 876-3462 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The web site is www.testevadays.com.



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Top enlisted soldier

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley addresses attendees at the Soldiers Breakfast, April 30 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event was sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, Association of the United States Army.

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.

Toastmasters

Are you nervous about speaking in front of people? Do you get butterflies in your stomach? No problem. Learn the art of speaking by joining Toastmasters. Two clubs meet for one hour every week: Strategic Speakers meets at SMDC room 2E1200, Tuesday 11:30-12:30, call John Johnson 313-3634 or Matt Boenker 721-7006, extension 119; and Communicators Club meets Thursday 11:30-12:30 at Sparkman Center building 5304, call Ron Legowik 876-5619.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting May 15 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at Redstone Golf Course clubhouse. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

Employees union

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly membership meeting May 12 at 5 p.m. at the union office, building 3202. All employees are invited. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Scheduled speaker is Barbara Watson of the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10. For more information, call 881-4944 or 881-3168.

Enlisted spouses

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger center. All active duty or retired enlisted spouses are welcome to attend. New members are always welcome. For information call Crystal Taylor 864-3126.

Marine Corps league

The Marine Corps League will meet 7 p.m. May 13 at American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue. For more information, call Tom Kennemer (256) 498-3166.

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 is now accepting homemade craft items for consignment. The shop seeks volunteers. For more information, call 881-6992.

Butler High reunion

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20-year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427.

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.

IMMC AER fund-raisers

Want to know when the next sale of those Pentagon pins will take place? Maybe you are interested in the plant sale. Want to play in a golf tournament but don't know how to enter? You can find the answers anytime at <http://immc.redstone.army.mil/aer/>.

Motorcycle safety course

The Department of Defense and Department of Army require all soldiers who operate motorcycles either on or off post to have satisfactorily completed an approved Motorcycle Safety Course. This requirement also applies to all individuals who operate a motorcycle on DoD installations. Motorcyclists will be required to show proof of meeting this requirement when registering or renewing a motorcycle on Redstone Arsenal. Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled May 14 and June 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This training will be provided free of cost for military and DoD civilians. To qualify for the ERC, a rider must have at least one year experience and have ridden more than 1,000 miles. These requirements are reduced to six months and 500 miles if the rider has completed a Basic Rider Course. Individuals under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a required waiver form before starting the course. Riders must bring a valid driver license with motorcycle endorsement to the course. Enrollees must provide a street-legal motorcycle which will need to pass an inspection by the rider coaches. The inspection includes tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. Motorcycles should be properly insured. Class participants should also provide their own helmet and all required safety gear. To register for one of these courses, call Bryan Lorge 842-8622.

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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.

Women in leadership

Survival Skills for Women in Leadership Roles will be offered by the South Central Training and Learning Center, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Sparkman Center. "This course pays special attention to areas that enhance one's ability to take control, to demonstrate confidence and to fit into a team," a prepared release said. "Strategies will be taught which will enable you to set an atmosphere that builds teamwork, empowers employees and gets results so that everyone can succeed." Registration fee is \$100. To register or for more information, call Marsha Samples 842-6543 or Louise Olszewski 842-6540. Deadline for registration is May 14.

Engineering camp

University of Alabama in Huntsville announces its second annual Engineering Summer Camp, a weeklong program held on campus for high school juniors and seniors to discover the different areas of engineering. They will engage in lab experiments, presentations and group projects supervised by UAH professors. Some of the activities will involve bridge building, rocket launch, robotics, circuits, sensors, and chemical reactions. Camp is offered twice this summer: June 16-20 and July 14-18. Enrollment is limited to 20 students per session. Apply early. Deadline to apply for Engineering Summer Camp is May 16. For applications and information, call Veronica Molina in the College of Engineering 824-3590 or visit the web site at www.eb.uah.edu/camp.shtml.

Resource managers

The annual American Society of Military Comptrollers picnic is May 15 at 11 a.m. at the NASA picnic area west. The picnic is free to members and costs \$5 for non-members. Non-members must make reservations by May 9 with Dennis Summers 313-0553.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold a 3 1/2-hour training class featuring Dr. Amanda Goodson (NASA) who will be speaking on "Organizational Change and Conflict Resolution," May 16 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Hilton. Registration fee is \$35 and includes one break with refreshments. Check should be made to Redstone Arsenal Chapter, IAAP if not paying by credit card. There will be 0.3 CEUs provided for this class. This training is offered to both government and industry administrative professionals. Government employees

may register in TIP and can find the course by typing IAAP in the vendor block. Registration form can be obtained from June Pockrus 842-9888 or on the Redstone Community bulletin board.

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.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of business administration program May 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. Classes meet on alternate weekends for 18 months in Huntsville. For more information call Bill Spade 1-800-672-7223, ext. 5046, or e-mail him at bill@huizenga.nova.edu.

Car safety

Mike James, lead child passenger safety instructor in Alabama, is to present "Car Safety for Traveling Families," May 21 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Redstone room in building 1500. Attendees will receive parent participation points. For more information, call 876-2798.

Veterinary clinic

The Redstone Arsenal Veterinary Treatment Facility will have a walk-in clinic May 12 from 4-6 p.m. Vaccines only, no sick calls. For more information, call 876-2441.

Corned beef luncheon

The Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Shalom will hold its 23rd annual Corned Beef Luncheon, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for the lunch which includes a kosher corned beef sandwich, dill pickle, cole slaw and potato chips. Tickets are \$2.50 for dessert which includes a choice of New York style cheesecake or homemade chocolate cake. Drinks may be purchased for 50 cents for dine-in. Orders of 10 or more must be placed by May 16 and will be available for pickup after 10:30 a.m. May 19. To place an order, call Temple B'nai Shalom 536-4771.

Gifts for military

Spencer's Infant and Children's Clothing Company is partnering with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services to offer a complete layette set to babies born since Sept. 11, who are children of military service personnel deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The layettes will include a variety of infant apparel appropriate for the age and size of each baby receiving the gift. To qualify for this gift, the servicemember must be or have been deployed overseas or aboard a ship at sea directly supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Kuwait, (Camp Doha, or Saudi Arabia, PSAB), the Caucus region (Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, or the

