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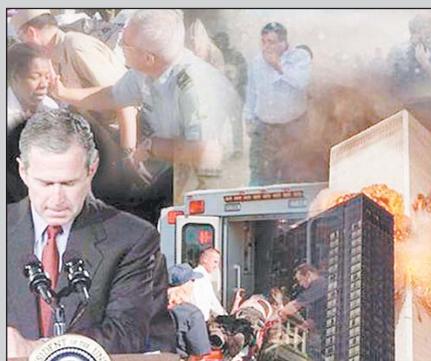
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Supply technician unhurt in building 5308 incident

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Supply technician Bob Callaway jokes that the Army's training him as an elevator tester but he'll decline because the job's too rough.

Callaway knows all about elevator incidents.

He was riding the elevator about 11:40 a.m. Aug. 27 from the fourth floor of building 5308, where he works in the office of the Deputy Commander for Systems Support. He got on alone to go to the first floor. The No. 1 elevator went down to the first floor but, when the doors opened, it was about 2 feet higher than floor level.

"The doors opened real fast and it closed real fast. That's when it went back up, on its own now," Callaway said. "But it went past the fourth floor now. And it hit the steel beams up there. And when it hit that, of course it stopped.

"And I assume the safety brakes, or emergency brakes, stopped it real fast about a foot and a half above the fourth floor. I was thinking I fell all the way to the basement, I mean that's what I was thinking in my mind."

He had fallen to the floor on his left side and rolled over to the telephone box. He pressed the button and started talking to the control room. He told his name, building number, elevator and

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

BACK IN THE SADDLE— Bob Callaway, who broke his right arm in a fall at home, stands next to the elevator that took him on an unplanned ride Aug. 27. He was uninjured when a malfunction triggered a safety feature that caused the elevator to go from the first to the fourth floor and stop abruptly.

Changing of the Guard due after secure year

Redstone bids farewell to 1st/167th Infantry

By PAM ROGERS

For the Rocket

After nearly a year of braving the extremes of weather only Alabama can dish up and encountering the unique personalities only Redstone Arsenal can offer, the citizen soldiers of the 4th Alabama National Guard are going home. But first they will receive a fitting sendoff in the form of a farewell ceremony planned for Thursday.

The members of C Company, 1st/167th Mechanized Infantry have served as guards on Redstone's gates since last October. They were called up Oct. 4, spent several weeks in training and arrived at Redstone Oct. 22.

Since that time soldiers whose previous jobs ran the gamut from investment bankers to farmers to government workers have stood outside on what must be some of the hottest — and the coldest — days they can remember. Some will return to the jobs they had a year ago. Some won't have jobs to which they can return. Some will try to stay on active duty.

Company commander Capt. Dan Pugh, who left his wife and day-old baby in the hospital when the unit was activated, said a call was made recently to determine how many of the soldiers would opt to remain on active duty if given the opportunity. He said the response was 35 percent, a good bit higher than usual, but even that was because they were not guaranteed an assignment at Redstone Arsenal.

"It would have been 50 percent if Redstone had been guaranteed," he said, adding that it's not just the close proximity of Redstone to the unit's headquarters in Cullman that's attractive.

"It's the support. They know they're appreciated and they appreciate the support (of the Redstone community)."

And yes, he said, the weather has been a challenge, but one his soldiers can deal with.

"We've seen the whole spectrum, from below 20, and now it's over 90. But we're taking the right precautions. Typically this time of year we're at Camp Shelby, Miss., and you can't get out of the heat every few minutes. It's better here, where you can get into air conditioning."

Pugh's soldiers have been able to take advantage of training opportunities that would not otherwise have been available

had they not been on Redstone Arsenal. Soldiers of the 1st/167th were able to try for the expert infantryman badge thanks to the support of former deputy post commander Col. Brent Swart, Pugh said.

Sgt. Sherman Cook of Talladega hopes he will be going back to his pre-activation job as a carpenter on large construction projects. Seeing his family hasn't been an issue for him because they're here with him, but he's not so sure about his job.

"I'll find out this weekend," he said, adding that if he doesn't get his old job back it shouldn't be too difficult to find another. He says he's ready to go back to his civilian job, even though this has been an interesting and surprising assignment, considering C Company is a mechanized infantry unit.

"It's been a pretty good assignment. I didn't think we would be guarding gates. I thought we would go overseas. I think we have performed an important duty — still are. We're doing what we were sent here to do, to provide security."

SFC Ronald Key of West Point, Ala., is a U.S. Department of Agriculture consumer safety inspector whose civilian job

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Another view on Acquisition Demo

I am sure I don't know all the ins and outs of the Acquisition Demonstration, but I am sure that there was a lot of smoke and mirrors involved. Let's look at this slowly so even I can understand.

Now, it was stated during the presentation that approximately 98 percent of the work force would receive equal or increases in their pay. Ninety-eight percent is a fairly high number in my book. But with shrinking budget dollars, how will 98 percent of the work force get equal or greater pay — hmm? Wow, either one of three things must happen. The 2 percent that do not get increases must supplement the increase for the 98 percent (sure) or we are going to receive a bigger spending budget (right) or there will be a combination of the first two (in your dreams).

If this Acquisition Demo was so great then why was the word "potential" on nearly every slide and bigger than any other word on the slide? To me it looked like one of those ads that reads FREE CAR with the purchase of a new car stereo. How much is the stereo — \$45,000. Maybe the word "potential" meant that 98 percent of the work force would not receive equal to or greater pay than they are currently receiving. Let's move on.

Did anyone notice some of the other

command's numbers on the slides? They appeared to be making less but I suppose they too had the "potential" for making more. Anyway....

Let's address the point that people will be placed in the wide salary band. Say a person is a GS-12, step 5 and they are placed in the salary range of a GS-12, step 1 and GS-13, step 10. One might claim that now you are in the band you have the "potential" for earning a GS-13, step 10 and it's non-competitive. But if an employee was such a good worker, why wasn't he/she promoted? No money! Accordingly, why not put everyone in the GS-01, step 1 through GS-18, step 20 with the "potential" for making \$250,000?

Finally, I would point out that whenever such a change in the promotion methodology is made there has to be a pitch to the higher ups that there is a cost saving to the government. Now wait. I thought 98 percent of the work force would receive equal or higher pay. So where's the "potential" cost saving coming from? Oh yes, I forgot the other 2 percent. Wow, those individuals might as well retire.

Anyway, like I say, there is too much smoke and mirroring and where there's smoke, well you know the rest.

Name withheld by request

Bugged by courtyard critters

Is there anything that can be done about the tiny white bugs infesting the air in the Sparkman Center Courtyard? The little critters have been biting and crawling on people for almost three weeks and they seem to be getting worse.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "The tiny white insects that are being found in abundance in the courtyard at the Sparkman Center Complex are the Asian Hackberry Aphid. Although the aphids may be a nuisance, they do not actually bite and they are non-detrimental to the Hackberry trees. These aphids do feed on the

Hackberry trees located all across the Arsenal and many of the trees around the perimeter of the Sparkman Complex are Hackberry trees. Spraying all the Hackberry trees in close proximity to the Sparkman Complex would still not guarantee we could control the number of aphids that gather in the courtyard of the complex. Eradication of the aphids is not economically or environmentally feasible so we do not intend to spray for these insects. The aphids will be driven away naturally by cool and/or consistently windy weather so, if these insects continue to be a nuisance I would recommend walking in a more open area or waiting until it is cooler to walk in the courtyard."

Triathlon soars with support

The Spring City Triathletes of Huntsville would like to thank AMCOM, RASA, Outdoor Recreation, the Provost Marshal's Office, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and all others who helped us in having the ninth annual John Masterson Memorial Heart Center Rocketman Triathlon at the Col. Hudson Recreation Area on Aug. 25. More than 300 athletes from all over the south along with their families were able to compete on one of the best venues in

this part of the country, Redstone Arsenal. This event benefited Toys for Tots and many children will have a much happier holiday season. We are grateful for the U.S. Army permitting this event to be held annually on the Arsenal. We could not do it without the gracious help of all of the above and many others.

Bob Mulkey

race director, and

Dave Swinford

president, Spring City Triathletes

Rocket rumblings: Impact of Sept. 11

How have the events of last Sept. 11 affected you?

That's the *Rocket* rumblings question for this month. Send your response — in 50 words or less — to the *Redstone Rocket* at the following e-mail address: skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil; or via fax at 955-9138.



Pet policy revisited as reminder to residents of Redstone Arsenal

FAMILY HOUSING RELEASE

Periodically we will remind you of current housing policies. If you have any questions regarding this information, contact the Housing Office in building 3207 on Hercules Road. The phone number is 842-2449.

Our pet policy is located in the Family Housing Resident Guide. Each occupant receives this guide when assigned housing. Pets must be registered with Post Veterinary Activities Office, building 3543, 876-2441, within one week after arriving on the installation. Specifically excluded as pets are exotic species such as foxes, skunks, squirrels, reptiles, amphibians and other wild animals. Ownership or maintenance of more than three pets in the family housing area is prohibited. A nursing litter will be acceptable for a reasonable period of time. However, this time will not exceed three months after whelping.

All pets are to be under your control at all times. Pets will be kept indoors or secured on the owner's premises in a

fenced area or on a leash not longer than 12 feet. Animals being exercised outside the house or fenced yard will be on a leash or under voice control. You are responsible for daily pickup and disposal of all animal feces. Pets involved in human bite/scratch incidents, whether vaccinated against rabies or not, will be quarantined for up to 10 days at the veterinary clinic on post. If your pet is involved in a bite/scratch incident you will receive a warning letter from Housing. A second offense could result in the animal being declared a nuisance and barred from the installation. Any animal involved in three incidents will not be permitted to remain on the installation, with no exceptions. This means that you will be required to get rid of your pets or move off post. Any vicious animal, as determined by a veterinarian, involved in a single bite/scratch incident will be barred from the installation. Horses will be kept only in the stable area, quarantine paddock area, or on that portion of the installation designated as leased land.

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Oktoberfest on tap for Redstone Arsenal Activity Field

Community event features music, rides, arts and crafts

By KIM GILLESPIE
For the Rocket

Schnitzel, brotchen, wursts, an oompah band, fair rides, military displays and arts and crafts. What does it mean? It's Oktoberfest at Redstone Arsenal.

Oktoberfest returns to Redstone Sept. 12-15, and it will be bigger and better than ever, according to Yvonne Cole, Morale, Welfare and Recreation sales and marketing director. "It's the eighth scheduled outdoor O'fest on post, though last year's event was canceled after Sept. 11," she said.

Oktoberfest is held at Redstone Arsenal Activity Field, just inside Gate 10, Patton Road, near the Recreation Center, building 3711, corner of Aerobee and Patton. Tickets are \$8 for admission Sept. 12 and Sept. 15, and \$10 for Sept. 13 and

Sept. 14. However, coupons for \$2 off will be available in The Huntsville Times, Redstone Rocket, and flyers throughout the Redstone community. The coupons can also be printed from the MWR web site at www.redstonemwr.com. For accountability purposes, you must have one coupon per ticket.

'We really have something for everyone in the family.'

— Yvonne Cole
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

"Ticket stubs from the Aug. 24 Styx and Kansas concert on will also be honored for a \$2 discount to Oktoberfest," Cole said.

Tickets can be purchased from the MWR ticket office in the lobby of the Recreation Center.

"The Army Concert Series and Oktoberfest are the two events Redstone Arsenal will open to the public this year. We are really looking forward to having the community participate in Oktoberfest with us," Cole said.

Normal visitor security requires that you have available a driver's license, valid identification and proof of vehicle insurance.

Hours for Oktoberfest are 5-11 p.m. Sept. 12, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sept. 13, noon to 1 a.m. Sept. 14 and 1-8 p.m. Sept. 15.

Oktoberfest will once again feature authentic German fest music when Terry Cavanaugh & the Alpine Express return to entertain this year.

"Terry & the Alpine Express are always one of the most popular attractions at Oktoberfest. They really interact with the audience. Sitting in the fest tent with the beer, the singing and music makes you feel like you are in Munich," Cole said.

Terry Cavanaugh & the Alpine Express will perform from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 12, 7 p.m. to midnight Sept. 13, 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 14 and 3-7 p.m. Sept. 15.

"We will also sell authentic German food from our own Soldatenstube Restaurant here on Redstone Arsenal. We'll have schnitzel, brotchen and a variety of German wursts," Cole said, "and of course, German and American beverages."

The price of admission pays for all carnival rides. Parking and entertainment are included in the price of admission. "This is a great value for families," Cole said.

Oktoberfest will also feature military displays all day Sept. 14.

"Arts and crafts are also a big part of the Oktoberfest celebration. We really have something for everyone in the family," Cole said.

For more information about Oktoberfest 2002, call 876-5232.

Soldier Show takes stage in Huntsville in October

This year's extravaganza sings praise to freedom

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The 2002 U.S. Army Soldier Show is on the road entertaining soldiers and families around the world with a one-and-a-half-hour singing and dancing extravaganza. The Soldier Show is scheduled to perform for Team Redstone at Huntsville's Von Braun Center Concert Hall on Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Freedom" is the show's theme and the name of its opening number this year, said artistic director Victor Hurtado.

"The way we have conceived the show is not your typical idea of freedom," said Hurtado, who penned the show's original opening number with California composer Carlos Guillen. "Our concept of freedom is where we're all responsible for each other's well being and freedom, that freedom is nothing without a safe place to land, and that we as Americans fight — to strive to be that safe place and set the example for the rest of the world."

In addition to gospel, country and R&B numbers, the show features acoustic segments with guitar and violin for the first time in 12 years, when the show actually traveled with a band. "(Those sections are) very pared down, very unplugged," Hur-

tado said. He explained that the taped music for the show is orchestrated in a studio especially for the Soldier Show.

During the evening, audiences will hear chart-toppers by artists like Destiny's Child, Brooks and Dunn, Whitney Houston, Faith Hill, Mary J. Blige, NSync, Alanis Morissette, Pink, Alicia Keys, Jennifer Lopez and others.

Tickets for the Huntsville performances will be distributed by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's Morale, Welfare and Recreation beginning in mid-September. Details regarding the date and location of ticket distribution will be published Sept. 11. For more information on this year's Soldier Show, call MWR at 313-1202/1203.

Redstone's small business has big mission in economy

Merritt back at program's helm because he loves a challenge

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People don't often associate small business with the likes of Microsoft and its founder Bill Gates but the fact is, many huge corporations had small beginnings.

While a junior at Harvard in 1975, Gates dropped out of college to devote his time and energy to the software company he had begun with his childhood friend, Paul Allen. By the end of the fiscal year June 2001, Microsoft reported annual revenues of \$25.3 billion and a work force of more than 40,000 people in 60 countries.

"Small business is the life's blood of our country's economy base," Mit Merritt, newly assigned director of Redstone's Small Business Program, said. "It fuels the engine that ultimately supports the strength of our democracy. More new jobs are created in small business than large business in the country."

Last year Team Redstone hit a high mark in small business, awarding more than \$700 million through thousands of contracts nationwide. This year the program is falling slightly behind but expects to award more than \$600 million by the end of the fiscal year. Many local companies reap the benefits of such contracts, which in turn benefit the community by providing jobs and tax revenue.

The government's overall goal is to award 23 percent of contracts to small businesses. Redstone's target is 12 percent of the annual estimated procurement dollars, which was approximately \$6 billion for FY '01, going to small business.

"In order to have a successful small business program, you have to have three key elements," Merritt said. "Command support is at the top of the list and we have it. Mr. (Jim) Flinn and (Maj.) Gen. (Larry) Dodgen have given us tremendous support."

Flinn chairs a senior council at Redstone for strategic oversight for the small

business program. Council members include principals from the Program Executive Offices, Research Development and Engineering Center, Deputy Commander for Systems Support, Acquisition Center and the Ombudsman.

Other key components to success include contracting officers willing to look for opportunities to support small business and the technical community as a whole — program managers and technical directors of functional areas contracting their requirements through small business.

"One of the biggest obstacles to small business is contract bundling," Merritt said. "Taking multiple requirements and putting them all together creating such a large and diverse effort that makes it difficult for small business to bid or handle the contract. Small business can team and do very large efforts. And they've been successful. Bundling just makes it harder."

It's the challenge of the job — making small business a big success — that keeps Merritt coming back. Merritt was the small business chief at the Space and Missile Defense Command in the early '90s then moved over as the chief in the Redstone small business office for two years. He spent some time in program management with aviation systems to gain a more rounded view of the process before returning to the office last year as the temporary director.

In July, Merritt was assigned as director of the Small Business Program.

"The best part of the job is being allowed to help people — both internal customers like the program managers and small business firms," he said. "It's fun but it is a challenge. We have a large responsibility here and we take it seriously."

The office has a staff of 10, including the deputy director, David Seitz, who was recently recognized as the Army Materiel Command's Small Business Specialist of the Year for 2001.

To meet the hefty contracting goal imposed by Congress, it's up to Merritt and his "hard working, strong team of specialists" to educate both sides of the effort. This means helping contracting



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

MAKING THE CONNECTION— Mit Merritt accepted permanent assignment as director of Redstone's Small Business Program in July. He says the best part of the job is helping internal customers such as program managers fill their requirements through small business firms.

officers find opportunities for small business and reaching out to small business firms and guiding them through the process to become approved government contractors.

"We have to help people out there understand what Team Redstone is buying — what we want to purchase — so they can compete for those requirements," Merritt said. "We do this by interfacing with industry. They come here or we go to them through industry fairs and confer-

ences. We help people get into the government maze, maneuver through it and come out on the other side. We want these firms to know that we are their advocate and communication is always open.

"Small business can't do everything but small business can do a lot. And here, small business is big business," he said.

Anyone interested in learning about the opportunities at Team Redstone or requirements can call 876-5441 or look on the web at www.redstone.army.mil/sadbu.

Substance abuse counselor provides help ASAP

Fox Army Health Center adds to full-time staff

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There is new buzz at Fox Army Health Center's Army Substance Abuse Program. Harold Smith has joined the ranks as their newest counselor.

Smith comes to the program after spending five years at the Bradford Center's residential program as a substance abuse counselor. Michael Sabolek, clinical director for the Army Substance Abuse Program, said Smith is great addition to their team.

"Mr. Smith is an extremely competent clinician. He has past experience which adds to our program," Sabolek said. "We recently received a score of 100 on our joint commission inspection, which indicates we have a cream of the crop Army Substance Abuse Program. We feel good about the services we provide, from adolescence to age 65. Our main focus is mission readiness, but we are also here to take care of the families of the active duty, retirees and Department of the Army civilians."

Smith retired from the Army after 20 years of active duty, during which he obtained his master's degree in counseling and human development. After spending several years in the private sector, Smith

realized he missed Army life.

"The military has been a part of my life for most of my life," he said. "I was raised in the military and of course when I became of age I served in the Army. Being back and working with the military here, I feel comfortable."

Smith is also a licensed professional counselor and a certified alcohol and drug counselor, with experience in adolescent counseling. Adolescent counseling was a service not provided before Smith's arrival, but is now one Fox is proud to offer. Dependents of active duty and retired military are eligible. The screening and evaluation process for adolescents differs from that used for adults.

"Often we need collaborating information from parents because adolescents are often not aware of how severe drug dependence can be," Smith said. ASAP offers individual counseling and group sessions for those determined to be in need. Smith hopes to see an expansion of services for co-dependants and the spouses or families of substance dependent patients. "Often these people don't have anyone to turn to," he said. If a patient is found to need an in-patient or residential program, ASAP aids the family or individual in making those arrangements when necessary.

Many people envision an alcoholic or drug addict as a bum panhandling on the streets for their next drink or fix. Smith said this is a popular misconception.



Photo by Kelley Lane

CHECKING BOOKS— Harold Smith, standing, goes over the day's schedule with medical records clerk Loren Rainn.

"That person makes up only about 3 percent of the alcoholic population here in the United States," he said. "Most are people that look just like you and I. They have a job. They have a home. They have a family. They're not aware they have a chemical dependency problem." The warning signs for someone with a problem are not always obvious to the person with the problem. Smith described these signs that a person is crossing the line from abuse to dependence as drinking everyday, increasing in tolerance (meaning it takes more of a substance to get the same effect over time), withdrawal symptoms like tremors, nausea and night sweats, and mood swings. Problems with relationships usually accompany these physical symptoms.

ASAP makes seeking help simple. They can be reached at 842-9899 to set up an appointment. "We understand that when a person calls us they are in crisis now and we're ready to see them now. They're not going to be in crisis two days from now or a week from now," Smith said. Now with two full-time counselors

on staff, it should be easier than ever to get the assistance needed as soon as possible. Confidentiality is maintained as much as possible to ensure the privacy of patients. In the case of active military, the command must be notified to ensure the safety and well being of all those involved per Army Regulation 600-85. Usually there are no repercussions for those who seek help on their own. Those who are command referred may see other consequences, usually related to the issues that prompted their referral in the first place.

The program will be moving Sept. 18-20 to building 3204, behind the fire station. They will be open for business Sept. 23, allowing time for moving and settling in. No appointments will be made during that five day interim and group sessions will not be held. They anticipate being able to better serve the community in their new offices with the addition of an education program and the aforementioned co-dependant services. Smith and all the others at Fox's ASAP encourage any that believe they or a family member might need help to seek it immediately.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Longtime Elvis fan

Jennie Carpenter, executive secretary for Deputy to the Commander for Systems Support, shows a photograph of herself (on right in light-colored bellbottoms) which appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal in August 1977 after the death of singer Elvis Presley. The newspaper reprinted the special insert for the 70,000 Elvis fans, including Carpenter, who returned to Memphis last month for the 25th anniversary of his death Aug. 16, 1977. Carpenter was carrying flowers to the mausoleum when the photo was taken three days later. "I've always been an Elvis fan," she says. She plans to retire Oct. 3.

Team Redstone ceremony marks Sept. 11 anniversary

'Americans! — United We Stand' theme for morning at Bob Jones Auditorium

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In commemoration of the tragic events of Sept. 11, Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen will host a ceremony on its first anniversary. Incorporating all of the military branches and various contributions of Redstone community members the ceremony, titled "Americans! — United We Stand," will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11 in Bob Jones Auditorium.

Preliminaries will begin with a video presentation of the events of 9/11. A music video by country music artist Billy Ray Cyrus features pictures and commentary of last year's events. Special permission was obtained for its use.

Chaplain (Col.) Michael Chilen will deliver an invocation. Following the posting of the colors by the NCO Academy Color Guard and the pledge of allegiance by the Redstone Arsenal Scouts, SSgt. Marcella Teasly will sing the national anthem. Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and



Courtesy graphic from Sam Wright

TRAGIC DAY— These are scenes from the aftermath of the terrorist attacks last Sept. 11.

Redstone Arsenal, will then proceed with his remarks before a special presentation by the armed forces branches. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard representatives will take the stage

to remind us of our national history and its ongoing influence. Documents and symbols of the country, such as the Declaration of Independence, the American Flag, the Eagle, the Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address will be presented, placed upon pedestals and their continued significance explained by each branch.

A candle lighting by representatives of police, firefighters and emergency service personnel is planned to commemorate each crash site. To especially honor those directly impacted by Sept. 11, buglers and a gun salute are to be included, followed by an audience participation portion with singing of "God Bless America" led by Lola Spearman. An American Flag will then be folded by the Honor Guard, with the meaning of each fold narrated by the emcee.

Winslow Hill of the Legal Office and one of the organizers of the event says that the folding ceremony is truly something to behold.

"Most people don't know what each fold means. I didn't know until I got involved with this, but every detail of the 13 folds means something extraordinary," he said. The ritual will be presented in its original entirety to mark this occasion.

The closing of the ceremony will feature "Statue of Liberty," a compact disc compliments of its composer Will Clements of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity. Closing remarks and benediction by Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general, will precede continuation of the music while the audience exits. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

"We need to emphasize these things so that the future generation will keep them and not let them fall by the way," Hill said. The ceremony will be taped and rebroadcast on Channel 42, along with the taped version of the Pentagon's 9/11 ceremony, at various intervals throughout the day for those unable to attend or wishing to see it again.

Local community unites for patriotic family evening

Special event next Monday marks Sept. 11 anniversary

The city of Huntsville, Redstone Arsenal and the Arts Council will present a special event Monday at 6 p.m. in Big Spring Park. The community is invited to come together to commemorate the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America. This family evening, titled "Huntsville United," will include the following: music from the 389th Army Band and local vocalists; a salute to soldiers, police, firefighters, and emergency responders; a candlelight remembrance of the victims of the attacks; and a fireworks display. Huntsville United is free to the public.

Those attending are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and a picnic dinner. Concessions will also be available in the park. Audience members will receive a miniature American flag and a souvenir candle to participate in the event (as supplies last). This evening of entertainment and patriotism will be led by three of Huntsville's television news anchors, WAFF's Liz Hurley, WAAY's Erin Dacy and WHNT's Jerry Hayes.

Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, PEI Electronics, and Boeing are serving as corporate sponsors.

"I am so proud to offer the community this opportunity to come together," Mayor Loretta Spencer said. "And as always, Huntsville's wonderful corporate community has come forward to help us make this night unforgettable." Spencer also indicated she hoped to see everyone at the event in a Huntsville United T-shirt.



Huntsville United Sept. 9, 2002

UNITY LOGO— The theme for Monday's concert and tribute is "Huntsville United." Shirts featuring the "Huntsville United Sept. 9" logo are being sold by the Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County and can be purchased on post through Civilian Welfare Fund Council representatives for \$10 each.

Huntsville United T-shirts are available for purchase through the Volunteer Center in both adult and youth sizes. They will also be available at the Botanical Garden's concert with the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band on Saturday. Other sale locations will be announced in coming weeks. T-shirts can also be purchased by calling the Volunteer Center at 539-7797.

Shirts may be purchased on Redstone Arsenal through the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. The shirts (white with the

blue and red Huntsville United logo on front) are \$10 each and available in medium, large and extra-large, and can be purchased by check from any CWFC representative. For more information, call CWFC president Charles Urban at 955-

7662 or vice president Jerry Campbell at 876-8138. A list of CWFC representatives is also available at https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01_01/poc_062102.doc. The shirts will also be available in the Post Exchange area.

The featured entertainment for Huntsville United is the 389th Army Band from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The band represents the Army Materiel Command and is commonly called "AMC's Own." Gen. Paul Kern, AMC commander, is responsible for making the band's visit possible.

The 389th Army Band's history and tradition go back almost 60 years with ties and lineage traced back to the 13th Cavalry Regimental Band and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band. The band was activated at Fort Monmouth, N.J., in 1944. During World War II, the 389th Army Band helped sell more than \$1 million in war bonds, and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for its contribution to the war effort.

For more information concerning the Huntsville United tribute call Melissa Bullard, director of public communications for Huntsville, at 427-5000, or Shannon Magers of the Arts Council at 519-2787. For information concerning the 389th Army Band's performance call Kim Gillespie of the Aviation and Missile Command Public Affairs Office at 876-5302.

Chorus opens season with 9/11 commemoration

Discount tickets available for Team Redstone people

The Huntsville Community Chorus Association will open its 2002-03 season with a concert commemorating the tragedies of Sept. 11 and the heroic response to those events.

"Tribute and Triumph" will be presented Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall by a group of more than 100 singers. The chorus is under the direction of Billy Orton, in his first season with Huntsville's first performing arts group, now in its 57th season.

"There is a tremendous air of excitement about this concert, both in our rehearsals and in the community at large," Orton said. "I'm excited to be working with this talented group of vocalists, and we're all looking forward to presenting an outstanding performance in the Concert Hall in tribute to the victims of Sept. 11 and their families."

"In the second half of our concert, we

will celebrate the heroes who emerged from the events of that tragic day and the triumph of the American spirit that continues to sustain us," he added.

During the evening, Mayor Loretta Spencer will recognize representatives of four local organizations for whom the chorus is accepting donations. These are the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Huntsville Emergency Medical Systems Inc., Huntsville Fire and Rescue, and the Huntsville Police Department.

Tickets at \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens over 65 years of age are available at the HCCA office, 3312 Long Ave., in the Fantasy Arts Center, telephone 533-6606.

Redstone Arsenal civilian employees will receive a \$2 discount per ticket by presenting their identification at the office. A special discount is also offered to members of the military and their families by calling Janet Bentley at 726-1646.

For more information, call these numbers or visit the HCCA web site at www.thechorus.org.

Protestant congregation plans annual rally at chapel

Rally Day features music, picnic lunch

Members of the Protestant community are invited to rally at Bicentennial Chapel on Sunday.

The annual Protestant Rally Day will begin with the usual Sunday morning activities which include Sunday school at 9:30 and morning worship at 11. There will be T-shirts for those who volunteer to support chapel programs; and an informal contest to see who has dressed in the best

country and western attire.

"We're seeking people who would like to affiliate with the chapel and come out and serve the community through their commitment with the chapel here," Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Penney, the garrison chaplain, said.

After the worship service, an indoor picnic at the chapel will begin at 12:30 p.m. A box lunch and drinks will be provided.

"And then we'll have some special gospel music groups," Penney said. "One will be the Florida Boys, which is a fairly

well-known Southern gospel quartet group, and the Sweet Adelines."

This will be followed by a youth rally at 2 p.m. behind the chapel, featuring two bands playing contemporary music. The opening band consists of members of the chapel's Club Beyond, part of the Military Community Youth Ministries. The other band is a local youth group called Victory Seven.

"It's an opportunity to see what kids on the base are doing as far as being involved in Club Beyond," Mike Fishel, Club Beyond community director at the chapel,

said. The club here has about 20 members.

Rally Day, a free event, is organized by members of the Protestant Parish Council under president Bob Whiteford. GG Todd serves as the program coordinator. The Protestant congregation has about 210 members and is looking to grow, according to Penney, who arrived July 11.

"The purpose (of Rally Day) is like a homecoming thing where we're kind of welcoming people back from summer vacation," he said. "I think it'll be a nice fun day to come out."

Military retirees have their annual appreciation day

Learn about benefits, issues Saturday at Bob Jones Auditorium

Invitations have been sent to 39,600 military retirees throughout the local area and as far away as Memphis, Nashville, past Birmingham and around Anniston.

They're all invited along with their family members to Redstone Arsenal's 27th annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium.

"These are all retirees that we support in those areas," Cindy Anderson, retirement services officer, said. "This is an update on their retirement benefits."

The free event is co-sponsored by Retirement Services Office and the Redstone Arsenal Retiree Advisory Council. Lunch, for \$8 per person, is available in Sparkman Cafeteria. Lunch reservations are required and those interested can call Anderson at 876-2022.

Scheduled keynote speaker is retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Murray, president of the National Association for Uniformed Services. NAUS, based in Springfield, Va., is a non-profit organization whose main mission is educating congressional and other government leaders about protecting veterans' benefits and maintaining a strong national defense.

About 40 informational tables will be

set up outside the auditorium; and Fox Army Health Center will also have a room upstairs. A panel will include leaders from Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Fox Army Health Center, Military Personnel Office, Office of Staff Judge Advocate,

Morale Welfare and Recreation, Post Exchange, Commissary and Retirement Services Office.

"If they (the retirees) have any concerns, this is their time to ask those people," Anderson said.

■ Safety feature sends elevator to top floor as designed

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floor. He was still talking into the microphone when an elevator mechanic, who happened to be in the area, opened the door. During the incident, the small plastic covering from a light fixture had fallen and struck a glancing blow on the left side of his forehead.

He was uninjured but went to occupational health at the suggestion of his co-workers. X-rays were negative on his left side; he already had a broken right arm from a fall Aug. 17 at home.

"I've got barely a little carpet burn on my left elbow," Callaway, 58, said. "That's the only damage it did to me."

The elevator's safety features worked properly, according to Daphne Kirby, occupational health and safety manager for Chugach Management Services. "We think it was a malfunction of the brakes which caused the safety devices to go off," she said.

A counter weight goes down and forces an elevator to the top floor, the fourth level, after a malfunction. "The counter weighs more than the elevator itself," Kirby said. "That is basically the first safety feature and it worked."

Kirby, maintenance supervisor Dean Perkins and command safety specialist Keith D. Coates reviewed the incident with Edna Dye, Sparkman Complex manager. The elevator was checked and returned to service.

"We've got 90 people that are moving into that basement (in building 5308)," Dye said. "We've been bringing furniture in. I'm not saying that's what caused it, but I know we've had movers continuously using these elevators all day long. My personal feeling is some of those safety features may have been triggered by all the moves we've been doing."

There are three elevators in building 5308 and 20 total in the eight buildings of the Sparkman Complex. The elevators are 5-8 years old and are inspected monthly and annually by safety regulation. Elevator mechanics Donald Franks and Tommy Davis, with 40 years experience between them, maintain the Army's elevators throughout Redstone.

"The safeties work and this is just one safety (feature) in the line of four that would stop the elevator and shut it down, and it did shut it down," Perkins said. "Don't hold the doors open. These doors are so sensitive. We have micro-sensors on the doors and it will shut it down."

"I've got a tip," he added, smiling. "Never get on the elevator with the two guys that can fix it. Make one of them stay."

Gary Wright, facilities manager for Chugach Management Services, said in this incident the counter weight went down and the elevator went up just as it should have. "There is no free falling, the elevators don't fall," he said. "It wasn't like the counter weight did a free fall. It just doesn't happen anymore, not like in the movies."

Guardsmen hailed from throughout North Alabama

Members of C Company, 1/167th Mechanized Infantry, 4th Alabama National Guard are listed as follows. All are from Alabama unless otherwise noted.

- Capt. Daniel Pugh, Franklin, Tenn;
- 1st Lt. Jack Eagly, Huntsville; 1st Lt. Erik D. Sateren, Birmingham; 1st Lt. William L. Bridger, Jacksonville; 2nd Lt. Roger Moss, Huntsville;

- 1st Sgt. Robert L. Haigler, Hayneville; SFC Eugene Newberry, Ragland; SFC

Leo J. Deason, Trussville; SFC Harold C. Tankersly, Cullman; SFC Richard James, Hanceville;

- SSgt. Ricky D. Franklin, Empire; SSgt. Chris W. Johnson, Arab; SSgt. Ronald Key, Cullman; SSgt. John W. Black, Cullman; SSgt. Daniel Hocking, Haleyville; SSgt. James R. Enlow, Florence; SSgt. Shannon E. Cryer, Woodville; SSgt. Franklin R. Moore, Addison; SSgt. Bobby R. Griffin, Vinemont; SSgt.

Charles R. Duncan, Cullman; SSgt. Terry D. Wilson, Athens; SSgt. Thomas G. Odell, Decatur; SSgt. David E. Dover, Oneonta; SSgt. Timothy R. McKoy, Cullman; SSgt. Timothy W. Powell, Cullman; SSgt. Timothy Glover, Falkville;

- Sgt. Michael E. Woodard, Cullman; Sgt. Thomas F. Craft, Anniston; Sgt. James Greenhaw, Vinemont; Sgt. Scotty E. Skinner, Vinemont; Sgt. Frank L. Helms, Alabaster; Sgt. Armondo Soria, Pell City; Sgt. Scott Wells, Millbrook; Sgt. Ronald E. Larsen, Decatur; Sgt. Daniel P. Maddux, Cullman; Sgt. Patrick T. Richards, Cullman; Sgt. Chris Watwood, Guntersville; Sgt. Billy W. Abbot, Addison; Sgt. Joseph G. Pfaff, Huntsville; Sgt. Timothy D. Creel, Baileyton; Sgt. Gary D. Sartin, Hartselle; Sgt. Joel D. Mabry, Cullman; Sgt. Sherman D. Cook, Sylacauga; Sgt. Jason L. Foster, Cullman; Sgt. Sean P. Persall, Vinemont; Sgt. Millard Nail, Vinemont; Sgt. Jasper Faulk, Decatur; Sgt. Travis L. Nelson, Vinemont; Sgt. Thomas G. Barfoot, Hanceville; Sgt. Donald W. Roberts, New Market; Sgt. Thomas B. Allen, Birmingham; Sgt. William R. Kimbril, Hayden; Sgt. Keith E. Smith, Cullman; Sgt. Steven A. Rainey, Town Creek; Sgt. Calvin Williams, Talladega; Sgt. Keith Johnsen, Huntsville; Sgt. Mark A. Dickey, Cullman;

- Cpl. Benjamin P. Smith, Dadeville; Cpl. Preston R. Bell, Montevallo; Cpl. Eric J. Perry, Huntsville; Cpl. Andrew D.

Underwood, Cleveland; Cpl. Clarence Low, Blountsville; Cpl. Anthony R. McClure, Cullman; Cpl. Steven D. Campbell, Falkville; Cpl. Tad R. Cummings, Baileyton;

- Spec. Jeremy Ballenger, Empire; Spec. Octavious Porter, Talladega; Spec. Derrick A. Holcombe, Danville; Spec. Scottie Waldrep, Vinemont; Spec. James Caudle, Hanceville; Spec. Eric R. Drummond, Cullman; Spec. John Price, Fort Payne; Spec. Alandus Virdem, Talladega; Spec. Ezra M. Sosa, Cullman; Spec. Paul T. Hardin, Cullman; Spec. Brian K. Ford, Altoona; Spec. Lawrence E. Allen, Huntsville; Spec. Ivey E. Walker, Hanceville; Spec. Melvin Rogers, Talladega; Spec. Douglas F. Taylor, Huntsville; Spec. Daniel Hardy, Lacey's Spring; Spec. Brian Monk, Cullman; Spec. Patrick O. Sturdivant, Talladega; Spec. Christopher G. Waters, Trinity; Spec. Demetrius McKinney, Sylacauga; Spec. Michael Watts, Alpine; Spec. Lane G. Schroeder, Huntsville; Spec. Daniel K. McDill, Attalla; Spec. Terry D. Livingston, Cullman; Spec. Louie M. Manasco, Oakman; Spec. Marcus S. Whitlock, Moulton; Spec. Jason S. Shupery, Birmingham; Spec. Douglas Keefover, Talladega; Spec. Patrick R. Bryant, Dawson; Spec. Michael D. Burgett, Union Grove; Spec. Scott Blake, Hanceville; PFC Jackson N. Towery, Huntsville; and Pvt. Nathanael Barnett, Cullman

■ National Guardsmen going home after watching post

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takes him into slaughterhouses, chicken plants and meat processing facilities. He's also looking forward to getting back home on a full-time basis even though he's one of the lucky few who have been able to go home every night. This is his second active duty stint of more than five months in his 18-year National Guard career.

He describes the people in the Redstone community, especially those with the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, as "gracious."

"The mess hall has supported us better than I ever would have thought. They have worked odd hours to help us out."

He says guarding the gates is similar to just about any other situation one encounters.

"I've had some problems, but I've also

had people give me things," he said, such as cold drinks on hot summer days.

"Most are nice people. One tenth of one percent are not, that's the same no matter where you go or what you do," he said.

Pugh conceded that the Redstone assignment has been a demanding one for his infantry soldiers, but said they also feel fortunate.

"Our soldiers appreciate how well Redstone has treated us in the time we've been here. Redstone has done everything to make it as good a deployment as it could've been."

The public is invited to a farewell ceremony for the unit planned for Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Redstone Activity Field on Patton Road. If it rains the ceremony will be held in the Recreation Center adjacent to the field. Those who need a gate pass to enter post need to be prepared to show a current drivers license and proof of insurance.

Worker right on target for hunter education award

William Kerlin selected as instructor of year for 2002

By **SANDY RIEBELING**
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When it comes to hunting, William Kerlin believes in safety first. So much so that Kerlin has volunteered his nights and weekends teaching hunter education for the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries since 1989. More than 600 hunters have been certified through hunter safety courses he conducted.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation said thank you July 26. Kerlin was selected as the Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year at the 2002 Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards banquet in Montgomery.

"I was surprised when I found out I won," Kerlin said. "There's somewhere between 500 and 600 instructors statewide. I thought it was great that they nominated me but I didn't think I'd get it. But it was nice that they thought about me."

The nomination came from Sgt. Larry Allison, conservation enforcement officer with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, and Capt. Johnny Johnson, area supervisor with the same agency. Commonly referred to as state game wardens, the two have worked closely with Kerlin because

of his involvement in the hunter safety education program.

"I know it sounds a little corny but Bill has truly gone above and beyond as an instructor," Allison said. "He doesn't wait for us to set something up; he figures out a good time to teach the course, arranges for the facilities, gets the other instructors on board and then notifies us. He handles all the paperwork and that leaves us free to do law enforcement. He sacrifices a lot of his time for the program — family time — with no monetary reward. That's how you know he loves it."

Kerlin is a supply technician with the Directorate of Logistics, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, but for several years prior he worked at Outdoor Recreation. Kerlin still has ties to the activity through the hunter education courses he teaches at the Arsenal. His wife, Betty, works in the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

Since 1989 Kerlin has taught 26 ten-hour courses and several "hands-on" testing days since the course became available on CD. The traditional 10-hour course was usually broken into two sessions with very little hands on involvement.

With the CD course, hunters obtain a free copy of the education safety course on a disk and work through it at their own

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

SAFETY FIRST— William Kerlin, left, was selected as Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year by the Alabama Wildlife Federation. Kerlin, a supply technician at Directorate of Logistics, with fellow instructor Don Kell, contractor with the Close Combat Missile Systems Project Office, talk with student, Matthew Thomas, 18, during a hunter safety hands-on field day at Monte Sano State Park Aug. 24.

Bravo defends yard in postseason tournament opener

Bulldogs subdue MEDDAC with Reggie Williams' slam

By SKIP VAUGHN

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The Bulldogs muscled into the championship hunt — again.

Bravo Company, defending champion in post softball, beat MEDDAC 16-6 in its postseason tournament debut Aug. 28 at field 14. The Bulldogs entered as the second seed behind HHC 59th, who lost 10-4 to Delta in the night's first game.

The double-elimination tournament began Aug. 27 and is scheduled to conclude with next Tuesday's final at 6 p.m. at field 14.

"We know the task at hand, we know what we've got to do," Bravo left fielder Reggie Williams, who hit a grand slam, said. "There can only be one big dog in the yard."

The Bulldogs certainly looked the part against MEDDAC. Williams' slam in the top of the third gave Bravo a 13-0 lead; and pitcher Joseph Helminiak outdueled MEDDAC's Michael Copeland.

Bravo coach and left-center Henry Hayes went 2-for-2 with a three-run homer, double, three runs and two walks.

"Once again Bravo prevails, we're No. 1," Hayes said. "Just because we lost three (games) in the season doesn't mean we're gonna let somebody else come out here and take this tournament. There's only one set of Bulldogs on this post, and everybody knows who it is."

MEDDAC had beaten NCO Academy 19-9 the previous night but fell to the losers bracket. Johnny Davis, the medics' coach and shortstop, sounded determined after the loss to Bravo.

"We came out fired up ready to play good ball, and we didn't play the game we normally play," he said. "But we'll be back. We're gonna play to be in the championship. We're not getting down."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BIG DOG— Reggie Williams, flying out to center in the fourth, put the Bulldogs up 13-0 with his grand slam in the third. He went 1-for-3, walked and scored twice as Bravo beat MEDDAC 16-6.

Delta improved to 2-0 in the tournament and spoiled HHC 59th's debut. Leadoff hitter Robert "Rock" White went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer and a double for the Devastating Dragons. Kent Hamann added two hits and two RBIs for Delta; and Eloy Manchura hurled a five-hitter.

"It was a hard-fought game. It's important to get out on them early," Hamann, the shortstop, said. "We were able to get out on them early and play good defense. It's tournament time now and the second season has begun. Every game means a little bit more right now."

"We broke the 59th curse," Delta coach and right fielder John Kennedy said. "That's the first win we had against them this year. And it was a good win, especially with the tournament."

HHC 59th left-center Stephen Dix had two doubles but his team was outhit 10-5. Larry Taylor took the loss.

"We just didn't hit the ball," Dix said. "We played real good defense but just kept flying out, hitting the ball to people."

"We should've beaten Delta," Taylor said. "We just couldn't hit, we weren't hitting."

Delta looked strong for the second straight night after outslugging the 902nd 26-20 on Aug. 27. The Devastating Dragons had a six-run fifth against the 59th, highlighted by White's three-run dinger.

"The big thing is on average we won every inning," Kennedy said, "and that was key."

In other openers Aug. 27, Headquarters & Alpha beat Charlie 832nd 11-1 and the Marines upset Charlie 167th 15-4. In elimination games Aug. 28, the NCO Academy stopped Charlie 832nd 21-13 and Charlie 167th put out the 902nd 11-1 in four innings.

Skip's picks

Oklahoma predicted to roll past Bama's Crimson Tide

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Here are my predictions for selected games this week in major college football:

Alabama at Oklahoma — **Oklahoma**
Miami (Fla.) at Florida — **Miami**
New Mexico at Air Force — **Air Force**
Boise State at Arkansas — **Arkansas**
Western Carolina at Auburn — **Auburn**
Stanford at Boston College — **Boston College**
Hawaii at Brigham Young — **BYU**
San Diego State at Colorado — **Colorado**
Georgia Tech at Connecticut — **Ga. Tech**
Louisville at Duke — **Louisville**
Fresno State at Oregon — **Oregon**
Tulane at Houston — **Tulane**

Illinois at Southern Miss — **Southern Miss**
Indiana at Utah — **Utah**
Texas-El Paso at Kentucky — **Kentucky**
The Citadel at Louisiana State — **LSU**
Memphis at Ole Miss — **Ole Miss**
Rice at Michigan State — **Mich. State**
Middle Tenn. at Tennessee — **Tennessee**
N.C. State at Navy — **N.C. State**
Utah State at Nebraska — **Nebraska**
North Carolina at Syracuse — **North Carolina**
TCU at Northwestern — **TCU**
Purdue at Notre Dame — **Notre Dame**
Oregon State at Temple — **Oregon State**
Texas A&M at Pittsburgh — **Texas A&M**
South Carolina at Virginia — **South Carolina**
Texas Tech at Southern Methodist — **Tech**
Troy State at Ala.-Birmingham — **Troy State**
Colorado State at UCLA — **UCLA**
Furman at Vanderbilt — **Vanderbilt**
East Carolina at Wake Forest — **East Carolina**
West Virginia at Wisconsin — **Wisconsin**



■ Hunter safety instructor earns recognition

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pace. They must pass a 50-question test and send a printout of the test results to Kerlin before they can attend the hands-on portion of the course.

"The qualifying field day is hands on testing that allows us to interact with the students and find out what they really know. Because of the nature of hunting, they have to have the maturity to be able to handle the responsibility," Kerlin said.

Anyone 10 years old and older can take the course. Minors need parental permission. Many of Kerlin's students are young and that's just fine with him. He spent a lot of time working in the Boy Scouts and enjoys being around kids.

"I do encourage the parents to at least come to the test stations with their child," Kerlin said. "I really like for them to take the course together."

Test day is divided into several stations that cover black powder, weapons identification, gun cleaning and handling, gun safety and tree stand safety.

"There used to be lots of accidents with tree stands," Kerlin said. "Since we've been teaching tree stand safety, accidents have been reduced."

Kerlin is grateful for the help he gets from the other volunteer instructors who help with the classes, especially the hands-on testing. "They come out and do the real work. These are a great bunch of guys."

But it's not all about teaching. Kerlin also likes to be the one taking aim, especially for big game. He's hunted deer, elk, bear and wild pig.

He first became an instructor while in the Army, stationed in New Jersey.

"I couldn't get a hunting license unless I had one the previous year, even from another state, but I'd just come back from overseas. They were asking for volunteer

(hunter safety) instructors and I figured if I became an instructor, they'd have to give me a license to hunt."

Something about it "just stuck" and Kerlin has been instructing ever since, even while he was stationed in Germany.

He and his wife are instructors for the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program.

Kerlin was also honored by the Alabama Hunter Education Instructors Association for his selection as instructor of the year.

Educating the educators focus for upcoming forum

Forum helps schools, parents partner to benefit military children

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"Educating the Educator." The title of the upcoming meeting sounds more like a teacher's workshop than a vital tool for military parents with school age children. It is both, and then some.

The Educating the Educator Forum set for Sept. 17 at the Butler High School auditorium is designed to help the Huntsville city schools staff and administrators understand the special challenges military children face when changing schools. Equally important is for parents of transitioning students to see all the programs and resources the school system has in place to benefit their students.

"This isn't just for military families," Pam Berry, Youth Education Support Services director, said. "Lots of children transition into Huntsville schools. Their parents may be CEOs. It may be that a parent gets a new job or their job transfers. Military or civilian, children moving to a new school face very similar issues. Everyone is invited to attend the forum."

Berry planned two sessions, 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m., in an effort to accommodate the most parents. Guest



speakers include Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of Military Child Education Coalition, giving a presentation on the Army's Secondary Education Transition Study recently completed; Huntsville city schools administrators who will give a briefing on school programs and activities; and Laurie McCaulley, Alabama State PTA field service representative, who will stress the importance of understanding, cooperation and partnership between the school and the parents.

"We're hoping for a lot of teachers, staff and counselors from the schools to be there," Berry said, adding that it provides the opportunity to explain the Memorandum Of Agreement between the school system and the Army previously signed by superintendents of both Huntsville city schools and Madison County.

The MOA came out of the Secondary Education Transition Study, conducted by

the Military Child Education Coalition at the request of the Army. The MOA addresses at least 30 ways a school system will be more responsive to the needs of transitional students — things as simple as posting the school calendar on the school's web site as early as possible so that transferring families plan their move accordingly or allowing hand carried or temporary records to be used for placement. Posting local tryout time lines for extracurricular programs is also important for incoming students.

"Huntsville was already doing many of the things listed in the MOA," Berry said. "And they're really great about posting information to their web site."

The forum is also an opportunity for parents to learn about recommendations

to the study findings and what steps they can take to smooth the process.

Packets will be given to attendees which include information about the transition study, a parent's guidebook including an oversized academic planning chart with tips on how to guide students from middle school through high school and beyond, plus information from schools and the state PTA.

"The presentations won't be very long so we want people to have the information to take home and look at," Berry said. "They can investigate more deeply the issues that concern them. And if they have any questions, they can always call me."

For more information about the forum, call Berry at 955-6309 or e-mail pam.berry@redstone.army.mil.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

KEEPING KIDS ON TRACK— The upcoming Educating the Educators Forum Sept. 17 offers information to help school administrators and staff better meet the needs of transitional students and gives parents a practical guide to easing their children through a move. Pam Berry is director of Youth Education Support Services.



"The Red Cross was there for my baby."

Mark Spicer is grateful for the miracle drugs that kill the cancer in his four-year-old daughter, Gabrielle, and for the Red Cross blood that counteracts the drugs' harmful side effects. Gabbie must receive frequent blood and platelet transfusions just to stay alive.



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Precision Fires team wins project management award

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

In a truly classic double play, project manager Col. Craig Naudain and the Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office have received the fiscal 2001 Secretary of the Army Project Manager of the year award for excellence.

Naudain was cited for managing a \$9.1 billion budget over the Program Objective Memorandum, and a team of more than 15 military, 252 civilians, numerous contractors and six international personnel. He was also lauded for acquisition streamlining and innovation in the Multiple Launch Rocket System and High Mobility Artillery Rocket System projects.



This award reflects the dedication and commitment of the entire Precision Fires Rocket and Missile Systems Project Office team. The Precision Fires team works on numerous, complex programs to include three of the Army's 12 ACAT 1D programs and continues to exceed all program objectives.

In terms of the award to the project office, the award acknowledges precision fires for planning and directing programs through development, testing, production, fielding and divestiture. Additionally, the award recognizes how Precision Fires was formed by the combination of the former MLRS and ATACMS-Bat project offices.

"The merger was a significant challenge for us," Naudain said. "But through it all our team stayed focused on rapidly coming together in an organizationally efficient manner, while continuing to support our warfighter customers."



File photo

Col. CRAIG NAUDAIN



Adrian Baker/Morale Welfare & Recreation

Styx in concert

Members of the classic rock band Styx perform for a large crowd Aug. 24 at Redstone Activity Field. Kansas also performed in the concert which included a rain delay.

Fad diets full of promises but light in value

There's no quick fix to losing weight

By 1st Lt. CHERITA ECHOLS

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When trying to decide the best way to go about losing weight, one is bombarded with many different products that "guarantee" immediate weight loss. These products include a myriad of pills, powders and shakes, and most recently books.

Many of these same products have been marketed as "all natural" and totally "safe." But time has disproved this claim on more than one occasion. Those same products have caused major illnesses, and in some cases even death. Some of the other products are so expensive that by the time you purchase the recommended amount, there is little money left over to buy groceries.

The most recent addition to the weight-loss craze is that of diet books written by health-care providers and others claiming

to be experts on nutrition. These books promise weight loss (sometimes in astronomical amounts), in record time, by using the exclusion of a food group or the inclusion of one of their products.

All food groups, even fats, are necessary to maintain normal body functioning.

One such diet book claims that excluding breads, starches, and other concentrated sugars from the diet will facilitate the weight-loss process. Although this may work for some people, it is still not the cure-all for those trying to lose weight.

All food groups, even fats, are necessary to maintain normal body functioning. Carbohydrate sources (breads and starches) are needed by the body to produce fuel (energy). Without energy, the body feels worn down, and one may drag throughout

the whole day.

More importantly, if the body does not get the fuel from the carbohydrates, it will start producing energy from its reserve stores. Although you may think that this is a good thing, it is not. Body fat does actually have a purpose. It is necessary for insulation and the cushioning of some of the organs. As you can see, everything has its purpose.

One other such diet book is making the claim that certain foods can speed up your metabolism. The premise behind this is that the body usually burns about 100 calories during the digestive process alone. With this in mind, if one were to eat a food containing 200 calories, the body would utilize 100 calories in the process of digestion, leaving the body to store 100 calories (usually as fat) unless it is worked off through exercise. On the other hand if one were to eat a serving size of raw veggies that contain roughly 25 calories, there would be a net loss of 75 calories.

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? In theory, this method would possibly work. However, in order for it to work, one would have to resort to basically water-based foods (lettuce, soups, vegetables, etc). Once again, there are flaws to yet another self-proclaimed "miracle diet."

The key to long-term weight loss is diet and exercise, along with behavior modification.

Behavior modification is necessary to help one determine why one wants to lose weight, as well as how important it may be to that person to lose weight. Behavior modification gives insight into why a person overeats and when a person is more likely to overeat. It also lets one know that it is OK if one falls off the diet bandwag-

on and that, if it does happen, the world will not end.

Diet plays an enormous role. A diet that has less than 30 percent of the total calories from fat (with no more than 10 percent from saturated source) and 20 to 25 percent of calories from a protein source, as well as 45 to 50 percent of calories from carbohydrate sources, is an adequate "diet" for any person.

The total calorie intake would vary dependent upon current height and weight. Exercise facilitates the weight-loss process by burning up the calories that are taken in. Each person has a rate at which he or she burns calories for normal bodily functioning (i.e., eating, sleeping, digestion, etc.). This, combined with consistent exercise, is the key to weight-loss maintenance.

For example, a person who takes in about 3,000 calories daily, but only burns off 1,500 total calories a day (exercise included), would have an additional 1,500 calories left floating along in the body, and being turned into fat stores. Over time, these extra fat stores are manifested in the form of extra pounds (it only takes 3,500 calories to add/lose a pound on the body).

The bottom line is that there are no quick fixes, when it comes to losing and maintaining weight loss. No one pill, powder, shake or book has the answer. Anything done in moderation will not hurt the body; therefore the total exclusion of something from the diet has no added benefit. The magic pill is to eat foods in moderation, exercise as often as possible, and watch the pounds fly off.

Editor's note: 1st Lt. Cherita Echols works in the Nutrition Care Division at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Texas.



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Time to ponder

Fred Whitman, a logistics management specialist in Integrated Materiel Management Center, takes a break at one of the two new picnic tables near the pond in front of building 5308. Two picnic tables have also been placed in front of building 5300, near Burose Road, to give Sparkman Center workers a quiet place to rest or have lunch.

Sports & Recreation

Walkathon

"America's Walk for Diabetes" is Oct. 19 at the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. Walk teams are needed. For more information, call the Huntsville ADA 539-4404.

Pineapple open

The eighth annual Pineapple Open fundraising golf tournament, presented by the Officer and Civilian Women's Club, will be held Oct. 4 at 8:15 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course. The rain date is Oct. 11. Entry fee is \$60 for individual players, \$45 for RSA members and \$10 for lunch only. Signup deadline is Sept. 27. For more information, call Christine Hackett 313-7626.

Bowling leagues

Fall bowling leagues are forming at Redstone Lanes, building 3707 on Aerobee Road. Available leagues include Monday Mixed (6:30 p.m.), Tuesday Mixed (6 p.m.), Wednesday IMMC Mixed (5 p.m.), Wednesday Men's (7:30 p.m.), Thursday Ladies (9:15 a.m.), Thursday Mixed (5 p.m.), Thursday Boeing Mixed (7:30 p.m.), ROCC Ladies (9 a.m.), Friday Mixed (6:30 p.m.) and Saturday YABA (9 a.m.). For more information, call 876-6634. The Wednesday night (7:30) league has openings for a few more four-man

teams and will start its season after Labor Day, according to Ray Weinberg who can be reached at 885-0089.

Hunter safety orientation

The mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 in the Recreation Center, building 3711. All persons hunting on Redstone Arsenal, including guests, must complete the annual Hunter Safety Orientation and a state-approved hunter education course. This live orientation is suggested for all first time hunters and those who have not hunted on post in a few years. The course should be on computer soon at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

Dance clinic

Sparkman High's varsity dance team will sponsor a dance clinic for kindergarten through 12th grade Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the school's gym. Registration is 8:30-9:30 that morning. Cost is \$25 per child and \$15 for the second child in the same family. Awards will be given to all participants and concessions will be available. For more information and pre-registration, call 837-0331.

Archery club

The Archery Club will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center on Pat-

ton Road. The members plan to shoot at 6 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call club secretary Valerie Baty 533-0035. The Tennessee Valley Toms, National Wild Turkey Federation will hold the second annual Women-in-the-Outdoors Activity Day, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dr. Warren Strickland's farm in Owens Crossroads; call Cindie Wilson 776-3167.

Youth in-line hockey

Child and Youth Services In-Line Hockey registration is open to Redstone and Madison County youth ages 6-17. Registration will be held Sept. 10-24. Cost is \$50 plus \$25 USA hockey membership fee (plus \$15 CYS Central Registration fee if not already registered) for youth whose parents/guardian are military, retired military, DoD or DoA civilians, RSA contractor or NASA employees. For all others cost is \$100 plus \$25 USA hockey membership fee. Redstone-affiliated youth will sign up at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Call 876-3704 or 313-3699. All other youth will need to sign up at S&V Sports, 3190 Leeman Ferry Road., phone: 883-9917. A copy of a current sports physical must accompany hockey registration.

Conferences & Meetings

Training in communication

Rocket City International Training in Communication Club meets at 5:45 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Covenant Presbyterian Church, a half block east off Whitesburg Drive. Visitors are always welcome. Membership is open to both women and men. Dues are \$55 per member per year whether paid by corporate sponsorship or the individual. ITC is a non-profit organization. Membership dues are tax deductible. For more information, call Fay White 539-6953.

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.

Project management group

The Project Management Institute, North Alabama Chapter will meet Sept. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the International Diesel of Alabama, LLC facility located near the Huntsville International Airport. The program will provide an overview of the facility's operations and a brief plant tour. Open toe shoes and sandals are not permitted during the plant tour. Safety glasses will be provided. Brown bag your lunch or order a Heavenly Ham box lunch when making reservations with Randy Inskeep 774-6103 by close of business Sept. 10.

Marion alumni

Alumni and friends of Marion Military Institute are invited to a reception and meeting Sept. 10 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Research Park Holiday Inn, 5903 University Drive adjacent to Madison Square Mall. Retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley, president of MMI, is to provide an update. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call Fred Lee 971-7386 (work) or 880-3364 (home).

Communicators club

Toastmasters "Communicators Club" meets every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. on the third floor of building 5304 at the Sparkman Center. For information call Ron Legowik 876-5619 or Robert Ruff 313-6173.

Marine Corps league

The Marine Corps League, Brandon-Wilbourn Detachment will meet Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue. For more information, call Al Orillion 539-5058.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Sept. 19 from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at Redstone Golf Club. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

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Miscellaneous

Tuition assistance policy

Beginning Oct. 1, Department of Army will pay the full amount of tuition and fees for college or training courses provided by an approved institution when the cost does not exceed \$250 per semester hour. The \$250 ceiling includes lab fees, computer fees, and security facility fees where required. When an institution's charges exceed \$250 per semester hour, the Army will pay \$250 per semester hour, and the soldier is required to pay the remaining costs. The new policy increases the annual TA amount from \$3,500 to \$4,500 per fiscal year per soldier. The student is still responsible for maintaining a passing grade; and any failure, withdrawal or incomplete must be resolved before additional TA is provided. For more information, call the Education Center 876-9761.

Butler High reunion

The Butler High Class of 1972 is planning its 30-year reunion for Oct. 4-5 and seeks current information about former classmates. Former '72 classmates, other interested alumni and faculty, past and present, are invited to participate in this milestone event. For more information, call Sharon Wise Pendrey 880-1969 or Greg Welch 881-4001.

Oktoberfest vendors

Redstone Arsenal's annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 12-15, needs arts and crafts vendors. Please bring samples and items to display and sell at the Oktoberfest. Interested vendors should call Brandie DeRemer or Diane Campbell 313-1202 or 876-5492. You can also access the online application at the following web site: www.redstonemwr.com.

Army family team building

Ever wonder about military traditions and courtesies? Why a chain of command and chain of concern is important? What Army and community resources are available to you and, just what are your benefits and entitlements as an Army spouse, servicemember or civilian employee? If

so, plan to attend "White Gloves and Combat Boots," Sept. 17-19. This three-evening session is provided free of charge by the Army Family Team Building staff and will be held in building 3491 on Honest John Road from 6-9 p.m. each night. Space is limited. Call 876-5397 by Sept. 13 to enroll.

Officer and civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will have its Fall Membership and Activities Signup Coffee, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Officers and Civilians Club. Light refreshments will be served. All active duty and retired officers and their spouses, as well as all active and retired federal employees, grade GS-9 and above, and their spouses are invited. No reservations necessary. For more information, or if you would like to teach a class or activity, call 716-0107.

Chapel schedule

Bicentennial Chapel has Catholic mass Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; and the Catholic congregation's annual picnic is Sept. 8. Protestant service is 11 a.m. Sunday; and the Protestant congregation's annual Rally Day is Sept. 8. For more information, call the chapel 876-2409.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel announces CCD classes will resume Sept. 15 at 10:45 a.m. RCIA begins Sept. 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. The annual parish picnic is Sunday at noon at Vincent Park. Mass will not be held at the picnic site. Weekend mass is held 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Benefit concert

Trombonist Harry Watters Jr. and his brother, trumpeter Ken Watters, will lead the Watters Brothers Quintet, Sunday at 3 p.m. in a concert to benefit the Harry H. Watters Memorial Scholarship Fund for Excellence in Jazz at UAH. The concert will be held in the Chan Auditorium in the Administrative Science Building on the University of Alabama in Huntsville campus. The opening group will be the Huntsville Jazz Orchestra, an 18-piece big band led by Don Bowyer, director of jazz

studies at UAH. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students. Tickets are available at Shaver's Bookstore, AB Stephens Music and the UAH Music Department. For more information, call 824-6436.

School age services

Fall break and intersession camp registration for School Age Services and middle school/teen programs continues through is Sept. 20 at central enrollment registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. The annual fee is \$15 per person. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to registration. For more information, call Chris Carter 876-3704 or Pam Berry 955-6309.

Common access cards

The Military Personnel Office will begin issuing the Common Access Card on or about Sept. 23. The upgrade of the equipment will take place the week of Sept. 9. MILPO will continue to be open but there will be no ID Cards issued from Sept. 9-12. The operating hours for MILPO will continue to be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Infantry unit sendoff

Everyone is invited to a farewell ceremony honoring members of C Company, 1st/167th Infantry (Mechanized), 4th Alabama National Guard, Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Redstone Activity Field on Patton Road. The 167th soldiers have guard-

ed Redstone's gates since October. Rain location for the ceremony is the Recreation Center, building 3711 on Patton Road.

St. Barbara dinner

The Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association is sponsoring its annual St. Barbara Dinner Dance saluting the Air Defense Artillery branch Oct. 26 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Scheduled speaker is Lt. Gen. Dennis Gavin, commander of the Assessments Command and deputy commander for initial entry training for the Training and Doctrine Command. For more information, contact the chapter secretary at the following e-mail address: mhowell@colsa.com.

Soldier show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform two shows Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. The Soldier Show features Army personnel in a 90-minute singing and dancing extravaganza. The theme for this year's show is "Freedom." Morale, Welfare and Recreation will distribute tickets to military personnel. Redstone Arsenal employees will be able to get tickets through MWR at the Recreation Center, building 3711. The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will also

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Electing to help

Joe Winston, federal command voting assistance officer, standing, and Anthony Austin, a voting assistance officer, help at a voting information center Aug. 27 at the Post Exchange. The visiting soldiers are SSgt. Jose Cedeno, left, of Fort Carson, Colo., and SSgt. Gregory Stokes of Great Lakes Recruiting Battalion, Mich., both attending the NCO Academy. August was Army Voter Registration Month.

distribute tickets to the public. All tickets for public distribution should be available around mid-September. More details will follow. For general information, call MWR at 313-1202/1203.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, in building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 9-5. The walk-in consignment hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9-12:30. The shop has appointments Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30-3. Donations are accepted. The shop is now a collection site for New Futures; please bring your cell phones that are in working order (Audiovox, Ericsson, Kyocera 3035, Motorola and Nokia) and all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier, and laser jet cartridges. The shop will be open this Saturday for sales from 10-2. For more information, call 881-6992.

Abandoned vehicle

A white 1987 Acura Legend has been moved to the Provost Marshal Office impound lot, building 3453. Its vehicle identification number is JH4KA3255HC006336. The owner or anyone with knowledge of this vehicle should call SSgt. Mike, in the operations division, 876-4137 or 876-2222.

Huntsville United T-shirts

The Volunteer Center of Huntsville and Madison County is selling "Huntsville United Sept. 9" T-shirts for that day's patriotic tribute event at Big Spring Park. Shirts may be purchased on post through the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. The shirts (white with the blue and red "Huntsville United" logo on front) are \$10 each and available in medium, large and extra-large, and can be purchased by check from any CWFC representative. For more information, call CWFC president Charles Urban 955-7662 or vice president Jerry Campbell 876-8138. A list of CWFC representatives is also available at the following web site: https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/cwfc/01_01/poc_062102.doc. The shirts will also be available in the Post Exchange area.

Physics lecture

Nobel Laureate Douglas Osheroff from Stanford University will deliver the fifth Pucha Venkateswarlu Memorial Lecture, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. in Dawson Auditorium at Alabama A&M University. Osheroff was the co-recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize in Physics along with Drs. David M. Lee and Robert C. Richardson for the discovery of "Superfluidity in Helium3." The topic of his public lecture at A&M is, "The Excitement of Discovery in

Physics." The lecture will be followed by a public reception at 5 p.m. in the Clyde Foster Multi-purpose Room in the School of Business on the campus.

Officer development

Command a General Staff College classes will start in mid-October. Classes will be held Monday nights from mid-October through April. The course is open to promotable captains, majors and lieutenant colonels. Even those who have enrolled in the correspondence course may be eligible to switch to classroom instruction. Both Phase I and Phase III courses will be taught in the Huntsville area. Interested officers should call Lt. Col. Greg Komp 876-8825 or Lt. Col. Dave Smith 774-1048.

Choral tribute concert

Huntsville Community Chorus Association will open its 57th season Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall with a commemoration of Sept. 11, "Tribute and Triumph." The Huntsville Brass Band will perform as special guest. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 students and \$12 seniors. Groups of 10 or more tickets purchased at the same time with one payment and NASA employees (with badge) receive a 10 percent discount. For tickets or information, call the association office 533-6606.

Handicap identification

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office provided the following information about self-identification of handicap. The form needed to update the employee's identification is SF Form 256. Employees who wish to change their handicap status can do so by going to their personnel specialist and asking for form 256 or they may get the form from the Internet. After the employee makes the changes needed, he or she must return form 256 to the personnel specialist. The personnel specialist will do all the work from that point on. When new employees hire in, they sign this form. If an employee's status changes while he or she is employed by the government, it is the responsibility of the individual with a disability to make the changes of their handicap by updating their records. For more information, call Tom Wharton in the EEO office 876-3436.

Police officer jobs

The Space and Missile Defense Command is looking for police officers for its new location at Fort Greely, Alaska. The positions are federal service in the GS-0083 career field, grades 4 (potential) 7,

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and are open to all qualifying individuals. For more information about the vacancies, visit the Office of Personnel Management web site at www.opm.gov. The announcement number is CE-02-337. Individuals also may call (907) 353-7201 or write U.S. Army Pacific, APPE-CP-OC-ER (DEU), P.O. Box 5529, Fort Richardson, Alaska, 99505-5529.

Acquisition and logistics day

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics issued guidance regarding Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week for 2002. This year's focus is on acquisition and logistics excellence, sharing implementation successes and challenges, and determining how best to apply the successes to organizational missions. A general session is scheduled Sept. 18 from 9-11:30 a.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium with the theme, "AMCOM — Maintaining Acquisition and Logistics Excellence through Training, Teamwork, and Transformation Initiatives." Members of the AMCOM community are encouraged to participate. Government employees will receive 2.5 continuous learning points for their attendance. There is no pre-registration requirement, however, space is limited. Registration information will be provided via e-mail and invitations.

Parenting class

ChildWise, building 1413 on Nike Street, will hold a free class for parents of children ages newborn through 12 months from 11 a.m. until noon Sept. 11. Understand your baby's growth and development during the first year of life. Increase your parenting skills and confidence in caring for a young baby. For registration or more information, call 876-2798. Parent Participation Points are given with attendance. The "Helping Baby Grow" class is open to active duty and retired

military, DoD civilians, NASA, and DoD contractors.

Essay contest

The Kids Essay Contest, sponsored by Family Media, will accept essays on "Why I am proud to be an American" through Sept. 30. No purchase is necessary and the essay should be 100 words or less. Two winners will be selected from each participating DeCA region to receive a home computer system. This contest is open to students attending elementary, middle, or high school and are dependents of authorized U.S. military commissary/Exchange shoppers. All entries will be judged by a program sponsor and those decisions are final. Winners are responsible for all taxes. Entries can be submitted via the web at <http://www.familymedia.com.dmi/index.lasso>; or mail to Essay Contest, P.O. Box 399, Old Bethpage, N.Y., 11804. Call Pam Berry 955-6309 for more information.

Big Spring Jam weekend

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has Big Spring Jam Weekend Passes for sale at the corporate price of \$25. (The regular price at the gate is \$30.) The jam is Sept. 27-29. Contact your CWFC representative to purchase your discounted weekend pass. Make your check payable to Big Spring Jam. The council web site has the names of your council members. The discounted weekend passes will be on sale through Sept. 25. For more information on this year's jam entertainment, contact the web site at www.bigspringjam.org.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information and registration meeting on its master of business administration program Sept. 19 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.

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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

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| 02BK0108118ES2 | Secretary | 4-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DK-0318 | 2 | 2 | 24,802 - 35,941 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0113715SH1 | Police Officer | 4-Sep-02 | RASA | GS-0083 | 6 | 6 | 27,645 - 35,941 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0114825RW3 | Lead, Log Mgt Spec | 4-Sep-02 | IMMC | GS-0346 | 13 | 13 | 64,803 - 84,421 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0111164MS1 | Security Spec (Information) | 4-Sep-02 | SMDC | GG-0080 | 13 | 13 | 64,803 - 84,241 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0111312MS1 | Security Spec (Disclosure) | 4-Sep-02 | SMDC | GG-0080 | 12 | 12 | 54,495 - 70,841 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0093045RM2 | Procurement Analyst | 5-Sep-02 | AAESA | GS-1102 | 13 | 13 | 64,803,84,241 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0092626FMR2 | Lead General Engineer | 6-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 76,850 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0100094OD2 | Lead Computer Engineer | 6-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DB-0854 | 4 | 4 | 76,580 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0111170JW1 | Staff Action Contl Spec | 6-Sep-02 | LOGSA | GS-0301 | 9 | 9 | 37,579 - 48,849 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0112140SH1 | Physical Security Spec | 6-Sep-02 | RASA | GS-0080 | 7 | 7 | 30,721 - 39,940 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0089046MR2 | Lead Systems Acq Spec | 9-Sep-02 | PEO Air Missile | GS-0301 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0089151MR2 | Lead Financial Mgmt Spec | 9-Sep-02 | PEO Air Missile | GS-0301 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0113896OD2 | Budget Analyst | 9-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DE-0560 | 3 | 3 | 41,384 - 59,944 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0110799BR1 | Supv General Engineer | 9-Sep-02 | LOGSA | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0110597OD2 | Quality Assur Spec | 9-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DE-1910 | 3 | 3 | 41,384 - 70,841 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0107928VW1 | Electronics Engineer | 10-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0855 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0107938VW1 | General Engineer | 11-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0113365VW1 | General Engineer | 11-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0099550DR2 | Secretary (OA) | 12-Sep-02 | PEO Aviation | GS-0318 | 6 | 6 | 27,645 - 35,941 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0089040MR2 | Supv Congressional External Affairs Analyst | 16-Sep-02 | PEO Air Missile | GS-0301 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 88552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SCBK02094905 | Landscape Arch, Arch,Civil Engr,Envir Engr, Mech Engr,Elect Engr,Chem Engr, | 18-Sep-02 | CofE Huntsville | GS-0807-0808-0810-0819-0830-0850-0893 | 12 | 13 | 54,495 - 84,241 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0099804BM1 | General Engineer | 20-Sep-02 | PMITTS | GS-0801 | 4 | 4 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0102402BM1 | Equipment Specialist | 20-Sep-02 | PMITTS | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 54,495 - 70,841 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| SCBK02112795 | General Engineer | 20-Sep-02 | DSA | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0113183RM2 | Supervisory Aero Engr | 23-Sep-02 | AAESA | NH-0861 | 4 | 4 | 76,850 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK011694FM2 | Lead General Engineer | 23-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 76,850 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0099738MS1 | Supv General Engineer Supv Oper Research Analyst | 23-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0802-1515 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0115625RM2 | Supv General Engineer | 25-Sep-02 | PEO Aviation | NH-0801 | 4 | 4 | 76,850 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0107235VW1 | Supv General Engineer | 25-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0106422VW1 | Supv General Engineer | 25-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0107343VW1 | Supv Oper Research Analyst | 26-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-1515 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0113060VW1 | General Engineer | 26-Sep-02 | SMDC | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02BK0111863FM2 | Lead Electrical Engineer | 27-Sep-02 | AMRDEC | DB-0850 | 4 | 4 | 76,850 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| MD-02-2027 | Social Worker | 30-Dec-02 | MEDCOM | GS-0185 | 9-11 | 12 | 37,428 - 81,180 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| MD-02-2024 | Counseling Psychologist | 31-Dec-02 | MEDCOM | GS-0180 | 9-11 | 12 | 37,428 - 81,180 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| MD-02-1286 | Nurse (Various Occup Spec) | 31-Dec-02 | MEDCOM | GS-0610 | 9-10 | 11-12 | 37,428 - 78,366 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| MD-02-1325 | Medical Tech (Various Occup Spec) | 31-Dec-02 | MEDCOM | GS-0644 | 5-7-9 | 11-12 | 24,701 - 77309 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| MD-02-1303 | Medical Officer | 31-Dec-02 | MEDCOM | GS-0602 | 11-12-13 | 14-15 | 50,964 - 114,251 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| MD-02-1295 | Pharmacist | 31-Dec-02 | MEDCOM | GS-0660 | 9,11 | 12,13 | 37,428 - 85,184 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK060779JH3 | Equipment Specialist (Gen) | 27-Feb-03 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 54,275 - 70,555 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK06825JH3 | Equipment Specialist (Air) | 27-Feb-03 | IMMC | GS-1670 | 12 | 12 | 54,275 - 70,555 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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| X-AO-02-4064-HW | Safety Engineer | 4-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-0803 | 13 | 13 | 59,409 - 77,229 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-SP-02-3433-ST | General Engineer | 4-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 76,580 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-AO-02-4192-HW | Oper Research Analyst | 6-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-1515 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-AO-02-4089-HW | Supv Log Mgmt Spec | 9-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-0346 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-SP-02-4148-ST | Lead Computer Engineer | 13-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | DB-0854 | 4 | 4 | 76,580 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-SP-02-4154-ST | Lead General Engineer | 16-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | DB-0801 | 4 | 4 | 76,580 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0102402BM1 | Equipment Spec (Electr) | 20-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GG-1670 | 12 | 12 | 54,495 - 70,841 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 02BK0099804BM1 | General Engineer | 20-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580,99,552 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-AO-02-4217-HW | General Engineer | 23-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-0801 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-AO-02-4217-HW | Supv Oper Rese Analyst | 23-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-1515 | 15 | 15 | 90,078 - 117,105 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| X-AO-02-4215-HW | General Engineer | 27-Sep-02 | Office Sec of Army | GS-0801 | 14 | 14 | 76,580 - 99,552 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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- A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
- B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
- C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
- D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)
- E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
- F - All Federal Employees
- H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
- I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
- R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement)
- T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)
- V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).
- U - All U.S. citizens

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