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Town Hall identifies changes

Gate access, operating hours, delivery service among topics

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Beginning April 26, identification badges recognized for entry through Redstone gates will be reduced to five different categories of badges, down from the current 24 accepted badges.

"Right now there are way too many badges out there," Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, said at the Community Town Hall meeting April 13.

Fewer types of ID cards make it easier for guards to spot suspicious forms of ID. The approved categories include the Common Access Card, military IDs, Redstone Arsenal badges, Marshall Space Flight Center badges and DA form 5003 (civilian retiree ID).

Scofield talked about the relocation of the Provost Marshal Office from its current location in building 3453 to building 3623 on Gray Road near the badging office. The move should be finished within the next month. He also announced the extended hours of operation for the badging office. They are: Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office will be closed weekends and holidays.

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

K-9 COP— A demonstration of Redstone's Military Working Dog unit shows how Pitjo keeps a suspect (Officer Mike Thompson) from escaping. Officer Mike Nelson, not pictured, was calling commands to Pitjo during the demonstration at the Community Town Hall last week.

And then there were five Redstone badges

Access IDs reduced from 24 categories

By DAN O'BOYLE
For the Rocket

"Badges? We ain't got no badges. We don't need no badges. I don't have to show you any stinkin' badges!" — Alfonso Bedoya, as "Gold Hat," in *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, 1948.

Fifty-six years later — post 9/11 — this famed line from the Humphrey Bogart classic is null and void.

In fact, these days, badges are the sine qua non of life in 2004.

Here at Redstone Arsenal, beginning April 26, the use of badges takes on even more significance as only five badges will enable entry to the post:

- Common Access Card or CAC
- Military IDs, active duty, retired and dependent
- Redstone Arsenal badge or AMSAM-RA, Form 2341
- Marshall Space Flight Center badges
- Civilian retiree ID, locally-produced AMSAM-RA Form 5003.

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U.S. flag patch deadline approaches for 59th

Insignia serves as reminder united Army waging war

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Army chief of staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker on Feb. 11 approved the wear of the U.S. flag insignia by all Soldiers regardless of deployment status. Previously the flag insignia was only worn by Soldiers engaged in overseas operations.

"The flag is not really a badge, it is an identifier," Maj. Keith Barshinger, 59th Ordnance Brigade operations officer, said. "Just because I am here at a TRADOC installation doesn't mean that I am not a part of the (Army's) overall effort. It is a symbol and a reminder that we are at war at home and abroad."

Schoomaker set the deadline for wear of the flag for the entire Army at Oct. 1, 2005 and units are encouraged to have them in place by the Army's 229th birthday this June

14. The 59th Ordnance Brigade has tasked its Soldiers with having the reverse flag in place by May 15, a year and a half sooner than the Army deadline.

"Why would you wait until October of 2005 when the intent (of all Soldiers wearing the reverse flag) is to unify and when we are at war now," Barshinger said. "The 15th gives Soldiers enough time to get the flags, have them sewn on and it also puts priority on the chief of staff of the Army's intent."

Enlisted Soldiers are issued five flag insignia from their unit supply and can have the flags sewn on for free at Cheng's Alterations at the Post Exchange. Tina Cheng, owner of the alterations shop, said they are sewing on 50 to 60 flags a day. Soldiers can have one flag sewn on while they wait and the rest will be done in three to four days. The hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9-5 Saturday. Cheng suggested avoiding lunch time and the end of business day if possible to prevent longer waits.



Photo by Spc. Ryan McClymont

COMMON THREAD— Tina Cheng, owner of Cheng's Alterations at the PX, attaches one of 50 to 60 flag insignia sewn on daily. Soldiers can have one flag sewn on while they wait and it takes 3 to 4 days to finish the rest of the uniforms.

Letters to the Editor

Personnel system due overhaul

The Department of Defense's civilian work force is one of our country's most important national security assets. As we develop a process for designing and implementing the National Security Personnel System (NSPS), we want to ensure that all stakeholders in the new system—including civilian employees, managers and exclusive representatives—have an opportunity to provide their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

The task before us is to design a transformed system for the department's 700,000 civilian employees that supports our national security mission while treating workers fairly and protecting their rights. But the NSPS is a means to that end, not the end itself. Secretary Rumsfeld has directed the implementation of NSPS to be inclusive and comprehensive.

DoD teams are working closely with the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Government Accounting Office. These teams will develop a comprehensive design and implementation process that will be presented to the department's senior leadership in April. After internal approval, we will discuss the approach with Congress.

We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right. As we

work to refine the NSPS, the procedures and concepts will likely change over time. During this period of collaboration, you will have a variety of means by which to get information about NSPS. In the near future, please take time to do one or several of the following:

- Tune in to DoD's internal news outlets, including Defenselink.mil and DefendAmerica.mil, featuring articles by the Armed Forces Press Service.

- Watch the Pentagon Channel or your local military television programming for announcements of upcoming "town hall" meetings and other Q&A sessions with DoD officials involved in NSPS design and development.

- Visit the NSPS web site at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps to receive the most recent and up-to-date information. The web site also provides opportunity to offer comments and suggestions.

Be patient as the process is still being defined, but working together, we can make this a world-class team to support our world-class team of civilian employees at the Department of Defense. Thank you.

David S.C. Chu
under secretary of Defense
for personnel & readiness;

Gordon England
secretary of the Navy

Freebie washes cares away

I just want to publicly thank Dan Ahern and all of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation workers for their time and dedication to their jobs and for providing a free lunch and a free car wash (April 15). In a day and age when you rarely get something for free, Mr. Ahern and his MWR staff show what is truly good and great about the United States of America.

I was in a long line—but what else

is new in the military—and will have to wear my sunglasses to protect my eyes from all the shiny cars on the Arsenal. But hey, with all of our difficulties, problems and differences, isn't it great to be an American? Again, a great big thank you to Mr. Dan Ahern and all of his staff. This "thanks" is for you.

Leon D. Vaupel
Military Personnel Office

Quote of the week

'Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today.'

—James Dean

Let fountain waters flow

I am currently an employee at the Sparkman Center complex and have been so almost since its opening back in 1994-95. As stated in the article April 7 in the *Rocket* titled "Sparkman Center marks decade," it refers to the Sparkman complex as one of the Army's premier building wonders. I think this is understated as, this complex could stand alongside any of the great structures in any city in the world. We all should feel great pride knowing that we are fortunate enough to be able to work in the environment we do. We lack for nothing!

This then brings me to the point of this letter. Since my return from a tour of duty in The Netherlands December 2001, I have continually noted each day I drive into the parking areas of the Sparkman complex that the water fountain at the southwest pond has been dysfunctional. All but for a short maintenance period last year, this fountain has not been in operation for more than two years. It seems to me that if the fountain is going to remain inoperable,

then remove the unsightly fountain mechanism from the hillside which is visible to oncoming traffic.

I see absolutely no reason that this fountain should be inoperable. It certainly would add to the beauty of the pond if it were returned to its original purpose ASAP.

Philip H. Rowe
Logistics Support Activity

Editor's note: The Garrison provided the following response. "The purpose of the pond was to take the surface runoff from the Sparkman parking lot and retain it during heavy rains, releasing it at a slow rate to prevent flooding. The aerator was installed for aesthetics. Silt from the parking lot and aquatic weed have caused the pond to be too shallow for the aerator to operate. Due to environmental concerns, the aquatic plants cannot be controlled; therefore, the aerator has not been operational and the fountain/aerator mechanism will be removed from the pond area."

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

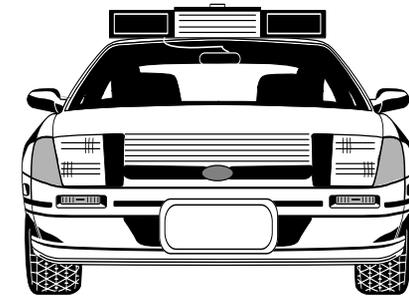
The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents.

April 9: An individual was found to be in possession of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was issued two violation notices and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

April 11: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during a vehicle inspection at Gate 9. He was also found to have been in possession of an altered North Carolina identification card. He was issued two violation notices and released.

April 12: Several individuals attempting to enter Redstone Arsenal were found to be in possession of counterfeit identification cards during an inspection at Gate 9. They were issued violation notices and released. Investigation continues by Immigration and Customs.

April 13: An individual reported that someone removed his Redstone Arsenal decal which was lying on the passenger side seat of his personal vehicle while it was parked, unattended and unsecured, at an off post location.



April 14: A Soldier surrendered at the Provost Marshal Office as being AWOL from his Fort Benning, Ga., unit. He was processed and arrangements were made to return him to his unit.

Traffic accidents reported: 5 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 66 speeding, 1 following too close, 1 parking, 2 no proof of liability insurance, 1 failure to obey a traffic control device, 3 failure to signal lane change, 1 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license, 1 no driver's license, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia, 1 possession of controlled substance and 1 fraud.

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An open lane random survey

What is your dream job?

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Pvt. Gregory Scymczak
Bravo Company

"I'd want to be an astronomer. I've always had an interest in the stars."



Denise Swain
contractor

"My dream job is to be a quality tester for 4 and 5 star hotels so that I could travel. I love to travel."



Wendy Davenport
contractor

"My dream job is to work at Disney World. You get to see all the children's faces and how happy they are. You get to meet people from around the world."

Pvt. Joshua Bengé
Bravo Company

"I would like to be a bartender. You can make good money and meet lots of people."



Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

I like the one-on-one interaction with newly arriving personnel and taking care of Soldiers' administrative needs.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I spend a lot of my spare time playing the guitar. I enjoy playing softball and white water rafting. I also enjoy watching hockey, football and other sporting events.

What are your goals?

My goals are to finish my computer information systems degree at Calhoun Community College and to move up through the ranks in the Army.

General Pillsbury thanks Boeing's workers

AMCOM commander
lauds Apache helicopter

BOEING RELEASE

MESA, Ariz. — The commander of the Aviation and Missile Command had strong words of appreciation to teammates for building the AH-64A Apache and AH-64D Apache Longbow. AMCOM provides spare parts and support for the Apache, working closely with Boeing Aerospace Support.

Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, addressed teammates along the Apache final assembly line in building 520. He said he writes big checks to Boeing and buys plenty of equipment for the Army, and that he "knows the difference between a contractor and a partner, and Boeing is definitely a partner." He explained that as an aviator and maintenance officer, he values the people who make things.

"I wanted to visit with you personally and thank you for building the best heli-

copter in the world," Pillsbury said. "After flying an Apache Longbow, I can confidently say that you are making a fantastic product. The Apache is out there on the front lines of the war against terrorism and it's making a big difference. A friend of mine's Apache was shot up pretty badly in Iraq, but it brought him back safely from the fight. You can be proud of that. Soldiers are alive because of what you do very well here in this factory on a daily basis."

Boeing employees were buoyed up by the commanding general's remarks, according to one audience member, Brian Rogers. "Everyone paid attention when he started talking because it was a very good motivational speech. General Pillsbury's message and presence were good," he said.

A final assembly technician, Julie Maddon, thought it was great to hear from the Army customer that Apaches do what they're supposed to do. "More employees should hear how the Army feels about flying the Apache, that they're grateful for it and proud of it," she said.

Pillsbury suggested that winning military battles begins right here in the factory where Boeing builds high quality products like the Apache Longbow. "Most of us here know someone, who knows someone directly affected by the

Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on Americans," Pillsbury said. "We should never forget that day, and that we are still being targeted by people who want to hurt Americans. So thank you for what you do here every day."

Connecting industry members with the command

New ombudsman finds niche in job

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Little did Randy Richardson know that back in 1987 when he was writing the job description for the Acquisition Center ombudsman position that he would be applying for it 17 years later.

"I might have written it a little differently," he jokes, as he sits in his office as the Aviation and

Missile Command's new ombudsman. Richardson moved into the office in February after Gerald Tucker, former AMCOM ombudsman, announced his retirement in April. "If anyone ever asks you to write a job description, write one you'll like, just in case."

All jokes aside, he says that this job "was made for me. The ombudsman is like a portal to the community. It's a place contractors come in and talk to the organization without feeling like they're offending someone."

For the past 18 months, the command has awarded nearly \$1

billion in contracts each month.

"When you have that much out there, the potential for misperceptions is there," Richardson said. "Some are valid concerns. We work through them. It raises our awareness and we take action. Sometimes it just takes getting together and coming to a better understanding."

Contracts are familiar territory for Richardson, who has been at Redstone 27 years, all in contracting. As the associate executive director for the Acquisition Center, before this position, he was responsible for all the sustainment and operations missions which basically covered all the spares, maintenance, reset for Research Development and Engineering Center, service contracting and base support. He managed about 300 people in three directorates. Being on the inside gives him a unique insight to assist the contractors, community partners and government folks who have problems, questions or issues about doing business with the government.

"The office isn't just for contract issues, but any command issues as well," Richardson said. "How do I do business with the command? Where do I go to market my ideas? Making the connections for community or industry to the command. We're always looking for new and better ways to do things — get the best value for our customers. We can get the people out there connected with the people here to do better, smarter business."

His goals for the office are to present a positive image of the command to the community and industry. "Resolving complaints, meeting with city groups or business groups. Our community is

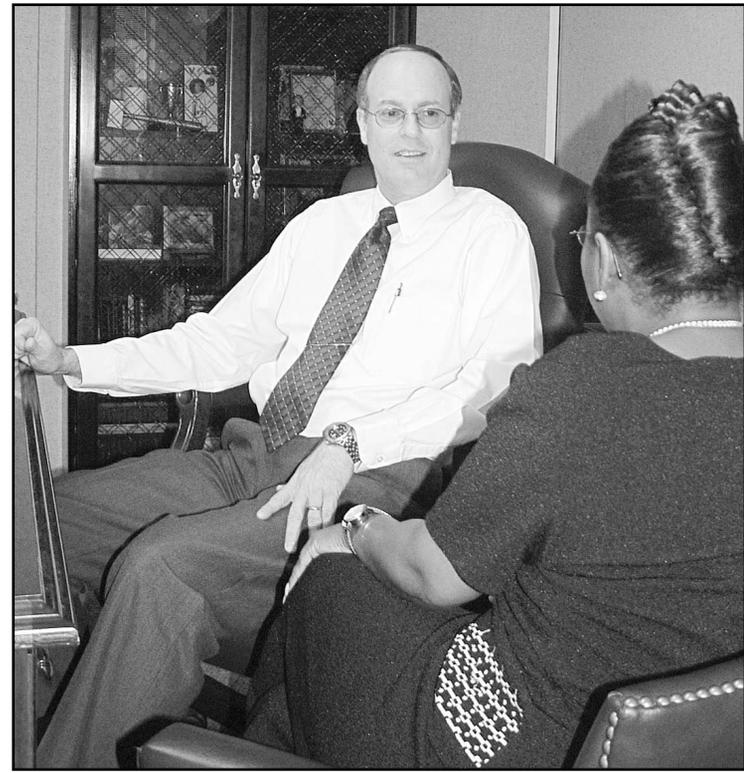


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TALKING THE TALK— Randy Richardson is the Aviation and Missile Command's new ombudsman.



Shawn Harris/Photo Lab

Among elite

John Johns, deputy to the commander for systems support at the Aviation and Missile Command, speaks during his April 13 award ceremony for being selected one of the 10 outstanding Army Materiel Command personnel of the year for 2002. He also received a Special Act Award signed by AMC commander Gen. Paul Kern. The presentations were made by Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal.

very supportive of us. I want them to see us doing what's right and what's right for the Soldier.

"The commander's and (deputy) Mr. Flinn's calendars are so packed, it's just not possible sometimes for them to interface with industry on a day-to-day basis," Richardson said. "I'm here to give industry a connection to the command."

It's the experience and contacts he's made throughout his career that make this job the perfect fit for him now. "I've grown up with some good people — worked with tremendous people. They become like your family. Moving over to this job is sort of like moving away from your hometown, but there's still lots of opportunity to go back and talk to those people."

In some ways, his co-workers are not like family, they truly become family. Richardson met his wife, Ellen, a contract specialist in the Patriot project office, when she came into the

intern program at Redstone a year after him.

They have three children, Brian, a sophomore at Auburn; Kevin, 17, a senior at Bob Jones High, and Michele, a seventh-grader at Discovery Middle.

"Kevin's going to Auburn in the fall, so I guess I'll be sending the rest of my money to Auburn," Richardson said.

Spending time with his family is a priority for Richardson, who coached baseball in Madison for several years when his sons were younger. "It's not just sports. I chaperoned a band trip," he said rolling his eyes. He's big on attending his children's events. "Michele is a cheerleader. She had an undefeated soccer season. She's in dance. Whatever your kids are doing becomes your hobby. And they've tried just about everything."

Richardson loves to play golf but, "I'm not very good at it," he said. "Terrible. I get invited to play by people who want to feel better about their golf game."

Officer and civilian women present annual scholarships



Photo by Skip Vaughn

LOOKING AHEAD— Scholarship winners Kathryn Parr, left, and Rebecca Breffeilh talk with merit awards chairman Michelle Archer.

Siblings among seven winners

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This year's merit award ceremony for the Officer and Civilian Women's Club was a family affair.

Recipients included twin sisters and a brother and sister. The ceremony was Thursday afternoon at the Challenger Activity Center.

Scholarship winners included twins Rebecca and Katherine Breffeilh, both seniors at Bob Jones High; Bethany Jenkins, a senior at Butler High, and her brother, Brett Jenkins, attending the University of Alabama; Kathryn Parr, a senior at Grissom High; Michelle Siverd, a Georgia Tech student; and Katherine Atkinson, an OCWC member attending Calhoun Community College.

"You young people are our future. And it's comforting to me to know the future is in your capable hands," Michelle Archer, merit awards chairman, told the winners.

Rebecca and Katherine Breffeilh, daughters of William and Diane Breffeilh, each received a \$1,000 scholarship and will attend Texas A&M. Rebecca also received a \$1,000 scholarship from First Command.

"I just want to thank the Officer and Civilian Women's Club for this award, and it will not be wasted," said Rebecca, who plans to major in environmental design with the goal of eventually owning an architectural business.

Bethany Jenkins, daughter of Don and Jennifer Jenkins, received a \$1,000 scholarship and plans to major in international studies and Spanish at Alabama-Birmingham.

Her brother, Brett, the 2003 valedictorian of Butler High, is majoring in chemistry and English at the University of Alabama. He received a \$750 scholarship.

Parr, daughter of Bernard and Clair Parr, also received \$750. She plans to attend Providence College to study engineering with a goal of becoming an Army engineer officer.

"I appreciate this scholarship and the hard work you've put into doing all of this," she said.

Siverd, a 2002 Bob Jones graduate and daughter of James and Melinda Siverd, received a \$750 scholarship. She's majoring in mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech.

Atkinson, wife of James Atkinson, serves as the OCWC membership chairman. The \$750 recipient is pursuing a nursing degree at Calhoun.

"I just appreciate this (scholarship) as a sign of encouragement," she said.

Volunteer returns favor for help she received

Awards luncheon slated Thursday

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Barbara Hayes was a newlywed when she arrived at Redstone July 2003. Her husband, Staff Sgt. Dana Hayes, was stationed in Korea and she was new to the military way of life.

She found groups like the Waiting Spouses and programs like Army Family Team Building which helped welcome her to the military community. Now she tries to give back as a volunteer.

"The same people who helped me, who taught me, are the same people teaching beside me now," she said. "Because if it hadn't been for them, I didn't know what I would do."

Hayes is among 30 people nominated for Redstone Arsenal Volunteer of the Year awards. The winners will be

announced in 13 categories at the 20th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"We're going to be giving out 31 awards to the organizations and 30 awards to the honorees," Larry Leggett, Army Community Service quality of life program manager and the invitation-only luncheon coordinator, said. "The (individual) winners will be announced at the luncheon."

Four judges selected the winners in 13 categories. Redstone has more than 700 volunteers in 31 organizations.

Hayes, nominated by Army Family Team Building at ACS, also volunteers with the Enlisted Spouses Club, Army Community Service and the Waiting Spouses. She serves as an AFTB instructor and on the program's logistics committee.

"Actually when I first started (volunteering), a lot of it was because my husband was in Korea and it gave me something to do. Of course I enjoy doing it," she said. "And with AFTB, it helps me help other spouses that are coming into the Army."

She and her husband, a Multiple Launch Rocket System instructor here, cel-

ebrated their first anniversary April 5. They have three daughters by previous marriages: Samantha Hayes, 13, Victoria Vandlingham, 11, and Jessica Hayes, 10.

"I was pretty much dependent on ACS when I first got here," Hayes said. "I

wanted to help other people that were coming in like I was. And the Waiting Spouses was just wonderful."

Adora Ihediwa, 15, was nominated by Child and Youth Services for her voluntary work at the Youth Center. Her mother, Alphonsia Ihediwa, is an inventory management specialist in the

Integrated Materiel Management Center.

"When the staff (at the Youth Center) is running low or when they need extra help, it really is rewarding to help them because you can take on more responsibilities and gain their trust," Adora said.

A ninth-grader, she attends Grissom High for academics and is a member of the Huntsville vocal magnet program at Lee High.

The other nominees include retired Chief Warrant Officer Aniceto Bagley, Military Officers Association of America;

'I wanted to help other people that were coming in like I was.'

— *Barbara Hayes*
 Army community volunteer

Environmental awareness starts young on Earth Day

Annual celebration for Path to Nature

Earth Day has become a rite of spring here.

Redstone's ninth annual celebration of the 34th annual Earth Day is Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Path to Nature. About 40 youngsters from Monte Sano Elementary and about 101 from Priceville Elementary in Morgan County will attend along with some home school children.

"The program is primarily aimed at school children but there will be something there to interest just about anyone, so everyone from the installation is welcome to come," Gabbie Ehinger, a biologist in the Garrison's Directorate of Environment and Safety, said. "This is also 'Bring Your Child to Work Day,' so if you have an opportunity this might add a fun and educational break to your usual day."

Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, will present awards to four individuals or organizations for their environmental stewardship. Attendees are to include Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer and Madison Mayor Jan Wells.

"Earth Day is to recognize environmental stewardship," Ehinger said. "It's to celebrate the U.S. Army's commitment to protecting the environment."

Daphne Moland of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge is to give a presentation on endangered species. North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators will also be represented. Jeff Thompson, an archaeologist, is to do a flint knapping demon-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SPECIAL GUEST— Michelle Novosel, a rehabilitator with North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators, holds a week-old cardinal during the Earth Day 2003 celebration at the Path to Nature.

stration. The youngsters will also have a scavenger hunt and a wetland tour.

Redstone's 12th annual Arbor Day celebration will be a separate event from 10-10:30 a.m. Friday on the west side of building 4488, garrison headquarters. Devlin is to plant a tree in honor of Arbor Day. Smokey the Bear and a representative from the U.S. Forest Service will attend. Youngsters from school age services will perform an Arbor Day song. "And there's also going to be a tree seedling giveaway," Ehinger said.

For more information about Earth Day, call her at 876-3977. For more information about Arbor Day, call garrison forester Jesse Horton at 876-6145.

Arbor Day grows support for trees

Redstone Arsenal a 'Tree City USA'

GARRISON RELEASE

Redstone Arsenal will follow its annual Earth Day celebration with a full day of events to celebrate Arbor Day, Friday.

Beginning at 10 a.m. at the west side of building 4488 between A and B wings, garrison commander, Col. Bob Devlin will proclaim 12th annual Arbor Day and plant a tree in its honor.

Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Smokey the Bear and a representative from the Alabama Forestry Commission will be in attendance. Preschool children from Child Development Center will provide the Arbor Day entertainment in song.

Redstone's commitment toward education and practices of planting, protecting and caring for trees for the future supports the ideals of Arbor Day. This annual commitment is reflected in Redstone's receipt of special national recognition as a "Tree City USA" from the

National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. There will be a tree seedling giveaway at the conclusion of the celebration.

Around noon Devlin will join hands with the surrounding community of Huntsville to celebrate Arbor Day at Huntsville's Big Spring Park, in front of the bell tower. Devlin, Spencer and members of the Huntsville Tree Commission will speak and sign a joint proclamation declaring the day as Arbor Day 2004 to signify their rededication to helping the environment by protecting and planting trees, shrubs and other plants.

So, take time out from your busy schedule Friday and celebrate Arbor Day near building 4488 and at Big Spring Park. If your work schedule won't permit your departure, then make plans to plant and maintain a tree this planting season. After all, planted trees, wherever planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal for you and future generations.

Store supplies thanks to its Redstone customers

Industries for blind has five locations

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Business didn't stop during third annual Customer Appreciation Day, April 13 at the Base Supply Store.

"Base Supply, this is Morris. Can I

help you?" store manager Morris Burbank said while answering the phone between bites of barbecue.

More than 250 people attended the event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. which included a catered lunch. Customers perused 18 vendors' wares which included various office supplies, electronics and other items.

"I'm real excited about this coming up year," Burbank said. New offerings include a wide variety of furniture, a

maintenance line of safety equipment and other specialty items.

Representatives from the Alabama Industries for the Blind, which operates the store, presented a certificate of appreciation to Redstone officials for their continuing support of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act or JWOD. That law, which originated in 1938 and was amended in 1971, required all federal agencies to give blind-made products preference in the buying process.

"We started up here in 1997 and we dedicated this building in August 2000," Billy Sparkman, executive director of Alabama Industries for the Blind, said. "So we have a pretty long history here with Redstone Arsenal. You all have been very nice to us."

AIB has 350 employees, 180 of whom are legally blind, in five store locations: Redstone, Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., Meridian (Miss.) Naval Air Station, Columbus (Miss.) AFB and Talladega, its headquarters. Five of this store's 11 workers are legally blind.

"We are the largest employer of blind people in the state of Alabama and the second largest in the United States," Sparkman said. "And the importance of stores like this is for us to continue to



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APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE— From left are Garrison logistics director Don Olsen, Alabama Industries for the Blind board of trustees member Chip Dobbs, AIB executive director Billy Sparkman, garrison deputy to the commander Darrell Brewer and AIB sales and military operations manager Jerry Morgan.

offer employment for blind people."

Negotiations are under way to add four store locations: Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Fort Rucker in Ozark, Dobbins AFB in Marietta, Ga., and Gunter AFB in Montgomery.

"The first one I'm looking (at adding) about Sept. 1 and then they'll hit one after another probably two to three months apart," Jerry Morgan, sales and military operations manager, said.

The Base Supply Store is in building 3775 on Maintenance Row, one mile north of the Sparkman Center off Patton Road. Its hours are 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 876-4011 or 382-1111.



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ELECTRONIC PARTS— Angie Sullivan, outside account manager for Newark in One, shows the company's electronic items to Pat Gehringer, an instructor/supervisor at the Hazardous Devices School.

Friend or Foe repairs get aircraft flying again

Depot answers call from command

By ANTHONY RICCHIAZZI
 Public Affairs Office

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. — Technicians here quickly responded to an urgent request to repair critical Identification Friend or Foe systems in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Tobyhanna received the request in January from the Aviation and Missile Command to repair and test four TS-1843B/APX In-Flight Transponder Test Sets.

"The 1843 is installed in aircraft or ships as part of the IFF transponder systems; it's connected between the IFF antenna and the RT-859A/APX-72 Transponder," said John Ross, Transponder Division chief, Avionics-Intelligence Electronics Warfare Systems Directorate. "It allows the crew to monitor the performance of the transponder when it is challenged by signals from external interrogators."

The test set can also interrogate the

AN/APX-72, evaluating functions such as receiver sensitivity and tuned frequency, and reply frequency.

The AN/APX-72 provides automatic radar identification of friendly units and is used by all military branches. It receives interrogations, decodes them and transmits replies.

Due to back orders of the test sets caused by high usage rates, four aircraft were grounded. Division personnel expedited the repairs and shipped them within days of the request.

"We got the call on Jan. 21 and hand-carried the test sets to DDTP [Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna] for shipping on Jan. 23," Ross said.

The work involved mechanical repairs and repair of circuit cards and A5 modules, which ensure radio frequency and pulse accuracy, said Bob Harvey, an electronics mechanic.

"We also align the system; however, alignments require an AN/UPM-362 Transponder Test Set," he added. "We don't have that test set so we worked with Production Engineering to develop a solution."

Blue Force Tracking to expand across force

System helps identify friendly forces

By TIMOTHY L. RIDER
 Army News Service

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J. — Military services plan to share unit location data better by installing tens of thousands more of the systems used by the coalition to track forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of the “knowledge

gaps” that have historically contributed to battlefield confusion and fratricide would be eliminated with the new Blue Force Tracking systems, BFT program officials said. They said the systems will be fielded through cooperative efforts between the Army’s logistics community, the Air Force and Marines.

The BFT system consists of a computer, satellite antenna and Global Positioning System receiver. The system displays the location of the host vehicle on

the computer’s terrain-map display along with other platforms in their respective locations. BFT can also be used to send and receive text messages.

More than 1,200 BFT systems were installed in combat vehicles, command posts and helicopters for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to Lt. Col. John Bullington, BFT product manager.

Users from the Army, Marines and United Kingdom praised the system for the clear “picture” of ground forces it provided, saying it saved lives, simplified coordination of units during maneuvers and provided a means of communications when units extended beyond the range of their radios, said Bullington. However, Soldiers told him many more who needed the system did not receive it.

“When we talked to Soldiers, many said that they needed it installed in higher densities at the company level so that platoon leaders, first sergeants, support units and other key players would have better battlefield awareness,” Bullington said.

The decision to install BFT in units designated to deploy to Iraq was made Oct. 20, 2002. When operations commenced five months later, Bullington’s

team of Soldiers, contractors and Department of the Army civilians had installed the systems at 42 different sites in three continents — and provided training.

“Prior to the commencement of operations we delivered everything that the combatant commander expected of us and everything that was possible given our resources,” Bullington said.

Now the BFT office has been tasked to install the system on more vehicles, filling many of the gaps Soldiers had identified, according to Bullington. As a result, more Soldiers will get an opportunity to train with and use the technology.

Work has already begun on plans to reach the level of nearly 40,000 tracking systems in the Army within four years. The systems involved in the plans include BFT, the Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below system, which uses the same operating software as BFT but with a ground radio antenna rather than satellite antenna, and a smaller, hand-held version of BFT called the Commander’s Digital Assistant, according to Tom Plavcan, deputy project manager for FBCB2.

Editor’s note: Timothy L. Rider is a member of the Fort Monmouth Public Affairs Office.



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Joining SMDC

Michael Schexnayder will be assigned as the deputy to the commander for research, development and acquisition at Space and Missile Defense Command in a change of position ceremony at 10 a.m. April 26 at Bob Jones Auditorium. He was the associate director for systems at Research Development and Engineering Center. He assumes responsibility from Maj. Gen. John Urias. Urias, who previously was dual-hatted as SMDC’s deputy commander for research, development and acquisition and the program executive officer for Air, Space and Missile Defense, leaves SMDC to perform PEO duties full time.



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Instructor award

Walt Yurcaba of Logistics Support Activity is recognized for six years of service as a LOGSA instructor for the Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Va. Making the presentation is Col. Kurt Weidenthal, LOGSA commander.

■ Community members hear security measures

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“After about 1700 (5 p.m.), there’s not really a wait so if you’re finding you have to wait in long lines, you may want to come back in the evening,” Scofield said.

Several important dates to remember were announced at the meeting. Spring cleanup for the housing areas is April 28-29, with the vacuum truck scheduled to remove leaves from the curbs April 30. Cleanup tools, rakes, shovels, hoes and garbage bags can be obtained from the Self Help Center. Top soil, Cyprus mulch grass seed and plastic borders are also at Self Help.

Earth Day is Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Path to Nature wetland preserve. The celebration is geared toward school age children but everyone is welcome to attend. The Arbor Day celebration is Friday from 10-10:30 a.m. at building 4488. About 500 tree seedlings will be given away. Smokey the Bear will also be there.

The Commissary Case Lot sale is May 28-30 from 8 a.m. to dusk.

Carl Carpenter of the Post Exchange posted new hours of operation for the Churchs Chicken — Monday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. He also announced the new PX delivery service ranging from \$35 to \$45 for up to 45 miles and the Whirlpool Truckload Sale April 30 through May 9.

Several Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities were discussed including the

Block Party Saturday from 1-4 p.m.; post-wide garage sale May 1; a health fair at the fitness center May 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; open house at the Flying Activity May 22, and swimming pools opening May 31.

Alvin Odoms, community operations security, gave a short briefing on severe weather preparedness at the town hall.

“We have two major weather problems to watch out for this time of year,” Odoms said. “Tornadoes and flash floods. Everyone needs to think about emergency plans now. If you’re not sure what to do in a tornado, I’ve brought some brochures ... or you can just ask your kids. It seems like they’re the first one to tell you about safety during a tornado. The most important advice is to stay calm. Of course, if you’re prepared, it’s easier to remain calm. And in the case of flash floods, don’t drive on (water) covered roads. It’s hard to judge the danger from inside the car.”

Odoms also briefed the community on how to keep your home safe while you’re away on vacation this summer. “Make your house looked lived in. Leave some lights on. Stop your mail. Tell a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out.”

Updates on several building projects were discussed, including the next phase of the Von Braun Complex to house the Missile Defense Agency that is to begin construction this year, the dining facility which should be complete next month, progress on the FBI Hazardous Devices Training Facility and the Redstone Bowling and Fun Center to be complete in March 2005.

■ Entry through gates reduced to five different categories of badges

Badges

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“This reduction in Arsenal access badges — down from 24 to five categories — will reduce a security vulnerability by eliminating the possibility for faked, forged or altered badges,” Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, said. “Also, from an operational security standpoint, it make the jobs of the contract security guards easier, as they have to check more than 30,000 vehicles entering the Arsenal everyday.”

Scofield said that workers do not have to get rid of their own agency-issued unique badges.

“This is a drastic change and a para-

digm shift for the installation, but one that we have recognized as being increasingly important and necessary,” he said. “We want to emphasize that organizations such as SMDC, GMD, DIA, etc., currently issuing unit badges will still use their own badges within their own facilities. But those organizational, agency-issued unit badges will not be accepted for access at the Arsenal’s six gates.”

Workers needing the Redstone Arsenal badge or AMSAM-RA, Form 2341, should report to the Provost Marshal’s Badging Office, with their unit organization badge and AMSAM Form 1116 signed by their designated security manager. The badging office, in building 3423 on Gray Road, is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7-3:30 Friday.

Deployed helicopter pilot has North Alabama roots



Courtesy photo

ON POINT— Capt. Jeff McCoy, with his OH-58D Kiowa, is deployed in Iraq with the 1-25th Aviation.

He's back in Persian Gulf for second combat tour

Right out of basic and advanced individual training in 1990, Jeff McCoy of Douglas was sent to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm. Fourteen years later, he returned to Iraq as a helicopter pilot, Army captain, serving as adjutant with the 1-25th Aviation for a year tour.

Capt. McCoy is the son of Kay and Hector New of Huntsville; Kay is a budget analyst with the Space and Missile Defense Command and Hector is a retired medical service corps officer. He is also the son of David and Doris McCoy of Sardis, who is a retired chief warrant officer and also served in Operation Desert Storm. He has one sister, Natalie McCoy Taylor of Hazel Green. He is the grandson of the late Hugh and Sue Parker, and Earl and Sammie McCoy, all of Guntersville.

He pilots an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, a reconnaissance, light

attack helicopter which is usually positioned out front of the ground troops to locate enemy forces. He has been stationed in Iraq since January.

McCoy follows a family tradition of military service. Both his grandfathers served in the Navy during World War II. His great-grandfather served in the Army during World War I; and he is a ninth generation descendent of John Bowers who served in the Revolutionary War. Other maternal and paternal family members served in the Civil War, Korean War and Vietnam conflict.

A 1989 graduate of Douglas High School, McCoy attended Snead College for one year then joined the Army in 1990. After returning from Desert Storm, he became a Black Hawk helicopter crew chief at Fort Campbell, Ky. Following that he did a year tour of duty in Korea then was reassigned to Fort Campbell. In 1985 he married Dawn Johnson, a 1987 graduate of Guntersville

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NCO Call

Post Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Lunn invites all non-commissioned officers to an NCO Call from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the Firehouse Pub. "NCO Call is a way for all NCOs to come together to forge new friendship, foster camaraderie and to maintain Army customs and traditions of the NCO Corps," he says. "Now more so than ever before it is important for non-commissioned officers to bond and build on the NCO Corps of the future. NCO Call on Redstone Arsenal is designed to do just that; so come out and support the corps as well as have a great time. The only requirement is to be an NCO: (active duty), retired, National Guard, Reserves, Marines - it does not matter."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Actionable Intelligence relies on every Soldier

Sharing information from field among Army's 17 focus areas

By JOE BURLAS
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Actionable Intelligence means providing commanders and Soldiers a high level of situational understanding, delivered with speed, accuracy and timeliness, in order to conduct successful operations, according to the charter of the focus area task force on the subject.

Actionable Intelligence is not perfect intelligence — commanders need to be trained on what intelligence can be reasonably delivered and what cannot, said the Army's top military intelligence planner and policy maker.

Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, Army G2, gave members of the Pentagon press corps a snapshot April 8 of what Task Force Actionable Intelligence has found since it was created last fall and how its initiatives will transform the way military intelligence will operate in the future.

One of the ways the task force hopes to change in the Army is making every Soldier a sensor that quickly reports the Soldier's slice of the battlefield into a digital network.

Combat Soldiers are trained to report what they believe to be critical information up the chain of command. However, that report takes time as it makes it through the chain, and the information that is reported is often filtered. By the time it makes it to where it might be acted on, it is often too late or incomplete, Alexander said.

Digital input

A shared network, with each Soldier having a means of digitally inputting and sending what he sees, is where the Army is heading, Alexander said. Progress in the area is being made, as he said his action officers are in close coordination with their counterparts in G6 to develop and implement the infrastructure, equipment, procedures and tools needed for that network.

Looking at lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom from the start of major hostilities through recent observations of current threats, the task force identified 127 issues that needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Interim and permanent solutions for all but a few of those issues have already been implemented, Alexander said. Some of those

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■ Pilot returns to Iraq 14 years after first tour



Courtesy photo

OVER THERE— The Kiowa piloted by Capt. Jeff McCoy soars over Baghdad.

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High School. Two years after their marriage, he was awarded a "hip pocket" scholarship by the commanding general at Fort Campbell. The general can award two scholarships per year for a fully-funded college ROTC program.

McCoy graduated in May 2000 from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., where he double-majored in computer science and mathematics with a minor in military science. He was commissioned as a lieutenant by his father and was given his first salute by Staff Sgt. Ricardo Diego, a Soldier who had served under him while he was a platoon sergeant with the 101st Airborne Division.

He and his family then moved to Fort

Rucker for helicopter flight school. He chose to fly the Kiowa Warrior. In May 2001 he was distinguished honor graduate and was transferred to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he was assigned to the 1-25 Aviation. He was promoted to captain in October 2003 and was selected by his commander to serve as adjutant.

While McCoy is in Iraq, his family remains in Hawaii. He and his wife, Dawn, have two sons, 16-year-old Spencer and 2-year-old Parker. Dawn is the family readiness group leader for her husband's company. She is involved with the youth and ladies programs at Pearl Harbor Church of Christ. McCoy is deacon over the youth program.

They plan to return to the Southeast after retirement from the Army.

Editor's note: This article was submitted by Kay New and Dawn McCoy.

Fund-raisers on tap for AER campaign

The Army Emergency Relief campaign office provided the following calendar of events.

- Magnetic yellow ribbons for sale for \$5 through May 15 at Army Community Service, sponsored by ACS volunteers. For information call Inger Frye or Mary Breeden 876-5397.

- Stuffed patriotic bears for sale through May 15 at Resource Management Directorate, building 5300. For information call Linda Manning 876-1706.

- Patriotic teddy bears and pins for sale through May 15 in front of cafeteria at building 5400, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. For information call Janet Martin 313-1996.

- Chocolate Gallery Mother's Day Baskets for sale through May 15, sponsored by the Acquisition Center. For information call Sarah Kilpatrick 876-2698.

- Flag Bag Totes for sale through May 15, sponsored by the Acquisition Center. For information call Amy Pierce 842-6045.

- America 2005 calendars for sale through May 15 at building 5301, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center, Materiel Management Directorate. For information call J.D.

Crownover 876-8303.

- Pentagon Memorial Pins and Stickers for sale through May 15, sponsored by IMMC, MMD. For information call Crownover 876-8303.

- Domino Pizza fund-raising cards for sale through May 15 at building 5309, second floor, sponsored by IMMC. For infor-

mation call Aileen Jacques 313-1653.

- Scented candles for sale through May 15 at building 5302, sponsored by IMMC. For information call Teri Benson 842-7717.

- Lollipop tree through May 15 at building 4488, room A-116, sponsored by Directorate of

Logistics. For information call Joyce Hampton 876-1702.

- Friendly Folks personalized cartoons made while you wait, through May 15. Sponsored by IMMC DMA Team. For information call Pat Reilly 876-0209 or Sandra Swartz 842-6722.

- Barbecue Plate and Bake Sale, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the north end of building 5309. For information call David Moudy 313-1069 or Roosevelt Pitts 313-1068.

- Family Fun Cooler Give-away with tickets for sale through May 11, sponsored by the IMMC Medium Range/Close Combat Directorate. For information call Lori McAulliffe 876-3393.

- Mother's Day Basket Give-away with tickets for sale through May 5, sponsored by the IMMC Medium Range/Close Combat Directorate. For information call McAulliffe 876-3393.

- Bake sale today at Military Personnel Office, building 3494. For information call Barbara Moudy 842-2717.

- Book sale through Friday at building 5300, first floor corridor between 5303 and 5304, sponsored by Command Analysis Directorate. For information call

Brian Barry 876-5743.

- Golf tournament four-person scramble, Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Wilbur Williams or Sgt. 1st Class Roy Mixon 876-5399.

- Second annual Charity Car Show, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parade field by the bowling center, sponsored by Fox Army Health Center. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins 955-8888, ext. 1106.

- Plant Sale, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot in front of Sparkman Cafeteria. For information call Romona Rice 313-1641.

- Garrison Fun Day, May 4 at building 4488. Rain date is May 5. For information call Donna Johnson 876-9675.

- Car wash/hot dog sale, May 7 at the Car Wash complex by Shopette, sponsored by Morale Welfare and Recreation. For information call Bill Woosley 955-7727.

- Car wash/hot dog sale, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at MILPO, building 3494. For information call Barbara Moudy 842-2717.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TROOP SUPPORT— Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, post commander, accepts a \$5,000 check to Army Emergency Relief from Northrop Grumman Corporation. Making the presentation is Tom Bien, Northrop's business operations manager; and looking on are Becky Pillsbury and Northrop senior representative Jim Henderson. This is the seventh year the company has contributed to the annual campaign. "We love and care about our troops, so it's just an expression of our commitment to them," Henderson says.

Non Line-of-Sight contract awarded

RAYTHEON RELEASE

NetFires LLC, a limited liability company established by Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Company, has received a \$1 billion contract for System Design and Development for the Non Line-of-Sight – Launch System, previously known as NetFires.

NLOS-LS is a family of artillery missiles fired from a vertical launcher that can be deployed by ground or air assets throughout a theater and networked to quickly engage an enemy.

The two NetFires LLC partner companies will evenly split the SDD contract.

The sole-source, six-year SDD contract includes design and development of the Loitering Attack Missile, the Precision Attack Missile and an autonomous Container Launch Unit. Raytheon is developing the PAM, Lockheed Martin is developing the LAM and together they will produce the CLU. The NLOS-LS Task Force, Aviation and Missile Command, is the contracting agency.

■ Army seeks better information sharing network

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fixes have been changes to procedures, software updates and rapid fielding of new equipment.

Human intelligence

One of the biggest intelligence shortcomings of both operations was the lack of human intelligence assets at the battalion and brigade level — something that is being addressed as returning forces reset into modular forces, Alexander said. Warfighting forces currently in the Central Command area of operations have been beefed up with a number of ad hoc tactical HUMINT collection teams as well.

The greater need for tactical HUMINT is because the threat has changed in our lifetimes, from facing a Cold War adversary armed with lots of tanks and artillery to an asymmetrical enemy. The intelligence community is no longer just looking for a bunch of equipment to identify where the enemy is and determine what his intentions might be; it is also looking for individual people, Alexander said.

The G2 said he is looking to industry and academia to help better organize and visually present information from multiple intelligence databases. The current system is much like an Internet search using a standard search tool that gives you thousands of hits. Refining your query until you get what you are looking for is time-consuming.

■ Redstone to recognize volunteers of year

Volunteers

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Tayla Blake, Youth Center; Danny Brandon, Army Family Action Plan conference (Army Community Service); Sharee Brinson, Child and Youth Services; Karen Brown, Army Family Team Building (Army Community Service); Deidre Busk, Officer and Civilian Women's Club; Julie Clippinger, AFTB (Army Community Service); Michelle deGroot, AFAP conference (Army Community Service); Carolyn Denno, Thrift Shop; Danielle Denno, School Age Services; Inger Frye, Army Community Service; Janeshia Henderson, Youth Center; Bill Howard, Military Officers Association of America; Christopher Johnson, Child and Youth Services; Nathan Johnson, Youth Center; Gabrielle Loew, Thrift Shop; Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Lundy, Youth Sports; Chester Marty, Red Cross; Yolanda McDonald, Child and Youth Services;

Amanda Medley, Army Family Team Building (Army Community Service); George Moore, Army Community Service; Gisela Mullek, Outdoor Recreation; Cydney Nichols, School Age Services; Marg Ogles, Thrift Shop; Byron Parrish, Youth Bowling; Amber Pitre, Child and Youth Services; Sharon Samuelson, Thrift Shop; and Katrina Wynn, AFAP conference (Army Community Service).

The 13 award categories include Redstone Arsenal school age service young leader, Redstone Arsenal middle school young leader, Redstone Arsenal teen young leader, Redstone Arsenal service to youth, Redstone Arsenal dedicated service to youth, Redstone Arsenal special events volunteer, Redstone Arsenal new volunteer, Redstone Arsenal community service, Redstone Arsenal community dedicated service, Redstone Arsenal community lifetime service, military community service, military community dedicated service and military community lifetime service.

There has to be a better way of getting the data you need than using a hierarchical Industrial Age process when we are living in the Information Age, Alexander said.

Situational awareness also means sharing information seamlessly across all levels — from national intelligence assets down to the Soldier on the battlefield. That will require a cultural change and a lot of training, Alexander said.

Editor's note: The Army's 17 immediate areas of focus include: The Soldier; The

Bench; Combat Training Centers/Battle Command Training Program; Leader Development and Education; Army Aviation; Current to Future Force; The Network; Modularity; Active Component/Reserve Component Balance; Force Stabilization; Actionable Intelligence; Installations as Flagships; Authorities, Responsibilities, and Accountability; Resource Processes; Strategic Communications; Joint Expeditionary Army with a Campaign-quality Capability; and Logistics.

Americans reminded of Holocaust 'terrible price'

*Days of remembrance
observed April 18-25*

DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
INSTITUTE RELEASE

The Holocaust is defined as one, a sacrifice consumed by fire; two, a thorough destruction especially by fire (i.e. a nuclear holocaust); and three, the mass slaughter of European civilians and especially Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

The Holocaust is generally regarded as the systematic slaughter of not only 6 million Jews, (two-thirds of the total European Jewish population), the primary victims, but also 5 million others, approximately 11 million individuals wiped off the Earth by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. Some 11 million lives were cut off because of racism and hate, all in a period of 11 years (1933-45).

There are actually two main phases to the Holocaust, the period between 1933 and 1939, the Nazi rise, and the period between 1939 and 1945, the period of war, or more specifically, World War II. The Holocaust was the extermination of people not for who they were but for what they were. Groups such as handicaps, Gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholics, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents and others were persecuted by the Nazis because of their religious/political beliefs, physical defects, or failure to fall into the "Aryan" ideal.

How could the Holocaust have occurred? Although there is no acceptable or easy answer or any one reason to this question, it was the combined result of many factors: "racism, combined with centuries-old bigotry, renewed by a nationalistic fervor which emerged in Europe in the latter half of the 19th century, fueled by Germany's defeat in World War I and its national humiliation following the Treaty of Versailles, exacerbated by worldwide economic hard times, the ineffectiveness of the Weimar Republic, and international indifference, and catalyzed by the political charisma, militaristic inclusiveness, and manipulative propaganda of Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime, contributed to the eventuality of the Holocaust.

The Days of Remembrance commemoration, April 18-25, was established to

combat the forgetfulness that time brings. This nation commemorates the days annually so that each year anyone who does not know will learn, and so that people who have learned will never forget. It is important to remember this event and apply its lessons to our lives today.

The victims of the Holocaust deserve this respect and remembrance. There may come a day when the armed forces will once again have to combat an enemy attempting to repeat the Holocaust. Hopefully that day will never come. Nevertheless, it is pertinent that each member of the military be educated and sensitive to the memorials dedicated to the 11 million who lost their lives.

**'To truly commemorate
the victims of the Holocaust,
we must harness the outrage
of our memories to banish
all human oppression from
the world.'**

— Former President Jimmy Carter

Former President Jimmy Carter said it best: "We must learn not only about the vulnerability of life, but of the value of human life. We must remember the terrible price paid for bigotry and hatred and also the terrible price paid for indifference and for silence ... To truly commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, we must harness the outrage of our memories to banish all human oppression from the world. We must recognize that when any fellow human being is stripped of humanity; when any person is turned into an object of repression; tortured or defiled or victimized by terrorism or prejudice or racism, then all human beings are victims, too. The world's failure to recognize the moral truth 40 years ago permitted the Holocaust to proceed."

This generation — the generation of survivors — will never permit the lesson to be forgotten.

Editor's note: A Holocaust movie is to be shown Thursday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Channel 42 and via computer on an IPT station for those who have access, according to Sgt. 1st Class Adriano Vasquez, equal opportunity adviser at Aviation and Missile Command.

Auburn alums recognize SMDC engineer

The electrical and computer engineering alumni of Auburn University have bestowed high honors on the Space and Missile Defense Technical Center's deputy director. SMDTC is a major subordinate element of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Rodney L. Robertson received the Outstanding Electrical Engineer Award for his work to promote careers in science and engineering to high school students through the Army Space and Missile Defense Association and

National Defense Industrial Association-sponsored activities such as Adventures in Engineering and scholarship programs. Another reason is for his work on the Auburn University Electrical and Computer Engineering Industrial Advisory Board.

"This is a tremendous honor for Rodney," said Larry Burger, director of the Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab. "It is a testament to the cutting-edge engineering we are performing at SMDC."

Win or lose

Week one in books for troop volleyball teams

HHC 59th delivers against Gators

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Headquarters & Alpha got off to a good start on opening night of the volleyball season but its fortunes would change.

The Gators, who won the preseason tournament, beat Delta 25-12, 25-19 on April 12 at Pagano Gym.

"We've got teamwork and cohesion," team captain Phillip Galmines said. "That's how we've been able to win all our games. A lot of the teams don't even work together. Plus we like playing volleyball all the time."

He plays setter and spiker for the Gators. Assistant coach Alseekyi Gaither directed the team in its opener in the absence of Anthony Thomas.

But the Gators got their first loss April 13 against HHC 59th, which had finished second in the preseason. The 59th beat Headquarters & Alpha this time 20-25, 25-18, 16-14.

"We pretty much got situated," Darius Blackwell, who plays in the middle of the back row for the 59th, said. "They beat us the first game (of the match). We regrouped, took them more serious and beat them the second game. We had the eye of the tiger in the third game."

"We had to get those guys back because they stole that trophy from us in the (preseason) championship," 59th hitter Mark Lewis said. "So we had to get them back. A little determination and focus as well."

Last week's results included:

- April 12 – Headquarters & Alpha def. Delta 25-12, 25-19; HHC 59th won by forfeit over Bravo; and the Marines and Charlie had a double forfeit.
- April 13 – HHC 59th def. Headquar-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ONE UP— HHC 59th's Errol Byrd (1) makes a slam against the Marines during the 59th's win April 1 in the preseason tournament.

ters & Alpha 20-25, 25-18, 16-14; Delta def. MEDDAC 25-13, 23-25, 16-14; and Bravo won by forfeit over Charlie.

- April 14 – HHC 59th def. Charlie 25-17, 24-26, 15-8; Delta def. Marines 25-19, 25-12; and MEDDAC def. Bravo 25-16, 25-22.
- April 15 – HHC 59th def. Marines

25-13, 20-25, 15-13; Delta def. Bravo 25-15, 25-11; and Headquarters & Alpha def. MEDDAC 25-12, 25-13.

Here were the standings after week one: Eastern Conference – Headquarters & Alpha (2-1), Bravo (1-3), Marines (0-3) and Charlie (0-3). Western Conference – HHC 59th (4-0), Delta (3-1) and MEDDAC (1-2).

Three Soldiers win national Greco-Roman wrestling titles

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

LAS VEGAS — Three members of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program won their divisions of the 2004 U.S. National Wrestling Championships April 9-10 at Las Vegas

Convention Center, earning them No. 1 seeds in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team Trials next month at Indianapolis.

Sgt. Dremiel Byers was named outstanding Greco-Roman wrestler of the tournament after upsetting 2000 Olympic gold medalist Rulon

Gardner to win the super-heavyweight division.

Spc. Tina George and Pfc. Faruk Sahin also earned top-seeded spots in the championship finals of the Olympic Trials, scheduled for May 21-23 at the RCA Dome. The champions here advance directly to a best-

of-three championship series in the Olympic Trials, while others must win a rugged mini-tournament to get a shot at them.

In a showdown between former world champions, Byers scored three points on a take-down with 23 seconds remaining in his 3-1 conquest over Gardner, who had prevailed in their last three confrontations at 120 kilograms/264.5 pounds.

"You should have a whole clinch series, and my coach has developed that in me and it paid off," said Byers, who credited All-Army coach Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis for his victory over Gardner, the first American wrestler to win both World and Olympic Greco-Roman championships. "It was match strategy and match awareness that I wasn't focusing on (in previous losses to Gardner). I've been there a million times, but for some reason I was thinking 'throw.'"

This time, Byers maintained his hold in the clinch and defeated the wrestler most in the audience of about 5,000 came to see. Byers plans to face Sunkist Kids' Gardner again in Indianapolis for a berth in the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

"I'll change the things that didn't work for me in this tournament," said Byers, a four-time national champion and winner of the 2002 World

Championship and 2001 World Cup. "A couple times I tried a few moves that didn't work and a couple times I wasn't pummeling as hard as I needed to be."

After losing two matches in overtime to Gardner in a best-of-three series at the 2003 U.S. World Team Trials, Byers served as Rulon's training partner last year in an "us against the world" tour. His confidence has grown immensely since then.

"When Rulon didn't do as well as I thought he would, I had to look at myself and say: 'Wait a minute, guys are beating him that shouldn't be beating him. Maybe I've got him up on a higher pedestal than what he needs to be. You've got to take notice of that and pay attention to that.'"

Since then, Byers has focused on this trip to Las Vegas.

"I showed up as soon as I got my itinerary," said Byers, 29, the 2002 Army Male Athlete of the Year from Kings Mountain, N.C. "I was ready for this match. I hadn't felt that way in a long time, but finally I feel it and I'm not going to let it go."

Editor's note: Tim Hipps is a staff writer for Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs.

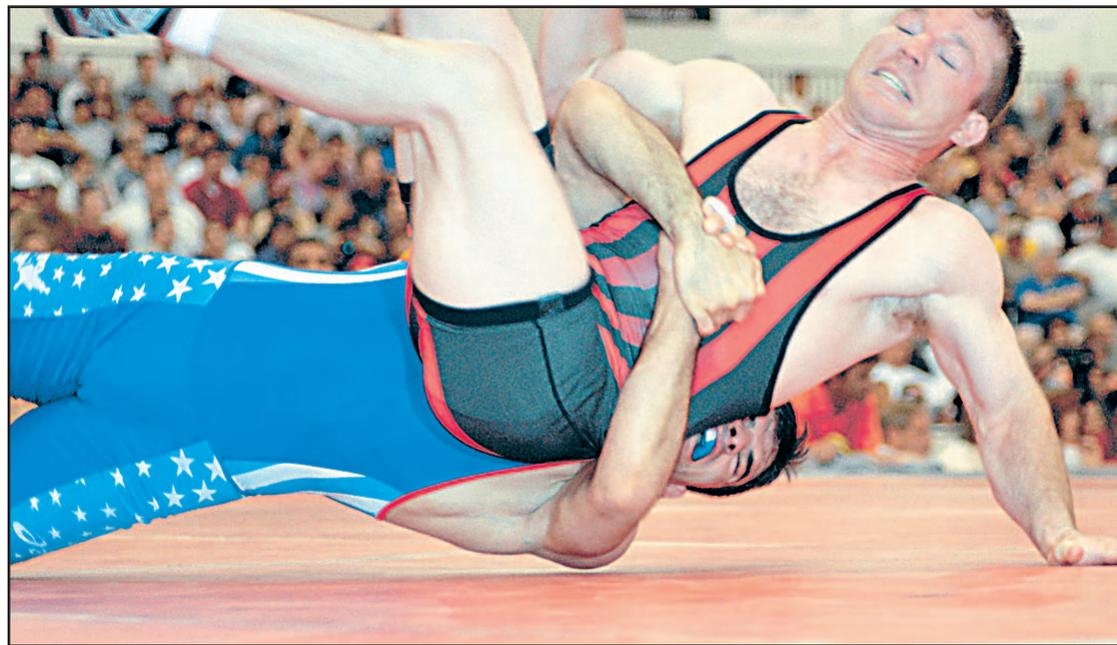


Photo by Tim Hipps

OVERTHROW— Pfc. Faruk Sahin, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., throws Sgt. Oscar Wood during a battle of WCAP Soldiers for the 145.5-pound Greco-Roman crown in the 2004 U.S. National Wrestling Championships at Las Vegas Convention Center. Sahin won the match 4-0 on April 10, earning a berth in the best-of-three championship series in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Wrestling Team Trials May 21-23 at Indianapolis.

Engineers race to improve Soldiers' equipment



Courtesy photo

IN THE PITS— From left are RDEC engineers Kris Walker and Jason Lawler, racing great Kyle Petty and engineer Ken Bowie.

Speedway inspires application of motor sports' technology

By BETH SKARUPA

For the Rocket

What does competitive auto racing have to do with Army combat? At first glance the two seem to have little in common, but engineers from the Research Development and Engineering Center saw an endurance race as an opportunity to generate ideas to improve the Soldiers' equipment on the battlefield.

"It's almost a proving ground for engineering and maintenance," Douglas Felker, aviation team lead for the Reliability, Availability and Maintainability engineering and test division, said.

Felker and his team members Mark Sims, Kris Walker, Ken Bowie, Jason Lawler and Shane Mills attended the Rolex 24 Hour race at Daytona during the week of Jan. 27 to Feb. 1.

"The competition simulates the robust nature of an Army mission where you have to repair vehicles as you go on," Felker said. "Each one of the teams is in competition and trying different approaches and keeping the cars running for 24 hours as best they can."

Bowie agreed. "We looked at the 24-hour race and thought it would best simulate what a current battlefield environment is like — high-paced, long-distance and longtime," he said. He had a unique position during the race, serving as a pit-crew member fueling for one of the race teams. He is a regular member of G&W Motorsports' crew as well as a RAM engineer.

Fifty-three cars participated in the race, each from one of three different classes: 17 Daytona Prototype, 22 Grand Touring Class and 14 Super Grand Sport. The Daytona International Speedway road course is 3.56 miles in length and the winner is the car that travels the most distance in the 24 hours. The race is all-environment, so race cars run through the rain and cold with debris on the course hitting the cars at 100 mph. This correlates with battle damage repair.

"That's one of the unique characteristics of the 24-hour race, you actually have enough time to go behind the wall in this

race. Unlike NASCAR, a lot of how well you do in this race is determined by how well you perform maintenance. We considered other classes of racing, but we thought endurance racing was the closest simulation to what the Army sees in battle," Bowie said.

One of the main reasons the RAM engineers went to the race was to evaluate the windshield tear-offs produced by Cole Motorsports. "Basically, that's a great idea. We evaluated them for helicopter use as well as looking to see if there were other things we could use them for," Walker said. The tear-offs allow the race cars' windows to be cleaned quickly as well as providing some resistance so the windshields are less likely to shatter when debris hits them during the race.

The engineers' observations of the Mylar tear-offs led to a demonstration of the four-layer product for the commander of the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command in Warren, Mich. After a successful demonstration, the Army plans to further investigate the tear-offs as a way to increase the life span of Humvee windshields.

In addition to the windshield tear-offs, the engineers investigated concepts of pit-stop maintenance, quick-disconnect technology (to quickly change out components of the cars), safety issues, airflow management, cockpit ergonomics and maintenance crew utilization. The RAM engineers came away from the race convinced that future work with the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series and its teams could prove beneficial for the Army in discovering other applications for the technologies and philosophies used in competitive auto racing.

Felker was especially grateful for the hospitality he and his team were shown while attending the endurance race.

"I just want to mention how hospitable the people at Grand American Road Racing were. Everybody we talked to from sanctioning body personnel, to the crew, all down through the engineers and all the way up to Kyle Petty, everybody was very helpful," he said. "They were nothing but enthusiastic. When they heard the Soldier was involved, they bent over backward to accommodate us."



Sports & Recreation

5K fund-raiser

The RAM Engineering and Test Division of the Engineering Directorate will hold the third annual RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the physical training track off Corporal Road, to benefit Army Emergency Relief. Military, civilian, contract employees and their family members are welcome. Registration deadline is May 4; and the entry fee is \$15 which includes a T-shirt and race day refreshments. Rain date for the event is May 13. To register, e-mail carolyn.a.farmer@us.army.mil. "Redstone Federal Credit Union has offered to match our donation up to \$1,000," Carolyn Farmer said. "So if we, the RAM Engineering and Test Division of the Engineering Directorate, can raise \$1,000, RFCU will donate another \$1,000, giving us a potential \$2,000, more if we can get additional participation."

Sports ball

The seventh annual Sports Ball is 6 p.m. May 8 at the Officers and Civilians Club. Organizations provide free support to athletes from local schools at this event which has helped hundreds attain their college goals through scholarships. For more information, call coordinator Constance Jones 859-4850.

Bass tournament

The Army Aviation Association of America's spring bass tournament is May 1 at the Jackson County Park in Scottsboro. For entry information, call Bob Vlasics 881-4144, Tom Geoffroy 313-5719 or Tony Giannelli 313-6054.

Youth soccer

The Madison Soccer Club Shockers will be hold two free soccer clinics for boys and girls, ages 7-13, on May 2 and 16 from 2-4 p.m. at Dublin Park in Madison. Skills covered will include shutting down the attacker, beating your opponent, scoring goals and building soccer skills. Attend either or both sessions. To register call 864-7026.

Brickyard 400 sweepstakes

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

Golf tournament

The Sparkman High School Band Boosters is sponsoring its seventh annual golf tournament May 8 at the Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville. Format is four-person scramble, \$50 per person, with mulligans, continental breakfast and free lunch to include many raffle prizes afterward. Top two positions pay. This event raises funds necessary to buy a variety of instruments, uniforms and equipment for

the ever-growing band. For more information, call Jim Collins 468-7911.



Conferences & Meetings

General services expo

General Services Administration's Southeast Sunbelt Region invites you to Orlando, Fla., May 11-13 to experience Expo 2004. Admission is free to all civilian and military personnel. Attend more than 250 hours of professional procurement-oriented training, with CEU credit. Visit more than 700 commercial partners, across 300,000 square feet, exhibiting their products and services — all available through GSA schedules. GSA is offering free meeting rooms to federal activities as part of the expo May 10, 11 and 13. 2004. For details check the web site <http://expo.gsa.gov> or call 1-888-272-5565. To schedule a meeting, contact Barbara Petersen at Barbara.Petersen@gsa.gov.

Officers association

The Huntsville Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its informal monthly breakfast on Saturday at 8 a.m. at Victoria's Cafe, 7540 Memorial Parkway southwest. The monthly luncheon meeting is April 28 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Col. Steve Klamerus, commander of Fox Army Health Center, is scheduled speaker. All active, retired and former officers; their spouses and widows, are invited. For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

Mechanical engineers

Dr. John C. Adams, Jr, a retired mechanical engineer, will speak to the North Alabama Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at 6 p.m. May 6 at the Four Point Hotel Huntsville Airport. He is to discuss "Flight Mechanics of a Spinning Dimpled Spheroid" in his presentation as part of the 2003-04 Distinguished Lecturers Program. ASME is also organizing a golf outing for the day; and the events are open to the public. For reservations or more information, call Nicholas Giordano 955-0808 or 351-6786.

Parents committee

The Parent Advisory Committee will meet April 27 at 11 a.m. in the Redstone Room, Challenger Activity Center, building 1500 (phone 876-7952). All parents are invited to the PAC meetings. Parent participation points (2.5 points) are awarded for attendance — 5 points equals a 10 percent discount on child care fees. Learn what is happening at the Redstone Arsenal child and youth facilities and provide your opinions, ideas or concerns.



Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve /National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will

consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Gleria Edwards 313-3867. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Aerospace scholarship

The Air Force Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter, will present a \$1,000 scholarship to an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet, cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, dependent of active duty or retired Air Force personnel, dependent of Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve personnel, or dependent of an active duty member of another service (Army, Navy, or Marine Corps). Applicants must pursue a full course load toward an aerospace technology associate degree at Calhoun Community College. This scholarship will be for the 2004-05 school year and will be broken into \$500 awards to the school for each semester attended. Candidates may apply until May 1. For more information, call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m. or e-mail at TLRoop@charter.net.

Warrant officer scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards in 2004. Eligible participants include dependent or adopted children/stepchildren of military (active, retired, National Guard or Reserve) and DoD civilian residing in the Tennessee Valley. Applicants must be high school seniors or college freshmen. Deadline to apply is May 1. To download a packet and application form, go to www.redstonewarrants.com.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to www.gsauctions.gov. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday and Thursday 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. Donations are accepted, and tax slips are available. The shop is now accepting spring/summer clothing and items. It will open May 1 for sales from 10-2. The shop seeks volunteers for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

Bookkeeper job

The Thrift Shop has a bookkeeper position. Salary is \$4,200 annually for approximately 10-hour weeks. Applicants must know the Quick Books financial program and be proficient with bookkeeping procedures. Applications can be picked up during business hours at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road. For information call Isabel Boicourt 881-6992.

Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

Continuing education

Oakwood College's Leadership Education for the Adult Professional bachelor's degree classes will begin this spring at Redstone Arsenal. Pre-register from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19-22 at the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road. Earn your degree in 18 months. For more information, call 876-9761.

Panoply volunteers

The Army Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, Community Projects Committee is supporting Panoply 2004 by providing volunteers to help with this community arts festival April 23-25 in Big Spring Park. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as helping in the children's activities, selling Buffalo Rock-Pepsi products, selling Panoply novelty items in one of the Panoply Stores, or welcoming the many visitors to the park at one of the entrance gates. The public hours for Panoply are April 23 from 5-10 p.m., April 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and April 25 from noon to 8 p.m. The shifts for volunteers are two hours long with many time slots still available. For more information or to volunteer call Eura Reaves, co-chairman of ASMC Community Projects Committee, 955-8222.

School grants

The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies has issued a call for proposals for its 2004-05 seed grants. Grants are awarded to K-12 schools in Madison, Marshall, Morgan and Limestone counties. For the past 16 years, HATS has awarded seed grants ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 for innovative projects that help

promote student interest in scientific and technical subjects. More than \$17,000 was awarded to 19 teachers in 2003. May 3 is the proposals deadline. For more information, call 882-1234.

Military personnel office

The DEERS/Rapids office will go through an equipment/software upgrade May 17-18; and the ID Card section is closed both days. There will be no Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System or identification card services available. For more information, call Theodore Tyson of Military Personnel Office 842-2415.

Butler High reunion

Butler High School Class of 1969 will hold its 35th reunion June 19 at the Clay House Museum, 16 Main St., Madison. Class members are urged to call Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Robin Hall Brewer (256) 325-1018.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold a free training session May 4 from 8-11 a.m. in building 5400, SELA Auditorium. Registration is from 7-8 for the course on "Projecting a Professional Image." Attendees are reminded that building 5400 is a restricted area and no cell phones are allowed in the building. For more information call Myria Chastain 313-8158 or 876-2024 or Julie Manning 313-6745 by April 27.

Masquerade ball

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy will hold its third annual Masquerade Ball "Mardi Gras in May" at 7:30 p.m. May 1 at Holiday Inn Research Park (at the Madison Square Mall). The tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for college students. For more information, call the school 746-9206 or Janice Isbell 313-4216.

Society scholarships

Redstone Chapter of the American Helicopter Society offers a college upperclassmen and graduate student scholarship. There are two \$2,000 awards for 2004-05. Applications are due by Friday. For more information, call Steve Parker 722-1039.

Children's block party

Child and Youth Services invites you to the Month of the Military Child "Block Party," Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148 on Goss Road. A CYS 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held during the block party. Maximum is four players per team for this free event. For information call 876-2255 or visit www.redstonemwr.com.

Post Exchange news

The Post Exchange's Vitamix Total Nutrition Demonstration is April 30 through May 9. A Vitamix representative will be on hand to show you the value of healthy food preparation. Register to win a \$50 gift card while at the demonstration. May is National High Blood Pressure Awareness Month; and the PX will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic May 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fox Army Health Center representatives will be on hand to provide the blood pressure screening. Stop by and find out what you need to know and how to take proper care of yourself. Also, save 20 per-

cent on blood pressure monitors all day. And pick up a free blood pressure guide compliment of the PX.

Bone marrow drive

Redstone will hold a Bone Marrow Drive, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. All active duty military, active duty dependents, Defense Department civilians, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve personnel ages 18 to 60 that are in good health are eligible at no cost. All that is involved is a small blood sample and a consent form. For more information call Jean Weisser 842-0343, the C.W. Bill Young/DoD Marrow Donor Program 1-800-MARROW-3 or visit the web site www.dodmarrow.com.

Red Cross youth volunteers

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

Waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses is going bowling Saturday from 5-9 p.m. at Redstone Lanes. The activity will cost \$6 and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and the "Betty Burger" combo. Child care is provided free of charge. For more information and to RSVP for the event and child care, call Kristi Foster of Army Community Service 876-5397.

Pageant auditions

Auditions for "Pageant" at Renaissance Theater, 1216 Meridian St., are Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. Directed by Lee Deal, roles are available for seven males, ages 18 and up. Those auditioning should prepare a short song (an accompanist will be provided). For more information, call 881-5387.

Law Day observance

The office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed to celebrate Law Day, Monday, May 3. If there is an emergency and you need to speak to an attorney, call Sgt. 1st Class Willard (256) 212-2005.

Space Camp scholarship

The Military Child Education Coalition is funding the 2004 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship. Winning applicants will receive a full tuition to the five-day U.S. Space Camp, which includes meals, lodging, program materials and transportation. Applicants must be a child of an active duty military parent, be enrolled in grades 6 through 9, submit a handwritten essay stating why he or she should be selected, submit two letters of recommendation, from other than relatives, with contact information, and complete and submit the application by May 17. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Richard Weber

876-9224 visit the web site at http://militarychild.org/PDF-2004/2004_application.pdf.

Missile munitions degree

The Missile Munitions Technology degree is a unique program existing between Calhoun Community College and Redstone Arsenal. Soldiers who have completed electronics or munitions training on Redstone may receive up to 42-semester hours of college credit toward this degree. This leaves only 7 to 8 college courses required for an associate degree. The Basic MMT exists for the Soldier with sufficient missile or munitions training on Redstone. Those who trained in a calibration military occupation specialty may get an MMT degree Option I Calibration; and those who have reached the 40 or 50 skill level in the electronics field may get an MMT degree Option II Technical Management. For more information, visit Calhoun's web site, www.calhoun.edu, or call John Lybarger 955-0976.

Train in concert

The 2004 Miller Lite Army Concert Tour, featuring Train and special guest Graham Colton, is coming to Redstone Arsenal on June 19. Discount tickets will be on sale for the Redstone community April 27-29 during the annual Redstone Appreciation Sale. Tickets are \$2 off the advance ticket price of \$15. Limit four per customer. If you can access Redstone Arsenal, buy your tickets at Sparkman Cafeteria, Redstone Lodging, and the ITR Center in building 3711 at the corner of Patton and Aerobee Roads. General admission tickets go on sale to the public at more locations May 1, according to Morale Welfare and Recreation.

Dinner theater

Madison Theatre Guild announces its newest murder mystery dinner theater "Murder at the Four Deuces," set at a Roaring '20s Speakeasy. Dress for the era and join the fun April 30 or May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Clay House Museum in downtown Madison. A four-course meal is included with wine. Tickets are \$35 per person. For tickets or information, call Jeannie King 772-1963 or the Clay House 325-1018. The Clay House is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Military families

Southerland Station will hold a Military Family Open House, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. "The station is North Alabama's premier hobby shop and model train showplace, with specialty toys and unique handicraft items, and the area's largest selection of artist supplies," a prepared release said. For this event, all military children can enjoy hands-on model operation, entertainment by clowns and magicians, and games in the large indoor area. Food, popcorn, ice cream, and soft drinks will be available — all free to military families (active military including mobilized National Guard and Reserves). This event is compliments of station owner Dick Metzger and the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of U.S. Army. Southerland Station is located east on Governors Drive from South Memorial Parkway, about three blocks down. Turn left beside Captain D's Seafood, to the large building immediate-

ly behind. Its phone number is 533-4720. For more information call Jim Rountree, AUSA vice president for military family programs, 895-8402.

Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics April 27 from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk-in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and the AVID microchip identification system will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

Latin dance

The Alabama Hispanic Association will hold its "Tropical Evening" Latin Dance, May 8 at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center auditorium, 2200 Drake Ave. Admission is \$10 per person in advance or \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available from April 26 until May 7 at La Michoacana Grocery Store, 2007 University Drive. For information on AHA, call president Margaret Rotger (256) 325-8464 or 325-4242.

Summer camp

Child and Youth Services is registering youth for its School Age Services (kindergarten through fifth-grade) and Youth Services (grades 6 to 12) Summer Camps through May 15 from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Central Enrollment Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. The registration fee is \$18 and a current immunization record must be provided. CYS Summer Camp registration is open to youth whose parent/guardian are military, retired military, DoD, contractor or NASA employees. For information on items needed for registration and listing of concurrent weekly camp schedules, call Pam Berry 955-6309 or Chris Carter 876-3704.

Challenger bingo

Challenger Activity Center bingo will have another Special Pack Night this Friday; buy one game pack and get a second one free. There will be extra games April 25, and a "Let's Make a Deal" program April 30. Challenger bingo is open to the entire Redstone community age 19 and older. It's open Wednesday through Friday at 5:15 p.m.; and games begin at 6:45. Saturday and Sunday cards go on sale at 12:15 p.m. and games run 1:45-5:30 p.m. Call 837-0750 for details.

Barbershop quartets

The Rocket City Chorus will present "Reflections on America" at 2 and 7 p.m. May 8 at the Chan Auditorium at the University of Alabama-Huntsville campus. This will be the group's 32nd annual show. Loose Change and Spectrum, two quartets from Birmingham, are the featured performers. They'll join the Rocket City Chorus and local quartets for an evening of family entertainment. Tickets, \$11 in advance and \$14 at the door, are available by calling John Gonzalez 852-2408 or Dick Savage 858-0003.

Creative camp

Nine schools in North Alabama will host Camp Invention, a national summer day camp that encourages children to develop their innate creative abilities. This

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
 REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK04837729	Supv Human Resource Specialist	26-Apr-04	CHRA	GS-0201	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X											
SCBK04734764	Financial Systems Tech	26-Apr-04	DOIM	GS-0503	8	8	36,821 - 47,868	X	X											
SCBK04846441	HR Assistant (MIL/OA)	27-Apr-04	Garrison	GS-0203	5	5	26,841 - 34,899	X	X	X										
SCBK04792423	Military Construction Analyst	28-Apr-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	5, 7, 9, or 11	5, 7, 9, or 11	26,841 - 63,967	X	X							X	X	X		
SCBK04742364R	Contract Specialist	28-Apr-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-1102	7	11	32,591 - 62,707	X	X											
SCBK04803964	Electrical Engineer	28-Apr-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0850	12	12	57,510 - 73,197	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04811802	Program Analyst	28-Apr-04	PEO CS&CSS	NH-0343	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X											
SCBK04842086	Secretary (OA)	28-Apr-04	PEO Tac Missiles	GS-0318	8	8	36,821 - 47,868	X	X											
SCBK04863567	Management Assistant	29-Apr-04	MEDDAC	GS-0344	6	7	29,919 - 43,221	X	X											
SCBK04781545	General Engineer	30-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04662386	Program Mgmt Officer	30-Apr-04	PEO-STRI	NH-0340	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04651435R	General Engineer	30-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X											
SCBK04616474	Supv General Engineer	3-May-04	PEO-STRI	NH-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04783425	General Engineer	3-May-04	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X											
SCBK04795914	General Engr; Physical Scientist; Operations Research Analyst	3-May-04	SMDC	GS-0801, 1301, 1515	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04760287	Program Analyst	3-May-04	LAISO	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X				X							
SCBK04779270	Architect	4-May-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808	12	12	54,024 - 69,711	X	X											
SCBK04821275	Lead General Engineer	7-May-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04594436R	Supv Operations Research Analyst	7-May-04	SMDC	GS-1515	15	15	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04616480	Logistics Mgmt Officer	10-May-04	PEO-STRI	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04848476	Electronics Engineer	13-May-04	AMRDEC	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WTEJ040010802OC	Electronics Engineer	30-Sep-04	TSMO	GG-0855	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13	26,841 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04646611OC	Architect; Chem Engr; Civil Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X											
SCBK04651453OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04651434OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04685735OC	Civ Engr; Architect; Chem Engr; Elec Engr; Env Engr; Mech Engr; Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0808, 0893, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	12	13	54,024 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
SCBK04697994OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	12	13	57,812 - 89,369	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV

X-RW-04-6279-ST	Electrical Engineering Technician	21-Apr-04	U.S. Army CoE	GS-0802	11 or 12	11 or 12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6216-LW	General Engineer	22-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6281-FL	Program Analyst	22-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6328-LW	General Engr; Physical Scientist; Operations Research Analyst	23-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801, 1301, 1515	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6246-LW	Lead General Engineer	26-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6258-LW	General Engineer	30-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6208-FL	General Engineer	5-May-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6217-FL	Supv Safety Engineer	6-May-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0803	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6218-FL	Lean Initiative Analyst	6-May-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0301	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-04-6298-FL	Supv Log Mgmt Specialist	9-May-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-04-6327-LW	Lead General Engineer	12-May-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

- 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 documentation service required).
- C - Compensable 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 documentation 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 documentation 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

NOTE: If you are interested, carefully read the announcement for the official area of consideration, qualification requirements, and application procedures.

NOTE: The Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Office accepts applications for various types of positions, i.e. Cashier, Food Service, Custodial, Bartender, etc. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com or you may telephone 876-7772.

Resumes are now being accepted for AMC Fellows and Business Enterprise Solutions Trainee. Visit www.amccareers.com or www.cpol.army.mil, search for Vacancy Announcement Numbers: NEAEJ04710482 & NEAE04756647, for more information.

one-week camp beginning in June is for children entering second through sixth grade in the 2004-05 school year. The \$199 camp fee includes snacks and a T-shirt. A 10 percent discount is offered for siblings. Registration is limited to 110 children. Call 1-800-968-4332 to register or call regional coordinator Hillary Dunham (256) 489-2424 for local questions. For more information, visit www.campinvention.org.

Army family team building

Tired of the surprises Army life seems to bring? Army Family Team Building, a free program developed by family members for family members, can help. AFTB Level I classes will be offered May 4-6 from 6-9 p.m. at building 3338 on Redeye Road. Level I, designed to enhance basic knowledge of Army life, includes the following topics: Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies; the Chain of Command and the Chain of Concern; Intro to Military and Civilian Resources; Family and Military Expectations; and the Impact of Unit Mission and Family Life. Call 876-5397 to reserve your seat and arrange for free child care. Space is limited.

Engineering camp

University of Alabama-Huntsville announces its third annual Engineering Summer Camp for incoming high school juniors and seniors. They will explore the different fields of engineering with lab experiments and group projects in bridge building, rocket launch, robotics, circuits and sensors, and chemical reactions. The camp will be offered twice this summer: June 14-18 and July 12-16. The \$350 cost includes fees, materials and lunch. Scholarships are available. For applications visit www.eb.uah.edu/camp. For information call Veronica Molina 824-3590.

Army band concert

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform at 3 p.m. May 9 at Big Spring Park in downtown Huntsville. This concert is free and open to the public. The "Yellow Ribbon Tribute" will recognize the servicemembers who have deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. It will also honor the families of those who have deployed, and will recognize Mother's Day. Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Magnetic yellow ribbons will be offered for sale to support Army Emergency Relief. All of the members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) perform in the concert band, making it the unit's largest ensemble. This group performs a variety of music from standard wind band literature and classical transcriptions to popular music of all types. The concert band performs year-round, with featured events including the annual Holiday Concert, and Independence Day concert and a touring summer concert series. The 389th Army Band is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. In 2003, the band deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom.