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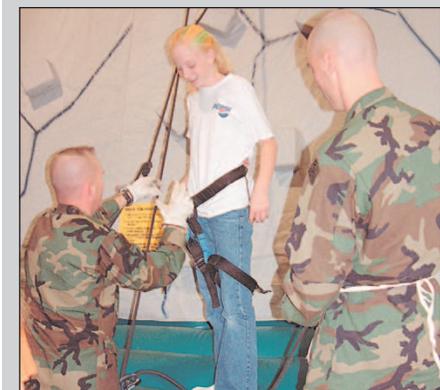
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## Countries hear helicopter sales pitch

Huey, Cobra retiring from Army inventory

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The hotel was like an international marketplace with the product of interest, an Army helicopter, displayed on the lawn.

It was the second Foreign Users Conference for the UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra helicopters. The Army is retiring both Vietnam-era aircraft from its inventory. Supportability for the helicopters will shift to U.S. industry under a contract to be awarded next year.

As part of the commercial services support contract, foreign customers were asked to join a fair share sustainment program. More than 300 people, including representatives from 25 foreign countries and 58 contractors, attended the foreign users conference sponsored by Security Assistance Management Directorate, Nov. 4-5 at the Marriott.

"The Army is retiring the Huey/Cobra helicopters and one of the options for the Army to divest themselves of these helicopters is to offer them for foreign military

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

**SHARING IDEAS**— From left are Korean Lt. Col. Seong Jong Kil, Lt. Col. Young Sul Seo and Dan Parker, manager of aviation systems management office at Security Assistance Management Directorate. Representatives from 25 countries attended the Foreign Users Conference for UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra helicopters.

## Auditor helps agency that helped him three decades ago



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**CHEERFUL GIVER**— Bill Richardson, an auditor, contributes annually to the Combined Federal Campaign. He and his family were helped 30 years ago by the Childrens Fund at Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital, a CFC agency.

Combined Federal Campaign extended through this Friday

By SKIP VAUGHN  
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Bill Richardson wanted to give back to the agency that helped his family 30 years ago. He finally found it in this year's Combined Federal Campaign brochure.

His youngest son, Travis, was born in 1972 and was about 6 months old when diagnosed to have open heart surgery. The Childrens Fund at Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital helped fund the surgery performed in 1974. Travis died at age 13.

"I was very surprised to see them listed in there," Richardson, an auditor in the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, said of the CFC brochure. "And I called up to Vanderbilt and asked if that fund helped families with children with major medical bills without medical coverage. And they said they did."

Richardson contributed \$2,010 to this year's CFC campaign, which has been extended to Friday. This included three contributions: \$150 and \$300 to the overall drive and \$1,560 in payroll deduction (\$60 per pay period) to the Vanderbilt childrens fund.

The annual charity campaign enabled Richardson and his wife, Betty, to help the agency that helped them.

"And that's why I think the CFC is an excellent program

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## Elementary school thanks soldiers

We would like to give a big thank you to the 10 soldiers from the NCO Academy who volunteered to work at our Harvest Festival Nov. 2. This festival is the primary fund-raiser for Owens Elementary School in Limestone County and without their help it would have suffered for lack of volunteers.

From the moment Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Class 600-ANCOC-002-03 decided to take on our festival as their community project, we sensed their excitement and enthusiasm.

SFC Robert Skinner kept in contact with us during the planning and offered additional assistance by providing a display of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and camouflage to paint the children's faces.

The soldiers arrived early to help with last minute set up and even made the sign for their own booth and stayed late to help us lug the carnival games and prizes back to the storage room.

No job was too big or small for these guys with their 'can-do' attitude. They assisted with the rock climb wall, painted faces, applied tattoos, worked the popcorn, nacho and cotton candy booth and ran the bingo game all night long, without break or complaint.

They were a big hit with the adults and children, occasionally marching a formation of kids down the hallway, providing some of the that "soldiering encouragement" to get to the top of the rock wall and giving selfless service with smiles and laughter.

We have always been proud of our soldiers and the sacrifices they continually make for our country. They once again went above and beyond the call, but this time it was at a carnival for kids. The money they helped raise will provide teacher requests for books, shelving, activity carpets, weekly readers, special project supplies and the list goes on and on. Our students will benefit from these educational tools for years to come. The money also goes toward reading awards and year-end honor roll medals and plaques.

For a job well done, we thank SFC Daniel Crockett, SFC Luis Hernandez, SSgt. Terry Hurley, SFC David Jordan, SFC Hector Jusino, SFC Richard Marsland, SFC Robert Skinner, SFC DeWayne Taylor, SSgt. Andrew Williams and their instructor, SFC James Jackson.

**Nancy Pierce**  
president, Owens PTO

## Community supports rehab program

I would like to clarify a point in the "Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation Annual Report to the Community." Sandra Dawn Vaughn did not lose legal custody of her children. She overcame many life obstacles and both of her children live with her today.

I thank the Redstone community for their support of the programs of the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation. It took a lot of courage for the recipients of the award to permit their stories to be told in such a public forum. I encourage

everyone to join me not in focusing on the problems in the past lives of the recipients but in celebrating their success.

**Tim M. Stickley**  
vice president/general manager  
Phoenix Service

*Editor's note: The annual report, published by the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation, appeared as an advertising insert in the Oct. 30 issue of Redstone Rocket.*

## Rocket rumblings: Veterans Day and you

What does Veterans Day mean to you? "To begin with, it's a day that's taken for granted by too many Americans!" replied **Patti Kurth** of Logistics Support Activity. "To me, it means that someone, somewhere has given their life over the years so I can have my freedom! I can speak freely, I can attend the church of my choice and even have Bible study where I work. Just the other day I sent an e-mail to a vet, thanking him for his job in the

war. Last year, I sent an e-card to a dear friend also thanking him for his service. It's time we all reach out and remember that Veterans Day is not just another Monday off work to plan our vacation time around! It's a day to remember our service men and women and a day to give thanks to those who have sacrificed so much for us!"

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## Incident steals Halloween cheer

This letter highlights the best and the worst of living in a military community. I'll begin with the worst. On Halloween evening at approximately 7:55, at the corner of Tripp and Simpson streets, my 11-year-old son and his friend were at the end of their very successful evening of "Trick or Treating." My wife, our younger sons and I were about a block behind our son when he was accosted by a teenage male dressed as a high school cheerleader, wearing a cheerleaders' skirt and a white haired wig. The teenager walked up to my son and said, "Hey kid, how are you doing? Give me your candy." He immediately grabbed my son's bag of candy and, being the coward that he was, ran away. A female in a group of 7 to 10 teenagers that this coward was a part of, told my son that she would go and get his candy back. Of course, she never returned.

Now the positive part. My wife saw a police car coming down the street and immediately reported the incident. The officer took the offense very seriously and immediately half a dozen personnel were looking for this teenager. After trying for a good 30 minutes with no success, they reported that they would keep looking. My wife then asked several groups of teenagers in the area if they knew anything. While none of them did, several of them offered, without reservation, their candy bags to our son. The parents that we talked to that evening

also offered not only their condolences, but to replace the candy as well. Even my 4-year-old sons wanted him to share their candy. I was heartened by the basic good nature of everyone we spoke with.

My position to my son was that this is one of life's unfortunate incidents and that in the future he should be wary of individuals, even those who are in a "safe" place like a military post. A sad commentary, but a life lesson nevertheless. However, I also pointed out to him how many people wanted to help and it helped ease the sting of this crime.

My only hope here is that some responsible parent will read this and address the issue to his or her son. I am not naive to believe that the responsible individual will have the intestinal fortitude to step up and take responsibility for his action; he seems to have a good career ahead of him as a common thief. However, perhaps his parents might and they will do the right thing. Should a pang of conscience cross anyone's mind that reads this and they would like to ease their burden, feel free to call me at 313-7382. I hope to be able to tell my son that while the act was cowardly, at least someone stepped up and took responsibility to set this incident right. Thank you.

**Lt. Col. David Norton**  
Missile and Space Intelligence Center

## Housing manager gives update

We are nearing the time that we will receive an additional 25 new quarters. After the quarters have been accepted, each one must be put in the computer with all the pertinent information about the unit, including any amenities. Keys have to be tagged and logged. It will take approximately two days for this to be accomplished. We will begin offering the quarters immediately after these tasks are completed.

During our Town Hall briefings, we presented what we believed to be good strategy in relocating our residents. Since the first units to come online were allocated for Senior Noncommissioned Officers, they were the first to be relocated. This process will continue when the next units are released. The 14 SNCO families residing in Area 6 (Hughes Drive area) and any SNCO left in Area 8 (Lance Drive area) will be our first prior-

ity. Initially we opted to relocate families according to their original eligibility date for housing. This plan does not work as well as we had hoped. When there is only one family left in a multiplex building, we have chosen to move that family, regardless to his or her eligibility date. This process permits the utilities to be turned off in the entire building. Receiving the additional funds to demolish Area 8 (Nike Street, Lance Drive, Hermes Road, etc.) has prompted us to relook the process of relocating families. It is imperative that we move as many residents as we can, as quickly as we can. You may notice that we concentrated our efforts on relocating occupants from Nike Street and Nike Court. This was done to give the demolition contractor a place to start without disrupting occupants with

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# Redstone community invited to holiday party



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FIRST IN LINE**—Shelley Feltmeyer looks on as Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, buys his two tickets from Sarah Brazzel for the Team Redstone Holiday Party. Brazzel is chairman of the event slated Dec. 6 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

*Dinner, dancing on tap Dec. 6*

By **JIM BOWNE**  
For the Rocket

The entire Redstone community is invited to join in the fun of the annual Holiday Party, Dec. 6 at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner and dancing. America's Party Pros will be spinning music during dinner and for dancing. There may also be some "special entertainment," according to Sarah Brazzel, the party chairman.

The host for this year's party is the Garrison. "Ticket sales have been going well since they were made available about a week ago," Brazzel said. "Tickets are \$25 per person. This price includes a great meal, the gratuity, and the entertainment. As in the past, group seating will

be available."

As an added convenience, each organization will have an assigned representative who will be handling the sale of party tickets. An e-mail will be sent out to the community naming those representatives.

The dinner entrée includes both chicken Eugene and charbroiled filet mignon. The menu also includes a tossed green salad, whole new potatoes, green beans almondine, crabapple on a leaf of kale, rolls and butter, and coffee and tea. Assorted fruit trifles will be served for dessert.

Traditionally, the centerpieces at each table have been given away during the evening. That will again be the case this year. However, something new has been added. "Every person attending the party will receive a take-away memento from the party," Brazzel said.

The attire for the party is dress blues for the military and cocktail attire for civilians. For more information, call Brazzel at 313-0546 or Shelley Feltmeyer 842-0044.

## Lodge open house means opening day for holiday shopping

*Variety of vendors bringing their wares*

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is host for the Rustic Lodge open house, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is free and there will be free food, refreshments and entertainment.

A Beanie Baby woodland animal will be given to the first 100 people to attend. There will be door prizes from local companies as well as from some of the vendors. You must be present to win the door prizes that will be

given away throughout the day. Ted Cannon and his Music Machine will provide DJ entertainment throughout the event. This is Cannon's third year of entertaining at the Rustic Lodge.

The theme for this year's CWFC event is, "A Shopper's Extravaganza." Christmas time is coming and shopping for gifts couldn't be easier. There are representatives with wares from Alabama Balloon Company, Angela's Bakery, Avon, Books Are Fun, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Gold Crown Candles, Home Interiors, Joelle Jewelry, LaPetite Trousseau, Little Barn Inc., Mary Kay Cosmetics,

Nikken, Pampered Chef, Poor Woman's Paradise, Princess House, Scrap-in-a Snap, Southern Living at Home, Two Feathers Gallery, Weekender's Fashions and the Sparkman Cafeteria. Additional companies and vendors are making arrangements to participate in this event.

There will be continuous shuttle bus service from the parking lot in front of building 5309 to the Rustic Lodge and return, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Handicap transportation is available upon advance request. Call Charles Urban at 955-7662 by Nov. 19 if you have special transportation needs.

## Redstone military units gain 21 during October

Twenty-one soldiers, including 13 enlisted members and eight officers, arrived for duty during October.

The Personnel and Training Directorate provided the following list:

- SSgt. Jeremy Conway of Delta Company, SSgt. Pamela Lindberg of Delta Company, SSgt. Manuel Vega of Headquarters & Alpha, SSgt. Dana McClanahan of Headquarters & Alpha, SFC Andre Orr of Delta Company, SSgt. Gregory Alexandrer of HHC 832nd, SSgt. Shusheen Alexander of Delta Company, PFC Richard Rivera Jr. of MEDDAC,

Spec. Jeffrey Vanasselt of Delta Company, PFC Michael Gola of Headquarters & Alpha, SFC Sonya Fultz of HHC 59th, SFC Thomas Sorrell of the Garrison, SFC Karen Amborski of AMCOM;

- 1st Lt. Stephen P. Smith of Bravo Company, Col. John B. Smith of AMCOM, Maj. Andris Ikstrums of Logistics Support Activity, Maj. Eric Kaempfer of AMCOM, Lt. Col. Steven Froniargar of AMCOM, Maj. Kathleen Herberger of MEDDAC, CWO 4 Garland Shaft of AMCOM and Maj. David Olson of LOGSA.

■ Veterans Day means time to give thanks

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"Twenty years of my youth was dedicated to the preservation of my freedom," answers **W.T. Purnell Jr.** of Integrated Materiel Management Center. "I am reminded of my father's words that as a black man, who served in the United States Army in World War II that he earned his right to be a free American; and I believe strongly that, after spending 20 years of my youth in the United States Army, that I earned the right to live free in America, and that I earned my right to be an American. Veterans Day is a day to be proud, a day to reflect, and to evaluate the price of freedom. It is a day to communi-

cate to all nations that we as Americans are indeed a united, great nation. It is a day when I express my personal gratitude to the many men and women who have helped to preserve our freedom, by giving up one of the most precious gifts (the gift of life). Veterans Day is a day to salute our fallen soldiers, heroes, and leaders that sacrifice life to keep America free. Veterans Day is a day to remind each of us, of Old Glory's sacrifices — both the victories, as well as the defeats. Veterans Day to me is a day to let freedom ring, and to shout out the message to all nations that "This we will continue to defend."

Send your response — in 50 words or less — to the *Redstone Rocket* at the following electronic-mail address: skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil; or via fax at 955-9138.

# American Education Week celebrated Nov. 17-23

## Kickoff luncheon set for Monday at hotel

Army educators are joining educators from across the country in celebrating American Education Week, Nov. 17-23.

This year's theme is "An Army of One, an Education For All."

The Education Center will hold a kickoff luncheon Nov. 18 at the Huntsville Hilton with scheduled speaker Dr. John Gibson, president of Alabama A&M University. The luncheon will involve educational leaders from throughout Huntsville and Madison County and will recognize soldier honorees from the year and quarter. Tickets can be purchased from any

member of the Education Center, building 3222, Snooper Road. For more information, call 876-9762 or 876-9761.

On Nov. 19, educators will provide selected readings to children at the Child Development Center. On Nov. 20 at 5:30 a.m., the Education Center will sponsor a West Point briefing at Heiser Hall for soldiers E-5 and below. Also on Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Education Center will have an open house for the Redstone community. Military personnel, family members, DoD civilians, contract personnel and retirees are invited. Refreshments will be served. West Point will sponsor a breakfast for officers and senior NCOs, starting at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club.

## Breakfast gives honor company food for thought

### Fort Bragg garrison chaplain shares inspirational message

By Spec. EVAN MORROW

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A prayer breakfast was held Oct. 31 at the Recreation Center for the new honor company for Sunday chapel services. Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion assumed the duty and was treated to some rousing and inspirational prayers and anecdotes from brigade chaplain Maj. Barry Pressley and Col. James Cooper, the garrison chaplain at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"The breakfast and the speaker are for morale building and motivational purposes," Spec. Fredron Blackmon, brigade chaplain's assistant, said.

It turned out that Cooper's presentation was both motivating and instructional. In 30 years of service as a chaplain, Cooper understands what it takes to help soldiers and trainees with their spiritual needs.

"Proverbs 18:24 says that there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. I call them meat and potatoes friends and I can say that I've had a few of them so far in my life," Cooper said.

In a challenging training environment, teamwork makes things easier for everyone involved. One of the major aspects



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**PROCLAMATION**— Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signs a proclamation for American Education Week, Nov. 17-23. Looking on are Sam Whitaker, education services specialist at the Education Center; Evon Hamilton, education technician; Joe Winston, chief of military personnel services and operations division in the Directorate of Personnel and Community Family Activities; and Darrell Brewer, deputy to the garrison commander.

involved in the transformation from a civilian to a soldier is the team ethos.

"I had a friend who either bought me lunch everyday in school or offered to share his lunch with me. That was somebody I could count on no matter what. The answer was always 'yes, I can help,'" Cooper said. "My wife Miriam has been another close friend who will always tell me things exact-

ly the way they are, and that honesty is an essential part of our relationship."

Cooper's main point was not to forget the spiritual resources available through prayer.

"Prayer is the ace in the hole. When it is used wisely to ask for things we need, not want, it is almost always answered. There is no gloom so dark that God can not light up with sunshine," he said.

# Emmet Starr preserved history of Cherokee nation

*Native American Indian heritage celebrated during November*

National Native American Indian Heritage Month will be celebrated with a program Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at Bob Jones Auditorium. The planning committee provided the following as the first in a series of articles about Native Americans.

The life and work of Cherokee historian Emmet Starr (1870-1930) epitomizes the slogan, "Revere the past; live for today; hope for the future." The eldest son of mixed-blood Cherokee parents, Starr was born in the Going Snake district of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, Dec. 12, 1870. Educated in the Cherokee public schools, Starr graduated from the Cherokee Male Seminary in 1888 and went on to earn a medical degree in 1891 from Barnes Medical College in St. Louis. Although he practiced medicine for five years, his greatest desire was to become "the Herodotus (father of history) of the Cherokees."

In 1896, Starr began to pursue his life-long but mostly unpaid career as the historian for the Cherokee Nation. Unlike white historians of that period who focused on the "progress" of Cherokee acculturation into the dominant white society, Starr emphasized the unique achievements of the Cherokees as a distinct group. He also criticized white interference, such as the efforts of the primarily Baptist missionary groups to change his people's traditional tribal life.

Starr's most outstanding contribution was his "History of the Cherokee Indians," published in 1922. His reverence for the past accomplishments of his tribe is apparent in the extensive oral interviews and exhaustive documents search he conducted, all of which were included in the final publication. Not only did Starr have access to original materials unavailable to white historians, but he compiled genealogical data on the Cherokee tribe that would later prove to be invaluable to individuals trying to trace their Native American roots.

Starr also "lived for today" during his own lifetime. As Renard Strickland pointed out in his biography of Starr in the Encyclopedia of North American Indians, "Students of Cherokee history know of the removal of the tribe from Georgia over the 'Trail of Tears,' but few realize that the influx of settlers following the Civil War was equally disastrous for the ultimate survival of the tribe." Even

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# Test your knowledge of Native American history

November is Native American Heritage Month. In celebration of this month the Native American Heritage committee has designed the accompanying cross-

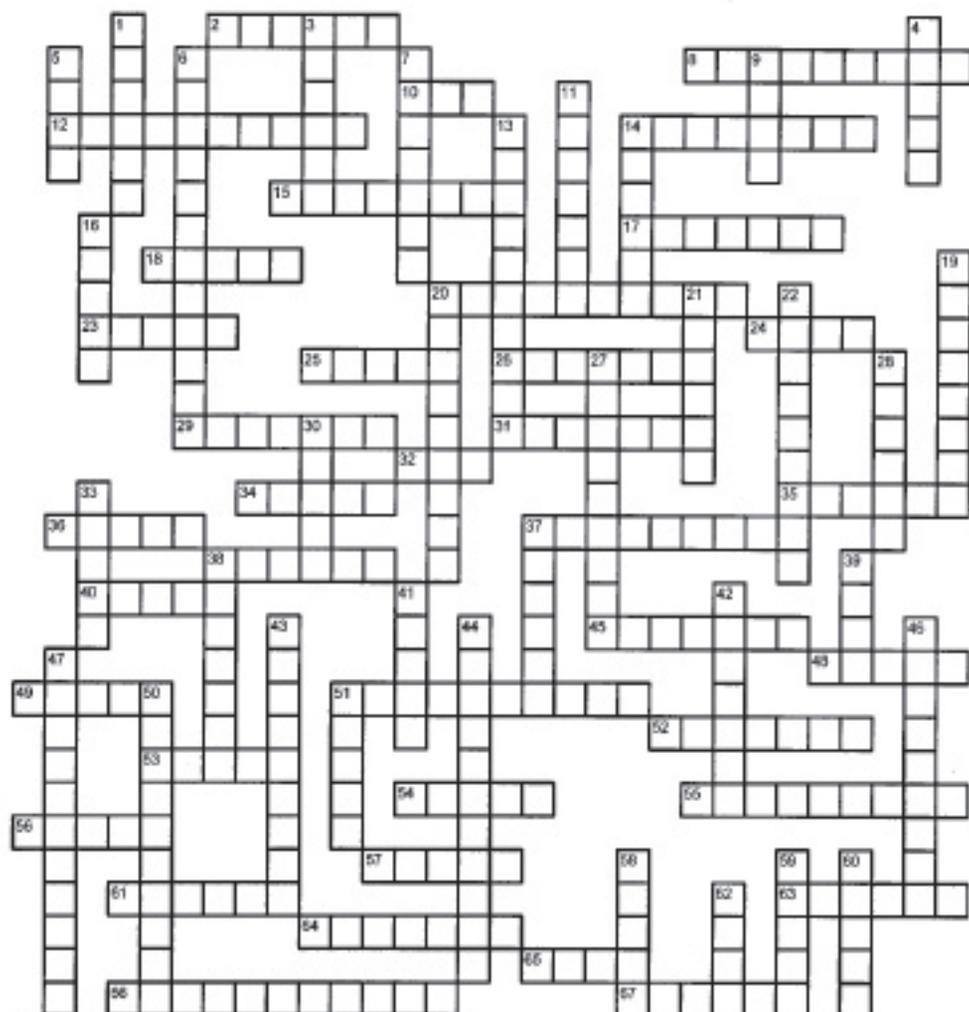
word puzzle.

Answers can be found on page 13 of this edition of the *Rocket*.

## WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

Across

- 2 Grand dance
- 8 Footwear
- 10 Rainbow or Bow
- 12 Writing
- 14 Native feast with gifts giving
- 15 Of the Americas
- 17 The act of marking
- 18 Buffalo
- 20 Fought Custer
- 23 Weapon point material
- 24 Decorative adornment or money
- 25 Meaning a body of persons
- 26 Wooden dolls with mask face
- 29 Good Omen
- 31 Clothing
- 32 Launcher of 30 down
- 34 Land transportation
- 35 Rider holder
- 36 The life blood of all mankind
- 37 Blue green stone
- 38 Early arched home
- 40 OK Indians
- 45 Inventor of Cherokee alphabet
- 48 Black Hills tribe
- 49 Animal skins
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- 52 Decoration
- 53 Chief of all birds
- 54 Part of a year
- 55 Summer mini attire
- 56 Emblem of a clan
- 57 Sun dried brick
- 61 Prairie wolf
- 63 Hunters of the west
- 64 Roamer of the plains
- 65 Flat elevated area
- 66 Holder of one's luck
- 67 Of the land

# Limit placed on visual information requests

*Mission essential support has priority for services*

By STEVE GOVER  
For the Rocket

A change in the way in which AMCOM units and activities request and receive visual information products and services has caught some unaware. Limited resources, tight budgets, and customer appetite for non-mission essential related products have forced visual information services to adopt a baseline level of support.

In a memorandum issued in July by AMCOM chief information officer Mike Ivey, units and activities were advised how to submit authorizations for VI services. The memorandum also explained how authorized customers were now responsible for any reimbursable support.

"We're here to provide our customers a baseline level of support to meet their mission essential needs," AMCOM visual information manager Randy Porter said. "What this means is authorized customers can expect to receive VI products and services in support of an activity's business needs, but support for things like facilities beautification projects, personalized picture framing, and photography services in support of an office's routine activities, are the customer's responsibility."

So, what does mission essential support mean?

Under baseline services, graphics, multimedia, photography, video, and other VI products and services are provided on a non-reimbursable basis in support of the Army's mission. Organizations requesting non-mission support for products and services or support exceeding the standard level must reimburse the Directorate of Information Management.

"We're operating under a baseline out of necessity," Porter said. "Not only out of necessity, but this is the way we're supposed to do business." Specific levels of visual information support may be found in Aviation and Missile Command Regulation 25-91.

However, the most important step in receiving VI support and services is to make sure that the authorization list for your organization is current. "In the past, customers filled out a DA form 1687 which was good for one year," Porter said. "This led to problems because of the hundreds of customers and expired authorizations we had on file. Now we do memorandums once a year in September. It is important to make sure your organization listing is up to date." Authorization memorandums should include the name of the individual being authorized, their phone number, office symbol and cost center. It is preferred that individuals at the directorate level or above sign the authorization memorandum for their employees in the event reimbursement is required for services.

Customers needing to update their

organizational listings should contact the Visual Information Office at 955-6079. Visual Information is a division in the DOIM, which is a directorate in the Garrison. The VI organization is establishing a

baseline level of support so its customers will be able to better understand what services are covered by the Garrison and what the customers would be expected to fund.



Courtesy photo

## Community helpers

Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and friends winterized homes for the elderly and homebound Nov. 1. From left are Theresa McBride, Debbie Willman, April Brooks, Kim Stenberg, Doyle McBride, Ron Grant, Karen Trevey and Bill Trevey. ASMC also had volunteers at the Special Olympics, Oct. 22 and the Walk for Diabetes, Oct. 19.

■ More than 30 countries use Huey, Cobra aircraft

## Helicopters

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sales," Dan Parker, manager of SAMD's aviation systems management office, said.

Lt. Col. Jeff Crabb, product manager for the Scout/Attack PM Office under the Program Executive Office for Aviation, manages both helicopters for the Army. Parker's office will assume responsibility when they become foreign military sales cases.

"The (commercial services support contract) will be awarded and managed out of SAMD for the foreign military customers," Parker said. "We're shooting for the June/July time frame of '03."

This will probably be a 10-year contract, including a five-year basic agreement with five one-year options, to be awarded to a prime contractor. That company is expected to have multiple partners or teaming arrangements and a substantial subcontract support base consisting of large and small businesses.

The Army retired the Cobra, an attack helicopter, last year. Approximately 300 Cobras are based at the Fort Drum, N.Y., consolidation point. Temple, Texas, is the consolidation point for the Huey utility helicopter which will be retired in 2004.

Most Hueys are still in service in the National Guard and they will number about 800 when they all get turned in.

"Some of these (Hueys and Cobras) are being given to the forestry department to fight forest fires, to state police departments for drug interdiction, and other uses like some of the state fish and game commissions," Parker said.

The Army decided to replace these helicopters with more modern aircraft such as Apache, Black Hawk and Comanche. More than 30 countries continue to use the Cobra and Huey.

"I think we have a great deal to offer the international community both in an economical point of view plus quality service," John Vile, assistant product manager for the Cobra helicopter in the Scout/Attack PM Office, said. "Other countries get what they need at a reduced price, and it's cost avoidance for us because we don't have to pay to have this stuff demilitarized."

South Korean representatives said their country would join the fair share sustainment program. "I think we're No. 1 country as a member," Korean Lt. Col. Seong Jong Kil said. "Absolutely we will join."

"Keep a warm and friendly relationship," added Lt. Col. Young Sul Seo.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FOR FUTURE SALE—** A Huey is displayed outside the Foreign Users Conference held last week in Huntsville. The Army is retiring Huey utility helicopters and Cobra attack helicopters, both Vietnam-era aircraft.

■ Annual charity campaign still trying to reach goal

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because I can use that vehicle to contribute back to that fund," he said. "And I also contribute to other agencies, too."

Richardson remembers the desperation he felt during Travis' medical crisis. He had just left the Navy in 1970 and did not have medical insurance. Within about a year before the heart surgery, the Richardsons obtained two medical insurance policies. The insurance paid \$8,000 of the \$10,000 surgery bill and Vanderbilt, then called the Crippled Childrens Fund, paid the other \$2,000.

"I had always wanted to go back and contribute to that agency, and CFC was the perfect vehicle," Richardson said.

The Little Rock, Ark., native considers Tullahoma, Tenn., his hometown. Richardson, 56, served in the Navy from 1968-70 and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Middle Tennessee State University in 1973. He became an auditor at Fox Army Hospital in 1978 and joined the IRAC office at the Missile Command

in 1980. The Richardsons have a son, Bill Jr., 34, and three grandchildren.

Now that he and his wife are debt-free, he plans to contribute about \$2,000 annually to CFC. "We're happy that we can contribute back to that agency, we found the agency that helped us out," Richardson said.

This year's goal is \$1.6 million for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, a charity fund-raising drive among 34 federal agencies. A silent auction ended last Friday as planned but the campaign was extended to this Friday, according to Gay Money, chairperson for the Local Federal Coordinating Committee. She said the campaign was hurt because local schools had a week break in October.

"We just had a slower turn-in this year because people took off (from work) with their kids," she said. "But we're hoping that we're going to make (the goal)."

The coordinating committee has representatives from the federal agencies in six North Alabama counties plus Lincoln County, Tenn. Last year's drive raised \$1,832,141 to surpass a \$1.55 million goal.

# New housing is home sweet home for post families

18 units finished, 100 more expected ready by spring

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Sitting on the sofa in her living room Carmen Ortiz relaxes, new carpet beneath her feet, vaulted ceilings above her head, sun beaming through the glass panel door leading to her front porch, and smiles. She loves her new house. Her only regret is that she can't stay forever.

"If the Army would let me buy this house I'd buy it and stay right here," Ortiz, wife of SFC Ramon Ortiz, senior drill sergeant with the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said. "Redstone has gone beyond the call of duty to make us comfortable."

The Ortiz family moved into one of the 18 newly constructed full brick, three bedroom, two bath homes with an attached garage and fenced backyard located on Hof Circle. These homes, about 1,500-1,600 square feet, are the first finished of the \$14 million housing construction project at Redstone that includes 118 new quarters and demolition of 256 units.

"The quality of homes on Hof is top-notch," Kevin Burleson, master planner with the Directorate of Public Works, said. "They are well-built, well-designed, offer a lot of amenities and are in a beautiful neighborhood."

Ortiz couldn't agree more. The new playground is practically in the backyard, where 10-year-old daughter Kassie likes to meet with her friends. And their son, R.J., 14, can walk to his meetings at Club Beyond, just down the street.

She called the new carpet in the bed-

rooms and living room a "luxury she has not felt" since the family owned their own home in Texas before moving to Redstone five years ago. "The garage is phenomenal. And the privacy fence — wow," she said, adding that it's great for the family but also for the two dogs, Skeeter and Baby. "I'm just so glad we got to live in such nice quarters before we left the Army."

Ortiz can laugh about it now but when the family got orders to move from Fort Hood to Redstone, Ortiz remembers crying all the way from Texas to the Alabama state line. Ortiz is a native Texan with much of her family living in the Brownsville area.

"He (SFC Ramon) told me I would love it here," Ortiz said. "He was here for his AIT (Advanced Individual Training) and then did his BNCO and ANCO (noncommissioned officer's training) here. He was right. Once I saw the tree line in Alabama, I wiped away the tears and fell in love. Now when we go back to visit family, I miss Alabama."

But it was a tough transition at first. The family owned their own home off post before coming to Redstone. Their quarters on Crowell Circle, behind the Bicentennial Chapel, were some of the oldest on post and in need of repair. There were problems with flooding, the heating and air conditioning unit, not enough hot water, old appliances and the ever-cold tile floors.

After a year here and with only four years until retirement, the family decided to make Huntsville their permanent home and began house hunting.

"We were out there looking for two years," said Ortiz, who served seven years in the Army and now works for the Office of Personnel Management in Huntsville. "We were constantly watching the Parade



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**ROOM TO MOVE—** The Ortiz family moved into the new senior enlisted quarters in July and say one of the best features is the large rooms, including the dining room where Kassie grabs an afternoon snack with her parents, Carmen and SFC Ramon, before her brother gets home from school.

of Homes, looking at homes, going to construction sites. Once we moved in here we stopped looking. We haven't gone to see one house since then.

"This place is wonderful," she said. "There are ceiling fans in every room. Two full baths both with double sinks which is really important for all of us to get up and out in the morning on time. There is storage everywhere. We have a dishwasher and garbage disposal. Everything is new. It's such an honor to be the

first person to use them. And I take special care (of the house) because I want the next family that moves in here to feel like we did when we walked in for the first time."

Kassie's favorite part isn't the freshly painted walls in her room or the spacious closet. No, for her it's something much more important.

"It's the air," she said. "It's so much cleaner here." The family experienced

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# Soldiers volunteer for fun and games at local school

*NCOs adopt fund-raiser as community project*

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What started out as a "neat idea" to have a couple soldiers from Redstone work at a local school carnival putting camouflage face paint on kids turned into a full blown volunteer mission.

"You saved us," Nancy Pierce, Owens Elementary PTO president, told the 10 soldiers from the NCO Academy. "I don't know what we would have done without you tonight. You guys did a fantastic job. I just don't know how to say thanks enough."

Each year Owens Elementary School in Limestone County holds a Harvest Festival in the fall. It's the school's primary fund-raiser for the year. Carnival games and activities are set up in classrooms throughout the school, along with a silent auction, bingo game and refreshment sales.

"We had a very good response from our community," Pierce said. "Donations from individuals and businesses came in, people showed up to the event but our problems was getting enough volunteers to work all the booths."

The initial request made to the NCO Academy was for a couple of soldiers to come out, talk to the kids, put a little camouflage paint on their faces and have a little fun. When the Academy's advance class, 600-ANCOC-002-03, heard about the request, they decided to adopt the festival as their community project.

"We thought it sounded like a great idea, something really worthwhile to do for the community," SFC Robert Skinner said. "And we love being around the kids. Most of us are away from our families so it was nice to be a part of that again."

Not only did the class of nine plus instructor SFC James Jackson volunteer to work, they came early to assist with last minute preparations, brought MREs, the prepackaged meals soldiers eat in the field, to show and give away and brought the paint to put on the kids' faces.

"They came in asking what they could do to help and we put them to work," Pierce said. "We were really lucky to have them here for the rock climbing wall."

It turned out that the inflatable rock climb, shaped like a pyramid, could accommodate climbers on four sides but the rental agency only sent one attendant with the equipment so only one side of the wall could be used, according to their policy. Faced with the unexpected limitation, Pierce talked with the attendant and he agreed, because of the soldiers' military training, to let them operate an additional side.

Other soldiers ran the bingo game, sold popcorn and cotton candy and put on tattoos and face paint.

"We checked on them several times,



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**PREGAME PREP**— Students from the Advance Course NCO Academy at Redstone (600-ANCOC-002-03) from left, SFC David Jordan, SFC Luis Hernandez and SFC DeWayne Taylor check to make sure all the numbers are there before starting the bingo game at the Harvest Festival at Owens Elementary School Nov. 2.

trying to get them to take a break and eat but they just kept on working," Pierce said. "It was nice that they did because we didn't have volunteers to replace them. We just would've had to shut those areas down for a while."

Several teachers commented on the importance of having the soldiers in the school, interacting with the students in such a relaxed environment.

"This is so good for the kids, especially with everything going on in the world right now," said Ann Robinson, second grade teacher. "They see soldiers on television but they don't make the connection that these are real people — moms and dads. Meeting them like this makes it real for the kids. It gives them a personal bond that they otherwise wouldn't have to a soldier."

It was a long but profitable night for the school. The money will be used to buy items teachers request for their classrooms, everything from furniture and rugs to books and supplies.

"We had a great time tonight," SSgt. Andrew Williams said. "It was a great chance for soldiers to come out and give a little back to the community."

"I'll be dreaming about numbers tonight," SFC Luis Hernandez joked.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**REACHING NEW HEIGHTS**— NCO Academy instructor SFC James Jackson, left, with SSgt. Andrew Williams, helps a student climb the rock wall during the Harvest Festival fund-raiser for Owens Elementary School.

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"We had a lot of fun with the (bingo) players. They really get into the game. Some of them even tried to bargain with us. But everybody had a good time."

By all accounts from parents, students and faculty, the soldiers were a huge hit. One parent even requested they come back for the school's Spring Fling in April.

"We won't be here then," SSgt. Terry Hurley said. This ANCOC class began Oct. 20 and graduates Dec. 6. "But there'll be another class. I bet they'd be willing to help."

Students in class 600-ANCOC-002-03 include SFC Daniel Crockett, Hernandez, Hurley, SFC David Jordan, SFC Hector Jusino, SFC Richard Marsland, Skinner, SFC DeWayne Taylor and Williams.



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**FACE PAINT**— SFC Hector Jusino from ANCOC applies camouflage paint at Owens Elementary Harvest Festival where he and his classmates volunteered for their community project.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**AT YOUR SERVICE**— SFC Daniel Crockett, left, and SFC Richard Marsland are ready for business at the popcorn, nacho and cotton candy booth. They are part of the ANCOC class that volunteered at a local school festival fund-raising event.

# Bravo Bulldogs win annual military stakes competition

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Bravo Company won four of the six events at the annual Milstakes competition Nov. 1.

The Bulldogs won the 3.8 mile ruck march, common task training, physical fitness test and obstacle course. HHC 59th took the marksmanship event; and Charlie Company won in drill and ceremony.

"It's a morale enhancer and it builds a good spirit of friendly competition among the troops. It's a day out of the classroom," Lt. Col. Craig Cotter, commander of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion, said.



Photo by Spec. Evan Morrow

**ALL CLEAR—** Grader SSgt. Mark Grooms watches Pvt. Cynthia Miranda remove her protective mask after reacting to a simulated gas attack during the common task training portion of the Milstakes competition.

■ Residents advised to be considerate of new housing

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equipment, trucks, muddy streets, etc. The Fire Department has also asked to do some training in some of these units. All the buildings in this area have been vacated.

We still have 51 families to be relocated out of Area 8. Seven of these families reside on Lance and LaCrosse Drives. Quarters have been programmed for them. The remaining 44 families will be offered quarters as they become available. In accordance with the regulation governing housing, we are permitted to go up or down one grade when making assignments to quarters. Any excess SNCO quarters may be assigned to servicemembers in grade E6; but, if quarters allocated for their rank are available, that is what they will be offered. There will be no choice in this matter. It is very important that we occupy our quarters according to allocation. Barring any catastrophes, we should have everyone moved and happy in the very near future.

On another note, I would like to address the way some of our occupants have chosen to treat their "homes." Yes, for as long as you reside in government quarters, it's your home. Please be advised that when you call maintenance

to fix things broken by you, your family member, or your pet, it is not considered wear and tear. You will be charged for these damages. The maintenance shop will call Housing before they fix anything they suspect may be negligence on your part. We have had carpets replaced because the occupants chose to iron on the floor and burn the carpet instead of using an ironing board. Juice and soft drinks have been spilled on the carpet and pets have had accidents. These little incidents are not immediately cleaned up, causing damage to the carpet. Mini blinds don't break or bend by themselves. Cleaning your stove, especially the drip pans, will prevent fires. A fire started in this way is considered negligence. Occupants are responsible for any negligence in their quarters. There are numerous incidents similar to this whereby the occupant is irritated because they are required to pay for damages. Please treat your quarters as you would your own personal property.

Please feel free to come by the Housing Office and talk with me. My door is always open. If you care to send e-mail, my address is [cynthia.ziegler@redstone.army.mil](mailto:cynthia.ziegler@redstone.army.mil). My number is 842-9193.

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■ Native American recorded history of Cherokee nation

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though the United States government had promised the Indian Territory to the transplanted eastern tribes in perpetuity, increasing white pressure for land ultimately resulted in the opening of the Oklahoma Territory in 1889-90 for the first of several land rushes. More than 50,000 white settlers claimed 2 million acres of supposedly "surplus" land. As part of the unsuccessful effort to create a separate Indian state, Starr served one term on the Cherokee National Council and was a delegate to the Sequoyah Convention, as the Indian Territory statehood meeting was known.

Although he, like many of his tribal contemporaries, was personally devastated by the dissolution of the Five Civilized Tribes and their incorporation into the Territory of Oklahoma in 1902, Starr continued to work to keep the Cherokee Nation alive, at least in the four books that he researched, wrote and published during his lifetime. The forced assimilation and end to tribal land holding imposed by the Indian Allotment (or Dawes) Act of 1887 adversely impacted all Native Americans, not just the Cherokees. Starr's historical accounts, however, helped to preserve the rich tribal traditions and achievements of his people in "hope for the future." The

waning sense of being a nation that plagued many Cherokees of Starr's generation was halted in 1934 with passage of the Indian Reorganization Act, which established a land base for tribal organization and the legal structure for self-government. It was reversed in 1948 with the calling of the Cherokee Convention that began the modern Cherokee Nation government. Today the Cherokee tribe, headed by a 15-member council, is the second largest in the United States after the Navaho.

Starr revered the history of his people, and helped to collect and preserve that distinguished past during a time when he and his contemporaries were cut off from their tribal heritage by the misguided and prejudiced policies of government officials determined to eradicate the separate identities of the "First Americans." Although he did not live to see the resurgence of the Cherokees as a separately governed nation, Starr's hope for and faith in the tribe's future was built on the links he forged to the tribe's past. Today, Starr's "History of the Cherokee Indians" is considered "a must have book for those researching their Cherokee roots." The "Cherokee Herodotus," who considered himself a failure when he died in 1930, would be proud to know that his record of the Cherokee tribe's historic greatness is itself an invaluable part of the Cherokees' proud heritage.

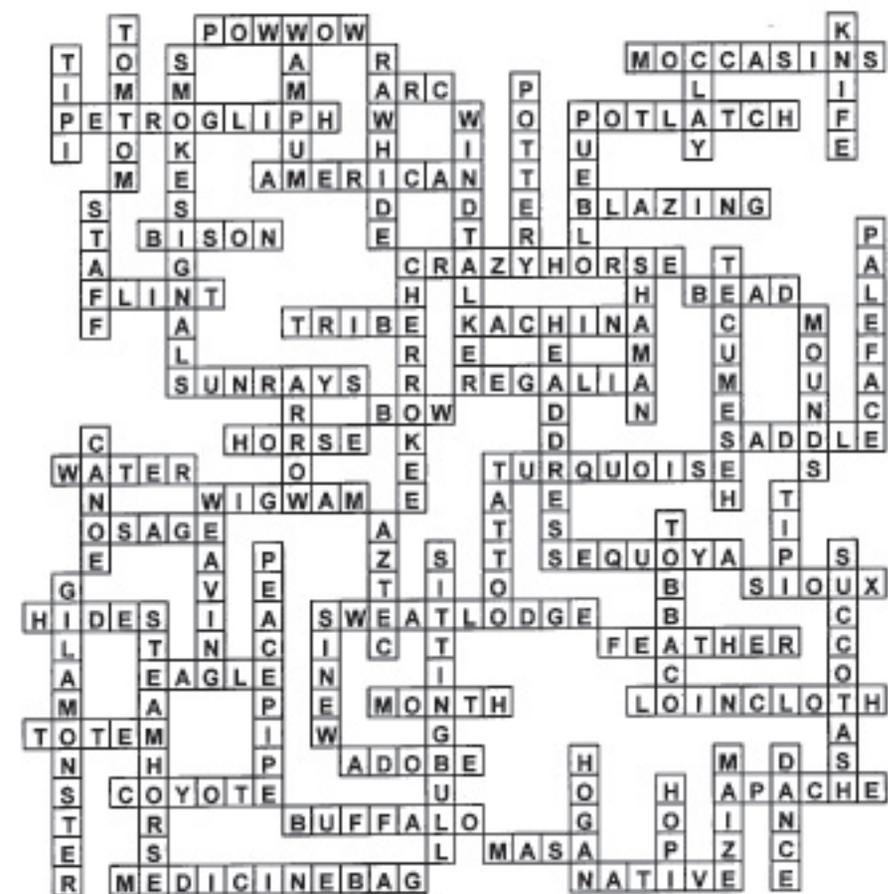


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## Gladiator arena

Susan Vincent, left, a ninth-grader at Covenant Christian Academy and a member of the school's robotics team, discusses the Gladiator, an unmanned ground vehicle, with the Software Engineering Directorate's Jana Wooten. Vincent and her fellow robotics team members recently placed third in the North Alabama Boosting Engineering Science and Technology competition. The team visited SED to learn about the robotics work done by Team Redstone.

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# Watts powers unbeaten HHC 59th flag football team

Wide receiver lights up  
Delta defense for 3 TDs

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Laevrmonde Watts of HHC 59th made all his catches count against Delta Company.

Watts had three receptions for 86 yards and three touchdowns as the 59th beat Delta 18-14 Thursday night in a battle of unbeaten flag football teams. The 59th improved to 8-0 while Delta fell to 6-1 on the Patton Road field.

"The defense didn't pick me up when I went past the secondary," said Watts, a wide receiver on offense and rusher on defense.

He attributes coaching to the 59th's run toward another championship. This is the final week of the regular season before the postseason tournament.

"We have good coaching and basically the same team from last year," Watts said. "So we know what to do and we're a bunch of veterans. And we're here to defend our championship."

Against Delta he scored on catches of 10, 31 and 45 yards. Quarterback/coach Jerry McIntyre connected on 14-of-22 passes for 225 yards, the three TDs and one interception.

The defending champs had some extra motivation in this game, according to McIntyre.

"Delta Company talked too much trash to CSM (Larry) Taylor, the brigade sergeant major," he said. "So we had to come out and basically silence the critics who



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**WINNING COMBINATION—** Laevrmonde Watts (4) caught three touchdown passes from Jerry McIntyre (7) as HHC 59th beat Delta 18-14 to stay unbeaten.

thought we were washed up. They talked too much noise.

"I've got to applaud (Delta's) Bruce Hollis and Cedric Tims. They played hard and kept their team in it. But overall our defense was a step ahead of theirs," McIntyre added. "The key with Watts catching three touchdowns was continuity. And we see the same things on the field. Let's get ready for the playoffs."

Delta quarterback Tims connected on 15-of-20 passes for 164 yards and an interception. He threw a 10-yard touchdown pass and two-point conversion to left end Johnie Walker. Tailback Keith Broughton scored on a 10-yard run for the Devastating Dragons.

"The offense wasn't clicking," Tims said. "We had the

defense out there a little too long. The defense held up, the offense just couldn't get started. HHC has got a good squad. We've got to meet them in the playoffs and come up with a good win."

Watts' 10-yard reception at 9:34 in the first half gave the 59th a 6-0 halftime lead. His 31-yarder with 14:56 left in the game made it 12-0. Broughton's run cut the deficit to 12-6 at 11:40. Watts' 45-yarder made the score 18-6 at 9:22. Walker's TD and conversion came at 4:24.

The 59th mounted a drive in the final two minutes but Delta made a defensive stand and took over on its own 4 with 36 seconds left. Tims passed to Broughton for 11 yards and to Walker for 30 and a first down. But the horn sounded after an incompletion and a sack at the 59th's 35. "Defense wins the game, offense brings the crowd," McIntyre said.

Defensive leaders for the 59th included cornerback Jeremy McGee, rusher Eddie Bryant and linebackers Stephen Dix and Michael McGilton. "They pulled some important flags tonight," McIntyre said.

HHC 59th (8-0) led MEDDAC (6-1) in the Eastern Conference entering this week's action. They were followed by Bravo-2 (4-3), Headquarters & Alpha (3-5) and the Marines (1-6).

Delta (6-1) was atop the Western Conference followed by NCO Academy (3-3), Charlie (2-4), Alpha 131st (2-5) and Bravo-1 (0-7).

Last week's results included:

- Nov. 4 – Bravo-2 def. NCO Academy 24-19, Delta won by forfeit over Bravo-1 and HHC 59th def. MEDDAC 28-0.

- Nov. 7 – HHC 59th def. Delta 18-14 and Headquarters & Alpha def. Alpha 131st 2-0.

## Skip's picks

*Crimson Tide favored  
on road against LSU*

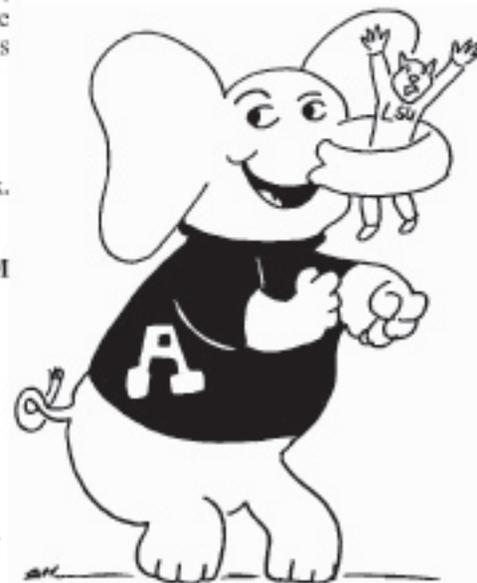
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Skip's picks went 23-9 in the 10th week of the college football season, bringing the season totals to 241-88. Here are my predictions for selected games this week:

Alabama at Louisiana State – **Bama**  
Georgia at Auburn – **Georgia**  
South Carolina at Florida – **Florida**  
Louisiana-Lafayette at Arkansas – **Ark.**  
Vanderbilt at Kentucky – **Kentucky**  
Tennessee at Miss. State – **Tennessee**  
Alcorn State at Alabama A&M – **A&M**  
Air Force at UNLV – **Air Force**  
Arizona at California – **California**  
Ariz. State at Southern Cal – **USC**  
Army at Tulane – **Tulane**  
Oklahoma at Baylor – **Okla.**  
Houston at Cincinnati – **Cincinnati**  
Maryland at Clemson – **Maryland**  
Iowa State at Colorado – **Colorado**  
Duke at Georgia Tech – **Ga. Tech**  
North Carolina at Florida State – **FSU**  
Ohio State at Illinois – **Ohio State**  
Syracuse at Boston College – **Boston College**  
Colo. State at San Diego State – **Colo. State**  
Oklahoma State at Kansas – **Okla. State**  
Louisville at Southern Miss – **Southern Miss**  
Oregon State at Stanford – **Oregon State**

Penn State at Indiana – **Penn State**  
Iowa at Minnesota – **Iowa**  
Nebraska at Kansas State – **Kan. State**  
Wisconsin at Michigan – **Michigan**  
Purdue at Michigan State – **Purdue**  
Missouri at Texas A&M – **Texas A&M**  
Connecticut at Navy – **Connecticut**  
N.C. State at Virginia – **N.C. State**  
Washington at Oregon – **Oregon**  
Temple at Rutgers – **Rutgers**  
Texas at Texas Tech – **Texas**  
Utah at Wyoming – **Utah**



# Air Force hockey team coming to Von Braun Center

Falcons face UAH  
in conference tilt

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Pucks will fly Friday and Saturday as the University of Alabama in Huntsville Chargers play host to the Air Force Academy Falcons at the Von Braun Center.

The teams will meet for the 16th year in a row since their first game in 1986. It promises to be a competitive match, with UAH hoping to repeat a win over the Falcons in the 2001 College Hockey America Tourney. The Falcons are hoping to swoop in and claim the victory for their own. UAH leads the match series 19-7-1. Air Force comes to this game 4-4 for the season and 1-1 in CHA conference standings, while the Chargers await their arrival at 0-6 coming off a tough loss to top ranked Minnesota.

The Chargers did not lose any starters from last year. They finished last season in fourth place. Led by Doug Ross, among the 25 most successful hockey coaches in the NCAA, they are eager to hit the ice.

"We've started out playing a tough season, but we're looking for-

ward to it," Antoine Bell of UAH's Athletics said. "Even before we entered the conference together we have been rivals with Air Force Academy."

This is the opening home weekend for the Chargers and their conference opener as well. "Even if we go into it with our overall record not impressive, we can still start the conference in a good position," Bell said.

The Falcons, too, are lacing their skates. Frank Serratore is at the helm in his sixth season with the team. His record of 81 wins in his first five seasons is a school high. The Falcons finished fifth last year, right behind UAH.

"Now it's a conference game," Troy Garnhart, sports information director at the academy, said. "It makes what has always been a good rivalry and makes it even better."

Indoor fireworks are planned for the opening night of the series. Other events are scheduled and will be announced as game time approaches. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or the VBC box office. Adult reserved seating is \$7.50, with general admission \$6. Student reserved and general admission tickets are \$6 and \$5 respectively.



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REMATCH SET— Once again the UAH Chargers and Air Force Falcons face off in Huntsville.



## Sports &amp; Recreation

**Basketball salute**

The Association of the U.S. Army will present "Salute to Military Night" with the Huntsville Flight vs. Asheville Altitude basketball game Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, call Lawrence 429-1008.

**Volleyball league**

The Redstone Volleyball League holds a clinic each Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m., with open play following, at Pagano Gym. For information call Felix Milar 313-1200, 876-2943 or 313-6091.

**Youth deer hunt**

A special shotgun deer hunt for ages 12-15 will be held Saturday at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132. All youth must show proof of having successfully completed a State Hunter Education Course and must be escorted by a non-hunting adult who has a current RSA Hunting Permit. Both youth and escort must attend a pre-briefing the day of the hunt at 4:30 a.m. and noon, allowing youth to hunt in the morning or the afternoon, or both. To register for the hunt and for more information, call 876-HUNT from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Bass fishing club**

An organizational meeting for 72 West Bassmasters will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Recreation Center on Patton Road. The entire Redstone community, military and civilian, is invited. For more information, call Drill Sgt. Reggie Williams 842-2885.



## Conferences &amp; Meetings

**Administrative professionals**

The International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold a seminar titled "Leadership: Who Me? (You've Got to be Kidding)," Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400 SELA Auditorium. The scheduled presenters are Brenda Kern and Kathy Leverett. For more information, call Dorothy May 842-8391 or Ellen Mahathey 876-4396.

**Sergeants major**

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Redstone Arsenal Golf Club 6:30-7:30 a.m. Nov. 21. The association is open to membership for all E-9s from all services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guards and Reserves. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

**Blacks in government**

Blacks in Government will meet Nov. 19 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sparkman cafeteria, building 5302. For more information, call Doris Toney 313-7339.

**Waiting spouses**

Waiting Spouses will hold its next outing Nov. 23. Waiting Spouses is a group of ladies who are geographically separated from their husbands. They get together at least once a month to participate in social activities. If your spouse is active duty, including recent activation, and away on an unaccompanied tour, attending training, etc., they'd love to have you join them. As always, child care is provided. For more information, call Kristi Foster or Tracy Silvia of Army Community Service 876-5397.

**Toastmasters**

Skills learned in Toastmasters meetings make for more efficient and shorter meetings. NASA Lunar Nooners Toastmasters meets every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at building 4610, room 1023. For more information call Caroline Wang 544-3887 or Dallas Wood Higgins 464-7887.

**Airborne association**

The Vulcan Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. Membership is open to anyone who is airborne qualified, as well as anyone who has served in a unit assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. For more information, call Barry Simpson 533-3000 or Dennis Camp 883-7488.

**Parents council**

The Parent Advisory Council will meet at 11 a.m. Nov. 26 at the Childwise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services and School Age Services are encouraged to attend.

Gena Wade-Jones, Redstone nutritionist, is to talk about the USDA food guidelines and menu development at the CDC.

**Florida A&M alumni**

Florida A&M University alumni and friends are invited to an interest meeting to establish a local chapter of the FAMU Alumni Association. For more information, call Robert McCoy 858-0830 or Wendell Johnson 427-7043.



## Miscellaneous

**Nashville bus trip**

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council will be sponsoring a bus trip Dec. 7 to Nashville for the New York City Rockette's Christmas Show and the Ice Sculpture Show. The bus will depart at 9:30 that morning from the Kroger parking lot on Drake Avenue and will return at approximately 10 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$70 per person, which is non-refundable. The Ice Sculpture Show is at 2 p.m. with the NYC Rockette's show at 3:30. There will be time to shop at Oprymills. There will be morning juice and muffins available on the bus. Seats are limited so make your reservations early. For reservations call Randy Bigler 955-0505.

**Catholic pilgrimage**

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel is planning a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Lourdes, France for the annual International Military Pilgrimage. The patrons will be in France May 14-23. Many sightseeing trips are included in this pilgrimage, to include a day trip to Utah and Omaha Beaches, visit to the American Cemetery, and two days in Paris. The price of this pilgrimage is approximately \$1,677 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Huntsville and \$1,560 per person based on double occupancy leaving from Atlanta. Cost includes roundtrip coach air fare, transfers, tours, two meals per day, 4-star hotels and taxes. For more information, call Donna Ragucci 461-9415.

**Native American month**

National Native-American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated in November. The theme for this year is "Honoring Life, Honoring Elders, Honoring Heritage." The Native-American Indian Heritage Month program is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium.

**Garden plots**

Attention soldiers, retirees, and DoD civilians possessing a garden plot on Redstone Arsenal: Please be advised that on Nov. 25, Grounds Maintenance will prepare the garden for the upcoming planting

season in 2003. Plant stands, fences, hoses, sprinklers, etc., must be removed by that date, or grounds maintenance will remove the items and place them in storage for approximately 30 days. Any item not claimed within 30 days will be forfeited. Questions regarding next year's planting season/plot assignment may be addressed by calling SFC Ron Pate 876-1445.

**Internal auditors**

For a limited time, the Institute of Internal Auditors is offering non-members the opportunity to join for \$85 and no application fee, a savings of \$50. You will receive all the benefits and services of IIA and opportunities for local chapter participation. This is a one-time offer being extended to you through the North Alabama Chapter of IIA and must be acted on by Friday. This offer is available to persons who have not held an IIA membership in the past year. For more information, call Virginia Moore 955-6262 (extension 165).

**Reserve detachment**

An Army Reserve Detachment on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty people or possibly transfers from other reserve/National Guard units with MOS 74B (information systems operators) and MOS 75B/H (unit administration). For 74B MOS, it will consider reclassification action to MOS 74B if you can document with resume civilian acquired skills, education/experience, in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance required. Must possess the personal qualifications to pass the background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance in the near future. If you have MOS 74C or 74F, it is now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For MOS 75B/H, you must be MOS-Q, prior service or transfer from another unit. For more information, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

**Apprentice program**

The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program is held each summer to give academically talented high school and college students research experience with mentors at the Aviation and Missile Command. Applications are available from high school senior counselors or college placement services; and the deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call Betty Duke of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center 313-4790.

**Hardback books needed**

This is just a reminder that the Combined Federal Campaign office is still collecting for this project and will continue to do

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so until Friday. As a community service project, the CFC office is collecting new or gently used hardback children's books suitable for kindergarten through ninth grade for the library of the Greater Huntsville Boys and Girls Club and the Seminole Center. If you have books you would like to donate, you may turn them in to your organization's CFC key workers or drop them by the CFC office in building 3708, corner of Patton and Aerobee. For more information call Phyllis Henley 842-1037 or Gay Money 876-9143.

## Winter break registration

Registration for both Redstone's School Age Services (grades K-5) and Youth Services (grades 6-12) Winter Break camps will be held Nov. 18-Dec. 20 at Challenger Activity Center, building 1500, Weeden Mountain Road. Cost is based on total family gross income plus a \$15 Child and Youth Services Central Registration fee. Open to youth whose parents/guardian are military, retired military, DoD or DoA civilians, RSA contractors, or NASA employees. A copy of a current immunization record must accompany registration. To sign up or get details, call 876-3704 or 955-6309.

## Angel tree program

The annual Redstone Arsenal Angel Tree will be set up in the foyer of the Post Exchange at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Angels and stars will be placed on the tree with a child's age, clothing sizes, or wish list for Christmas. All gifts should be wrapped with the angel or star attached to the outside. Please return your angel's presents to the Post Exchange or Youth Center, building 3148, on Goss Road by Dec. 14 after 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 876-5437.

## New Year's Eve gala

The Officers and Civilians Club is having another blow-out New Year's Eve party Dec. 31. We're starting with a buffet dinner served 7-9 p.m. and live music by "The Usual Suspects." Ticket price is \$35 per person and includes dinner, entertainment, continental breakfast from midnight to 1 a.m., party favors, and champagne for toasting. We're also offering an all-inclusive on-post lodging package. You do the celebrating, we do the driving. Includes lodging on Redstone Arsenal in cottages or deluxe hotel rooms, transportation to and from the New Year's Eve gala, dinner and dance. Sixty-six deluxe rooms - \$115.50 per couple and five cottages - \$127.50 per couple. For tickets, call 830-CLUB or call Redstone lodging 837-4130/876-5713 for the New Year's Eve gala package. This event is open to the entire Redstone community. The Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, will open for its New Year's Party at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. The \$15 ticket price includes DJ/karaoke, hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne. Call 837-0750/0751 for details. The Firehouse Pub, on Hankins Road, will also open for its New Year's Party at 6 p.m. Dec. 31. The \$10 ticket price includes DJ/karaoke, Tommy McPerson, hors d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne. Call 830-2582 or 842-0748 for details.

## Computer classes

LearnKey Self-Paced Computer classes on CD-ROM are offered at Army Community Service, building 3338, Redeye Road. With digital video, you get the advantage of interactivity and the flavor of a live presentation from nationally recognized experts. Classes are available for Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access and Publisher. All classes are free of charge. To register call 876-0446.

## Job search workshops

The following Job Search Workshops will be held at Army Community Service, building 3338, Redeye Road: Self-Assessment, Thursday at 10 a.m.; Career Exploration, Thursday at 11 a.m.; and Resume Writing Tips, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. To register call 876-0446.

## Holiday party

Make plans now to attend the 2002 IMMC Holiday Party, Dec. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This year's theme is "Home for the Holidays." Tickets are \$12 before Nov. 27, \$13 afterward. For tickets call Romona Rice 313-1641, Cindy Yassi 313-1328, Lisa Pipes 842-6276, Janice Perry 842-6336 or Lynn Dimock 313-0569.

## Army family team building

Army Family Team Building will offer "Guns & Roses," AFTB Level I training, Nov. 19-21. The classes meet 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Level I covers the following topics: Military Customs & Courtesies, Benefits, Entitlements & Compensation, Chain of Command/Chain of Concern, Family & Military Expectations, Military & Civilian Resources, Impact of the Mission on Family Life, Army Family Action Plan, Basic Problem Solving, Operation READY, and Supporting Your Child's Education. Call 876-5397 to enroll.

## Arts and craft fair

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will hold an Arts and Craft Fair and Silent Auction to raise funds in support of Habitat for Humanity, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church at 12901 Bailey Cove Road (corner of Bailey Cove and Mountain Gap Road).

## Preschool parenting

A free class for parents with children ages 1-4 years will be offered Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon and repeated Nov. 21 from 6-8 p.m. at the ChildWise Neighborhood Center, building 1413 on Nike Street (off Spartan going west from Vincent Road). This class is open to active duty and retired military, DoD/Army civilians, NASA and Redstone contractors. To register or for more information, call 876-2798.

## Rustic lodge

The Rustic Lodge will have an open house Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The entire Redstone community is invited to come shop the holiday tables. For more information, call 955-6739.

## Benefit art auction

The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies and Regency Fine Art of Atlanta

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