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Rumble strips, lower speed limits slow outbound traffic at gates

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Cruising down the road, listening to the radio, trying to decompress after a long day of work at the Arsenal, when suddenly something catches your eye in the rear view mirror. Your heart jumps. Instinctively you check the speedometer. Your pulse races. Excuses to avoid a speeding ticket race through your mind quicker than the flashes of red and blue lights on the police car behind you.

You're busted.

Some friendly advice after talking with police officers: Don't lie; don't get out of the car; and don't cop an attitude. He's only doing his job.

"What I would tell people is, just don't speed," PFC David Libby, Military Police, said. "I'm not out to 'get' you. I don't like to write tickets. Everybody thinks we have quotas but we don't. The fines people pay don't come back to our agency or the Arsenal. We don't have any ulterior motives. We're out here to protect the people on the post. Speeding is a real safety issue."

It's also a serious problem on post, according to Maj. Brad Scofield, provost marshal.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

LICENSE AND REGISTRATION— PFC David Libby, Military Police, stops a driver after clocking him going 58 mph in a 45 mph zone on Martin Road.

"Anywhere from 20,000 to 30,000 vehicles enter the installation gates every day. Speeding creates an unsafe environment," Scofield said. "It increases the potential for more serious accidents to occur, not just for drivers but for bicyclists and pedestrians."

One of the biggest challenges for

Scofield is to get the people leaving the post to slow down as they pass the gates. Personnel checking badges and performing vehicle inspections work very near the outbound lanes.

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Redstone Village offers military community outside Arsenal



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GOOD NEIGHBORS— Retired Col. Gordon Dison was one of the first to reserve a two-bedroom condo at Redstone Village, a complex being constructed near the Arsenal for military retirees. The community has 104 independent living units, 50 assisted living units and 40 skilled nursing units.

Complex under construction, expected ready by June 2004

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Serving in the military isn't just a job, it becomes a way of life, especially for those who make it a career. And after 20 or 30 years, retirement isn't just about hanging up the uniform and getting a new job or playing a little more golf. It means leaving a family.

Redstone Village, a housing complex under construction on South Memorial Parkway near the Arsenal, offers military retirees a chance to reunite as neighbors and live in a community designed specifically to meet their needs, now and in the future.

"The concept of continuing care retirement communities isn't new," retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, former commander of the Missile Command and president of the board of directors for Redstone Village, said. "There are lots of them all over the country and at least six are primarily aimed at retired military. All have a waiting list to get in.

"When a few of us started talking about the idea several years

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Handicap parking abuse hurts

Quoting Earl Pitts "You know what makes me mad, what makes me so sick I want to..." it's people who flagrantly abuse the blue handicap parking placard. I'm not talking about those who are truly handicapped; I'm talking about people who abuse handicap parking only because it is convenient. I'm talking about those who park in handicap parking, hang a handicap placard on the rearview mirror, exit their vehicle and saunter away, unimpaired; no walking cane, no walker, no wheelchair, not even a sign of a limp. The handicap placard is not a convenience, it is a necessity for those who are truly handicapped, those whose disabilities make it a daily challenge just to move from one point to another. Everyday I watch in amazement, moreover disgust, as people park in handicap parking, get out and just walk away. Probably more disgusting is watching people pull in, hang the placard, get out and run away.

I once observed a woman park her vehicle in handicap parking, in Madison, get out and hastily walk into a local home improvement warehouse. Moments later a Madison Patrol woman arrived, positioned her patrol car behind the vehicle, apparently to write a parking violation. About 10 minutes later the owner had not returned, the patrol woman repositioned her cruiser, I'm sure to prevent the vehicle from leaving, and entered the establishment to locate the owner. As she entered from one door the woman hur-

riedly exited from another. Once she was operating her car, she tried to negotiate her car around the patrol car. The patrol woman returned, seeing the woman trying to negotiate her car around the cruiser, she ordered her to stop. The "offender," apparently miffed, exited her car and questioned the officer as to why she was blocked. The officer responded that she was illegally parked in handicap parking, to which the woman responded that she was not as she retrieved a placard from a door panel pocket. Visually disgusted and having no recourse, the officer admonished her for failing to properly display the placard; and they both left. Later, as I was driving to work a vehicle was tailgating me. As I looked closer, I saw a handicap placard hanging from the mirror. Once I arrived at my employment I parked and watched as the individual who had been tailgating pulled into a handicap spot, got out and without any type of noticeable handicap walked to the entrance.

Finally, I am disabled, suffering with pain daily, and could medically qualify for a handicap placard, but I have enough dignity and two working legs not to misrepresent myself as handicapped just for a parking space closer to my destination. And to those who, in my view, abuse this privilege — and you have no shame — continue doing what you feel comfortable with.

Name withheld by request

Research development command holds contest for distinct symbol

Engineers throughout the Army Materiel Command are getting an opportunity to show their artistic side.

Their latest challenge is designing a distinctive unit insignia for the Research Development and Engineering Command, the newest subordinate of AMC. Current and future members of this provisional command can compete in the logo contest.

Designs are due by Feb. 21 to Mike Dailey of the new command. He can be reached at (703) 617-9856, fax 617-3111 or e-mail at mike.dailey@us.army.mil.

"Be sure to clearly explain the significance of all parts of the DUI — to include

color if that plays a significant part in your design," Dailey said in a message to the field. "The winning entry will be submitted to the Heraldry Office as our official proposal for the command DUI. There is no guarantee that our proposal will ever see the light of day out of that office but the winner will be rewarded once our internal judging panel has selected an entry for submittal."

The winner will be announced about March 31 and will receive the first RDECOM coin and a framed copy of the insignia signed by its commanding general, deputy commander and all the technical directors.

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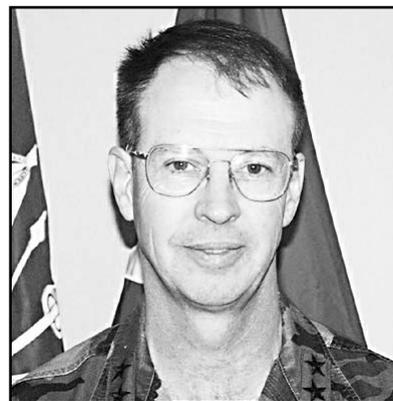
An open lane random survey

What should the United States do now in the war on terrorism?

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Maj. Gen. Joseph Bergantz

"I think we should continue to keep the course on increased physical security on our bases and other sensitive areas. We should also be careful that we don't start profiling people in terms of who we are looking for."



Deanna Wiggins, senior technical specialist

"I'm terrified of something happening right now, but I feel we are safer here in America than we would be in any other country. I'm looking to the armed services and to our president for guidance. As far as that's concerned, I trust them implicitly. I don't think we could be in better hands right now."



Mickey Mittag, defense contractor

"I support the president of the United States in whatever he plans to do, now and in the future."



Col. Gary Bliss

"Personally, I don't have all the facts that our president would have. But I think we should support him and I think we need to do whatever we can to make this a safer country and a safer place worldwide."

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Army testing new method to detect breast cancer

Some 200 patients enrolled so far

By MICHAEL E. DUKES
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A five-year trial is under way at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to prove the value of "electrical impedance scanning" in detecting early stages of breast cancer in women under the age of 45.

Two hundred patients are enrolled so far and the goal is 4,800, said Maj. Alexander Stojadinovic, a surgical oncologist at the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center. He said planning has begun for a Department of Defense study involving 12 sites with an expected enrollment of 20,000.

The study is not intended to compete with mammograms, said Stojadinovic. He said the clinical research should prove electrical impedance scanning to be a valuable ally to conventional screening methods, particularly in young women.

"The current process of using clinical breast examination alone to screen younger women is widely recognized as deficient," Stojadinovic said.

Although the risk of breast cancer in women under 50 is low, the incidence is increasing, and breast cancer tends to be more aggressive in younger women, Stojadinovic said.

It is timely and warranted to pursue this screening trial now at Walter Reed, the Army's only comprehensive breast center, he said.

EIS is able to detect early stage tumors,

particularly in young women; and 20 percent of the active-duty force is female; 92 percent of which are women under the age of 40.

"EIS has the potential to identify women at high risk of breast cancer, even if it does not localize a specific lesion," Stojadinovic said.

Tumor tissue differs from normal breast tissue in electrical properties, and electrical impedance scanning detects in five minutes whether further screening is needed.

The electrical impedance scanning can complement and enhance the accuracy of mammographic screening, Stojadinovic said.

Nurse Practitioner Abby Rogers, of Walter Reed's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said the American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute currently recommend that women practice

monthly breast self-exams a week after menstruation, get a yearly clinical breast exam, and for women over 40, an annual mammogram.

Women eligible for the trial include non-pregnant military health-care beneficiaries ages 18 to 45 who have not breast fed or had breast surgery within the preceding three months and who do not have implanted electrically-powered devices. Patients undergo outpatient assessment with electrical impedance scanning.

More information on the trial is available from the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center at 202-782-3416.

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Time running out to apply for annual merit awards

Officer/civilian women offering scholarships

By DIANE E. MOORE
Officer and Civilian Women's Club

Got money? It's not too late to apply for an Officer and Civilian Women's Club Merit Award. The application deadline for Merit Awards is Feb. 5.

So, pick up an application today. They will be available at the OCWC luncheon in January or by calling Diane Moore at 864-2670 or Christine Hackett 890-1637.

Applicants for Merit Awards must be a member, spouse of a member, or the dependent of an Officer and Civilian Women's Club member in good standing as of last Oct. 1. Application categories

are as follows: high school senior — applicant must be a graduating high school senior; undergraduate — applicant is pursuing an undergraduate degree; graduate — applicant is pursuing a graduate degree; and member or spouse — applicant is pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

The applicant's primary residence must be within a 50-mile radius of Huntsville. Previous award winners may compete in succeeding years, but may only win once in each category. Students receiving full scholarships are not eligible for this award. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or vocational school before April 3. Merit Awards are credited directly to the student's account at the school in which they are enrolled.

Applications are reviewed by a group of evaluators comprised of military and civilian leaders, an educator, and a member of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club. Their evaluations are based on academics (35 percent), activities (35 percent), and an essay (30 percent). The results are submitted to the Disbursement Committee for decisions regarding award distribution. All information submitted for Merit Award consideration is held in confidence. Only the Merit Award chairper-

sons and the evaluators have access to the applications. Moreover, applicants remain anonymous throughout the process.

Applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application by March 25. Winners will be invited to a reception in April to receive their Merit Award. During the reception, each award recipient will give a three-minute speech regarding his or her future educational plans and how this Merit Award will help achieve those goals.

Reshape early-out window opens today through Jan. 22

The Aviation and Missile Command continues its efforts to voluntarily trim its employment rolls without resorting to layoffs.

An application period for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay opens today through Jan. 22 for AMCOM employees in competitive area 1A. That area includes workers at Redstone and in the Huntsville area, excluding RD&E Center Demo employees, Logistics Assistance Representatives, and Ammunition

Career Program 20 workers.

"We still have (more than 100) surplus employees that need to be placed," Don Dixon, chief of customer support B in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, said.

This is the third fiscal 2003 Reshape VERA/VSIP window. The first two were last August.

Workers approved for separation bonuses this time are expected to end their government careers Feb. 28 through March 3.



Photo by Brian McGhee

High sign

Dr. William McCorkle, director of Research Development and Engineering Center, gives a thumbs-up before a demonstration flight in a UH-1 Huey helicopter equipped with the Ground Launch Recovery System used to simulate brown-out conditions. Maj. Dave Wolons is the pilot. The demonstration was the highlight of McCorkle's recent two-day orientation visit to the Aviation Applied Technology Directorate at Fort Eustis, Va. Brown-out occurs when an aircraft attempts to land in a desert environment.

Civilian veterinarian helps clinic meet appointments



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHECKUP TIME— Dr. Tracey Lowery of Veterinary Treatment Facility examines Lulo, a 6-year-old pug owned by Spec. Andres Munera of MEDDAC.

Dr. Tracey Lowery new addition to staff

By SKIP VAUGHN
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Tracey Lowery owns three dogs, five cats, two horses, three goats and nine rabbits. But she found a way to avoid pet care costs.

She became a veterinarian.

Dr. Lowery has joined the staff of Veterinary Treatment Facility. With flexible hours, the non-appropriated fund worker fills in for the main veterinarian, Capt. (Dr.) Krystal Bean. Lowery usually works Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Before she arrived last December, the clinic had to close whenever Bean was away on business.

"Captain Bean's out a lot on TDY so we had her fill in to make sure that we have enough appointments for patients," Carol Corpuz, veterinary technician, said.

The flexible schedule works for Lowery, too. The Decatur native just had a baby in July and she works Wednesdays at Best Friends Animal Hospital in Madison. The clinic here closes at 4 p.m. while off-post vet hospitals usually stay open until evening.

"So far I like it," Lowery said. "Everybody's been real nice to me."

Clinic days available this month include Jan. 15, Jan. 16, Jan. 21, Jan. 22, Jan. 23, Jan. 29 and 30. Evening clinic for vaccinations only will be held Jan. 28 from 4-6 p.m.

Lowery, 31, received her doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 2002 from Tuskegee. She graduated from Auburn in 1996 with a bachelor's in zoology. After finishing Decatur High in 1989, she attended Calhoun for two years before going to Auburn. She worked in Montgomery at the Alabama Eye Bank for a year before entering veterinary school in 1998.

She and her husband, Jay, a state conservation officer in Limestone County, reside in Athens with their son, Jackson, who will be 6 months old Jan. 18. Their household includes Cheyenne, a rottweiler; Sargy, a pit bull mix; Pooh Bear, a German shepherd; Clowny, a long-haired cat; Fate and Destiny, both shorthairs; Fluff Daddy, a Maine coon; and Brack Cat, another shorthair. The two horses and three goats have their pastures; and the nine rabbits live in their own house which Lowery calls the "Rabbitat."

"That's why I became a vet," she said, laughing, of her many pets. "I couldn't afford them otherwise."

There's not much spare time these days but her hobbies include reading, hiking in the woods, swimming and watching television.

"Ultimately I would like to open up my own vet clinic," Lowery said. "Right now I don't have the funds to do that."

She is the oldest of two daughters of Buddy and Bobbie Black of Decatur. Her sister, Heather Lancaster, 26, is a teacher in Mobile.

"Everybody's been really nice to me," Lowery said of Redstone's veterinary clinic. "I enjoy working here. I hope to continue to be able to help."



Courtesy photo

Take us home, please

The Veterinary Treatment Facility offers for adoption these four female and two male puppies approximately 12 weeks old. The clinic staff speculates they are a mix of shepherd and retriever. For more information, call Veterinary Services at 876-2441.

Smallpox prevention plan in place on post

FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER RELEASE

Recent heightened concern that smallpox could be used as a bio-terrorism agent has led to development of a national smallpox vaccination program.

The national smallpox vaccination plan directs that specific emergency personnel be vaccinated and prepared to respond to a smallpox outbreak with a mass vaccination plan. As a result, Department of Defense directives mandate vaccination of DoD health care workers and epidemiological personnel by the end of January. Redstone Arsenal is in compliance with all DoD directives regarding smallpox.

Starting Thursday, Fox Army Health Center will vaccinate up to 64 members of its active duty health care staff. These medical staff members will be protected so they can respond to any cases of smallpox in the community without placing themselves or their families at risk. Smallpox vaccination is accomplished with a live virus similar smallpox but cannot cause smallpox. During the smallpox era, people receiving the vaccine experienced approximately 1,000 serious reactions per 1 million doses. FAHC will try to prevent the serious reactions by using a vigorous education and screening program to exempt persons with a weak immune system, certain allergies, or certain skin conditions from taking the vaccine.

Smallpox vaccination poses a small risk to other persons in close contact with the vaccine recipient if the vaccination site is touched within 21 days of vaccination. In addition to rigorous screening before receiving the vaccine, vaccine recipients will have extensive education on preventing spread of the

virus to others.

Preparing emergency response personnel for a smallpox outbreak is necessary because smallpox killed approximately 30 percent of unvaccinated persons during the smallpox era.

Smallpox is a viral disease that only affects humans and is spread by person-to-person contact. The last naturally occurring case was in 1977 and it has essentially been eliminated for approximately 25 years. Vaccination is the only known effective method of preventing smallpox disease and minimizing the threat of smallpox as a bio-terrorism agent. Recommendations for routine vaccination were rescinded in 1971 due to worldwide development of smallpox vaccination programs and quarantine regulations.

Redstone Arsenal has two contingency plans to manage a smallpox outbreak: one, containment of a limited exposure to smallpox requiring vaccination of exposed persons, and possible quarantine during the contagious period to protect others; and two, a mass vaccination program capable of vaccinating all Redstone Arsenal personnel if necessary.

If a bio-terrorist attack with smallpox occurs, timely vaccination is crucial to save lives. Getting the smallpox vaccine up to seven days after exposure to smallpox can prevent the disease or lessen its severity.

Questions regarding the smallpox vaccination plan here at Redstone Arsenal, should come through command channels to the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center.

You can learn more about smallpox disease and vaccination by going to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site as follows: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/> or www.vaccines.army.mil.



DoD photo by Helene Stikkel

About town

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld shakes hands with troops following a town hall meeting at As Sayliyah Military Camp, Qatar, Dec. 12. Rumsfeld was in Qatar to meet with U.S. personnel at the Central Command forward headquarters and its supporting units.

U.S. forces in Afghanistan report several incidents

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops have been involved in several unrelated incidents in Afghanistan in recent days including a rocket attack and weapons cache discoveries, a coalition spokesman reported Jan. 9.

- Troops reported a rocket being fired at the firebase in Shkin at about 5:45 p.m. local time Jan. 8. The rocket hit about 300 meters south of the base, a DoD official said. No injuries or damage were reported.

- U.S. forces evacuated an injured 23-year-old Afghan man from Deh Rawod to Kandahar Air Field at about 10:30 p.m. local time Jan. 8. The man had reportedly severely injured his leg in a motorcycle accident. Officials report the man is cur-

rently in stable condition.

- Special Forces soldiers recovered 150 Chinese-made land mines in the vicinity of Jalalabad Jan. 8 after a local resident led the soldiers to the site.

- Special Forces soldiers destroyed another large cache of weapons and munitions Jan. 7 near Shurabak, Kandahar Province. Afghan forces had reported the cache to U.S. troops after raiding a suspected Taliban compound. The cache was discovered in nearby mountains, not in the village.

U.S. policy in Afghanistan calls for salvageable weapons and ammunition to be inventoried and used by the Afghan national army. However, in this case, the cache was destroyed in place because it was in too remote and rugged a location to safely move, officials explained.

Iraq declaration 'deliberate effort to deceive'

Report to United Nations seen avoiding questions

By KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — After reviewing Iraq's declaration to the U.N. Security Council for a month, U.S. officials feel the document is "a deliberate attempt to deceive by material omissions."

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte told reporters at U.N. headquarters Jan. 9 in New York that the Iraqi declaration of Dec. 7 constitutes "a further material breach" of Security Council Resolution 1441.

Resolution 1441, passed by unanimous vote Nov. 8, 2002, was intended to be Iraq's last chance to disarm peacefully. U.S. and international leaders have repeatedly urged Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein to disarm to prevent military action against his regime.

Iraq declared in the 12,000-page document that it has no such weapons. American officials maintain this is false. Negroponte said Jan. 9 that the report fails to answer "numerous outstanding questions."

Previous U.N. inspectors left Iraq in 1998 after years of noncompliance with various Security Council resolutions on Iraq's part. At the time they reported Iraq had enough supplies and equipment to produce 26,000 liters of anthrax and more than 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, another biological agent that can be fatal within

days of exposure.

The inspectors still have questions about several other items Iraq is believed to have had, including the chemical agent VX, missile engines and materials for making solid rocket fuel.

"The declaration, regrettably, has not helped very much to clarify any question marks of the past," Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector Hans Blix said in New York Jan. 9.

He and Mohamed ElBaradei, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency were there to brief the Security Council on their progress. They said they expect to brief again Jan. 27.

ElBaradei said that the inspectors need better cooperation from Iraq. He specifically mentioned displeasure that inspectors haven't been able to interview Iraqi scientists inside Iraq without government "minders" present.

"That does not indicate the proactive cooperation we expect from Iraq," ElBaradei said. The inspectors' next move could be to interview scientists outside Iraq. Resolution 1441 expressly permits the inspectors to take willing scientists and their families out of Iraq to avoid government coercion.

Iraqi government officials have been actively telling international media representatives that they are cooperating with inspectors and pointing out that no weapons of mass destruction have been found in the country.

According to a transcript released by the United Nations, Blix told the Security Council members Jan. 9 that the matter isn't so simple. "The absence of 'smoking guns' and the prompt access which we have had so far



MAP OF IRAQ

and which is most welcome, is no guarantee that prohibited stocks or activities could not exist at other sites, whether above ground, underground or in mobile units," he said.

Defense leaders discuss difference between Iraq, North Korea threats

By KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — North Korea's recent admission that it's pursuing a banned nuclear weapons program does not put it in the same boat as Iraq, officials contend.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Jan. 7 at a Pentagon press briefing that North Korea's admission was "quite recent" and that the State Department and other diplomatic bodies are working to find a solution.

Iraq, however, has flouted international conventions for more than a decade. "The situation with Iraq and the United Nations is something that

has been continuous since 1990 or 1991, since the conclusion of the Gulf War," Rumsfeld said in explaining that the world should give diplomacy a chance to work on North Korea.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Iraq poses much more than a "potential threat," as had been suggested by a reporter.

"Clearly what Iraq did in its invasion of Kuwait was very real. What they did when they attacked Iran was very real. What they did when they used chemical weapons on their own population was very real," the general said. "So we're not talking about a potential threat here."

U.S. servicemembers heading toward Gulf Region

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Thousands of American servicemembers are deploying to the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

The largest deployment is that of the Army's 16,500-man 3rd Infantry Division to Kuwait.

The division's 2nd Brigade is already in Kuwait. The 3rd Brigade, based at Fort Benning, Ga., flew out last week for Southwest Asia. The 1st Brigade, based at Fort Stewart, Ga., aviation assets and other support elements will follow later this month.

The Army troops will draw pre-positioned equipment in the region and be ready for any eventuality, DoD officials said. Certain division assets must be shipped to the region, however. Helicopters and certain other pieces of equipment will be shipped from Georgia and South Carolina, officials said.

Some 3,500 sailors and Marines of the Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group left San Diego Jan. 6. The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit will join almost 1,000 members of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force already in the region. The amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa and the dock landing ships USS Mount Vernon and USS Rushmore form the core of the ready group.

The Air Force is also deploying personnel and aircraft to the region. Some base officials would release the numbers of personnel involved in the deployments, while others

would say only the types of aircraft deploying.

About 400 airmen from the 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va., will deploy with F-15Cs.

Moody Air Force Base, S.C., is deploying HH-60 helicopters and C-130 airlifters to the region.

The 4th Fighter Wing of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., will deploy with F-15Es to Southwest Asia.

About 100 airmen from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., will deploy with 15th Reconnaissance Squadron (Predator unmanned aerial vehicles), the 58th Rescue Squadron and the 66th Rescue Squadron.

The 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., is deploying about half its B-1B bombers and "500-plus people" beginning last week.

Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., will deploy to the region, as will F-16CJ "Wild Weasels" from the 52nd Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Special operations aircraft, such as AC-130 gunships, MC-130 Combat Talons and MH-53 helicopters, will deploy from Hurlburt Field, Fla.

In addition, KC-10 and KC-135 tankers from around the world will support the effort, Air Force officials said.

More deployment announcements are expected, said DoD officials.

Redstone workers take center stage in 'Boys Next Door'

Theatre Huntsville production opens Friday night downtown

THEATRE HUNTSVILLE RELEASE

When the curtain rises on Theatre Huntsville's next venture, the revival of the "The Boys Next Door," several Redstone Arsenal workers will be found both in front of and behind the footlights.

Directed by James Zielinski, who is assisted by Robbie Shafer and Rhonda Prentice, "Boys" is a seriocomic tale addressing the briars and nettles of mainstreaming disabled individuals into our misunderstanding, perhaps intolerant, society.

Three of the show's participants, Tom Voight, Sam Marsh and Horace L. Wilson, are leads in this window into the lives of four disabled men living in a halfway house and overseen by their caregiver, Jack. In a comic cameo role is Gary Gee

Jr., and TH Board member Heather Huber works behind the scenes as the show's Producer.

Voight, of Project Management Office for Aviation Systems, reprises his award-winning role of "Arnold" from the 1991 Huntsville Little Theatre production. Arnold is the rather insecure, hyperactive ringleader of The Boys, a compulsive chatterer who also appears to have a slight case of persecution complex and longs for the freedom of Russia. Voight hits the ground running in a role that is hilarious, yet touching and warm.

Marsh, of Common Missile Project Office, who portrayed Jack in the earlier version, returns as well, but this time as "Norman," a mentally disabled man who works in a doughnut shop and falls in love with a sweet girl named Sheila (Enzie Fleming). Marsh revels at the chance to play a character role with such innocence, and such a zest for life. Marsh's wife,

Lydia, appears in the show in the cameo role of "Clara," a lady of few words who is introduced to Norman by Sheila, but who seems much more interested in her personal bowl of popcorn.

New to the show - and to the world of theater - is Wilson, of South-Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, who portrays "Lucien P. Smith." Lucien, also disabled, has the mind of a child, but a heart as big as all outdoors. Unaware of the harsh realities of the real world, he wants everyone to know he "means business," brandishing a library card and Spiderman tie to back up his claims.

The fourth of The Boys, Barry Klemper (Dwayne Craft), is a very intelligent schizophrenic who believes he's a professional golfer. His hapless first customer is Gee, of Quality Research, building 5400, who plays Mr. Hedges, a name that Klemper of course confuses with potential "hedge hazards" on the green. Gee was recently seen

onstage in "The Man Who Came to Dinner" in the plum role of "Beverly Carlton," and brings that same flair for comedy to a brief but humorous scene.

Producer of the show, Heather Huber, of Software Engineering Directorate, is on both the Theatre Huntsville Board and the Play-Reading Committee, gearing up for what promises to be a successful revival of this area favorite, as well as helping ensure a wonderful slate of plays for the upcoming 2003-04 season. She also maintains the Theatre Huntsville web site - check it out at www.theatrehsv.org.

Area residents can join this family at the Von Braun Center Playhouse, where "The Boys Next Door" will open Friday at 7:30 p.m., with evening shows Jan. 18, 23, 24 and 25 and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Jan. 19. Tickets run \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors; and group rates are available. For more information, call 536-0807.

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First of its kind

Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, tells Anniston Alabama Munitions Center employees that their new Missile Recycling Capability "is the way of the future - we'll be able to handle a wide range of obsolete missiles and recycle jointly with our fellow services. This is a win-win situation for everyone concerned." The AMCOM-designed, fabricated and tested MRC will minimize pollution and environmental damage, with 98 percent of a missile's hardware being reused or recycled into various industrial or military applications.

Prowlers return home from patrolling northern Iraq

Attack squadron ends 90-day tour

By SSgt. LES WATERS
Special to the American Forces Press Service

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — After completing their 90-day deployment here in support of Operation Northern Watch, members of Electronic Attack Squadron 133 returned home after New Year's to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash.

Flying the EA-6B Prowler, the sailors were part of more than 1,400 United Kingdom, Turkish and U.S. troops enforcing the Northern No-fly Zone over Iraq and monitoring Iraqi compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"The EA-6B Prowler is the only tactical electronic jamming platform in the U.S. inventory," said Lt. j.g. Buck Herdegen, a VAQ-133 electronic countermeasures officer. "We can detect radar transmissions from radar sites from both friendly and enemy countries, but focus on the enemy."

As they departed Jan. 2-4, many of the sailors had mixed emotions about the end of the deployment.

"This is my last deployment with the VAQ-133, so in some ways it is kind of sad, to know that I'll be leaving some good friend behind when we get home," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer



Photo by SSgt. Jason Gamble

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED— Returning to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, an EA-6B Prowler aircraft from Electronic Attack Squadron 133 completes another Operation Northern Watch patrol. The unit, based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., recently served a 90-day tour with the coalition of U.K., Turkish and U.S. forces that enforce the no-fly zone over northern Iraq and monitor Iraqi compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

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"I found out we are going to have a new baby soon, so I'm really excited about that," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Pepper.

"I've really had to learn a lot about running the parachute rigging shop during this deployment," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Laura TejadaRamos. "Our shop's

leading petty officer is leaving the squadron after this deployment, so I will be the new leading petty officer."

The squadron maintainers do a lot of work to keep the aircraft flying. Prowlers are older aircraft — the first was built in 1968 — but they continue to be valuable thanks to many upgrades over the years as technology has improved.

"The fact that we have been able to support every Operation Northern Watch mission we have been tasked with is really a testament to our outstanding maintainers," said Herdegen. "They do an incredible job keeping the jets ready and able."

The Prowler is a long-range, all-weather electronic-warfare aircraft based on the

Navy A-6 Intruder bomber. It operates from both aircraft carriers and land bases.

About 60 feet long and 17 feet high at the tail, a Prowler carries a pilot and three electronic countermeasures officers at speeds over 575 mph. Its advanced electronic countermeasures support strike aircraft, ground troops and ships by jamming enemy radar and other electronic activity and by obtaining tactical electronic intelligence. Its 53-foot wingspan can be studded with AGM-88 High-speed Anti-radiation Missiles to destroy active enemy radar sites.

Operation Northern Watch since Jan. 1, 1997, has enforced the no-fly zone north of the 36th parallel in Iraq and monitored Iraqi compliance with U.N. Security Council resolutions. A U.S. European Command effort, Northern Watch is organized as a combined task force with an American general and a Turkish general sharing command. The United States, United Kingdom and Turkey provide the aircraft and personnel that support the operation.

As part of a coalition task force of more than 50 U.K. and U.S. aircraft, the Prowlers lead missions into Iraq, protecting coalition patrols.

"We go in and cover any strike package and deny the enemy their radar capabilities so they can't see us coming," Herdegen said. "We put out more energy than they are putting out."

As VAQ-133 sailors departed, the "Garudas" of Electronic Attack Squadron 134, also from Whidbey Island, rolled in to take their turn in Operation Northern Watch.

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Photo by Cpl. Keith Kluew

Holiday tour

During a New Year's Eve dinner Nigel Hook, world champion American Power Boat Association driver, thanks U.S. soldiers stationed in Afghanistan for their work in the Global War on Terrorism. Hook, along with Winston Cup Series NASCAR drivers Jerry Nadeau and Geoff Bodine, Raybestos Northwest Busch Series driver Gary Lewis and Army sponsored National Hot Rod Association Top Fuel dragster pilot Tony Schumacher spent the holiday touring military bases in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait.

Powell: Iraq's recovery likely easier than Afghanistan's

By KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Iraq will have an easier time recovering from Saddam Hussein than Afghanistan has had recovering from the Taliban, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Jan. 7.

American officials have acknowledged for months they are writing plans for helping Iraq recover from any possible military conflict. Powell said during an interview on Public Radio International that helping Iraq should prove easier than helping Afghanistan has been.

"In Iraq you have a different situation where you wouldn't be working with a country that has absolutely nothing going for it at the beginning, having been run by something like the Taliban," Powell said.

The secretary explained that Iraq has an educated population, a middle class and a solid source of income: "oil money that would no longer be wasted on weapons and threatening one's neighbors, but on improving the country."

Powell took umbrage at a reporter's suggestion that Afghanistan is still a country of "rampant lawlessness and warlordism." He pointed out many of the successes achieved by the inter-

national community and Afghanistan's transitional government over the past year.

Powell admitted there are pockets of instability in the country, but said the government of Afghanistan is working to build and strengthen its national army, police force and judicial system to deal with these issues.

"The glass may not be full yet in Afghanistan," he said, "but it certainly isn't empty."

Powell also resisted comparisons between Iraq and North Korea. But he did note that Iraq has been defying U.N. rulings for 12 years, while North Korea's deceptions about its nuclear program surfaced mere months ago.

The United States and the rest of the world are hoping for a peaceful solution to the problem of dealing with North Korea, he said. He also said the United States is willing to hold talks with the government of North Korea but that the United States would not accept conditions for North Korea abandoning its nuclear goals.

"We can't enter into a dialogue where the North Koreans sit across the table from us in complete violation of their obligations and say to us, 'What will you give us in order for us to stop misbehaving?'" Powell said.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Tax center

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center will be open from Feb. 3 to April 15. Getting ready are Sgt. Brad Silvia, left, NCO-in-charge of the tax center, and Capt. William Carpenter, officer-in-charge. Appointments will not be made until Jan. 29. For more information, call 313-5727.

Drivers should slow down at Arsenal gates

Speeding

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"We've had soldiers lose their berets because of the wind from cars speeding through those outbound lanes," Scofield said. "It's a vulnerable spot. People need to slow down."

In an effort to increase safety near Gate 9, the speed limit has been incrementally decreased from 55 mph, to 45 mph, to 40 mph down to 35 mph as drivers pass the gate. In mid-December, rumble strips along that section of Rideout Road were added to increase driver awareness of the changes.

As a result, the traffic has slowed some, according to Scofield, but many drivers continue to speed through the gates.

Last week Libby parked his patrol car in plain sight near Gate 9, facing oncoming traffic in the outbound lanes as an additional visual cue for drivers to slow down. About one out of every three drivers was speeding. He did pull a driver over when he tracked him going 60 mph in the 35 mph zone. Most were going less than 10 mph over the limit. Libby occasionally turned on his lights to let speeders know they'd been spotted, to remind them to slow down.

That's the message: Slow down.

But it is also fair warning. Beginning this week, a new unit is on patrol with the primary focus on speeders and traffic violations. The Radar Enforcement Unit is a crew of six officers trained to conduct radar enforcement.

Arsenal police officers must be certified to run radar. Certification includes

eight hours of classroom training and at least 32 hours of supervised hands-on training.

Part of that training is teaching officers to visualize the speed of the target they are tracking — estimate in their minds how fast it's going and be accurate within three miles per hour. For certification, officers must correctly visualize target speed of at least 44 of 50 targets, from

both mobile and stationary positions.

Most radars have audio or tones that change pitch as the target changes speed. They have to learn to recognize those tones. They also learn to operate the radar to verify the actual speed of the target.

Redstone's police radar can track while the vehicle is mobile or stationary and can track targets in front or behind the vehicle. The radar equipment is checked daily to ensure accuracy.

Officers have some discretion when

deciding whether or not to stop a vehicle and which type of ticket to issue, according to Scofield.

A 1408 citation is a Department of Army ticket which doesn't carry a fine but if a driver is issued three 1408s within 12 months, he will lose his driving privileges on post. It can also be issued as a warning. The 1805 is the same ticket issued by the Alabama State Troopers but because it is issued on the Arsenal, federal property, it is handled by the federal court system.

People thinking they can beat the system with a radar detector better think twice.

"I don't usually run with my radar on," Libby said. "When I see someone speeding, I turn it on and by the time their radar detector picks it up, I've already tracked them."

"Before I pull you over, I'm 120 percent sure you were speeding," Libby said. "Sometimes I won't stop people, but I will flash my lights at them as a non-verbal warning. You're caught. Slow down."

New signs, lower speed limits, rumble strips, additional patrols are all in effect to send that simple message so that tragedy can be avoided and lives saved.

Hot spots on the Arsenal — locations that patrols will concentrate on radar enforcement — include Goss Road, Rideout Road, Weeden Mountain, all the housing areas, Redstone Road, Mauler Road, Martin Road, Vincent Road and all the gates. The mission is better coverage of the whole Arsenal.

"I realize people get in a hurry," Scofield said. "But take the time to plan better. It's not worth the pain to repair your vehicle or recover from an injury. We're going to keep at this until folks get the message."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

ON PATROL— "This isn't about getting people," PFC David Libby, Military Police, says. "It's about getting drivers to slow down for everyone's safety." A special radar enforcement unit was started this week by the Provost Marshal Office in an effort to slow drivers on Arsenal roads.

Community

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ago, we found there was a great deal of interest in that type of community (being built) here. That was the beginning."

Redstone Village, a continuing care retirement community, is a single campus on 88 acres that provides three levels of housing. The complex offers 104 independent living units including cottages, patio homes, condominiums and apartments, 50 assisted living units for people who need a little help in their everyday lives but can still basically care for themselves, and 40 skilled nursing units for people who would otherwise need to be placed in a nursing home.

The complex also includes a broad range of amenities and services to accommodate residents' needs such as cultural, social, educational and recreational programs, wellness program with fitness center, interior and exterior maintenance, housekeeping, linen service, security monitoring, emergency call system, restaurant-style dining, banking and postal services, utilities included except telephone, property tax included, cafe, lounge, library, creative arts studio, convenience store, beauty salon, barber shop, walking trails, severe weather shelters and covered parking.

The facility even offers a medical suite and a physician available on a part-time basis to handle minor medical illnesses.

"This is about taking care of people for life," Turnmeyer said. "We are a community. If there comes a time when you're not quite up to speed and need a little help, you can move over to the assisted living side for no increase in fees (except the cost of an additional meal per day). And if things get worse, you can move into the skilled nursing facility at no increase in fee."

Redstone Village is a non-profit facility. Residents pay a one-time, 90 percent refundable entrance fee ranging from \$159,500 to \$361,600, depending on the size, style and type of unit. Residents pay a monthly fee starting at \$1,695 and up, depending on the unit.

"It all comes as part of the package," Turnmeyer said. "And you'll be taken care of for the rest of your life. When you die, your estate gets back 90 percent of

your entrance fee."

It took several years and thousands of volunteer hours to pull this project together and get it under way. State approval for the 40 skilled nursing beds took several years to push through. Before permanent financing could be secured, 70 percent of the units had to be sold, a milestone reached last September. Groundbreaking for the project was Dec. 10 and completion is expected by June 2004.

No one on the 13-member board has received any payment for their work on the project nor will they ever. Turnmeyer points out that the bylaws forbid it.

"There's no investment, no dividends, no salary for any of us," he said. "We're just here to solve the problems, and answer questions. We do it to serve the military retiree community and the communities around us."

"We're spending \$28.8 million on construction alone. There will be more spent on services which means jobs and income for the area. And this isn't a piecemeal project. It will be totally complete when the first people move in. All the services will be in place."

Greystone Communities, based in Irving, Texas, was chosen as the project developer based on previous experience building similar communities around the country.

Once the complex is constructed, Greystone will handle operational management on a three-year contract. The board will continue as oversight for the community.

"The retired military population is a special group of people," Turnmeyer said. "They've shared many of the same experiences, served in the same places, fought together, trained together and understand what it means to be military. But just because they retired doesn't mean they quit serving. We have large numbers of volunteers that go out into the community and serve — things like build houses for Habitat for Humanity and volunteer in organizations like Meals on Wheels. They are people who continue to give and that benefits us all."

Redstone Village is open to any retiree of the seven uniformed services, no matter what rank. For more information call 881-6717 or visit the office at 7540 South Memorial Parkway, Suite W (next to Rosie's Cantina).

59th rebounds with preseason basketball championship

Strong finish overcomes surging A&M ROTC

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The guys with the "Raise up" motto needed a lift in the preseason basketball tournament final. Missing one of their leading scorers, the HHC 59th players were forced to a deciding game by the surging Alabama A&M ROTC team from the losers bracket.

Now they found themselves trailing at halftime of game two. A&M had momentum and appeared ready to topple the defending preseason champs.

But the 59th's Detrick Bush picked up his team.

Bush scored 11 of his team-high 16 points after intermission as the 59th beat A&M 55-47 for the preseason championship Jan. 7 at Pagano Gym.

"The team just stayed behind me, told me to keep shooting," the 6-foot-2 shooting guard said. "That kept me in the game because I was starting to get frustrated. They just got me the ball and told me to keep shooting. It was a team effort."

Patrick Perry added 14 points and Jermaine McGee had 11. The 59th prevailed without Laevrmonde Watts who was on leave. He and Perry are the team's top scorers.

Perry, a 6-2 point guard, carried his share of the scoring load, directed the offense and was a force on the boards. He had plenty of help.

"We had eight guys tonight that had to come through," 59th coach Jerry McIn-

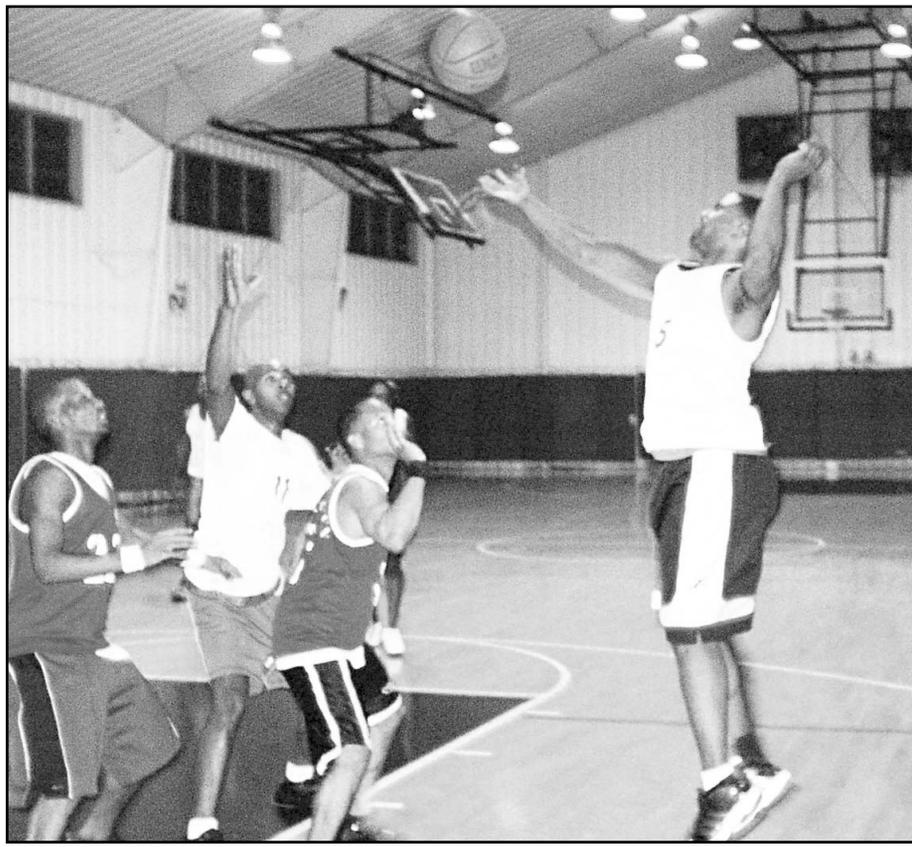


Photo by Skip Vaughn

EYE ON THE PRIZE— The 59th's Detrick Bush (5) loses possession on the way up this time but helped his team win the preseason championship. Watching the loose ball, from left, are A&M's Mike Ragan (22), the 59th's Patrick Perry (11) and A&M's Roderick Woods (15).

tyre said. "Detrick Bush stepped up in the second half, went on a hot streak. Eddie Bryant stepped up big on the defensive glass. As usual McGee played good ball. Perry played very well; he helped take

charge of the game down toward the end as well. Stephen Dix, Michael McGilton, Mike Copeland and Tyrone Stewart gave us quality minutes off the bench."

Bryant scored all eight of his points in

the second half, including a putback that gave the 59th a 48-38 lead with 2:50 left.

McGee, a 5-7 point guard, put in a particularly gutsy effort. Despite torn ligaments in his right knee, injured during flag football season, he played most of both games.

"For me it's like being in the military," he said. "Even though I have that problem in my knee, I continue to push myself to get better. I guess for the love of the game."

Roderick Woods scored 19 points and Mike Ragan had 11 for A&M who led 22-19 at halftime.

"The second game we got tired," Charlie Mack, A&M small forward and team captain, said. "People started cramping up. There's no excuse, though. The 59th played a good game. We just didn't get rebounds at the end. They out-rebounded us, so that was the key to the second game."

A&M won the first game 65-57 behind Woods' 19 points and seven rebounds. Mack added 17 points. Wilfred Lewis had 13 points and six steals and Mike Ragan had 13 points.

McGee scored 19 for the 59th, including a jumper in the final seconds of the first half for a 31-29 lead at intermission. Perry had 16 points with 13 rebounds and Bush had 12 points with 11 boards.

Like Mack observed, the 59th's rebounding prowess proved to be the difference at the end of the game that followed.

"We'll be back for the regular season," he said. "So we'll be a team to be reckoned with."

A&M advanced to the final with two wins Jan. 6. It beat Charlie Company 50-42, avenging a 39-37 loss Dec. 12, and stopped AMCOM 61-45.

Soldiers support myriad of high school bowl activities

By JOE BURLAS
Army News Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — While the U.S. Army All American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas may have centered around a football game between top high school athletes split between East and West teams, soldiers got involved with much more.

The U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) members worked with high school bands to improve their music and marching skills as they participated in a Band Fest during the days leading up to the big game on Jan. 5.

More than 300 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) soldiers performed a 45-minute Twilight Tattoo Jan. 3 at the Alamodome for game participants, their family members and the San Antonio community. More than 8,000 people attended the military pageant. Part of that performance, "The Flag Story" which depicts the history of the Army through music, a marching display of state flags and soldiers wearing periodic uniforms,

was repeated Jan. 5 as part of the All American Bowl activities.

The Old Guard Continental Color Guard presented the American and Army flags at the start of the game.

Also at the start of the game, four Air Assault instructors from the 101st Air Assault Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., rappelled from the top of the Alamodome to centerfield and delivered the game football to officials.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki and Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) Reginald Brown participated as honorary game officials for the coin toss that determined which team would receive the kickoff.

Several Army organizations joined together to help display the Army's modern equipment during Fanfest outside the Alamodome just prior to the game. Those organizations included Accession Command's U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit from Fort Benning, Ga., and a mission support battalion from Fort Knox, Ky.; as



Photo by Joe Burlas

GEE WIZ— Nine-year-old Zachary Longoria checks out CSM Frank Leota's weapon while Zachary's grandfather, Bob Kern, looks on outside the Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas. Leota, the command sergeant major for 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, helped show off modern Army equipment to attendees of the Jan. 5 Army All American Bowl.

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Top Marine: Transformation more than basic modernization

By KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— America's top Marine general believes there should be "a distinction between transformation and basic modernization."

Gen. James Jones, who relinquished the job of commandant of the Marine Corps Jan. 13 to assume the title supreme allied commander — Europe, said he thinks the word "transformation" should be reserved for things that are, well, transformational.

"For me, transformation means being able to do something that you couldn't do before, or by some tremendous overhaul of the things that you already are able to do, you are able to do them exponentially better — and I don't mean just a little better, I mean exponentially better," Jones said during a luncheon at the National Press Club here.

Jones cited the advent of using the Global Positioning System as a navigational aid as an example of a transformational advance.

Another is the use of B-52 bombers to drop precision-guided weapons. "I stood on the ground in South Vietnam during Arc Lights (B-52 bombing missions during the Vietnam conflict), and I can tell you that even though I wasn't in the path of that armament, I was certainly

impressed by the fact that three miles away the ground was shaking," Jones said. "And those same B-52s now, instead of carpet bombing, can deliver very precise ammunition on a very well-defined target and achieve success."

The Marines are undergoing a transformational shift in emphasis on using tilt-rotor aircraft. Critics have assailed the Marines' current tilt-rotor prototype, the V-22 Osprey, as unsafe and too expensive. Jones is a strong proponent of the program.

"... The power of tilt-rotor technology is so transformational that it can actually affect the way the soldier, sailor, airman and Marines ... go to battle and do the important things that they need to do," he said.

Transformation isn't limited to technology. "Arguably, the most transformational thing that has taken place in the armed forces of the United States in the last 50 years is the all-volunteer force," Jones said.

Another "paradigm shift" is the understanding that each military service "cannot go it alone." The U.S. military routinely relies on joint and coalition forces to accomplish missions. Jones said he thinks this shift in thinking will extend even further in the 21st century to stronger interagency cooperation brought about by homeland security needs.

The Marine general gave a clear example of how the security of the United States is no longer simply a Defense Department concern. When forces deployed to the 1991 Gulf War, they did so "without too much concern about the security of our bases and stations at home."

Now, Jones said, service chiefs can't deploy large numbers of forces "without thinking very consciously about the security of our bases and stations and our military installation in ways that we didn't have to 12 years ago."

The nation's leaders have to concern themselves with defending the homeland as well as achieving goals overseas. Homeland security concerns are forcing the Defense Department to work closely with domestic agencies they haven't had to work with at all in the past.

Other transformational shifts are the significantly smaller size of the military today compared to larger forces in the past and the smaller percentage of the gross national product spent on defense.

Jones noted that at the height of the Cold War, defense spending garnered double-digit percentages of the national budget. Recently it has been below 3 percent; now it is between 3.5 percent and 4 percent. The general said he believes this shift has been in line with shifting national priorities, and that the current level is just about right.

"I don't for a minute believe it should ever get up to 9, 10 or 11 percent, because the force sizing is not there," Jones said. But he doesn't think it should drop from current levels either.

He believes earlier levels were too low and bad for the country. "We paid a very real price in real terms for that mistake ... of not understanding that proper investment in national security issues is fundamentally important and, in my opinion, even more important in this new 21st century, which is characterized by so much instability, so much disorder, and so much cultural animosity on the face of the earth — and whatever that might lead to," Jones said.

Recent changes in military doctrine are transformational in their scope. Jones



Courtesy photo

Gen. JAMES JONES

related how Marines are working to take some of the burden off special operations forces in training foreign militaries in the Philippines and the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld announced this shift in special operations priorities during a Jan. 7 Pentagon briefing. Rumsfeld said special operations troops will have a greater role and expanded responsibilities in the war on terrorism. He noted that U.S. Special Operation Command will be "divested of various missions, such as routine military training and civil support, that can be successfully accomplished by other forces."

"We are happy ... Marines and sailors are able to back-fill and take up this very important mission in pursuit of our national objectives," Jones said.

Just days before he handed the reins of the Marine Corps to Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Jones reflected on how much the position has meant to him. "For the last three and a half years, I have been truly blessed ... to be entrusted with the custody of the United States Marine Corps," he said.

Jones expressed "absolute confidence that ... the United States Marines will continue to make a great difference wherever they go."

■ Army equipment on display at football game

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well as a number of units from Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Army Marksmanship Unit soldiers allowed Fanfest participants to fire a simulated 9-mm pistol at popup targets from about 10 feet away as a computer ticked off how long it took to drop all the targets.

The mission support battalion brought High-Mobility Vehicle simulators, rock-climbing towers, and a large trailer van where fans could play "America's Army," an interactive computer game or use a parachute simulator.

"Our mission support guys are on the road 150 to 200 days a year showing off the Army at national events like air shows and NASCAR races," Sgt. Maj. Bill Shifflet, Accessions Command, said. "Wherever there is a crowd, we're going to be there. We're there to help reconnect the American public with the Army."

Soldiers from a number of Fort Hood units stood by major combat systems like the Patriot Missile System, M1 Abrams

Tank and the Apache Attack Helicopter — giving hands-on demonstrations and answering questions from the public.

"What we are doing here is building public confidence in ourselves as soldiers and in our equipment," said Spec. Candice Madill, a Patriot Missile System operator and maintainer, Battery B, 3/2nd Air Defense Artillery, 31st ADA Brigade, Fort Hood. "The public gets a lot of skepticism on the news about our ability. They see us here and they know we are competent and ready to do whatever is necessary for our nation."

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, showed off the new Stryker Armored Vehicle at Fanfest and at one of the end zones during the game. Wearing Kevlar helmets and toting M16s, the Lewis soldiers appeared to be a popular draw as youngsters swarmed about them asking questions. One such youngster was 9-year-old Zachary Longoria from Garden Ridge, Texas.

"Zach loves Army equipment," Zachary's grandfather, Bob Kern, said. "I heard Army equipment was going to be out here today so I wanted to give Zach the chance to see it, feel it, touch it."

Military operations go door-to-door during exercise

Realistic training has urban setting

By Spec. STEVEN COOKE
19th Public Affairs Detachment

Troop, 9th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., participated in a three-day exercise on military operations in urbanized terrain outside Camp Doha, Kuwait, Dec. 31.

"We train to keep soldiers alive," said Capt. Scott Woodward, commander of the troop. "We need to quickly assess a situation and control it. We want to minimize civilian casualties."

According to Woodward, MOUT training involves a lot of stress, and in real-life situations.

Woodard explained, soldiers maintain a high level of control in these situations. Other stressful factors include maintaining focus, coordination and communication.

MOUT training is not routine for these soldiers, but as the climate changes, it is becoming increasingly important for them to have, according to 1st Sgt. James Baugh.

"Primarily as a reconnaissance unit we don't usually do MOUT exercises," Baugh said.

Baugh said that part of reconnaissance for this type of terrain is setting up observation posts, which can quite possibly be set-up inside buildings in an urban setting.

For this exercise, the soldiers learned how to take over a building, room by room.

The troop's three maneuver platoons and one headquarters platoon were separated into three-to-four-man teams, with each team armed with M4 carbine rifles. Soldiers learned to secure the rooms of the building under the guidance of their platoon sergeants.

According to SSgt. Ronald Herd, 'Colt Platoon,' platoon sergeant, part of what makes the training so difficult

is all the different possibilities of clearing a room.

"The hardest part was that there are so many ways to clear a room you can't possibly cover everything," Herd said. "There are different ways to clear a room. No way is any better than others, it's just what the soldiers are comfortable with."

According to SSgt. Felipe Vega, platoon sergeant for 1st platoon, no matter which way a team chooses to clear a room, communication is the key element stressed in every situation.

"Communication is key," Vega said. "Everybody needs to know what they're doing and where they're doing it. You want to communicate. You want people to know you are coming in and out of a room, the size of the room and if your weapon is functioning properly."

In the end, Woodward said his soldiers were able to meet the standard.

"They've done really well," Woodward said. "When we first arrived here, we went really slow and deliberate. This time around we went a little faster."

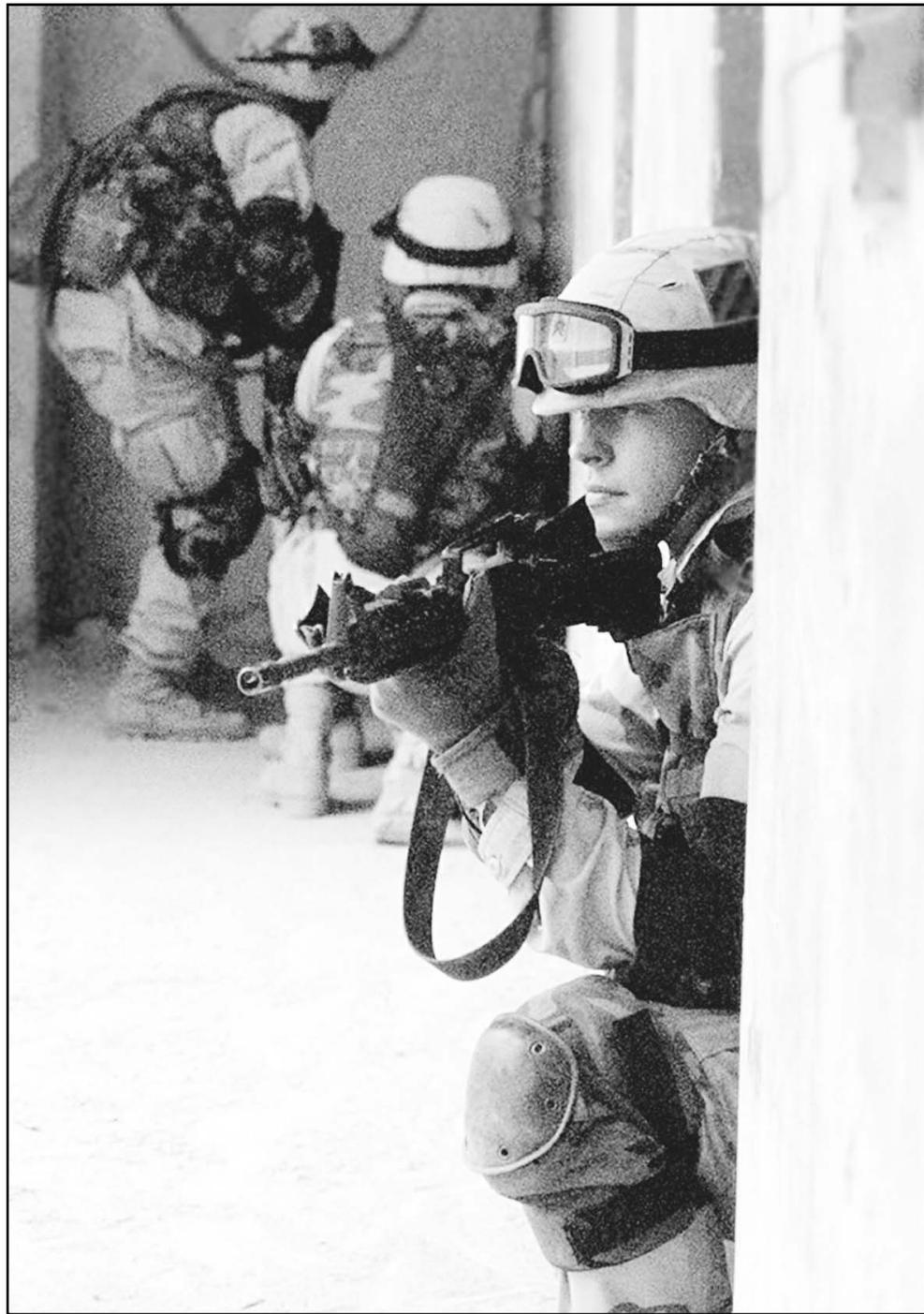
"They are motivated and taking the training seriously. They know, being a reconnaissance unit, we're going to be the first in a situation."

1st Lt. Michael Berriman, 2nd platoon leader, agreed.

"They're doing great. It's been leaps and bounds compared to the first time," Berriman said. "The soldiers are starting to take initiative."

Baugh said the soldiers successfully met the goal of the training, which was training to standard, and it is important that his soldiers train together and know each other's role in each scenario.

"The goal of the training was to teach everybody the basics so they know what is going on," he said. "I can take a soldier from third platoon and put him with a soldier from first platoon and they can do (the mission) together successfully."



KEEPING WATCH— Soldiers secure the rear door of a building during urban training in Kuwait. Courtesy photo

Intel of 'enormous value' gleaned from Guantanamo detainees

By KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Enemy detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are providing U.S. military officials with intelligence of "enormous value," the general in charge of the facility said.

Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller wouldn't discuss specific information, but he said the intelligence gleaned from detainees is particularly valuable when pieced together with information collected elsewhere.

"It links with that intelligence that's being developed in other areas of the global war on terrorism," Miller said during an ABC News interview Jan. 8. "It provides enormous value to the nation."

The U.S. military has been holding enemy combatants at Guantanamo for a year, as of Jan. 11. Roughly 625 detainees are held in a recently completed detention facility. Enemy combatants who can contribute to Amer-

ica's ongoing fight against terrorism are being detained while those who no longer pose a threat are beginning to be released, he said.

Miller stressed the detainees are treated humanely and are well cared for. They receive culturally sensitive meals and quality medical care, and their religious needs are met. The detainees have access to a Muslim chaplain and receive their own copy of the Quran. They are allowed to pray at the proper times each day.

The general pointed out the detainees have gained an average of 13 pounds each since their arrival. Many have received medical procedures that wouldn't have been possible in their home countries. "Our hospital down there has been able to do a number of procedures to increase (the detainees') quality of life," Miller said.

U.S. policy came under fire over the "enemy combatant" status conveyed to the detainees. Critics said the individuals should be prisoners of war and be given all the

rights that status provides under the Geneva Convention.

Bush administration officials argued against that, saying the men didn't belong to a military force of a recognized government. U.S. officials still maintain that even though the detainees aren't prisoners of war, they will continue to be treated humanely and, to the extent appropriate with military necessity, in a manner consistent with the principles of the Geneva Convention.

Simply put, Miller said, detainees are being treated as Americans would want U.S. servicemembers to be treated in the same situation.

He couldn't say how much longer the bulk of the detainees might be held, noting that would be a decision for the U.S. government to make.

"We will detain them as long as we are directed to while the global war on terrorism is ongoing and until the president and secretary of defense give us further guidance," Miller said.

Armed services scramble to replenish blood supplies

Some frozen stockpiles withdrawn because of West Nile virus risk

By Spec. CHUCK WAGNER
Special to the American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Armed Services Blood Program Office has asked the military to withdraw all frozen blood supplies donated during last summer's West Nile virus epidemic to avoid transmitting the potentially fatal disease to recipients.

Meanwhile, blood collection centers and blood plasma manufacturers are scurrying to replace military stockpiles as a potential war looms in Iraq.

"There is some additional urgency" about the need to replenish supplies under the prospect of war, said Col. G. Michael Fitzpatrick, blood program office director.

The armed services have already replaced at-risk blood supplies within the European and Central commands, which would be front-line in a conflict with Iraq.

The withdrawal went into effect Dec. 13, after a statement by the American Association of Blood Banks. The Ameri-

can Red Cross, America's Blood Centers and the Armed Services Blood Program Office coordinated the withdrawal, which includes the Defense Department and civilian blood banks nationwide.

The ultimate goal is to replace all the frozen blood withdrawn from the current inventory. "The withdrawal is focused on frozen products (particularly plasma products) that were collected in states experiencing mosquito-borne transmission of West Nile virus to humans in 2002," according to a blood program office press release.

The release said the services will accelerate the production of frozen plasma products to replace withdrawn stocks and begin stockpiling frozen plasma for the summer.

"Most of the liquid red blood cells collected during the height of the West Nile virus epidemic have already been transfused," the release said.

The blood program office estimates it will take until mid-March to replace the entire inventory. Blood banks were asked to quarantine, but not destroy, at-risk blood products. Meanwhile, blood banks are prioritizing their supply by sending out the safest stocks first.

The Defense Department's supply of frozen red blood cells stored for contingency operations will not be affected by the withdrawal, Fitzpatrick said, because these units were not collected during the 2002 West Nile epidemic. This includes blood stored on Navy ships.

The services have three major repositories for contingency blood supplies — one in Italy, two in Korea. Frozen blood plasma stored in these banks was donated in the late 1980s to early 1990s, prior to the first West Nile virus outbreak in New York during the summer of 1999.

Doctors identified 13 transfusion recipients who acquired West Nile through blood collected from eight donors last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The eight donors resided in states where doctors documented mosquito-borne West Nile infections to humans. Since Dec. 3, 2002, doctors have reported 3,775 human cases of the virus, with 216 deaths. Only three deaths were related to blood transfusions.

Military and civilian blood collection organizations have asked donors to help fill the sudden dip in supply. Fitzpatrick said donors with Type AB blood are especially welcome, because AB is the universal blood plasma type. There are 21 defense collection sites.

No Food and Drug Administration-licensed test yet exists to detect the pres-

ence of West Nile in blood. The Armed Services Blood Program Office has issued donor screening and deferral guidelines to military collection sites to help identify donors who may have West Nile symptoms. This measure is intended to decrease the risk of infecting recipients

in the event a test is not available by summer 2003.

Editor's note: Spec. Chuck Wagner is a staff writer on the Pentagram, the newspaper of the Military District of Washington.

DoD to recognize Korea veterans with medal

By TESIA WILLIAMS
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A new defense medal will eventually be issued to military members who served in the Republic of Korea, or adjacent waters, after July 28, 1954.

The new Korea Defense Service Medal was authorized by the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Authorization Act.

The U.S. Korea Defense Service Medal should not be confused with the foreign service Republic of Korea War Service Medal that was authorized for U.S. military personnel who served in Korea between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953, officials said.

The new medal will be for those who served in Korea after the war, up to an undetermined ending date, said officials from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Given the volume of anticipated recipients, officials said the time it will take to award the KDSM is difficult to estimate. They said it will take time to identify, notify and award the medal to eligible former servicemembers.

Some of the actions that must be completed are: designing the medal, obtaining necessary funding, developing policy for issuance and wear and processing to include verification of service and then award of the medal.

The first three actions should be completed in approximately four to six months, officials said. However, based on previous experiences when creating service medals the entire process can take up to a year, officials added.

Editor's note: Testa Williams is a member of the U.S. Army Personnel Command public affairs team.



Courtesy photo

Breakfast speaker

Chaplain (Col.) Sam Boone, assistant commandant of the Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, S.C., is to speak at the National Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 6 at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The officer-in-charge is Chaplain (Maj.) Fred MacLean of Bicentennial Chapel. Tickets are on sale for a suggested donation of \$3. For more information or tickets, call the chapel 876-2409.



Sports & Recreation

Girls club

The Youth Center is offering a "Go Girl Go Club," for girls in grades 6-12, which will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Youth Center, building 3148 off Goss Road. Go Girl Go Club emphasizes sportsmanship, physical fitness and a positive self-image. Any girl who wishes to participate must be registered in Child and Youth Services. For more information call Yashica Smith, program coordinator, 876-5437 or Carolyn 313-3609.

Boating safety classes

Redstone Flotilla 2406 offers boating safety classes in room 215 at building 3305, Stillwell Hall, on Zeus Drive. Classes will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 13 through March 27, April 10 through May 22, June 12 through July 24, Aug. 14 through Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 through Nov. 20. A \$22 fee covers the cost of the class text and binder. For more information or to register, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 (work) or 830-6621 (home).



Conferences & Meetings

Airborne association

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

Education meeting

The Garrison education meeting will be held today at noon at Westlawn Middle School, 4217 Ninth Ave. The meeting will cover issues relating to Redstone-affiliated children and their educational needs. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Sergeants major

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

Nonprofit networking

Want to know how to get your message out in print? A representative from The Huntsville Times will share the "nuts and bolts" of getting your story into the right place at The Market Place, a new network for local nonprofits with a focus on marketing related topics. At its first meeting, it will also survey attendees about future topics and dates. Bring a sack lunch and join the members Jan. 24 from noon-1 p.m. at the United Way building, 701 Andrew Jackson Way. For more information call Linda Bonner at United Way 536-0745, ext. 104.

Administrative professionals

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, Interna-

tional Association of Administrative Professionals, will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. This meeting will be devoted to the competition of two of members for Administrative Professional of the Year. Competitors will respond impromptu to a question relating to the administrative profession. All administrative professionals are invited.

Alabama State alums

The Rocket City Alumni Chapter of Alabama State University will have its monthly meeting Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Piccadilly Cafeteria in the Madison Square Mall.

Women of chapel

Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold its January meeting, "Heavenly Resolutions," Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the assembly room at Bicentennial Chapel.

Parent council

The Parent Advisory Council meets Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. at the ChildWise Center, building 1413, second floor, Spartan Drive. Parents with children in the Child Development Center, Youth Services, and School Age Services are encouraged to attend. Parents earn PAC participation points for attending. For more information, call Anita Epps 774-6737.



Miscellaneous

Catholic pilgrimage

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

Apprentice program

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

Weather closings

If inclement weather causes Redstone Arsenal to close or delay its opening, tune in to any of the following stations for the most current information: Radio - WAHR, 99.1FM; WDRM, 102FM; WEKR, 1240AM; WEUP, 1600 AM;

WGSV, 1270AM; WJAB, 90.9FM; WLRH, 89.3FM; WRAB, 1380AM; WRSA, 97FM; WTKI, 1450AM; WVNN, 770AM; WWIC, 1050AM; WZYP, 104.3FM; Television - WAAY (Channel 31), WAFF (Channel 48) and WHNT (Channel 19). Two additional methods have been implemented to provide current information about delays or closures. You can call 955-8445 to hear a recorded announcement or you can log on to the Team Redstone Internet site (www.redstone.army.mil) and click the button for weather information.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting applications for Merit Awards to help offset the cost of tuition, books and related fees. Applications are available at OCWC board meetings and luncheons, and the deadline is Feb. 1. Applicants must: be a member, spouse of a member, or dependent of an OCWC member in good standing as of last Oct. 1 and live within 50 miles of Huntsville. Candidates may compete in one of four categories -- high school senior, undergraduate, graduate and member/spouse. Previous winners may compete in succeeding years, but may win only once in each category. Students receiving full scholarship may not apply. For more information about Merit Awards call Diane Moore, merit awards chairman, 864-2670.

Ebony fashion fair

Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will sponsor the 45th annual Ebony Fashion Fair, "Simply Spectacular," tonight at 7 at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit scholarships and other community projects. Ticket prices are reserved \$30, general \$25, and students (K-12) \$15. Persons purchasing general or reserved tickets are entitled to a year subscription to EBONY magazine or a six-month subscription to JET magazine. Student ticket purchasers are entitled to a year subscription to EBONY magazine only. For tickets call 852-9325 or 755-9196.

Scholarship program

The American Society of Military Comp-trollers announces its annual scholarship program for ASMC members and their immediate families. This scholarship is open to high school seniors, undergraduates and those working on graduate programs. The application can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.asmc.org/national/nationalawards.shtml> or you may call Jan Howard 313-3447 or Debbie O'Neal 842-7501. Application deadline is Feb. 28. These may be mailed to Howard at PEO, Air and Missile Defense, Attn.: SFAE-AMD-BD-SF, P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, Ala., 35807-3801 or taken to O'Neal, building 5300, third floor, Sparkman Center.

Welfare contributions

Every year the Officer and Civilian Women's Club makes contributions to a variety of organizations. This year a "Welfare Request Form" is being used to standardize the process by collecting the same information from each requesting organiza-

tion. Welfare Request Forms are available at Army Community Service (building 3338), by mail (OCWC, Attn: Welfare Chairman, P.O. Box 8113, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808), and via e-mail from adlunn@knology.net or dbusk@aol.com. All requests must conform to the OCWC Welfare Request Form. The request deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, call Angie Lunn 837-3310 or Dede Busk 430-1083.

National Guard recruiting

The Alabama Army National Guard is seeking motivated individuals for part-time employment. "Start or continue your military career with the best part-time job in America," a prepared release said. If you know someone who needs college money, job training, retirement or just wants to serve their country, call SSgt. Joe Cox 881-2889 or 707-8467 or call Sgt. Mike Alexander 350-1610.

Fashion benefit

The eighth annual Designers Against Breast Cancer/Runway Extravaganza is March 1 at the Senior Center auditorium. The reception, auction and exhibits begin at 6 p.m., and the fashion show at 7. Tickets are \$20 each. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Interested exhibitors, and silent auction contributors, should call Ms. Smith 539-0001.

Drill sergeant of year

The 59th Ordnance Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year luncheon is Jan. 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For tickets and information, call SFC Lopez 842-6861 or Sgt. Maj. Battle 842 9767.

Army family team building

Wouldn't it be great if someone could explain why the Army does what it does — the whole concept — in simple, clear terms? Army Family Team Building can. Enroll now to attend "The Big Picture," Jan. 28-30. This three-evening session (Army Family Team Building, Level I) is provided free of charge by certified Army Family Team Building instructors. Classes will be held in building 3338 on Red-eye Road from 6-9 p.m. Space is limited. Call 876-5397 by Jan. 17 to reserve your seat and arrange for free child care.

Phone book recycling

Old Bell South telephone books will be collected at the building 5302 loading dock and in the parking lot at building 3240, the former post gas station at Vincent and Goss Road. A portion of the proceeds from their sale will go to area public schools. BellSouth directories and Talking phone book directories are both accepted for recycling in this program — not the Redstone phone books because they use different paper.

Garden plot assignments

Soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians should submit an annual request for the use of individual garden plots by March 10. Individuals wishing to retain their same garden plot should contact SFC Pate, the Housing NCO-in-charge, from Jan. 30 through Feb. 14. Those failing to

notify Pate by the prescribed dates are subject to assignment of a different garden plot. Priority of issue is as follows: first, active duty military request their plots Feb. 15 through March 1; second, retirees request their plots March 2-16; and third, DoD civilians make their requests March 17-31.

Art auction

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold its 31st annual Art Auction Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Officers and Civilians Club. The exhibition is presented by the Perry Berns Gallery. Tickets are \$10 per person and include hors d'oeuvres and dessert with a cash bar. The auction begins at 7. With your reservation the dining room will be open at 5, offering a buffet dinner just before the auction. Tickets are on sale now. For tickets or more information, call Katherine Sorensen 837-3772 or the Officers and Civilians Club 830-2582.

Growing pains

Child and Youth Services will hold a free class for children and parents of children with emotional conflicts today from 2-4 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center, Redstone Room, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Greg Smith, family and medication counselor, Unicorn & Associates. For more information, call Carolyn at 313-3609.

King birthday seminar

The Missile and Space Intelligence Center will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday with a seminar Jan. 22 at 9 a.m. in MSIC's auditorium, building 4545. G. Eric Gordon will present "Avoiding the Eight Critical Mistakes That Will Short-Circuit Your Career." For more information, call Authurine Shackelford 313-7318.

Butler High alums

The 1968 and 1969 classes of Butler High School will hold a reunion this year. For more information call Jeannie Sharpe King 772-1963, Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Bill Baker 533-7234.

Airborne recruits

The Airborne Recruiting Team will visit Redstone Arsenal from Feb. 18-21. Information on when and where will be provided later. In the Ordnance field, PERSCOM is particularly interested in enlisted personnel in the following specialties: 27E, 35H, 35Y and 55B. For more information call SFC Tracy of Fort Knox, Ky., at DSN 536-0427.

Prayer breakfast

The next IMMC Prayer Breakfast is Jan. 28 at 7 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5308, room 8124. No food or drink will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome.

Information technology rules

Section 508 requires that federal agencies' electronic and information technology is accessible to people with disabilities. The Federal Information Technology Accessibility Initiative is a federal gov-

ernment interagency effort to offer information and technical assistance to assist in the successful implementation of Section 508, effective June 21, 2001. Go to the Federal IT Accessibility Initiative web site at <http://www.Section508.gov> to learn more about this new requirement. When purchasing a copier, fax machine, printer, personal computer, or other electronic information technology items, each organization or activity must comply with the Section 508 standards set by the Federal Access Board. The access Board web site is located at <http://www.access-board.gov>. For more information contact Carol L. Smith, CIC-B-M, via e-mail at carol.smith2@redstone.army.mil or phone 876-3202.

Neighborhood news

Mayors are needed for Area 4 and Area 10A, Apollo Landing. If any current Redstone residents are interested in serving as a mayor, call Mary Breeden of Army Community Service, building 3338, at 876-5397. The Mayoral Program was established to improve the well-being of soldiers and their families residing on the installation. Duties include attending the monthly mayors' meeting to identify, assess and resolve community issues and programs. The Mayoral Program provides residents with opportunities to improve the community by identifying programs based on community needs and interests.

National prayer breakfast

Chaplain (Col.) Sam Boone, assistant commandant of the Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, S.C., is to speak at the National Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 6 at 6:30 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The officer-in-charge is Chaplain (Maj.) Fred MacLean of Bicentennial Chapel. Tickets are on sale for a suggested donation of \$3. For more information or tickets, call the chapel 876-2409.

Training opportunities

The South Central Training and Learning Center is offering the following regional training opportunities at the Sparkman Center: Federal Budget Process, March 4-5; Criticism and Discipline Skills for Managers, March 18; Effective Interpersonal Communications, March 18; and Staffing, Pay and Leave Fundamentals for Personnel Liaisons, April 23-25. A copy of the course announcements and the Payment Authorization Sheet for registration are located in the public folders under AMCOM Community Mail. This is regional training — not a TIPS course. The Payment Authorization Sheet must be completed by the credit card holder and faxed to the SC TLC to complete your registration. For more information, call Louise Olszewski 842-6540 or Charanne Harris 842-4545.

Newcomers orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation Feb. 4 at 8:30 a.m. at building 3338. The orientation features speakers, information booths, refreshments and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants receive Morale Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR

activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently stationed at Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397. Building 3338 is located at the intersection of Mauler and Redeye Road.

Johnson High parents

Parents of Johnson High are invited to an open house Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. where they'll meet their children's new Spring Block teachers. Refreshments will be served.

Charity fund organization

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications for a Principle Combined Fund Organization to administer the 2003 CFC. The organization is responsible for campaign management and fiduciary responsibility. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 24. Only federations, charitable organizations, or a combination thereof are eligible to apply. All applications should be mailed to: CFC chairperson, AMSAM-CFC, building 3708, Redstone Arsenal, 35898-5795.

Enlisted family members

The Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Members Spouse Club, at Fort Rucker, and First Command will award scholarship grants to qualified graduating seniors of 2003. Recipients will be determined by scholastic ability, motivation and financial need. Anyone receiving a full four-year scholarship or an ROTC scholarship is ineligible. The applicant must be the dependent of an NCO or enlisted servicemember grade E-1 through E-9 active duty, retired, deceased, or on an unaccompanied tour, any branch of service — Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard or Marines. Dependents of active-duty Reserve or National Guard are also eligible. The applicant must attend high school within a 30-mile radius of Fort Rucker and possess a valid I.D. card. The award will be sent to the institution at which the student has been accepted and plans to attend. The grants are transferrable from one school to another. The grants must be called for within nine months of graduation from high school and used within two years. Applications are available at high schools. The deadline for applications is March 10. For more information, call Velma Bastin (334) 774-4074 or Carolyn Siquefield (334) 774-6292.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. The program offers weekend classes in Huntsville on an 18-month alternate weekend format. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046 or via e-mail at bill@huizenga.nova.edu.

Orchid show

The Heart of Dixie Orchid Society will hold its annual Orchid Show, March 29-30 at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Nine orchid

societies plan to display their best plants; and eight vendors will display their flowers and plants as well as sell orchids and orchid supplies.

Jazz concert

Pianist and composer Randy Weston will perform Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at Alabama A&M University. The 17th annual "Celebrating Black History Thru Jazz" is presented by the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society and sponsored by Alabama A&M University-WJAB 90.9 FM and the Courtyard by Marriott (official jazz hotel). Activities include a reception, jazz workshops at 10 a.m., interview at 7 p.m. followed by performances. For more information, call Howard at the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society 858-0409.

Space and missile defense

Lt. Gen. Joseph Cosumano, commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command, is scheduled speaker at the Army Space and Missile Defense Association's annual membership luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 24 at the Hilton. Ticket purchase deadline is Jan. 21. For more information or to buy tickets, call Norma Osborne of the Army Space and Missile Defense Association 837-8004.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9-5. Walk-in consignment hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The shop has appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3 p.m. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop is a collection site for "New Futures"; so you can bring your cell phones that are in working order — Audiovox, Ericsson, Kyocera 3035, Motorola and Nokia — and all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. For more information, call 881-6992.

Car wash

Redstone Arsenal's new self-service MWR Car Wash is ready for business. Just like all other MWR facilities, the car wash is open to the entire Redstone community. All revenues from the car wash are put back into the community. Stop by and wash your car for \$1 for the first four minutes and 25 cents for every minute after that. The car wash is behind the Shoppette (the gas station) at the corner of Goss Road and Vincent Drive (across Vincent from the Commissary). For more information, call 955-7727.

Security tip

Properly destroy classified waste in accordance with Army regulation 380-5, chapter 3. For more information, call the Intelligence and Security Directorate 313-1047/1593.

Toilet training

A toilet training class is today from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the ChildWise Neighborhood Center, building 1413 on Nike Street. For more information, call 876-2798. Parent participation points are awarded for attendance.

Announcements

Bingo special

Challenger Bingo, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road, will have Special Pack Night, Jan. 24. Buy one Bingo game pack and get a second one free. There's also free food and an extra game. Challenger Bingo is open to the entire Redstone community 19-plus years old.

Active duty and retired military, DoD/Army civilians and Redstone/NASA contractors are welcome. For more information, call 830-0750.

Youth arts contest

The Military Child Education Coalition is looking for children's artwork, poems and

essays for April publishing of its "On the move" and "Month of the Military Child" magazines, as well as a 2004 calendar. The theme is "I Serve Too. I'm a Military Child." Any child in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade may enter. All work must be patriotic in nature. Entry deadline is Feb. 4. For information call Pam Berry

955-6309.

Chili cookoff

Want to prove you have Redstone Arsenal's best chili? Participate in the Redstone MWR Communitywide Chili Cookoff, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. For information call Brandie DeRemer 313-1203/1202.

Reading to children

Become a Redstone community volunteer reader and read to children at the Child Development Center each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 5. Call Shellie or Evelyn 876-7952 to volunteer or for more information.

Bible study

The Bicentennial Chapel invites all women with access to the Arsenal to participate in a Lunch Time Bible Study. Participants are starting the study "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" on Jan. 30, and will meet every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Bring your own lunch and join them in the assembly room. To reserve your spot, e-mail the following: newtiques@earthlink.net.

Astronomical society

Von Braun Astronomical Society astronomer Dr. Roy Young is to speak on "The Winter Skies," Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Monte Sano State Park planetarium/observatory. Admission is \$2 for non-members. Weather permitting, a star party — using the VBAS telescopes — will follow. For information call Mitzi Adams 961-7626.

Health week

AmSouth Bank will hold its annual Health Week promotion, Jan. 27-31. From 5:15-7:30 p.m., individuals can call the hotline numbers at 535-6835 or 1-800-947-7606 for answers to their questions on healthcare issues. This service is confidential, free of charge and will be televised by WAFF-TV Channel 48. Local healthcare professionals will volunteer to provide callers with accurate answers to their concerns, and referrals to local and area agencies if appropriate.

PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will have the following holiday hours Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. day: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; concessions, closed; GNC, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; mall barber shop, closed; beauty shop, closed; furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; Burger King, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; military clothing, closed; barber shop, building 3479, closed; food court — Anthony's, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Church's, closed.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Stan Williams is Jan. 22 from 1-3 p.m. at Security Assistance Management Directorate, building 7613, room 106. RSVP to Donna Somerville 313-6813.

ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

ANNOUNCEMENTS	POSITION TITLE	CLOSING	ORGANIZATION	PAY PLAN	GRADE	POT	PAY RANGE	WHO CAN APPLY?											
		DATE	LOCATION	& SERIES	LEVEL	GRD	(FROM - TO)	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I	R	T	V	U
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THE FOLLOWING ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.CPOL.ARMY.MIL																			
02BK0148360ES2	Staff Administrator	16-Jan-03	OMEMS	GS-0301	9	9	38,744 - 50,368	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0149559ES2	Training Instructor	16-Jan-03	OMEMS	GS-1712	7	7	31,674 - 41,177	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03144974	Emp Development Spec	16-Jan-03	SC-CPOC	GS-0325	11	11	46,878 - 60,946	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0141678FM2	Mechanical Engineer	17-Jan-03	AMRDEC	DB-0830	3	3	54,495 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03145525	Management Analyst	20-Jan-03	CoE Huntsville	GS-0343	12	13	56,185 - 86,859	X											
02BK0151353SH1	Police Officer	21-Jan-03	GARRISON	GS-0083	6	6	27,645 - 35,941	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK031042965	Contract Specialist	21-Jan-03	CoE Huntsville	GS-1102	7	11	31,674 - 60,946	X											
02BK0102614VW1	General Engineer	21-Jan-03	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03147027	Admi Support Asst (OA)	21-Jan-03	LEAD AMC ISO	GS-0303	7	7	31,674 - 41,177	X											
02BK0150068FM2	Electronics Engineer	23-Jan-03	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	54,495 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0140489MS1	General Engineer	30-Jan-03	PEO,SIM	GG-0801	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0137726OD2	Lead General Engineer	30-Jan-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0148742OD2	Lead Materials Engineer	30-Jan-03	AMRDEC	DB-0806	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0140770BM1	IT Specialist (PLCYPLN)	31-Jan-03	CIC	GS-2210	14	14	76,580 - 99,552	X	X										
SCBK03140534	Supvy General Engineer	2-Feb-03	TMDE	GS-0801	14	14	78,953 - 102,642	X	X										
02BK0142077MW2	Lead General Engineer	6-Feb-03	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCBK03140541	Supvy Electronics Engr	8-Feb-03	TMDE	GS-0855	14	14	78,953 - 102,642	X											
02BK060779JH3	Equipment Specialist (Gen)	27-Feb-03	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,275 - 70,555	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK066825JH3	Equipment Specialist (Air)	27-Feb-03	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	54,275 - 70,555	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0665	Audiologist/Speech Pathologist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0665	11-13	13	44,668 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0683	Dental Lab Technician	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0683	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0603	Physician's Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0603	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0682	Dental Hygenist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0682	5-7	7	25,467 - 45,493	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0681	Dental Assistant	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0681	5-7	7	25,467 - 42,083	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0680	Dental Officer	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0680	12	12	55,958 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0662	Optometrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0662	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0668	Podiatrist	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0668	11-13	13	46,689 - 88,770	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-DH-02-0610	Registered Nurse	30-Sep-03	MEDCOM	GS-0610	9-12	12	38,588 - 74,648	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2653	Medical Technologist (VOS)	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0644	7-9-10	11-12	31,546 - 72,746	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2673	Social Worker	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0185	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD-03-2682	Counseling Psychologist	31-Dec-03	MEDCOM	GS-0180	9-11	12	38,588 - 72,747	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
02BK0310741DC1	Supvy General Supply Specialist	31-Dec-03	GARRISON	GS-2001	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X											
SCBK03127239	Architect	2-Jan-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0808	11	12	47,240 - 70,841	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
THE FOLLOWING OPM/DEU ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB AT WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV																			
X-LW-03-4626-RD	Electronics Engineer	17-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	4	4	76,580 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4673-ST	Oper Research Analyst	19-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-1515	13	13	66,813 - 86,859	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-AO-03-4661-HW	Electrical Engineer	21-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0850	12	12	54,954 - 69,939	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4686-ST	Emp Development Spec	22-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0201	11	11	46,878 - 60,946	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4662-ST	General Engineer	22-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	13	13	64,803 - 84,241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4657-ST	Supvy General Engineer	22-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	15	15	90,078 - 117,105	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4679-HW	Electronic Techician	23-Jan-03	Office Sec of Army	DE-0856	3	3	42,667 - 73,041	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4676-	Lead General Engineer	7-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	78,953 - 120,732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-LW-03-4680-HW	Lead Materials Engineer	7-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	DB-0806	4	4	78,953 - 120,732	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X-SP-03-4683-ST	Medical Records Techn	7-Feb-03	Office Sec of Army	GS-0675	8	8	35,078 - 45,602	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 documenting service required).																			
C - Compensably Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).																			
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)																			
F - All Federal Employees																			
H - Severely handicapped persons (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)																			
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)																			
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)																			
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees) (SF-50 documenting service required)																			
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or proof of service required).																			
U - All U.S. citizens																			
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. A complete listing of all available positions can be viewed on the web at www.redstonemwr.com, or you may telephone 876-7772.																			