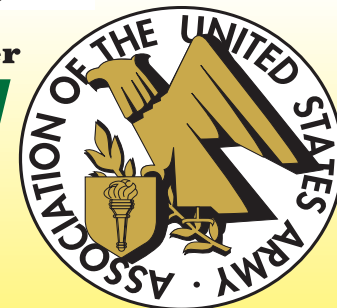


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AUSA supports Veterans Day activities

Veterans Day is embraced and celebrated by many segments of the Huntsville - Madison County community. Your Redstone-Huntsville AUSA Chapter worked with many other local leaders and organizations to ensure that veterans, soldiers and their families were recognized during this time.

On Friday, 10 November, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter helped coordinate the Veterans Dinner held at the Von Braun Center to honor veterans and our serving military. The dinner also included the induction of veterans and soldiers into the Madison County Hall of Heroes and Purple Heart Honor Roll.

On a somewhat wet and breezy Saturday morning, veterans were again the special guests at a breakfast jointly sponsored by the city of Madison and AUSA. Following breakfast, the Veterans Day Parade began at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, as is the tradition for this remembrance. The Chapter was responsible for organizing the reviewing stand and providing escorts for VIPs at the parade. Leading the parade, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, clad in their "Old Army - Still Serving" sweatshirts, walked alongside a vintage Army "deuce and a half" (that's a 2-1/2 ton cargo truck) provided by the Veterans Memorial Museum and distributed American flags and



candy to the crowds lining the parade route.

The Chapter also coordinated the participation by several local JROTC units in area parades. Chapter board members made a special trip to 10 Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps Junior ROTC units to present an engraved plaque and a \$50 donation from our AUSA chapter to support cadet programs.

It took detailed planning and flexibility to pull off the various events seemingly without a hitch, and our thanks go to the large number of organizations, business and civic leaders, corporate sponsors and individuals who came together to contribute their time and resources to make this Veterans Day celebration a special one. Your Chapter was honored to participate with such an energetic, caring and supportive group to honor this special time of remembrance honoring our Nation's veterans.



Operation Christmas Bear

The Third Annual Operation Christmas Bear was held on Saturday 9 Dec 2006. This event is to honor the families of deployed military, with special events for children including face painting, games, art and crafts, bouncing rides, a special Christmas Bear for all children, and an individual photo with Santa. Huge crowds enjoyed the events, followed by all the food and drinks provided by our Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, AUSA, the Cahaba Shrine Temple, and a host of donors.

Our AUSA TEAM showed up early, worked hard, and stayed late: Dave Seay; Steve and Becky Taylor; Bob and Marilyn Whiteford; Joe Fitzgerald; Bryan and Gail Dodson; Emily Vandiver; Bill Tillman; Jeff Wishik; Jim and Carol Henderson; Bob and Anne Drolet; Loretta Spencer; Becky Pillsbury, David and Judy Carney, Jim and Carolyn Rountree. Our TEAM set up and maintained the food. In addition to food duties, our members also helped host many families, especially young mothers as they struggled through the crowd



with small children. We assisted them to the events, to select food and drinks, and to find seats. Many shared their stories of home life while their spouses were deployed.

We collected (ALL DONATIONS): 100 Pizzas; 3000 cookies; 6 pans of banana pudding; 10 large fruit trays; chips and salsa; 500 Cinnamon chips and rolls; 400 mini-cakes; Brownies; assorted candies and condiments; thousands of plastic forks-knives-spoons; plenty of homemade pies and cakes.

We never ran out, even with hordes of hungry military families/plenty of children, volunteers, firemen and soldiers. A special thanks to Carl and Jane Dow for helping locate and pick up food items, and inviting their friends to help work all day. Thanks to all the Veterans Coalition members and volunteers for the planning and conduction of a Fantastic Event. As a member of the Coalition, our Chapter participated in many planning meetings and mission assignments. Thanks to the Cahaba Shriners for use of the building and their total involvement.

AUSA hosts military families

Wednesday night, 13 Dec 2006, the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, AUSA, again hosted Military Families to Santa's Village, part of Constitution Village, Huntsville.

A great time was had by all. We had the largest crowds of soldiers, their families, and especially children, that we have ever had. All tables upstairs in our party room were filled to the brim several times, probably due to perfect weather

and better publicity. Plus several of our TEAM circulated among the crowds throughout Constitution/Santa's Village, inviting those who were military or associated with military for free cookies, fruit, chips, cakes, pies, hot cider and hot chocolate. They came upstairs in droves, and expressed appreciation for the refreshments and recognition.

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President's message

Our Chapter continues to show why we were recognized in 2006 as Best AUSA Chapter for the third consecutive year. The spirit of our members is always evident as we continue to demonstrate such strong support for our Army. Our emphasis rightly remains on all of the soldiers who have served or are still serving our country, their families, and our DA Civilians.

Our Chapter has participated in so many wonderful activities that have involved a coordinated team approach. We continue to enjoy a unique relationship where our individual and corporate members work with the entire community to keep our emphasis on supporting Soldiers and their families.

The Veterans Dinner and Parade were outstanding events to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our free-



Emily Vandiver

dom. The recognition of the Hall of Heroes inductees and Purple Heart recipients was a moving experience for all present. At the parade, our Chapter members marched in force handing out thousands of flags to everyone along the parade route.

Operation Christmas Bear and Military Night at Santa's Village were such touching events that clearly showed support to the families of our deployed military members and our military heroes that have recently returned. Our members were in charge of collecting the huge assortment of goodies, all graciously donated, and serving to those in attendance. It makes our efforts so worthwhile when we see the smiles on children's faces. We also continue to receive heartfelt gratitude from so many parents who thank our Chapter for making these difficult times a little easier.

We hosted a Corporate Appreciation Holiday Reception to thank our over 240 corporate members. They are critical in making our Chapter so successful in everything that we do.

I want to personally thank all of you for being part of our team and for your generous donations of time, talents, facilities, and funding.

Our Chapter recently participated in award ceremonies to honor outstanding soldiers. We recognized the winners of the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter competition for Team Redstone soldiers and the Soldier and NCO of the Year for the Alabama National Guard. These competitions are intense and point out the high caliber of our soldiers who are truly Army strong. We look forward to our Chapter participation in upcoming awards ceremonies.

I want to once again thank our individual and corporate members for being such loyal supporters who continue to work so tirelessly for the U.S. Army. It is only through your volunteer efforts that we can continue to support our mission. I want to welcome all of our new members and extend an invitation to everyone to join our Redstone-Huntsville Chapter.

Stay Army Strong!

AUSA recognizes OMEMS/59th OD Brigade Instructors of the Year

Your Redstone-Huntsville AUSA Chapter was pleased to recognize the winners of the 2006 Instructor of the Year competition at a luncheon on November 16. The competition was open to all instructors at the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School (OMEMS)/59th Ordnance

Brigade, and winners were chosen in three categories – NCO, civilian and warrant officer. The winner in each category was presented an engraved AUSA plaque, \$100, a complimentary 1-year AUSA membership and a special Chapter commemorative coin.

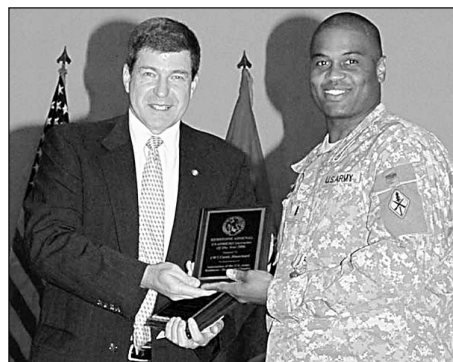
The winners by category were SFC Adrain Dudley (NCO), Mr. William Parks (civilian) and Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard (warrant officer). COL (USA Ret.) Steve Taylor, the Chapter's VP for Special Activities, made the presentations on behalf of the Chapter. As winners of this local competition, these instructors will now move forward to the next level of competition against instructors from throughout Training and Doctrine Command in pursuit of the title of TRADOC Instructor of the Year. AUSA congratulates these three winners who definitely have what it takes to win it all. HOOAH!



Mr. William Parks



SFC Adrain Dudley



Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Blanchard

AUSA Honors Team Redstone Soldier and NCO of the Quarter

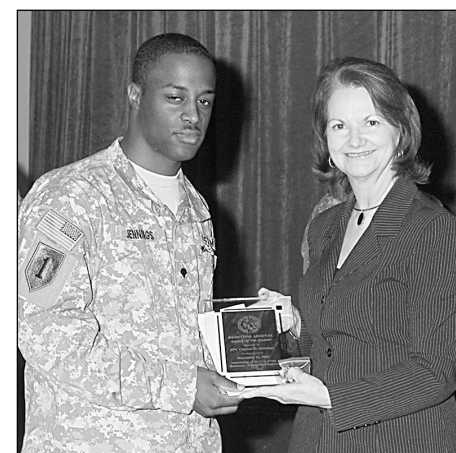
Your Redstone-Huntsville AUSA Chapter participated in an awards luncheon on November 15 honoring the quarterly winners of the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter competition for Team Redstone soldiers. This competition selects the "best of the best" on a quarterly basis, identifying candidates who will compete for selection as the Redstone Arsenal Soldier and NCO of the Year. AUSA recognized the two winners by presenting them with engraved AUSA plaques, \$100, a free one-year membership in AUSA and a special Chapter commemorative coin. A highlight of the coin is recognition of the Chapter's selection as Best AUSA

Chapter for the third consecutive year.

Emily Vandiver, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter President, presented the AUSA gifts to the Soldier of the Quarter, Specialist Clayton Jennings, HQ/A Company, 832d Ordnance Battalion, and to the NCO of the Quarter, SSG Courtney Jackson, HHC 59th Ordnance Brigade. These outstanding soldiers are truly representative of the high standards maintained by today's soldiers and indicative of their continuing pursuit of excellence. AUSA wishes good luck to these winning soldiers as they compete for higher recognition and success in the future. HOOAH!



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Families

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Our TEAM members: Dave and Jo Seay; Bob Whiteford (minus Marilyn who would have been there as usual but that she has a broken foot from a recent fall- hope you get better soon); Anne Drolet; Emily Vandiver and Robert Lane; Jim and Carol Henderson; Claude and Marilyn Baldwin; Steve and Becky Taylor; Bill Tillman; Jim and Carolyn Rountree.

Our TEAM arrived early, performed all duties assigned/needed, and stayed to clean up. Steve and Becky helped us set up, and then both conducted the Blacksmith Shop, where Steve and helpers "made nails"! Bob brought all ingredients and pots for

hot chocolate, and hot cider, plus ran the show all night. Dave brought more goodies and he and Jo helped greet attendees. Anne, Carol, and Marilyn arranged our serving trays in a "pleasing" manner and served food all night. Emily and Robert helped keep food stocked, spread our "word" through the Village, and greeted attendees. Jim helped spread our message through the Village plus served food. Bill circulated helping wherever needed. Claude performed "superb k-p duties" all night, busing and scrubbing tables and collecting trash in the "most commendable Marine manner!"

This event is just one more fine tradition for Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA to nurture and maintain. Thanks everyone for your support.

Record corporate memberships fuel chapter success

2006 will certainly go down as another banner year for the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter with our selection by AUSA National Headquarters as Best Chapter for the third consecutive year. Corporate membership in the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is the engine that drives our success.

To continue performing at our past and current pace, we must continually strive to retain existing corporate members and recruit new ones. 2006 was a great year with 30 new Corporate Memberships, matching our all time high of 243 corporate members.

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter is proud to welcome the following new Corporate Members for calendar year 2006 and thank them for their support:

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Corporate Spotlights

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of AUSA is pleased to continue recognizing our small and mid-sized corporate members for their contributions to our chapter, our Army Family, and the community. This chapter could not continue supporting the many soldier related programs in which we are engaged without their continued support. Again this quarter, our spotlighted corporate members bring a diverse blend of capabilities, resources and technologies to the community. We hope all our members will continue to support these Corporate Members. Ancil Hicks, VP, Corporate Affairs.

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Governor's Award presented to chapter president Emily Vandiver

Governor Bob Riley awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to Chapter President Emily Vandiver for exceptional meritorious service to the soldiers and families of the Alabama National Guard. At the Veteran's Dinner on November 10, 2006, COL Henry Reyes, 142nd Signal Brigade, escorted Ms. Vandiver to the stage to receive this special award. As State President Bob Drolet read the citation, MG Jim Pillsbury presented the framed certificate and pinned the medal on Ms. Vandiver. It was noted that the Chapter she presides over was selected in 2006 as "Best Overall Chapter" worldwide for the third year in a row.



MG Jim Pillsbury presents a framed certificate and medal to chapter president Emily Vandiver.

The Chapter was also selected as the Best Chapter for Support of Reserve Component Soldiers" worldwide. Ms. Vandiver also created an award program, "The ISG John Ordway Leadership Award" which is designed to rec-

ognize those Active and Reserve components ISGs who do most to support Soldiers and their families. She has been involved at all levels in numerous AUSA events, including Blue Star Service Banner programs, Operation Christmas Bear programs, deployment/welcome home ceremonies, and many Military Appreciation nights offering free access to hockey, arena football and Nutcracker Suite performances for the military.

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Cramer to work with new Congress to continue Alabama delegation's success

By U.S. CONGRESSMAN BUD CRAMER

For the first time since 1994, Democrats hold a majority of members in both the U.S. House and Senate. Since the November elections, I have heard from a number of individuals throughout North Alabama that are interested in learning how a Democratic Congress will affect North Alabama, and in particular, our proud defense industry.

Since coming to Congress in 1991, I have continually worked to ensure that my colleagues in Washington are familiar with the vital pro-

grams being managed and the people working throughout North Alabama. Our community has earned an excellent reputation for supporting our soldiers during times of war and peace. As you know, it is our engineers, scientists, manufacturers, and other skilled employees that build and test technologies and manage programs that end up on the front lines during our nation's armed conflicts.

For years, I have worked with others in Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, toward a goal of strengthening our nation's defense. With this new Congress, I will con-

tinue to reach out and ensure that North Alabama's defense needs are met as well as the needs of our entire country. The defense of this country has support within both parties. In the 110th Congress, I believe this bipartisan support will remain strong.

When the new Congress convenes, I will be in the top 20 percent of members for seniority. This seniority will help position me to better serve our communities' needs.

During the 110th Congress, I will also resume my seat on



Congressman Bud Cramer

the House Appropriations Committee. This is the committee that is responsible for funding all areas of the federal government, including the Department of Defense.

I have been a member of this committee since 1998. Congressman Aderholt is also a member of this committee and Senator Shelby serves on the equivalent Senate Committee. Over the last eight years, I have worked closely with them to secure vital funding for North Alabama's priorities. We have been a very successful team,

winning many battles to strengthen North Alabama's future.

In fact, the entire Alabama delegation in Washington is a valuable asset for our state. The 110th Congress will be the third consecutive term that our current team will serve together. Our strength is working together, putting aside party labels and district lines to move Alabama forward. As a delegation, we will still face many challenges, but I am confident that we will be able to meet them in the new Congress with the same success we had in the past.

Fighting the Global War on Terror

By U.S. SENATOR RICHARD SHELBY

This past October marked the fifth anniversary of U.S. military operations in the Global War on Terror. Five years ago, our nation was forever changed by a brutal terrorist attack on our homeland. We must not forget the terrorists who attacked us on September 11th.

While it has been five years since that fateful day, the United States remains determined to face the threat and steadfast in its goal to defeat the terrorists. The U.S. is working closely with its allies to better integrate intelligence and security mechanisms in order to prevail over terrorists and the states and organizations that support them.

Working in concert with nations around the globe, we have disrupted al Qaeda's terrorist network and degraded its ability to organize operations, transfer money, travel, communicate, and recruit. These global efforts have led to the capture or death of three-quarters of al Qaeda's leadership, including the death of the operational mastermind of the al Qaeda network in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

This has compromised al Qaeda's ability to plan and carryout a large-scale attack.

In fact, since beginning the War on Terror, countless plots against the United States and our allies have been



Senator Richard Shelby

foiled. Most notably, there has not been an attack on the U.S. homeland since September 11, 2001.

There are many critics of U.S. defense and foreign policy. These critics claim that terrorist attacks outside the United States are retribution for our military operations abroad. But we must not

forget that the United States did not provoke al Qaeda in its desire to destroy our nation and Western culture. The U.S. was not engaged in military actions in the Middle East when we were attacked on September 11, 2001. There was no war in Iraq or Afghanistan, when terrorists attacked the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983, the World Trade Center in 1993, the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996, our African embassies in 1998, or the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000. In short, the United States did not provoke al Qaeda in its desire to destroy our nation and our way of life.

As we continue to fight to rid the world of terrorists, we must remember that if the terrorists are not defeated abroad, then the fight may once more come to our homeland. While our involvement in the Global War on Terror continues to be difficult, our resolve must remain strong. Let our enemies never doubt that we will continue to pursue them wherever they may hide, and we will not stop until our goal is complete.

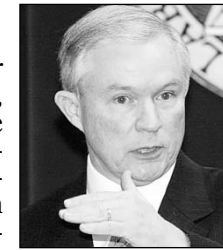
Sessions to propose Personal Savings Accounts for all Americans

By U.S. SENATOR JEFF SESSIONS

In the aftermath of their recent election victory, Democratic leaders have pledged to work on a bipartisan basis to solve the problems facing our nation. In that spirit, I suggest Democrats and Republicans can successfully work together to create personal savings accounts for all Americans outside the Social Security system, an idea that politicians from both political parties have supported for years.

For the first time since the Great Depression, our country's saving rate has fallen into negative territory, with more than half of all American workers having less than \$25,000 in savings, excluding their primary residence. More troubling, almost half of the 152.7 million Americans who worked in 2004 worked for an employer that did not sponsor any retirement plan and another 17.3 million did not participate in their employer's plan.

The solution for this problem is to create a national system of personal savings accounts modeled after the successful Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) for federal employees. Federal employees pay Social Security taxes and receive the same Social Security benefits as everyone else. But the TSP



Senator Jeff Sessions

program allows federal workers to invest a portion of each paycheck - along with a government match for part of these contributions - into one of six investment accounts (or some combination of these accounts), including a government securities fund and a common stock fund.

Over the past two decades, this system has been an unqualified success, as federal employees have received large returns on the money they have invested.

To fix our national savings problem, we should create a TSP-style system for all Americans.

Under legislation I will be introducing in the next Congress, individual personal retirement accounts - called PLUS Accounts (for Portable, Lifelong Universal Savings Accounts) - would be established for every American at birth and would be endowed with a \$1,000 contribution paid for by the federal government. This money could be invested in a limited number of investment funds similar to those offered by the TSP program, with the parents of each newborn choosing their preferred funds. Parents and grandparents also would be allowed to contribute up to \$5,000 annually to these accounts.

BRIEFS

Industry People

Jerry Hamilton has joined SRS Technologies as director, systems engineering technology directorate. Hamilton served 27-1/2 years in the U.S. Army and retired as a colonel. He was previously program manager, test, measurement and diagnostic equipment; deputy program manager in a Department of Defense joint classified program,

project manager for the Avenger missile system; and director of test operations, Joint IFFN Test-bed, Kirtland Air Force Base.

Fred McClintic recently joined SRS Technologies as a senior scientific specialist in the defense intelligence services directorate. McClintic has more than 36 years of modeling and simulation experience. He has designed and built models and simulations for intelligence, space, biological and all service applications. He was professor of war gaming at the U.S. Army War College and was lead scientist for the development

of naval war games.

Billy Brewer has joined Arrowpoint Corp. as the director of business development-Huntsville operations. Brewer will be responsible for managing and continuing Arrowpoint's growth in Department of Defense and NASA support services. He has more than 24 years in the defense community as a retired Army senior non-commissioned officer and contractor.

Brad Blume has joined PeopleTec as the director of MDA systems division. He has more than 19 years of systems engineering and manage-

ment experience supporting Department of Defense organizations including the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines on major system developments, and advanced technologies/concept developments. Blume was previously the vice president of systems engineering division at Westar Corp.

Darryl Adams has been promoted to vice president of business development for Qualis Corp. Before joining Qualis, Adams was president of Adams & Associates and business development manager for Rockwell International Space Sys-

tems. He has a 40-year career in engineering and business development supporting aerospace and defense projects.

Rob Doornbos Jr. has joined Baron Services as the director of development. He is responsible for the direction of all scientific research and product development within the Baron group of companies. He previously was director of strategic technology/data services for WNI Oceanroutes and vice president of Weathernews Oklahoma.

Retired Lt. Col. Norman Johnson has been promoted to vice president, federal business development, at LESCO. Johnson joined LESCO as director of Omnibus programs. In his Army career, he was executive officer to the U.S. Army Forces Command, deputy chief of staff for logistics and executive officer to the deputy commanding general of Forces Command (FORSCOM), Fort McPherson, Ga. He was also FORSCOM inspector general.

Peter Foust has joined BFA Systems Inc. and will support the SMDC's Missile Defense System Exerciser verification program as the Patriot verification lead. Foust has more than 10 years of defense-related experience. For the past eight years, he was extensively involved in modeling and simulations with the Patriot missile system.

Arrowpoint Corp., based in Alexandria, Va., has promoted Wendell Long to vice president East region, which includes the Huntsville business area. Long's responsibilities include more than 12 programs that involve program management, engineering services, business processes, information technology and strategic planning. Long is a retired Field Grade Army officer with 30 years of experience.

Bob Dreisewerd has joined Baron Services as vice president and director of forecast services. He is initially responsible for enhancing Baron's weather operations center and will subsequently lead Baron's weather forecast team. Most recently, he was director of operations for Quixote Transportation Technologies in St. Louis. He was also weather services manager for Surface Systems Inc. in St. Louis.

David Seymour of Information Dynamics was recently appointed vice president of Huntsville operations. Seymour will focus on business development in the Huntsville market and grow business partnerships to expand the company's operations and client base.

Kim Black was recognized by Aaron Fuller, president of Computer Sciences Corp., defense mission engineering and integration division with the federal sector, for her outstanding support to the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office in Huntsville. Black leads the system engineering and integration support team, operations and administrative functions, and was named Employee of the Quarter for Client Satisfaction.

Margaret W. Welch, chief executive officer of RAMSEE Corp., recently joined Fortune Nationwide Executive Recruiting Firm as director, Department of Defense, aerospace and Base Realignment and Closure Commission executive placements. Welch has more than 16 years of professional experience working with the government in business development and marketing.

Randy D. Colvin recently joined Torch Technologies as executive program manager after holding executive-level positions in industry and government. Colvin will be responsible for leading systems engineering activities related to ballistic missile defense systems. He has more than 25 years of experience in missile defense, weapon system engineering, system engineering, performance analysis and modeling and simulation.

Paul Hoff has been named president of Space and Missile Defense Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of Davidson Technologies, and will have management and business development responsibilities there. Hoff recently led the Ground-based Midcourse Defense effort for Boeing Co. as vice president and program manager. Hoff has been in the missile defense business for nearly 30 years.

Doug Bryant was recently named executive vice

president of Davidson Technologies. He will be responsible for oversight of all of the company's technical programs and day-to-day operations activities. Bryant has worked in the technical and missile defense business for more than 30 years. He retired from Teledyne Brown Engineering as vice president of the defense group.

Paul Hastings has joined Davidson Technologies as director of DDT's Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center activities. Hastings will also assist the company in business development efforts with NASA. Hastings has more than 18 years of experience in providing solutions for complex integrated systems for the Missile Defense Agency and NASA.

Retired Army Col. Chuck Greer has joined Davidson Technologies as director of its Software Engineering Directorate activities. Greer was formerly director of the tactical missiles and aviation group at Teledyne Brown Engineering. Before that, he spent 30 years in the U.S. Army with experience that included deputy director of the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Chris W. Small was named CEO of Arrowpoint,

a veteran-owned small business with offices in Huntsville, Alexandria, VA, and Concord, CA. Small previously was the legislative director of the National Guard Association of the US. He served in the NG of New Mexico and South Carolina before retiring in 1998.

Greg Smith recently joined BFA Systems Inc. as a senior systems engineer. His primary responsibility will be to support the Department of Defense Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System. Smith has more than 20 years of experience in weapon systems analysis, systems engineering and acquisition management.

Government People

David Frey and Lowell Bidwell were the 2006 winners of the Ernest A. Young award for logistics achievement. Bidwell received the management/executive award and Frey was the professional/technical honoree.

OMEMS awarded the following as Instructors of the Year: NCO winner: SFC Adrain Dudley, Civilian winner: William T. Parks, Warrant Officer awardee: CWO Curtis Blanchard.

Claudnette Purifoy, project manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mobile District on Redstone Arsenal, is the new president of the North Alabama Section of the Society of Women Engineers.

Dr. Russ Alexander has been appointed technology transfer program manager for the US Army Aviation and Missile Command Research Development and Engineering Center.

COL Tom Newman has replaced the retiring COL Bob English as the AMCOM Chief of Staff. COL Newman arrived in September; COL Newman spent the previous year as deputy chief of staff at headquarters Army Materiel Command at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was deputy to LTG Bill Mortensen, who serves as AMC's deputy commanding general. COL English, who retired on 3 November, and his family will remain in Huntsville.

Former AMCOM Command Sergeant Major Gregory Lunn went on terminal leave in early November and plans to relocate to the Huntsville area after his retirement in early January.

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