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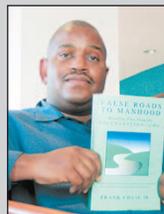
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Showing students the Army way

Redstone gives support
for ROTC day at A&M

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The Alabama A&M University student wasn't satisfied at his first try with the Javelin shoulder-fired missile. He wanted another shot.

Johnny Scott Jr. got his chance at the Javelin basic skills trainer during ROTC Career Day on April 21, the first of what is to become an annual event at the campus. Weapon system trainers from Software Engineering Directorate were displayed in a room at the ROTC building; and a Patriot system and Avenger were set up at the quad on the other side of campus. The weapon system trainers were also available Thursday at University of Alabama-Huntsville.

"It's cool, it's pretty neat," Scott, a senior from Demopolis, said of the Army hardware. "High tech, good for training."

Majoring in forestry and management, he completed two years of ROTC. He had four years of Junior ROTC at



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SCOOTER— Shaquella Whitt, an A&M graduate student and ROTC cadet, hears about the Segway human transporter from Corinne Thomas of Software Engineering Directorate.

Demopolis High. He plans to pursue a job in his major and become an Army Reservist after he graduates in December.

Craig Eichelkraut, a computer engineer for SAIC, was one of two contractors among



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ON TARGET— Alabama A&M senior Johnny Scott Jr. tries the Javelin basic skills trainer with help from Craig Eichelkraut of Software Engineering Directorate.

the seven representatives from the Software Engineering Directorate. He assisted Scott and other students on the Javelin trainer and the Antitank Guided Missile basic skills trainer.

"All of our basic skills trainers teach gunners the switches

and grips of the tactical system before they get into the real tactical vehicle," said Eichelkraut, who has worked for SAIC 15 years including the last four at software engineering directorate.

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Marrow recipient receives second chance in life

Young aviation enthusiast
meets post commander

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Twelve years ago doctors told Lisa Myhan that her toddler, Cliff, wouldn't live to see age 10. This could have been true if it weren't for the help of a bone marrow donor. Cliff was given the gift of life and is now 14.

When Cliff was 2, he was diagnosed with a rare disease called Fanconi anemia. Lisa says that it is so uncommon that only three people in Alabama have it. There are different strands of the disease and Cliff's was among the more severe.

"At the time when they diagnosed Cliff, I was five months pregnant," Lisa said. "The disease is so dangerous that I had to be at St. Jude in Memphis the very next day to test my



Mary Petty/Photo Lab

DREAM COME TRUE— Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, shows Cliff Myhan a Chinook helicopter. When Pillsbury asked Cliff what he would buy with a million dollars, Cliff replied "a helicopter, sir."

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Letters to the Editor

Take chance to save a life

It's not very often that we have the opportunity to save someone's life. But when that chance comes along, and we take it, the feeling is like no other feeling in the world.

We all will be given that chance on May 12 by registering to become a marrow donor during the Marrow Donor Registration Drive. The drive is being conducted under the authority of the C.W. Bill Young/Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program. I fully support this program, and I encourage you to simply show up at the Recreation Center (building 3711) between 9 a.m. and noon, and find out if you are a match to save a life.

To register to become a donor, you will need to sign a consent form and provide a small blood sample taken from your arm. Your blood type will be tested at the Navy human leukocyte antigen testing laboratory to determine your marrow matching type. That information will then be entered into the Department of Defense and the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. Once you are registered in the computer, marrow transplant

medical teams throughout the United States and the world can search the file to determine if your HLA type matches the HLA type of a patient who needs a transplant.

If your HLA type matches the patient seeking a transplant, you will be contacted. However, you and you alone will decide whether to donate. If you do decide to donate, a small amount of marrow will be extracted from the back of your pelvic bone. Quick recoveries are the norm, and there is no cost to you.

So please, do something nice for yourself and someone who's counting on you. Take the time to register, and become a marrow donor. Perhaps you will have the opportunity to see what it's like to have the greatest feeling in the world — by saving a life!

Further information regarding becoming a marrow donor may be found at <http://www.dodmarrow.org/process.htm>.

Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury
commander, AMCOM
and Redstone

Redstone badge needed

I read the article on the changes to the security gates as it concerns entrance badges. My wife has the MWR badge that she uses to get on post to go the gym to work out. I did not see that listed as one the IDs that would be accepted for entrance to the Arsenal. Will you please respond to how this will affect her, and a possible alternative?

Corey B. Thomas
Directorate of Logistics

Editor's note: Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, provided the following response. "The folks that currently possess MWR patron badges will simply take their current badge to the vehicle registration office and ask for a 2341 — a Redstone badge — then they can access the Arsenal with that badge and use their MWR badge to get into the facility for which they are signed up for."

Quote of the week

'The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, is a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again. Oh, people will come, Ray. People will most definitely come.'

— From the movie 'Field of Dreams'

Future resident welcomed

I wanted to take time out and say something nice about a group of people who helped me out when I really wasn't expecting it. I am referring to the staff at the Family Housing Office — Mr. Jerry Lewis, Ms. Giannina Brown, Mrs. Claudia Scott and Mr. Wardell Pearson.

I was notified that I would be coming down on orders for Redstone. So I immediately packed up my wife and drove down for a firsthand fact finding trip.

Our biggest concern of course was housing. We went to the housing office-

expecting to get the "brush off" because I am not officially due to sign into Redstone until June. What we found was a group of people that were more than willing to answer our question and went beyond the call of duty to make us feel welcome.

Usually Soldiers spend a lot of time complaining about civilians. So I thought it would be appropriate to take time out to say thank you and job well done to the housing office.

Staff Sgt. Robert N. Coppage

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

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

April 17: An individual was observed at the Post Exchange selecting an item and then exiting without rendering payment. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

April 20: An individual was observed exceeding the posted speed limit on Vincent Drive. When stopped he was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and had no proof of liability insurance. He was issued violation notices for each offense and released.

April 20: An individual reported that he lost his Common Access Card at an off post location. A search of the area by the individual met with negative results.

April 20: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant from Athens Police Department on file during an inspection at Gate 1. He was released to the Athens Police Department.

April 21: A Soldier was temporarily detained after he was involved in a verbal dispute which became physical. He was processed and returned to his unit. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

April 21: An individual reported that he lost his Common Access Card at an off post location. A search of the area by the

individual met with negative results.

April 22: An individual reported that she lost her Redstone Security Card in the area of building 3499. A search of the area by the individual met with negative results.

April 22: An individual was observed exceeding the posted speed limit on Rideout Road. When stopped he was also found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was issued two violation notices and released.

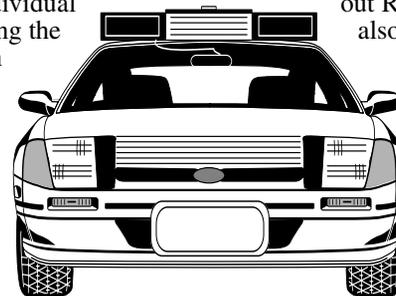
April 22: An individual reported that she lost her Redstone Security Card in the area of building 3220. A search of the area by the individual met with negative results.

April 22: An individual reported that she lost her Redstone Security Card at an unknown location in Huntsville. A search of the area by the individual met with negative results.

April 22: An individual was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant from Decatur during an inspection at Gate 9. He was apprehended and released to the Decatur Police Department.

Traffic accidents reported: 7 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 1 trespassing, 1 noise abatement, 1 larceny, 77 speeding, 5 no proof of liability insurance, 4 failure to obey a traffic control device and 2 driving with a suspended/revoked/canceled driver's license.



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An open lane random survey

Where is the best place to live in America?

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contractor

"I came to Huntsville twice before moving down here and my wife is from here. So, Huntsville is the best for me."



Buryl Smith
retiree
"North Alabama — we have everything we need right here. The weather all around is nice, not too hot and not too cold."

1st Sgt. Hal Hardee
Marine Detachment

"Florida, where I'm from. It's where I was born and raised and my family is. It's warm, sunny and there's a lot to do there."



Pfc. Randi Stenkamp
Marine Detachment
"Anywhere that your family is."

Markings make difference for classified material

GARRISON SECURITY OFFICE RELEASE

Do you have a responsibility to process classified information? If so, one integral part of processing classified information is to ensure appropriate markings are placed on all classified and sensitive information.

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Classified material other than paper documents require the same markings and must have the same information either marked on it or made available to holders by other means of notification.

Getting to know you

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Job: Drill sergeant, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon

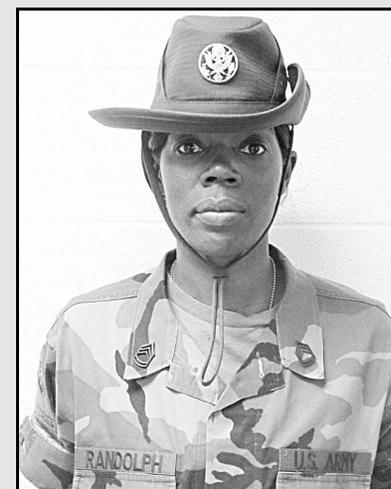
Where do you call home?
Albany, Ga.

What do you like about your job?

I enjoy playing an important part of the initial Soldierization process and being a positive role model for the Soldiers coming through the company.

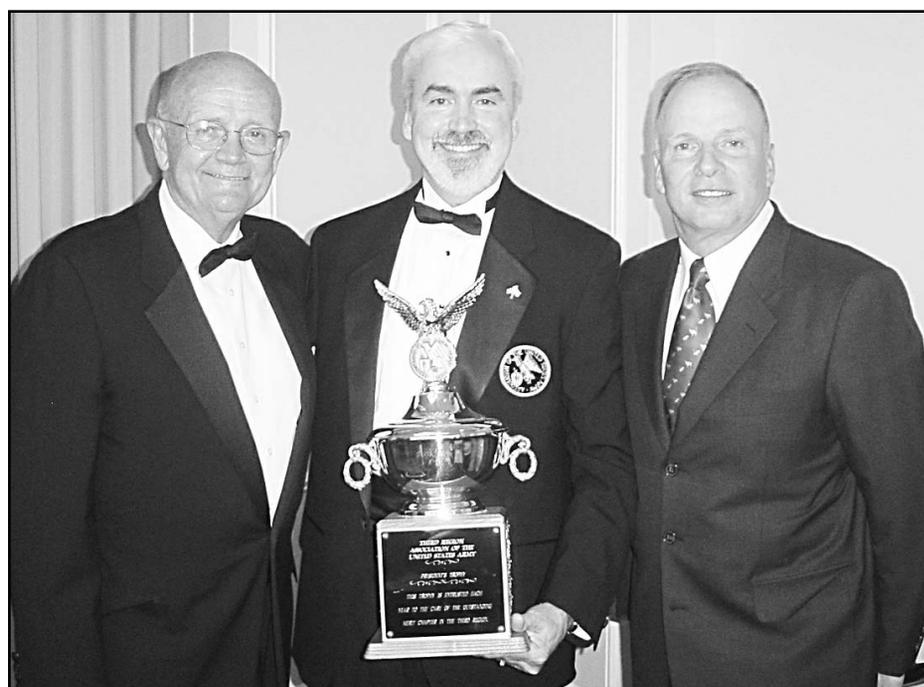
What do you like to do in your spare time?

I play a lot of basketball and enjoy spending time with my five daughters.



What are your goals?

To become a command sergeant major in the Army and to coach high school basketball.



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Chapter kudos

The Association of the United States Army Redstone-Huntsville Chapter was named Chapter of the Year for 2004 at the 3rd Region meeting in Tampa, Fla. From left are Gordon Sullivan, retired general and former Army chief of staff; Joe Fitzgerald, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter president; and Jack Tilley, retired 14th sergeant major of the Army.

Volunteers of year recognized for making difference

Work hours they contribute worth \$1 million annually

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Their contribution can't be measured in dollars alone but the numbers are impressive.

Redstone's more than 700 volunteers donated more than 80,000 volunteer hours worth more than \$1 million in the past year. "That deserves a round of applause," Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, said.

The 13 Volunteers of the Year for 2003-04, the 17 other nominees and their 32 organizations were honored at Redstone's 20th annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held Thursday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

"Without our volunteers we wouldn't have the programs that we have," Devlin told the 280 attendees.

Volunteer of the Year winners include Michelle deGroot, new volunteer; Carolyn Denno, special events; Tayla Blake, middle school young leader; Julie Clippinger, military community service; Inger Frye, Redstone Arse-

nal community service; Sharon Samuelson, community dedicated service; Yolanda McDonald, dedicated service to youth; Danielle Denno, school age service young leader; Deidre Busk, military community dedicated service; Christopher Johnson, teen young leader; Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Lundy, service to youth; retired Navy Capt. Bill Howard, military community lifetime service; and retired Chief Warrant Officer Aniceto Bagley, Redstone Arsenal community lifetime service.

Clippinger was nominated by Army Family Team Building at Army Community Service. She volunteers with AFTB, Enlisted Spouses Club and as a housing area mayor.

"Ever since I've been in the military, so many people have helped me and my family. So now that I'm able to, I'm willing to do the same," she said.

Blake, 12, a seventh-grader at J.E. Williams Technology Middle School, was nominated by the Youth Center. She is the daughter of Malissa Blake, who works at the Acquisition Center.

"I do it to help my community," she said of volunteering, "and because it's fun."

deGroot, nominated for her work with the Army Family Action Plan conference at Army Community Service, also volunteers as a housing area mayor and with AFTB, the Installation Volunteer Advisory Committee and the Enlisted Spouses Club.

"I'm a full-time mom and it (volunteering) got me a chance to get out of the house, do other things," she said. "I love to give back to the community. It keeps me busy, too."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

AWARD WINNERS— From left Deidre Busk, Julie Clippinger and Tayla Blake are among Redstone's 13 volunteers of the year for 2003-04.

"Ever since I've been in the military, so many people have helped me and my family. So now that I'm able to, I'm willing to do the same."

— Julie Clippinger

The other nominees included 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); Barbara Hayes, AFTB (ACS); Janeshia Henderson, Youth Center; Adora Ihediwa, Child and Youth Ser-

vices; Nathan Johnson, Youth Center; Gabrielle Loew, Thrift Shop; Chester Marty, Red Cross; 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 Par-

rish, Youth Bowling; Amber Pitre, Child and Youth Services; and Katrina Wynn, AFAP conference (Army Community Service).

"It's very nice to come here and see all the people, the volunteers," Ihediwa, 15, said, "and to know how it (volunteering) makes a big difference for the government."

Fund-raisers on tap for AER campaign



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FORE GOOD CAUSE— Steve Below of Analytical Services Inc. participates in the AER tournament held Friday at Redstone Golf Course.

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 information 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 Giveaway 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 Giveaway with tickets for sale through May 5, sponsored by the IMMC Medium Range/Close Combat Directorate. For information call McAulliffe 876-3393.

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

- Hot dog sale/silent auction/pie in the face, May 6 in the Sparkman Center courtyard; sponsored by South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center. For information call Richard Wallner 876-1942.

- 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.

95th Maintenance Command endures worldwide mission



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

MOVING ON— Capt. Jason Mackay says goodbye upon relinquishing command of 95th Maintenance Company.

Mackay succeeded by Coe in change of command

95TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY RELEASE

Capt. Jason Mackay relinquished command of the 95th Maintenance Company to Capt. James Coe Jr. in a ceremony April 16 in front of the John M. Cone Metrology Center, headquarters of the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Activi-ty.

The 95th is the only calibration and repair company in the free world. The company has a worldwide deployable mission and 20 area TMDE support teams located in Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Italy, Korea, Hawaii and throughout the continental United States.

Coe arrived from Fort Hood, Texas, and command of the 157th Field Service Company, which he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. His company provided shower, laundry and clothing repair to the 3rd Infantry Division during the initial offensive operations. Coe and his wife, Audrey, have two children, Jessica, 2, and Aaliyah, 1. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the GWOT Expeditionary Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the overseas service ribbon with numeral two. He has a bachelor's of science and master's of science in business management.

Mackay leaves command after 22 months. He deployed with 10 of the area TMDE support teams and a forward command post of the company headquarters in March 2003 to support Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He also served as

the operations and intelligence officer for the Army Materiel Command Logistics Support Element – Iraq under Col. Robert Spidel at LSA Anaconda, Iraq.

Mackay and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Emma, 1. His awards include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, GWOT Service Medal, GWOT Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Mackay has also been inducted into the Order of Samuel Sharp and earned Cavalry Spurs. He has a bachelor's of science in civil engineering and has been selected for Army advanced civil schooling to pursue a master's in business administration.

The 95th Maintenance Company has earned campaign credit for Operation Desert Storm, deployed to all iterations of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, deployed in support of various operations in the Balkans, and enabled AMC force projection operations in Kuwait and Qatar. Four area TMDE support teams are permanently assigned in Korea to support U.S. forces.

The 95th has been recognized for superior Soldiers and NCOs the world over. Spc. Justin Brown, area TMDE support team Gieblstadt, was honored as the first Department of Army Soldier of the Year in 2002. Sgt. Calvin Foster, headquarters 95th, was the Redstone Arsenal NCO of the Year for 2002. Staff Sgt. Donald Ritchie was the AMCOM NCO of the Year for 2002. Sgt. Brandon Parrett, area TMDE support team 25ID, was honored as the Army Materiel Command Soldier of the Year in 2003. Spc. Anthony Wright was the 8th Army boxing champion in 2003.



Courtesy photo

Party hopping

Members of the American Society of Military Comptrollers celebrate Easter with a party for patients at the Children's Rehabilitation Center on April 8. They include from left Kim Stenberg, Easter Bunny (Marcia Robinson), and Jennifer Feemster (holding a little patient).



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Scavenger hunt

Fourth-graders from Priceville Elementary participate in a scavenger hunt during Redstone's ninth annual Earth Day celebration Thursday at the Path to Nature. From left are Mallory Perry, Victoria Wells and Mackenzie Davis.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Tree planting

Post forester Jesse Horton helps youngsters from the Child Development Center plant a tree Friday on the west side of building 4488 at Redstone's 12th annual Arbor Day celebration.

Hail and farewell

'Conscience of Ordnance Corps' concludes long career

*Personnel proponent chief
 retires after 45 years*

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The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School and the 59th Ordnance Brigade honored Hinston "Rob" Robinson, chief of the Ordnance Corps personnel proponent office, during his retirement luncheon Friday at the Officers and Civilians Club.

During his 45 years of government service Robinson has been an infantry Soldier, an infantry officer, served in Germany, Vietnam, Korea and Japan. He has worked for the Army Signal Corps, Adjutant General's Corps, the Department of State in foreign service, and spent the last 19 years in the personnel proponent office working for the Ordnance Corps.

"Without a doubt you don't stay at a job 19 years unless you enjoy it," Robinson said. "If I had not enjoyed the job and the support given to the proponent office by the leadership I'd have went looking for greener pastures."

"The people that were assigned to the proponent office, some of the best NCOs,



Photo by Spc. Ryan McClymont

HERE'S TO YOU, MR. ROBINSON— Sgt. Maj. Launa Klimowicz, liaison noncommissioned officer for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, gives Hinston "Rob" Robinson a parting gift at his farewell luncheon at the Officers and Civilians Club.

officers and warrant officers that the Ordnance Corps has to offer, and the fact that we were taking care of Soldiers made this job special."

Robinson and the proponent office managed the electronic maintenance

and calibration, ammunition supply and the explosive ordnance disposal career management fields. These two CMFs include roughly 20 military occupational skills which employ 16,000 Soldiers.

"Mr. Robinson is probably the most knowledgeable person in the Ordnance Corps on issues dealing with what Soldiers need in the field and what the field needs of the Soldier," said Chief Warrant Officer Richard Storie, chief of warrant officer issues. "We refer to him as the conscience of the Ordnance Corps because everything he does at work and everything that is brought up is always looked at as 'how will this support or affect our Ordnance Corps Soldiers.'"

The first to crack a smile or start a conversation, Robinson combined professionalism with cordiality and would never hesitate to give his opinion or advice.

"He is just very approachable, very personable, he has a youthful spirit, he is friendly and he likes to talk," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Boehme, the explosive ordnance disposal specialist career management NCO. "I have learned a lot about the Army from Mr. Robinson. I came here thinking I knew everything and found out I didn't know anything at all."

Robinson's plans are to retire to his home in Bowdon, Ga., and to do some extensive traveling in Vietnam, Germany and Japan.

"My passion is my freedom," he said. "Now what does freedom mean? I don't know, but I'm going to figure that out."

Director nationally recognized for helicopter work

Art Ather appreciates team's accomplishments

By SANDY RIEBELING

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It's all about getting the job done and taking care of the people who do it. That's what Art Ather, director of Scout Observation Directorate, spends his days ... and nights ... and weekends doing. He wouldn't have it any other way.

His dedication has not gone unnoticed. In October, Ather was awarded the Association of the United States Army certificate of achievement.

"I've been blessed with a fine bunch of people," Ather said, giving credit first and foremost to his Kiowa Warrior team. "And like in any command, it's the people – they either make it or break it.

"I always say it takes a village to raise the Kiowa," he said. "My team are the villagers that raised this weapon system."

Of the Army's 16 "sort" systems, seven are managed by AMCOM, including four aviation and three missile. Of the sort systems, the Kiowa Warrior has the highest readiness rate. And as the war on terror continues to escalate, the demand for support in terms of parts and supplies has increased by 176 percent. Despite the increase and without additional people, the team has never missed a goal (75 percent).

"I am very honored and grateful for serving our great nation to the best of my ability,"

Ather said. "The recognition basically validates the conviction of working 24/7 – that's my motto – for the Army. Serving the nation well has a price and most of the time, it's the personal life you end up sacrificing – family and friends. Everyone here has had to do that from time to time. The award was attestation to the fact that I have the best team in the Army."

Ather isn't just stating opinion; he has the awards to back it up. His Kiowa Warrior (OH-58D) Comanche team won the Integrated Materiel Management Center Team Recognition Award in 2001 and then again this year. The team is also up for the Team of the Year award at Army Materiel Command.

"That award comes with a \$5,000 cash prize," Ather said. "We've already decided that if we win, we're donating the money to the families of American Soldiers who died in Iraq.

"I see in the eyes of people (the team), how tired they are when they go home at the end of very long days," he said. "I see what it takes to maintain readiness. Readiness is a tangible goal to measure success. I always encourage my employees to commit 24/7, 365. Not to me but the Army. They understand the critical nature of our business.

"Great people, great partners," Ather said.

In his role as leader of that team, the nomination for Ather's award included phrases such as "can-do attitude ... remarkable accomplishments ... outstanding support to Soldiers ... tireless and diligent pursuit for serving the U.S. Army in an unprecedented manner ... charismatic leader ... selfless service."

The award was accepted. The work continues.



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AND THE WINNER IS— Art Ather, right, director of Scout Observation Directorate, is presented the Association of the United States Army certificate of achievement by Jim Flinn, deputy to the commanding general of the Aviation and Missile Command.

Commissaries sell groceries at cost

Customers benefit from savings

By **BONNIE POWELL**
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FORT LEE, Va. — No pain, no gain is a common expression. Bargain hunters go from grocery store to grocery store seeking the best buys — but they may also end up paying more for other items that aren't on sale. A lot of pain, not much gain. Why do all that when DeCA commissaries sell groceries at cost, saving authorized customers an average of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery prices?

Commercial stores are profit-motivated. They can offer popular items at below cost to get customers in their store — and make it up on other items that are priced much higher. There's nothing wrong with that and it has a name: loss leader.

That's how the commercial businesses work. "But commissaries are a benefit, not a business, and sometimes people lose sight of that," said Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "It's true we operate in a businesslike fashion, but our sole reason for being here is to deliver the benefit. Our cost is your cost."

The prices paid by commissary customers for grocery items equals the government's cost for those items.

"Because we sell at cost, and the U.S. government covers the expenses associated with providing the benefit, that allows us to achieve an overall average customer savings of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores," Wiedemer said.

That's a benefit that is now worth about \$2,700 a year to a military family of four that shops regularly at a commissary. Put simply, "We're here to save military families as much as we can — not make money," said Wiedemer.

■ ROTC career day raises awareness about military

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The directorate often entertains visiting students. "But this is the first time we've come out to ROTC days so this has been real good," Eichelkraut said.

The goal is to expand the event with more equipment in the future, according to Capt. Michael Kelley, the A&M ROTC department's recruiting operations officer.

"It's just something the ROTC department's putting on to get campus visibility and awareness, give students an opportunity to come look at (Army) equipment. We're trying to get awareness on campus, talk to them about opportunities in the military.

"I would like to make it a bigger event every year. I think a lot of people have misconceptions about the Army that we're just fighters. But there are so many other jobs that people can do that people are not aware of. There's a lot of important jobs out there in the military. Your average student just sees what's happening on TV."

Besides the A&M students, their counterparts at University of Alabama-Huntsville can also take ROTC through a formal partnership between the two

schools. "The (UAH) freshman class is actually taught over there but after that they come over here to take the class," Kelley said.

About 130 of the more than 5,000-member student body are enrolled in ROTC at A&M. Of those from 60 to 70 will actually pursue an Army commission.

As part of ROTC Day events, an award ceremony was held Thursday afternoon in the multipurpose room in the new school of business on campus. Various organizations in Huntsville were to present 20 awards to cadets.

"We help students that want to do something," retired Lt. Col. Richard Ruffin, the ROTC battalion's executive officer, said. "Our cadets are well trained."

The ROTC ball was Friday night at the Ernest L. Knight Center on campus with guest of honor 1st Lt. Haneda Garner, a 2001 A&M graduate who spent a year in Iraq where she earned the Bronze Star. A Montgomery native, she is stationed with 529th Ordnance Company in Vilsec, Germany. Also among the expected attendees was 2001 graduate 1st Lt. Franz Mentor, a Black Hawk pilot who also did a year in Iraq. A member of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., he is to return as guest speaker at the A&M ROTC commissioning ceremony May 7.

'Lt. Dan' committed to Soldiers

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — "Now, you listen to me. We all have a destiny. Nothing just happens, it's all part of a plan," said Lt. Dan in the movie *Forest Gump*. Now 10 years after the film's release, actor Gary Sinise said he is realizing just how true his words were as he supports Soldiers serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

With the help of the USO, Sinise has

been traveling to military bases around the world including Korea, Italy, Iraq, Kuwait and Diego Garcia.

"After the war started and wounded started coming back, I felt it necessary to visit them," Sinise said. In August, the actor who played an amputee in *Forest Gump* visited Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany where he saw wounded almost directly out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

■ Bone marrow drive scheduled on post

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unborn baby." Luke, now 10, luckily did not have it.

At this point it was critical for the Myhans to start looking for a bone marrow match for Cliff. Doctors warned them that if Cliff didn't have a transplant he would die by age 8 to 10. Their first hope was in Luke.

"There was a 1-in-4 chance that Luke would be a match, this was the best chance for Cliff," Lisa said. After taking amniotic fluid, they found that Luke was not a match.

Lisa says that she was very upset at the negative result. There was a 1-in-4 chance that her unborn son would match Cliff, but there was a one-in-a-million chance that somebody else would match him. Afraid to let him die, the Myhans started doing bone marrow drives across the state, including Redstone Arsenal.

Lisa's aunt, Jean Weisser of the Integrated Materiel Management Center, started the first bone marrow drive at Redstone in 1992. At the time, it cost the Myhans \$45 to have people tested at bone marrow drives. Weisser found a way to cut that cost significantly.

"After their first drive, I found out about the C.W. Bill Young Center and started a drive on Redstone Arsenal," Weisser said. The center supports all active duty military members and their dependents, Department of Defense civilians, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve personnel ages 18 to 60 to be tested for free.

After two years and many drives, the Myhans found a match. Cliff's relative Terry Smith was a perfect match. Suddenly, Cliff got the chicken pox and went into bone marrow failure. He was hospitalized and they thought he would need the transfusion immediately. Amazingly, Cliff got better and they were able to put the transfusion off for a few months.

In July 1994, Cliff went to a hospital in Minnesota to go through full body radiation and chemotherapy so that he could receive the bone marrow transfusion.

"I was so scared getting on that plane

because I didn't know if Cliff would be getting back on the plane with me when we came home," Lisa said.

The bone marrow transplant was successful. The doctors give patients 14 days for their body to accept the marrow. By the 11th day, Cliff had totally accepted the marrow and even started reproducing it.

Originally, Lisa says that she had been angry that Luke was not a match for Cliff, but after talking with doctors she found that maybe Cliff had to wait to find a donor for a reason. "While we were in Minnesota, the doctors said that with Cliff being 5 he handled the radiation fine. If he had received the radiation earlier at age 2 then it could have hurt him more," she said. "You know God has the perfect plan and I was allowed to see that plan."

Cliff has always had a passion for flying. Lisa attributes it to the many times he had to fly to see different doctors. "Aviation is his love. Models of airplanes and helicopters is what he loves. He wants to join the military when he gets older," she said.

Recently, Cliff got to meet someone who shares in his love for aviation. Brig. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, took some time to talk with Cliff about helicopters and being a pilot. When Pillsbury asked Cliff what he wanted to be, Cliff immediately replied a pilot. "If I can do it, then anybody can," Pillsbury said.

To Cliff's mother, he is already a Soldier. "He has the heart of a fighter," Lisa said. "He has fought everything and won. He's fought through it all and been so brave."

On May 12, Redstone will give employees the opportunity to become a life saver to someone in need. The bone marrow drive will be at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Weisser at 842-0343. Also, people can participate at the Red Cross blood drive at Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center, building 3705, on May 12 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Appointments must be set up for the blood drive; call Angie 313-1200/313-1201 or Phylissa 313-1202. All that are tested are put on the DoD and National Marrow Donor Program Registry.

Drivers should watch out for construction

Road resurfacing projects under way

The Garrison Department of Public Works has awarded a contract to resurface various roads on post.

Drivers are urged to use caution when traveling in the construction zones during the following dates:

- Neal Road, from Rideout Road to

Patton Road, now through Friday

- Marshall Road, from Rideout Road to Neal Road, May 3-14
- Mills Road, from Neal Road to Martin Road, May 17-28
- Mills Road, from Martin Road to Refuge Road, May 31 to June 11
- Dodd Road, from Martin Road to Army-NASA boundary, June 14-25
- Redstone Road, from Patton Road to bridge at east Arsenal boundary, June 28 to July 23.



Courtesy photo

ZONING IN— Workers prepare to resurface Neal Road, near the Patton Road intersection, Thursday.

Artillery rocket system unveiled in Arkansas

Army, Lockheed Martin roll out heavy armor

The Precision Fires Rocket & Missile Systems Project Office, located on Redstone Arsenal, and Lockheed Martin Missile and Fire Control Systems-Dallas, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, rolled out the newest members of the Multiple Launch Rocket System family at a ceremony held April 15 at Lockheed's MLRS manufacturing facilities in Camden, Ark.

The first production units of both the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launchers and Guided MLRS rockets were officially presented to Army and Marine Corps representatives. Arkansas's U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor and Rep. Mike Ross, as well as numerous military representatives from both the Army and Marine Corps and other local and state dignitaries, were among the more than 400 attendees.

"The HIMARS and GMLRS systems provide intimidating firepower for our early-entry forces," Ross said. "Lockheed Martin's Camden employees build some of the finest weapon systems in the world, and I thank each and every one of you for the contribution you make to our men and women in uniform."

"These are systems we need in the field today," Pryor said. "There's a legitimate need for (HIMARS and GMLRS), and I thank you for your dedication to our



Scott McGill of Lockheed

READY TO SERVE— As the ceremonial documents were being signed, a HIMARS launcher roared through the pine trees, stopping right behind the signing table and raising its platform to a firing position to the applause of the onlookers.

service men and women."

"HIMARS and GMLRS represent the best rocket and missile artillery system in the world today, bar none," Col. Earnest Harris, PFRMS project manager, said. "None of these systems would have been possible without the hard work of the employees of Lockheed Martin, the dedicated civil service workers, Soldiers, and support contractors of my project office and the other government and prime contractor personnel serving our nation right here in Camden."

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Author gives directions toward right road in life

Experiences, interviews
 taught helpful lessons

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Frank Chase Jr. was on a bad road and he knew it. Teen troubles led to arrest for theft; young adulthood led to illegal drugs and drinking. There was a divorce. He didn't know where to turn.

As a young Soldier he finally found his way. He became a Christian. He turned his life around and began writing a book in 1995 to share his experiences.

"False Roads to Manhood" by Chase, a writer for PS Magazine at the Logistics Support Activity, was published April 16 by Ashley & Taylor Publishing of Huntsville. Chase had a book signing for his first work the following day at the Dublin Recreational Center in Madison; and about 70 people attended, many buying multiple copies of the 284-page paperback for their fathers and brothers.

"The book is about roads and decisions that men choose in life that cause them to basically go down false roads which make life difficult for them," the 44-year-old Baltimore, Md., native said.

The book's subtitle is "Breaking Free From the False TRADITIONS of Men." That acronym stands for Truancy, Rejection, Anger, Discouragement, Ignorance, Transients, Incarceration, Offenses and Nomads. Each chapter is dedicated to one of those false roads and includes an interview with someone who has traveled on it, and gives Chase's directions for the road out.

"It's a self-help book about getting men off those false roads and getting them back on positive roads in life," Chase said. He added that it's not only for men, but also should help women understand men's concealed feelings and struggles.

"And I've always coined this term: Where knowledge is lacking, mistakes will be made. And we need knowledge as men and women about each other to bring about understanding," he said.

He isn't shy about describing his own mistakes, either.

Chase grew up in Baltimore, the middle child with two sisters. He started working for the Social Security Administration part time as a high school senior. And after graduation, he worked a year as a file clerk for the FBI with the thought of someday fulfilling his dream of becoming an FBI agent. But as a "dumb teenager," he quit the bureau, returned home and started getting into trouble.

He got arrested for stealing from a store; and the judge gave him two choices: Either join the military or go to jail. He joined the Army in 1979 but his troubles continued.

"I was on drugs, smoked hash and drank heavily. So I went to a Bible retreat and that's where my life completely changed," he said. He served in the Army until August 1983, spending two years in Germany and two at Fort Lewis, Wash. He graduated from Washington State in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in communications and minor in sociology.

In government service for 20 years, he has worked at LOGSA since December 1999. The Harvest resident arrived from St. Louis in 1997 when the Army aviation function moved to Redstone.

He credits his second wife, Teresa Wade-Chase, and his pastor, Karockas Watkins of Emmanuel Church International in Decatur, with supporting him during the challenging journey of writing a book. He has two children by his second wife and four by his previous marriage. Chase hopes his book will someday become a play and eventually a movie.

"I just want people to know this book is a good Father's Day present, that it's

profound," he said. "It will benefit anybody that reads it. No matter who you are, where you come from, you will learn something from this book. Whether personally or spiritually, you will learn something. Men and women both will learn something."

Some 233 copies were printed; and the book, which costs \$14.99 excluding tax, can be ordered on his web site at www.positivejourney.com. The author's cell phone number is 479-2611.

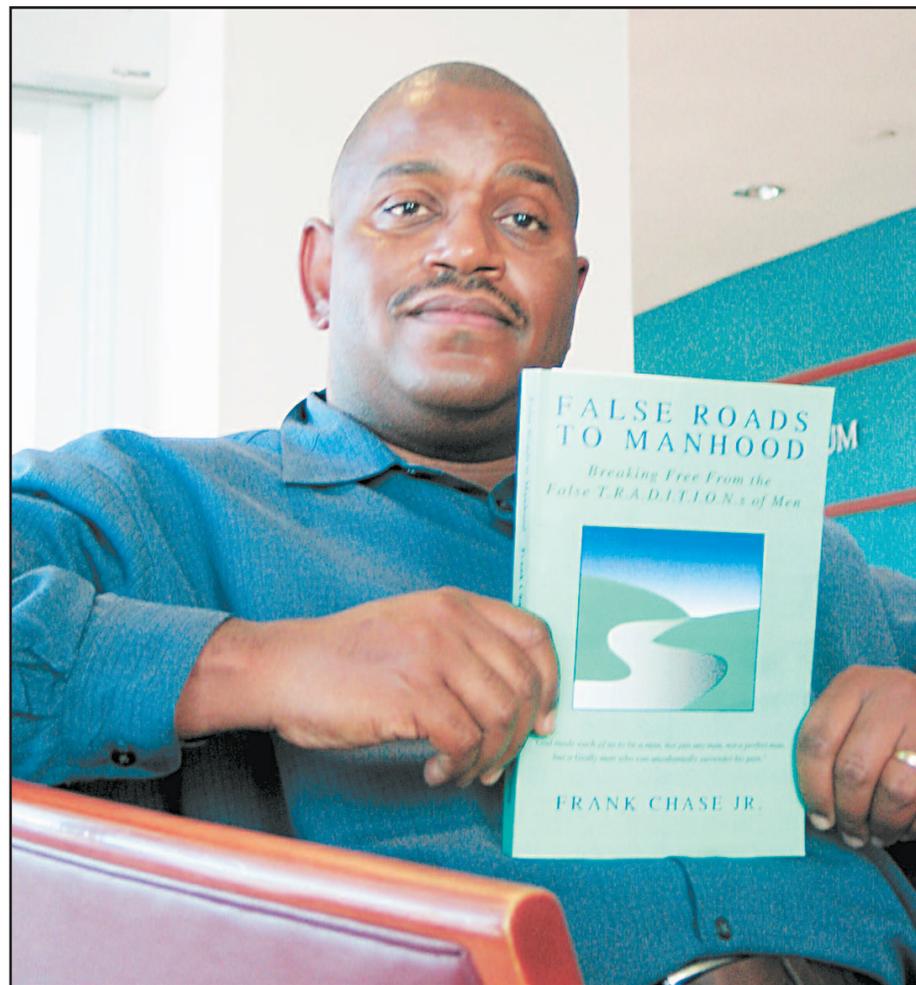


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FIRST WORK— "False Roads to Manhood" is the first book by Frank Chase Jr., a writer for PS Magazine at the Logistics Support Activity.

Bring Your Kids to Work Day gets postwide support

Youngsters visit points of interest

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Thursday not only marked the celebration of Earth Day; it was also Bring Your Kids to Work Day. The occasion, an excused absence for most schools, is a time for children to see firsthand what their parents do all day. For the Logistics Support Activity, it was also a chance for kids to get a better look at what some other groups at Redstone call a regular working day.

"Last year when we hosted this event, it was restricted to the Sparkman complex, mostly due to lack of time for planning anything beyond that," Debbie Baugh, command executive assistant at LOGSA, said. "This year we wanted to add some excitement to increase the interest both in the kids and parents to participate. The K9 facility, airfield and fire station were among the first choices that provided such excitement for a wide range of youth ages."

At 9 a.m., some 15 parents and 45 kids boarded buses provided by the Garrison in front of the Sparkman Center building



Photo by Kelley Lane

TOUR STOP— Nicholas Giordano, left, and Nicholas Chaplow try a protective sleeve on for size at the K-9 facility.

5307 and embarked on a tour of three points of interest: fire station 1, the K-9 facility and the airfield. It was an opportunity for all to get to know Redstone a little better while spending quality time together.

"The Garrison deputy commander Mr. (Darrell) Brewer, Sarah Brazzel and each

of the facility managers really went out of their way to make this a first class experience," Baugh said.

The first stop on the tour took the group to fire station 1 on Rideout Road where they toured the firehouse and examined firefighter equipment. Safety gear and precautions were explained and everyone had a chance to examine the trucks.

The kids got to ask questions and see just how long it really takes for a fireman to get suited up. The fireman shared historical tidbits and managed to squeeze plenty of fire safety tips into the tour.

Perhaps the biggest treat of the stop was the unexpected. As the group was preparing to board the buses for the next leg of the journey, a call came into the firehouse. An alarm was sounding on post.

Within moments the firemen were on their way with lights and sirens blaring. LOGSA's tour group waved a fond farewell as they headed out to stop number two, the military police K-9 facility.

At the K-9 facility, the parents and children got to know a bit more about the six working dogs of Redstone. They learned the names and histories of each dog before taking the grand tour of their home, the kennels.

Outside, the tourists had the best seats in the doghouse for a demonstration of the extensive training each dog undergoes. Pitjo, with handler Officer Michael Nelson, was happy to demonstrate obedience

and agility skills. He also assisted in a demonstration of criminal apprehension techniques. Once again, educational material was included with the entertainment. Questions varying from training techniques to favorite kibble were answered before the group set out for the last stop of the morning, Redstone's airfield.

At the airfield, the tour focused on safety issues and the Huey helicopter. Pilot Les Haas gave insight into the aircraft's basic operations before allowing the group the chance to crawl around the inside of a working helicopter, a treat at any age. Even though helicopters are a familiar sight at Redstone, having a seat in the cockpit is something many employees don't get to do. For the children, it was an opportunity to learn and imagine the possibilities.

This three-hour tour ended with the group being returned to the Sparkman Center for lunch. The children under 10, accompanied by parents, headed off chattering excitedly about what they had seen. The older kids hurried back to their parents' offices to inform them of all the fun they had missed. For the older children, the day's experiences will be detailed in a report their schools require as a condition of excusing their absence.

"This is the first time for this event to be held at this magnitude," Baugh said. "There have already been discussions of what we can do next year with some slightly different tours in mind of other organizations on the Arsenal."

Delta and Bravo get tough on conference leaders

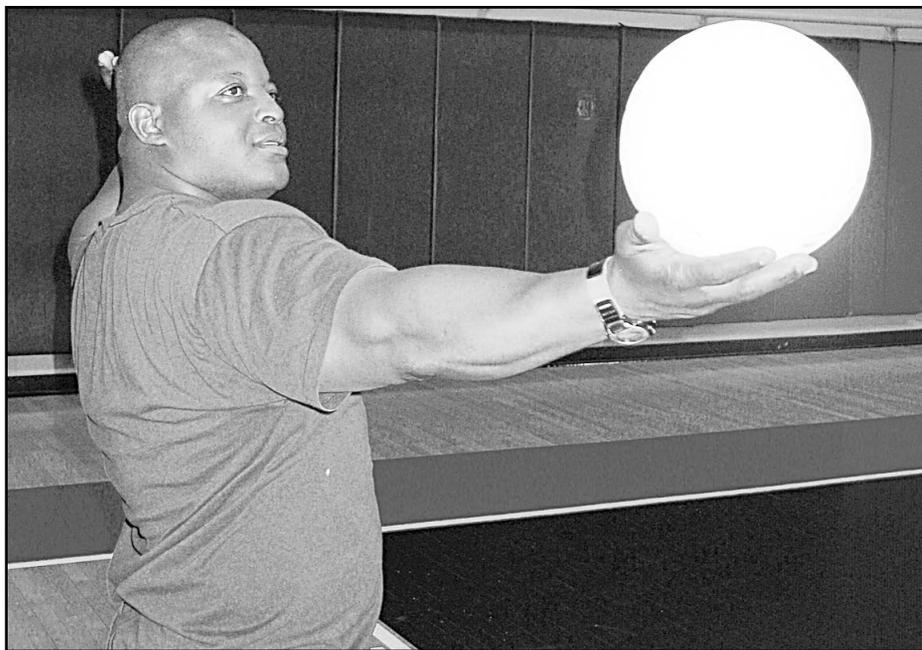


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COURT IN SESSION— Headquarters & Alpha hitter Rodney Goldman warms up against Delta but his Gators lost to the Devastating Dragons.

Both topple rivals in unit volleyball

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Thursday night brought surprises in troop volleyball action.

Headquarters & Alpha and HHC 59th, both conference leaders, suffered setbacks at Pagano Gym. Delta beat Headquarters & Alpha 25-23, 15-25, 15-12; and Bravo defeated the 59th 18-25, 26-24, 15-12.

"It was a tough match," Delta hitter Robert Harris said. "We just kept our focus, made sure we kept our heads in the game, concentrated on getting a score. Took it score by score."

Other members of the Devastating Dragons include player-coach Doug Smith, Stanley Lewis, Mindy Stuart, Benjamin Buckley, Walter Pike, Terrence Deese, Anthony Hunter, Sharoder Faulk, Pedro Delgado-Alicea, Amelia Marshall

and Roslyn McGruder.

"We'll be all right, I'm not worried," Headquarters & Alpha coach Anthony Thomas said. "We just had a bad game."

Last week's results included:

- April 19 – Headquarters & Alpha def. Marines 25-14, 25-20; Charlie def. MEDDAC 25-18, 22-25, 18-16; and HHC 59th def. Delta 25-21, 16-25, 15-5.

- April 20 – Marines def. MEDDAC 19-25, 25-21, 15-12; Headquarters & Alpha won by forfeit over Bravo; and Delta def. Charlie 26-24, 25-16.

- April 21 – HHC 59th def. MEDDAC 25-23, 25-21; Headquarters & Alpha def. Charlie 25-16, 25-2; and Marines def. Bravo 25-12, 21-25, 15-10.

- April 22 – Delta def. Headquarters & Alpha 25-23, 15-25, 15-12; Bravo def. HHC 59th 18-25, 26-24, 15-12; and Marines def. Charlie 25-13, 22-25, 15-5.

Here were the standings after week two: Eastern Conference – Headquarters & Alpha (5-2), Marines (3-4), Bravo (2-5), and Charlie (1-6). Western Conference – HHC 59th (6-1), Delta (5-2) and MEDDAC (1-5).

Tiger Woods gives Army youngsters great shot

Golfing superstar visits Fort Bragg

By **Spc. RYAN SMITH**
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Three-time Masters champion golfer Tiger Woods culminated a week on Fort Bragg with a junior golf clinic and exhibition April 16 at Stryker Golf Course.

Woods arrived at Pope Air Force Base April 12, and spent the week training with Soldiers from U.S. Army Special Operations Command and various other units on post. He met with Soldiers, fired various weapon systems and conducted two tandem parachute jumps with the U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights."

The golf clinic and exhibition, sponsored by the Tiger Woods Foundation, an organization devoted to developing the potential of children, let Fort Bragg youth have a chance to interact with Woods. Eighty-four children, selected after participating in a golf assessment, were invited to attend the event and receive instruction from local golf professionals. Of the 84, eight were chosen by lottery to receive personalized instruction from Woods.

Emily Gaylord, one of the eight winners, said that she enjoyed her time with Woods and found his golf tips helpful.

"It was fun," she said. "I learned some stuff I didn't know before. I was hitting the ball a lot straighter."

Emily's mother, Ginger, said she agreed.

"It was great," she said. "I think it's awesome that he came out and did this for the kids."

Gretchen McLean, another winner, said that she enjoyed the clinic, but admitted to some nervousness.

"It was exciting, but nerve-wracking," she said. "I didn't want to mess up in front of him."

Still, she said, Woods was helpful and encouraging.

"He seemed really nice," she said. "He had a really good personality."

Dennis Burns, director of junior golf for the Tiger Woods Foundation, said that Woods, his father and all the foundation workers had enjoyed their time here.

"Fort Bragg has been a very gracious host not only to Tiger, but our entire foundation staff," he said. "You couldn't ask for a better partner."

Earl Woods, Tiger's father, who served with the now-deactivated 6th Special Forces Group, served two tours in Vietnam and one in Thailand where he met Tiger's mother. He said that he was happy that Tiger had decided to visit Fort Bragg.

"It was an excellent idea on his part," Earl said. "One day he asked me, 'Do you think they would let me come to Fort Bragg?' I said, 'I don't know. Let me find out,' and it evolved from there."

Earl also said that Tiger's upbringing as a military family member helped shape him as an athlete.

"Military life, with its structure and discipline, was an integral part of

his growing up," he said. "He absorbed it, bought into the idea of individual responsibility and developed a strong sense of self."

Tiger said that the visit and the training he went through while here helped him understand what his father's military career was like.

"It wasn't that I didn't understand what my dad did, but to actually see it sheds a whole new light on it," he said.

Earl agreed.

"He's got a greater appreciation for the sacrifices guys like me made to be members of the Special Forces," Earl said. "This was an eye-opening experience for him."

Earl also said that he was happy to be back on Fort Bragg, where he spent three years of his Army service.

"It feels like I'm home," he said. "Things have changed a lot, though. It's like coming into an old home that's been remodeled."

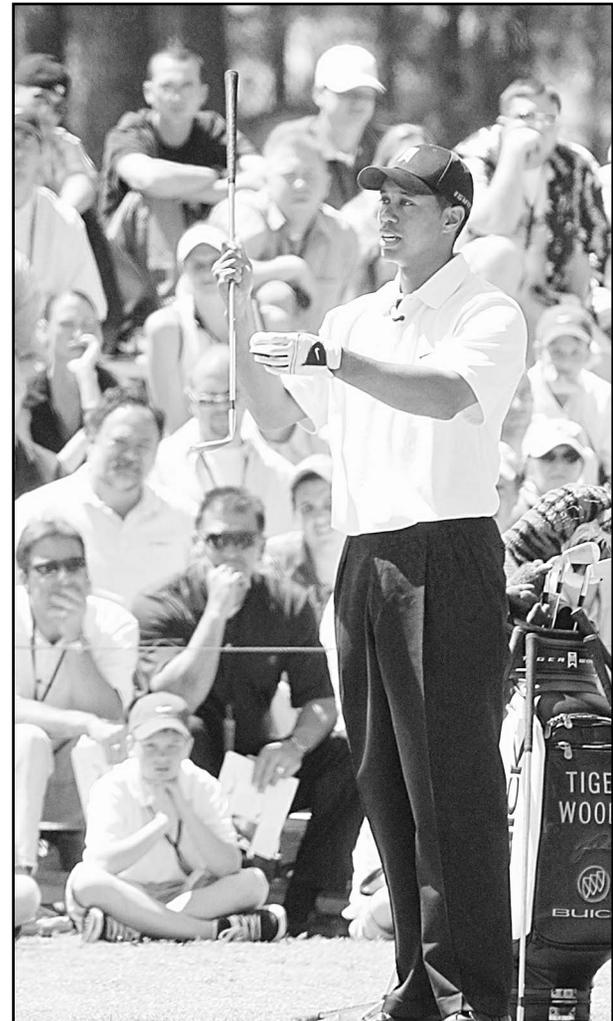
Tiger said that he also had fun coaching the youth golf clinic.

"My credo has always been, 'You can only be young once, but you can be immature forever,'" he joked. "I consider myself a kid, and it was great to hang out and have fun with (the children) and watch the smile on their faces when they hit that one great shot."

For Gretchen McLean, the entire experience could be summed up simply.

"He's the number-one golfer in the world," she said. "You can't get much better than that."

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ROUTINE— PGA superstar Tiger Woods explains his warmup routine to a crowd at Stryker Golf Course at Fort Bragg, N.C., during an exhibition April 16.

Soldier Show celebrates 'The Heart of a Soldier'

Performance tour
opens April 30

By TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Communication between deployed Soldiers and their loved ones is the driving force behind "The Heart of a Soldier," theme of the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show, which opens April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Wallace Theater.

Although every edition of the Army Soldier Show has a theme, few have woven a storyline throughout quite like this year's emotional rendition, said Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado.

From letters to cellular telephone calls to e-mails, this is a song-and-dance display of how Soldiers touch base with home from the Global War on Terrorism — communications from the front lines and beyond.

The show touches on the realities of mothers deployed without children, fathers who've yet to see their kids, couples who've put marriage on hold, brothers who long to hug their sisters and vice versa and mothers and fathers, too.

"I hate to give too much of it away," Hurtado said. "It's still going to be a fun and energetic show, but I don't want to give away much more than the gist of the story. It does put a lot of focus on deployments."

Prepare to have your heartstrings tested, Hurtado warns. The show uses a lot of telepathic energy that exists between Soldiers and their loved ones experiencing sleepless nights at home, pondering if and when their hero will return. Songs originate from both sides of the issue, focusing on the significance one life can project upon so many.

"Part of what makes the show is the emotional impact of it," Hurtado said. "Parts are really happy, but there are going to be some emotions, definitely."

Eighteen performers, including a drummer, were selected from 138 Soldiers who auditioned for the show. Seven technicians and four drivers also are part of the cast that will conduct 110 performances during a six-month tour to 21 states, Germany, Italy, Washington, D.C., and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After opening at Fort Belvoir through May 2, the troupe will make German stops in Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Darmstadt, Hanau, Kaiserslautern, Baumholder, Weisbaden, Würzburg, Ansbach, Grafenwoehr and Bamberg before heading to Vicenza, Italy.

Following performances at Norfolk, Va., the show will play



Photo by Tim Hipps

GRAND FINALE— Pfc. Heather Jenkins of Fort Drum, N.Y., and Staff Sgt. Charles Howard of Larson Barracks, Germany, are standing front and center for finale of the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Guantanamo Bay before returning for the domestic portion of the tour, mostly staged on Army installations. Along the way, they will perform at U.S. Army Birthday Balls in Atlanta and Washington before venturing inside the 45,000-seat Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

"That's going to really be a great challenge and propel us to a very successful tour," Hurtado said of performing at the Army's birthday parties. "It's going to prove our mettle, I'll tell you that, but we never shy away from anything."

Country, rock, pop, gospel, rhythm and blues, Latin and '80s hair-band rock," as Hurtado calls it, are intertwined throughout the show, including the works of Prince, ABBA and Outkast. Hurtado said the show "moves really quickly" and won't exceed 90 minutes.

The cast includes active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component Soldiers who vary in rank from private first class to first lieutenant, including a chemical operations specialist, a multi-channel transmission systems operator and a light-wheel vehicle mechanic.

Military members and fami-

lies can easily relate to the plot of this year's show, Hurtado said, while the general public should be entertained and educated.

"I think it's important to humanize our Soldiers to the American public and what it takes to fight for America," said Hurtado, who performed in the Army Soldier Show while on active duty from 1986 through '89. "I don't know that my mentality would've been the same if I hadn't been a Soldier myself. I don't think I would have had the sensibility to put this kind of show together."

Hurtado expressed great confidence in this year's cast.

"This show has a fairly phenomenal set of instruments — of raw voices, of tongue, of intensity, of character, of attitude," he said. "They have the ability to have fun, but then lock into seriousness and focus. There are a lot of characters in the show, and I'm using their character."

"If I had one word for this cast, they're fearless — completely and utterly trusting of me, and fearless. And that, more than any kind of talent, is an incredible asset for a director to have."

The Soldiers are attached to the U.S. Army Community and

Family Support Center's Army Entertainment Detachment while on tour. They operate as a deployable military unit under the leadership of a detachment commander, first sergeant and a Soldier Show Noncommissioned Officer in Charge who also hits the road in their 44-passenger bus, 18-wheel tractor-trailer and 15-passenger van.

Hurtado, a voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' Grammy Awards who recently completed the directing course of study at Harvard University, is in his fourth year as artistic director. He also served 1990 through '92 as tour manager and assistant director of the Soldier Show.

Dennis Buck has been the show's musical director since he was a Soldier in Third Army. Spc. Joey Beebe, Hurtado's right-hand man, is the associate producer in his fourth season. Broadway performer and acclaimed choreographer Tanya Gibson-Clark also returns.

Spc. Kevin Foreman, who has worked six years with Army Entertainment, is the technical director. Sgt. Randy Batarao, another former performer, serves as assistant director.

The cast continues the tradition of "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier" established during World War I by Irving Berlin, the founding father of today's Army Entertainment program. Berlin, best known for "White Christmas" and "God Bless America," wrote the first U.S. Army Soldier Show while on active duty in 1918 at Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y.

During World War II, he created another Soldier Show for Broadway, "This is the Army," which became a 1943 film featuring a military cast with stars Ronald Reagan and Joe Louis. At the request of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the show toured for three years, performing for troops stationed in Europe and the Pacific.

The Army National Guard is the lead sponsor and partner for the 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show. AT&T is a corporate sponsor. Army Entertainment is one of more than 50 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides Soldiers and families worldwide.

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



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."

Benefit fun run

The eighth annual AER Fun Run/Walk is 1 p.m. May 6 at the Sparkman Center, Burose Road entrance. For tickets or more information, call Dorothy Hosea 876-7138 or Edna Dye 876-2029.

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 Saturday 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 Sunday and May 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.

Swimming pools

Pool season passes will be on sale Saturday at Outdoor Recreation and the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Outdoor Recreation is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Swimming pools will be open May 29 through Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily. Pool hours will be posted at each pool. Cost of season passes is \$45 for families and \$35 for individuals. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Turkey shoot

The entire Redstone community (ages 12 and older) is invited to a Turkey Shoot on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132 on Sportsman Drive. Price is \$3 per shot. The Trap and Skeet Range is open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 876-4868 for details on these events and for information on how to legally bring your shotgun onto Redstone for hunting or recreational shooting.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Win in Redstone Arsenal's "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2" promotion. Sharpen your golf skills and win prizes in the process. Beginning Saturday through June 30, one orange "lucky" ball will be dropped in the range ball machine each week. Find the ball and win instantly. In addition, an "enter to win" sweepstakes is available. You could win a Play Station 2 unit in the local grand prize drawing or one of three trips for two at any Trading Places destination courtesy of www.GovArm.com, event sponsor in the national grand prize drawing. Grand prize drawings will be held at the end of promotion. Call 883-7977 for more details.



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 monthly luncheon meeting is today at 11 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.

Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the activity room at the Challenger Activity Center. "We share good food and fun as we plan to support the community by raising money and donating it back to local causes," a prepared release said. New members are welcome. Call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024 for more information.



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 Saturday. For more information, call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m. or e-mail at TLRooop@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 Saturday. 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.gsaauctions.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 accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It will be open Saturday from 10-2. The shop can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. For more information, call 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.

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. Saturday 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.

Post Exchange news

The Post Exchange's Vitamix Total Nutrition Demonstration is Friday 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 percent 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.

Law Day observance

The office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed Monday to celebrate Law Day. 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Children's chorus

The Huntsville Community Children's Chorus will present its spring concert "Sing into Spring," Saturday night at 7:30 at Weatherly Heights Baptist Church on Cannstatt Drive. A variety of music from classical to folk tunes to jazz standards will be presented. Special guest is the newly formed Huntsville Community Chamber Chorus, a small select ensemble drawn from the Huntsville Community Chorus. The Huntsville Community Chamber Chorus is directed by Kari Brown. The concert is free but donations are accepted. Proceeds from the concert will go toward funding the children's chorus' trip to New Orleans in June to participate in the Crescent City Choral Festival. For more information, call 461-6057.

Mother's Day buffet

The Officers and Civilians Club will hold a communitywide Mother's Day Buffet, May 9 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Prices are adults \$16.95, children 7-12 \$7.95, and children 6 and under eat free. Tickets can be reserved by calling 830-2582.

Post garage sale

Morale Welfare and Recreation will hold a postwide garage sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at the south end of the Post Exchange parking lot. Permits to sell items may be purchased at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, for \$5. All items being sold must be personally owned or used and sellers must be in place by 7:45 that morning. No vendors allowed. Call 876-4531 for more information.

Aeronautical university

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center is registering for the summer term May 24 to July 24. Classes offered meet one evening per week and include the Air Transportation System, Aviation Safety Program Management, Principles of Management, and Studies in Rhetorical Theory. The Embry-Riddle Huntsville Center offers fully accredited instruction at both graduate and undergraduate levels in Aviation/Aerospace and Technical Management fields, both in the classroom and through Internet courses. Deadline to register is May 21. Call 876-9763 or visit ERAU Huntsville in the Education Center, building 3222, for more information or to set up an appointment to receive a free unofficial evaluation of transfer credit for prior military service.

Instructor open house

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Huntsville Center will hold an open house for qualified individuals interested in adjunct teaching positions May 17 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Redstone Flying Activity, building 4828. The center is accepting resumes for evening adjunct instructors in the areas of Aeronautical Science, Marketing, Economics, Accounting and Management. A minimum of a master's degree and 18 semester hours of graduate-level coursework in one of these disciplines is required. To RSVP or for more information call Dr. Walt Whitacre, center faculty chairman, 882-9104.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL

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
SCBK04811802	Program Analyst	28-Apr-04	PEO CS&CSS	NH-0343	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X												
SCBK04846441	Human Res Assistant (Mil/OA)	28-Apr-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-0203	5	5	26,841 - 34,899	X	X	X		X						X	X		X
SCBK04842086	Secretary (OA)	28-Apr-04	PEO Tac Missiles	GS-0318	8	8	36,821 - 47,868	X	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
SCBK04796298	Secretary (OA)	30-Apr-04	USA Eng & Sup Cent	GS-0318	6	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X												
SCBK04574653R	General Engineer	30-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-0801	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	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												
SCBK04734496	Secretary (OA)	3-May-04	PEO-TAC	GS-318	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X	X		X	X						X	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
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
SCBK04871824	Program Analyst	3-May-04	PEO-AVI	NH-0343	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	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												
SCBK04884082	Contract Specialist	6-May-04	PEO-CS	NH-1102	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X												
SCBK04889291	Operation Research Analyst	7-May-04	SMDC	GS-1515	13	13	62,905 - 81,778	X	X	X								X	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		X
SCBK04832058	Public Affairs Specialist	7-May-04	Garrison-Redstone	GS-1035	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	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
SCBK04616480	Logistics Mgmt Officer	10-May-04	PEO-STRI	NH-0346	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	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
SCBK04854754	Supv Architect; Supv Civil Eng; Supv Env Eng; Supv Mech Eng; Supv Elect Eng; Supv Chem Eng	19-May-04	USA Eng & Sup Center	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X	X	X	X						X	X		X
SCBK04866833	General Engineer	21-May-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X		X	X						X	X		X
SCBK04869002	Lead General Engineer	21-May-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	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	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		
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	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
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
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

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

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	X
X-JB-046345JB	Police Officer-Mil Working Dog Handler	30-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0083	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK040540351	Public Affairs Specialist	3-May-04	SMDC	GS-1035	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-RW-046365FL	Military Construct Analyst	4-May-04	CofE Huntsville	GS-0301	9	11	49,699 - 63,967	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-046352FL	Computer Scientist	4-May-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-1550	12	12	59,776 - 77,706	X	X	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	X
X-LW-046370LW	General Engineer (Term)	5-May-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	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	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	X
SCBK04594436R	Supv Ops Research Anly	7-May-04	SMDC	GS-1515	15	15	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	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	X
X-SP-046346FL	Program Mgmt Officer	17-May-04	Office Sec of Army	NH-0340	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-046350LW	Electronics Engineer	19-May-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	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.

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