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Alabama Governor Bob Riley poses with Army Reserve Soldiers and their families from around the state, July 30. The Governor invited the Soldiers and their families to an hour long entertainment program designed to show his appreciation.

Governor meets with Alabama troops

Story and photos by Gail E. Anderson

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - Every year, the Alabama Department of Economic and Consumer Affairs (ADECA) presents a week-long exposition called "Living in Alabama" as part of its Alabama Advantage Program. The Alabama Advantage Program is designed for residents new to Alabama. As a culmination to the week's events ADECA hosted a 40-45 minute entertainment program to showcase benefits of living in Alabama communities, to unveil its annual magazine and to honor Army Reserve Soldiers.

Last year, the primary audience for

the program consisted of Army National Guard Soldiers and their Families from throughout Alabama.

This year, Governor Riley and ADECA's director, Mrs. Doni Ingram, said "wait a minute; let's honor Army Reserve Soldiers that call Alabama home."

For Ingram, thinking to invite Alabama's Army Reserve Soldiers and their families to the show was as natural as breathing. After all, she is the wife of Maj. Gen. (ret.) Charles Ingram, the former commander of the 81st Army Reserve Command (ARCOM).

When ADECA leaders decided to

highlight the service of Army Reserve Soldiers and their family members, the 81st RSC became the catalyst to identify 15-20 Army Reserve Soldiers who live throughout the state.

The 81st worked with commands with units in Alabama and Soldiers quickly agreed to attend the ADECA program and meet the Governor.

Approximately 45 Alabama Soldiers and their Family members attended the July 30 event. The moderators for the event, The Camellia Girls, from Greenville, began the program with the posting of the colors by members of the Alexander City (Ala.) Veterans Honor Guard which includes a

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The Wildcat



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What is the MCEC all about?

By Christy Burns

The Military Child Education Coalition began in the '90s as a grass roots initiative by senior leader spouses sitting around the kitchen table discussing obstacles their children were facing as they moved from school to school being a child of a military member.

The "movers and shakers" of this grassroots organization included Mary Keller, Patty Shinseki, Beth Chiarelli, Linda McNabb, Pam Metz, Sandy Schwartz, Cathryn Franks and Alma Powell. At the time, they began their grassroots initiative when their own children were enrolled in middle schools and high schools moving from state to state or overseas. The new schools would not accept their children's previous credits and therefore their children would have to take additional classes in order to be on track for high school graduation in the future. What they were experiencing with their children meant these difficulties were happening for all military members and their children around the world.

General Casey along with the Joint Chiefs of Staff met with attendees at the 12th annual

conference in July.

During the Senior Leadership Panel, General Casey stated, *"My children were sometimes in two different schools in a school year because we moved every six months. I would absolutely dread the fact I had to go home and tell the family we were on the move once again because I knew how hard it was going to be for our children. Today, more than ever, our military children are facing many obstacles as they support their parent or parents who serve our nation. Our children sacrifice each day whether it is moving to a new location, dealing with long deployments and/or multiple transitions. This affects our families of Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve components all across the military services."*

The MCEC mission is to ensure inclusive, quality educational experiences for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Through MCECs involvement each military installation has a School Liaison Officer who helps families deal with issues that may arise with the local school district. In the near future, the Army Reserve will have School Liaison Officers located in each of the RSC regions .

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

10 KEY INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ASSOCIATED INSIDER THREATS



5. Repeated expression of hatred and intolerance of American society, culture, government, or principles of the U.S. Constitution.

Did you know?

Lunchtime bible study is available?

Ever wanted to know more about what God is wanting in your life? Have you had this and other questions about the Bible that you wanted to look at with other people?

Each Wednesday from 12 - to 12:45 p.m. there is a Christian Bible Study in Room 216. This is a bring your own lunch/bible study in which you can eat lunch with others and look at the Bible.

We will probably not answer all the questions but we will look at the Bible and grow in our knowledge. If you have any questions please contact Chaplain Richard Savage at 751-9634 or Mr. Marty Wells at 751-9696.

Everyone is welcome!

The Army has a new Physical Training manual?

The Army Physical Fitness manual, formerly known as FM 21-20, is being replaced by the new TC 3-22.20. Follow the link below to the new training circular (in .pdf form) as well as some additional information:

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Where to wear your ASIB and CSIB?

ALARACT message 203/2010 provides an optional wear location for the army staff identification badge (and other badges) prescribed for wear on the right side, that are of lower precedence than the army staff badge.

This option allows Soldiers flexibility to wear the maximum number of badges allowed by regulation and still highlight their former wartime service.

Soldiers may move badges normally worn on the right side to left side when worn with the Combat Service Identification Badge.

This option allows the CSIB to stand alone on the right side or be worn with other, higher or lower precedence right side badges.

When no combat service identification badge is worn, Soldiers will continue to wear the ASIB on the right side (as well as lower precedence badges).

Soldiers who have already taken their official DA photo in accordance with the current wear policy, outlined in ALARACT message 202-2008, are grandfathered for one year, from the effective date of July 1, 2010.

Chaplain's Corner

CH (Lt. Col.) Richard Savage



Changes are a part of our lives. With children, they are constantly changing by growing and learning. They also experience change with a new grade in school or maybe even a new school with the start of the school year. We as adults experience change also with our families as they grow up and leave the house and changes at work as people we work with move to other positions and even new locations.

Even though change is a part of our lives, it is never an easy thing to accept or to always deal with. The reason why it may be hard to accept the change is that we can get very comfortable with the way that things are around us.

What we can do with change is to accept it and to expand our boundaries. We can expand our boundaries by trying things that we've wanted to try but haven't had a chance to try before the change occurred. Our children when they go into a new grade in school have to accept the change as a part of growing up and their boundaries are expanded because of new information or knowledge they learn. We can be the same way.

When we accept change in our lives and expand our boundaries it doesn't mean we throw everything away, but we do hold on to our values and our beliefs. During the changes going on around us these should always be the constant in our life. Our beliefs and faith should be deepened during these times even more.

We can also experience change in our faith as we grow in our understanding of God and scriptures. This is a change that should occur as we grow in faith and things occur in our lives.

Strong Bonds

Our last Strong Bonds event is September 10-12, in Orlando, Fla. We still have space for both married and single Soldiers. If you need a registration form please contact me at 751-9633 or Master Sgt. Ruthie Cain, at 751-9638. Registrations need to be in by August 26.

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95-year old WWII veteran that took his basic training at Camp Jackson (now Fort Jackson), Mr. Cecil Bryant (*watch for a separate story about Mr. Bryant in a future edition of The WILDCAT*).

After the posting of the colors, each Soldier was invited on stage to introduce himself or herself. After the introductions, Alabama Republican Congressmen Robert Aderholt and Spencer Bachus talked to the troops via video teleconference from Washington, D.C. and expressed their gratitude to the Soldiers for their service commitment and to the Family members for their selfless sacrifices.

Upon completion of the VTC, the Soldiers and their Family members were treated to several patriotic vocal selections performed by Ms. Sheila Jackson,

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GOVERNOR...

from Troy, Ala. and Mr. Randy Jinks who works for the Alabama Department of Parks and Recreation.

The culmination of the event took place when the Soldiers and their Family members were invited upstairs to the Capitol Building archives hall, where they had the opportunity to be individually and collectively photographed with Alabama Governor Bob Riley.

Riley greeted each Soldier and Family member with a warm, genuine smile and gave each Soldier a Governor's challenge coin.

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Colvin, of Hamilton, Ala., said he and his Family thoroughly enjoyed the program, getting a coin and having the chance to meet his state's Chief Executive: "It's great that



ADECA Director, Mrs. Doni Ingram welcomes Congressman Spencer Bachus and thanks him for joining the program, via VTC from Washington, D.C., at the Capitol Building auditorium in Montgomery, July 30.

Governor Riley has done this for me and my family. It makes me appreciate and honor him

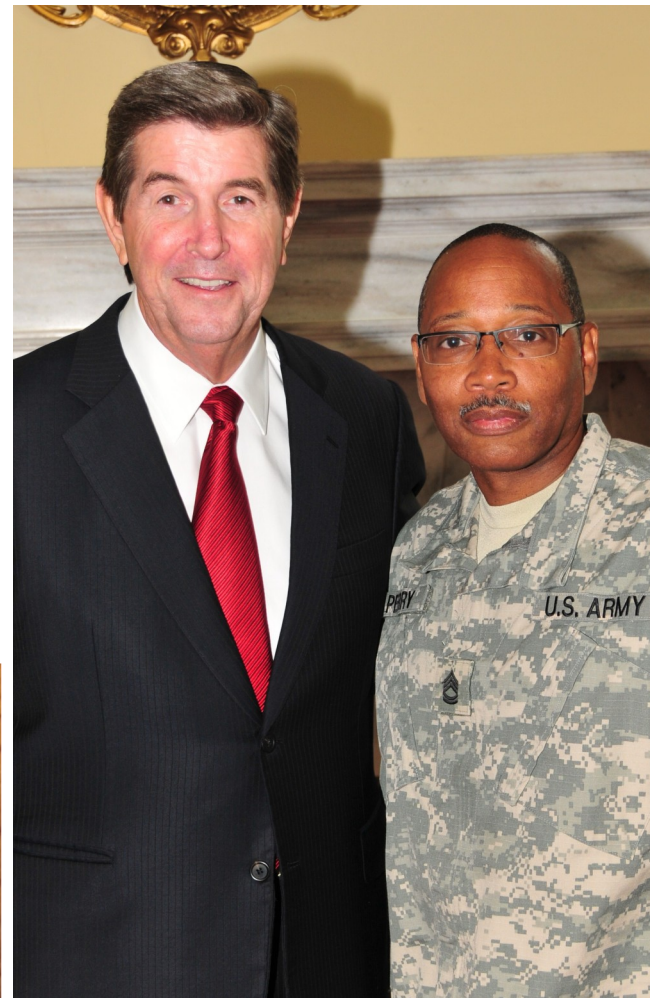
even more now, and it makes me proud to be an Alabamian."



Spec. Joel Connelly and Staff Sgt. William Green take their turns introducing themselves to the crowd. Both are 81st RSC Wildcats from the 313th US Army Reserve Band, in Birmingham.



Riley presented each Soldier who attended the program with the Governor's own "challenge coin" like the one shown here.



Governor Riley poses with Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Perry from the 313th Army Reserve Band.



OUTWARD BOUND

OUTWARD BOUND OFFERING FREE WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS FOR OEF/OIF VETERANS



Seeking veterans nationwide for all expenses paid expeditions

Outward Bound, a 45-year old non-profit outdoor, adventure-education organization, is looking for **OEF and OIF Veterans**, interested in participating in **fully-funded reintegration wilderness expeditions**. Adventures are physically, mentally and emotionally stimulating and work to build the self-confidence, trust, and communication skills necessary to successfully return to their families and communities following war time service.

Goals of the program are to provide a positive outdoor experience for military veterans that will enable them to experience the healing benefits of the natural world and benefit from quality environmental education.

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| Who: | Available to all OEF or OIF Veterans who were deployed to Iraq and/or Afghanistan, pending medical screening |
| What: | A 5-7 day Wilderness Expedition: may include backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing, dogsledding, sailing, sea kayaking and white water rafting |
| When: | Dates available year-round |
| Where: | Wilderness locations include: California, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Alabama, and Florida |
| How: | What sets Outward Bound apart is that the goal is personal growth. The wilderness and the skills learned to deal with it are simply a vehicle for growth. |
| Cost: | All expenses paid! Veterans will <u>not</u> be responsible for cost of expedition including round-trip stateside transportation to course site. Funding provided by the <i>Military Family Outdoor Initiative Project</i> , a joint project of the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation. |
| To Enroll: | Please call 1-866-669-2362 ext 8387 (VETS) |
| Website: | http://www.outwardbound.org/index.cfm/do/cp.veterans |



Special people deserve their own special day

by Capt. Tiesha Powell

Grandparents are the ones who always make us feel better.

Grandparents are the ones who rarely tell us no.

Grandparents are the ones who impart wisdom.

Grandparents encourage us to take the long view of things.

Grandparents give us insight that can only be gained through experience.

Grandparents make the best pies.

Grandparents have the best stories to tell.

Grandparents always understand and say it will be okay.

Grandparents never judge.

Grandparents always comfort.

In 1970, Marian McQuade, a West Virginian homemaker, started a campaign to dedicate a special day for grandparents. She aimed to educate youth about the important contributions of senior citizens to society, and to encourage grandchildren to inherit wisdom and heritage from their grandparents. She also wanted the youth to pay attention to the elderly people dwelling in nursing homes. Apart from McQuade herself, civic, business, church, and political leaders undertook

concerted efforts to make the campaign a statewide success.

The first Grandparents' Day was celebrated in 1978. Then, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents' Day in the United States.

This year, Grandparents Day will be celebrated on September 12th, and on behalf of the entire 81st Regional Support Command, we are wishing all grandparents a Happy Grandparents' Day!



GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents are special people with wisdom and pride.

They are always offering love and kindness

and are always there to guide.

They often make you feel so confident and strong.

Their arms are always open no matter what you did wrong.

They try to help out in every way that they can.

They love all their grandchildren

the same whether you're a child, woman or man.

They are always there to listen and to lend a helping hand.

They show you respect and they try to understand.

They give their love, devotion and so much more, that's easy to see.

Grandparents, what perfect examples of the kind of person that we should be.

~By Stacy Smith~



Are you or your spouse deploying or deployed overseas?

Do you have children who play sports?

Or do they take dance, music or art classes?

Maybe they would like to try something new... like Karate or camp?

Could your child benefit from a tutor to stay at grade level?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions, **Our Military Kids** grant program may be able to help.

Our Military Kids pays the fees for children aged 3 years through 12th grade of deployed Reserve and National Guard to participate in youth sports, fine arts, and tutor programs. This is a way of recognizing the sacrifices the entire family is making while the service member is deployed overseas.

It is simple to apply to the program. . .

Just fill out the attached Our Military Kids application or download a copy from the website, www.ourmilitarykids.org. Send it in with the required documentation listed on the application including deployment orders, proof of child's dependent eligibility and a flyer or other information that lists the activity and the fee for the activity. The grant will cover up to six months instructions, lessons or tutoring for one activity/program, with a maximum grant award of \$500.00 per child. Child may be eligible for a second grant award if the parent's deployment is longer than 365 days. If everything is in order and if funding is available, within two weeks a check will be sent to the organization and the child will be notified of the award.

For more information about the Our Military Kids program, contact:
Christy Burns, (803) 751 - 9914.



Awareness is a powerful weapon!

By Laura Steele, 81st RSC DES

The Army has designated August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The purpose of AT Awareness Month is to instill Army-wide heightened awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect Army critical resources from acts of terrorism. In support of AT Awareness Month and iWATCH ARMY implementation, the Office of the Provost Marshal General (OPMG) has coordinated for distribution of AT awareness and iWATCH ARMY products down to the installation, stand-alone facility, and unit levels. The iWATCH ARMY program has been initiated in an effort to leverage all members of the Army community as sensors to help identify and prevent terrorist acts. Antiterrorism training, education and awareness will be conducted throughout the Army during the month August.

What is iWATCH ARMY?

iWATCH ARMY, iREPORT, iKEEP US SAFE (iWATCH ARMY), is a modern version of neighborhood watch focused on the threat of terrorist activity.

iWATCH ARMY is designed to heighten public awareness to the indicators of terrorist activity and encourage reporting of suspicious behavior or activity to military police or local law enforcement agencies for investigation.

The Headquarters Department of the Army, OPMG is leading this effort for all of the Army while the Directorate of Emergency Services is leading this effort for our command. OPMG's Antiterrorism Branch has developed the iWATCH ARMY initiative and media awareness products (including posters, brochures, websites, and public service announcements) to educate the Army community (there is a display set up in the lobby of the 81st RSC HQ's).

There are two elements to the initiative which are "passive" and "active."

The passive element of iWATCH is individual situational awareness of your surroundings. The active element requires individuals to take action and report suspicious behavior or activities to law enforcement for further investigation. The main component of iWATCH is reporting suspicious activity.

iWATCH aspires to ensure everyone knows how to report suspicious activity.

If you see something, say so and report suspicious activity to your local law enforcement immediately. The key to implementing iWATCH is education on the initiative itself, on indicators of terrorist activity and on reporting suspicious activity.

"See Something, Say Something!"

This program is designed to keep our neighborhoods safe from terrorist activities. It is about behaviors and activities. It is not intended to single out individuals, cultures or ethnic groups. Actions as seemingly benign as a report of suspicious behavior can lead to an action which prevents a terrorist attack. An example would be, "A video store clerk saw anti-American material on a DVD he was asked to copy. Police captured and arrested individuals planning an attack against a military installation."

Suspicious activities include but are not limited to:

- people sketching, measuring or photographing buildings or landmarks
- strangers asking questions about security procedures
- unattended objects such as briefcases, suitcases, backpacks, packages
- vehicles parked illegally or left in no-parking zones in front of important buildings
- intruders in secure areas
- chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for a location
- people purchasing bomb-making material
- people asking questions about sensitive information such as building blue prints, security plans, and VIP travel

What continued efforts does the 81st RSC have planned for the future?

iWATCH program materials are being disseminated throughout all 81st RSC facilities with the aim of educating the Army Reserve community about what constitutes suspicious activity and how to report these activities. As more anti-terrorism awareness and iWATCH ARMY products and tools are developed to support units and communities, they will also be posted and available for download on AKO's

Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal (ATEP).

The partnerships between Army Reserve community members and local law enforcement will aid in our current efforts focused on the heightening of our awareness, stressing vigilance in the detection, and prevention of acts of terrorism.

The integration of basic antiterrorism principles into our daily lives ensures the safety and security of our personnel while helping the Army Reserve accomplish its missions.

Awareness and training are powerful weapons against terrorist attacks. I will teach AT Level 1 training in the 81st RSC auditorium later this month.

The AT Level 1 Awareness Training module is currently operational on Army Knowledge Online -- Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal. AT Level I training is required annually for all military and DoD personnel.

Why is it important to the Army Reserve?

When informed about the indicators of terrorist activity and empowered to help protect our communities against terrorism, the entire Army community (Soldiers, DA Civilians, Family members and Contractors) become an extension of our overall protection plan.

The information reported by members of the Army community (both on and off military installations) may reveal a piece of a puzzle, which leads authorities to prevent a terrorist plot.

It is the duty of every member of the Army community to help keep our neighborhoods, installations and Army Reserve Centers safe by reporting suspicious activities to local law enforcement, military police or in an emergency situation call 911.

For more information about the 81st RSC Antiterrorism Program, please contact the DES or your Command ATO.

Remember, if it doesn't look right, smell right, or sound right, **REPORT it!**



Victory

Over Terrorism



Combat This...



...to Protect This



Every Soldier is a Sensor

- Report suspicious activity
- Your information may be the key puzzle piece that foils a terrorist plot
- Do your part to keep your Nation safe and strong – *Army Strong*

Always Ready, Always Alert
Because someone is depending on you



“Don’t forget to be a Good Boy”

Harry T. Burn and the Nineteenth Amendment

By Dr. John A. Boyd, 81st RSC Historian

By 1920, what women suffragettes had started in 1848 at the Seneca Falls Convention, New York, was close to becoming a political reality – the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

During their May-June 1919 session both Houses of Congress agreed to send the 19th Amendment to the states where 36 states (three-fourths) were required for constitutional ratification.

As the 19th Amendment wound its way through state legislatures with overall success, the Tennessee state legislature considered ratification on August 18, 1920. All eyes were focused on Tennessee becoming the thirty-sixth and final state to ratify following number thirty-five, Washington State on March 22, 1920.

The suffrage fight had been a very contentious affair in Tennessee and into the fray stepped 24 year-old lawmaker Harry T. Burn, the youngest elected member of the Tennessee Legislature.

Burn well understood the mood of his McMinn County constituents – he wore a red rose (symbol of the anti-suffragists) on his lapel and intended to vote with the antis should the 19th Amendment be considered – or so many thought.

What Burn’s anti-suffrage allies did not know was that he also had a letter from his mother burning a hole in his coat pocket.

His mother, Febb E. Burn was a strong-willed well-read woman who subscribed to four newspapers and dozens of magazines. Febb believed in votes for women and was an ardent admirer of Carrie Chapman Catt a national suffragette leader who would later found the League of Women Voters.

In part, Burn’s mother had written:

Dear Son . . . Hurrah and vote for Suffrage and don't keep them in doubt. . . . I've been waiting to see how you stood but have not seen anything yet. . . . Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt with her "Rats." As she is the one that put rat in ratification, Ha! With lots of love, Mama.

Like most politicians then, and now, Burn preferred to avoid the issue prior to his upcoming reelection campaign.

When House Speaker Seth Walker, a militant “anti” moved to table the amendment – effectively delaying it – Burn voted “Aye” with the anti-suffragettes. But the vote was tied at 48-48. Speaker Wallace demanded a recount and again Burn voted “Aye” in favor of tabling the amendment; but the 48-48 stalemate remained.

With consideration of the 19th Amendment still alive Speaker Wallace moved to reconsider the motion. Burn now found himself in a most uncomfortable position. Having re-read his mom’s letter he waited for the clerk to call his name and voted “Aye.” The gallery of spectators burst into confusion. Was the young Republican lawmaker confused by his two previous “Aye” votes for tabling the amendment? Did he actually mean to vote “Nay”? Burn indicated he had made no mistake and that he had voted in favor of the 19th Amendment.

By a vote of 49-47 Tennessee had become the thirty-sixth and final state needed for ratification. Suffrage had won the day – women could vote!

As the floor results sunk in, the anti-suffragettes shouted crude comments at Burn from the gallery and House floor.

Josephine Pearson an anti-suffragette would label Burn a “traitor to manhood’s honor.” Burn would later be accused of accepting a \$10,000 bribe plus a payoff from the governor – all untrue. It was rumored Burn later had to hide from a mob and seek refuge in another hotel.

Incensed, Burn inserted a personal statement into the House Journal defending his decision and his vote. He clearly stated that he believed women’s suffrage was a right and that he understood that “seldom comes to mortal man [the opportunity] to free seventeen million women from political slavery.”

But Burn could not forget his mom’s letter: “I knew that a mother’s advice is always safest for a boy to follow . . .” he added.

Harry T. Burn would go on to win reelection. Years later he would say, “I had always believed women had an inherent right to vote. . . . confronted with the fact that I was going to go on record for time and eternity on the merits of the question, I had to vote for ratification.” A good boy had made his mother proud!



Harry T. Burn 1895-1977



Carrie Chapman Catt 1859-1947



U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan

Announces a Veterans & Military Expo

Open to all veterans, members of the military, their families, and supporters, as well as business and community leaders. Local, state and federal programs that support the veteran and military communities will be available to discuss their services.



UNCG

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Elliott University Center, Stirling Street

Panel on Education, Jobs and Workforce Development
introduced by Senator Hagan 1-2 p.m.

Resource Fair 2-4 p.m.

Please mark your calendars!

This is a free event.

To learn more or to register, visit: <http://vetexpo.uncg.edu>

Free parking will be available at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Shuttle transportation to UNCG campus will be provided.

PLAY IT SAFE

LEADERS
SOLDIERS
FAMILIES

Running in the heat can be dangerous. follow the proper precautions and preparations:

- Stay hydrated!
- Run in the shade whenever possible, avoid direct sun and blacktop.

- Wear a hat and use sunscreen
- Wear loose, light colored clothing
- If you become dizzy, nauseated, have dry skin or the chills, **STOP** running and try to get a drink.
- Avoid drinks with high sugar concentration.

ON THE RUN!



ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG



Wildcats

...at work and play!

Watch for the
“*Wheel of Misfortune*”
coming in the next
issue!

Congrats!

Major Ronald Reeise and Major Britt McFadden of the surgeon's office on their selection to Lieutenant Colonel.

Farewell!

Ms. Ari Alvarez will depart the 81st RSC on Aug. 23. She has accepted a position with the Rock Island Army Depot in Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. Paul Price will retire Aug. 27, after 40 yrs. of government service. He will retire to Biloxi, Miss.

Both of these DHR employees will be missed!

Welcoming our newest Kitten!



Ken and Tami Crowe have a new daughter, Isabella Dawn Crowe. She was born 7-2-10, at 10:32 p.m., weighed 7lbs, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long.



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Rayborn posed for an historical photo dressed up as a WWI “Wildcat” Soldier.

Wildcats

...at work and play!



LEFT: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Savage (center) waits while Dr. John Boyd (left) and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Glasco fill his wheelbarrow with mulch to put around the tree bases. August 11 was designated as a self-help beautification day at the 81st RSC. Civilians and military who participated were given a half-day off from work.

RIGHT: The Chief of Staff, Jim Eggleton, got a chance to show off his gardening skills as he worked to beautify the rear entrance to the building.



LEFT: CW4 Ruth Alleyne and Susan Curtis (right) were not about to let anyone outdo them or their work ethics. They teamed up to plant about a dozen plants around the front entrance to our building. Fort Jackson's Department of Public Works purchased all of the plants and materials that were used throughout the day.

RIGHT: Sylvester Chisholm of the Safety Office shows that he knows the business end of a wheelbarrow! He's about to dump a load of mulch provided by Fort Jackson's DPW. Both Civilians and Soldiers worked together, all day, to clean around the building grounds and beautify the area. The 81st RSC partnered with other agencies on post to make the day a success. The post DPW provided materials, mulch, flowers and soil, while the post detail provided all of the hand tools and wheelbarrows that were used. Our own Wildcats provided all of the gas powered equipment used and lots of "sweat equity"!



New Faces in New Places...



Name: Lidia Bonilla **Title:** Area Facility Environmental Specialist **Section:** DPW

Background Info: A resident of Orlando, Fla., she has a son and a daughter, 18-year old Marcus and 12-year old Adriana. A graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She worked as an environmental scientist, for 10 years, for Abbott Laboratories prior to coming to the 81st RSC. As a contractor, she also worked for the 65th RSC, at Fort Buchanan, and she also worked for the Air National Guard.

Hobbies: Traveling, reading, painting and kayaking.

Name: Gary Brock **Title:** Attorney Advisor **Section:** SJA

Background Info: A resident of Elgin S.C. he and his wife, Stephanie, have twin 10-year old sons, Jake and Ryan.

After 24 years of active duty as a judge advocate, he recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. His previous assignments include Forces Command, U.S. Army Pacific, Fort Eustis, Fort Rucker, Schofield Barracks, Fort Hood and Fort Polk.

Hobbies: Golf, running, fantasy football and NASCAR (a huge *Tony Stewart* fan).



Name: Henry Maloney **Title:** Community Planner **Section:** DPW

Background Info: A native of Burlington, Vt., he and his wife, Kelly, recently moved from Denver, Colo. to Mt. Pleasant, S.C., to enjoy the Low Country and the beach lifestyle. They have two children, Henry (8) and Kate (6).

He comes to the 81st RSC after 15 years of working on community design and development, as a consultant.

Hobbies: Spending time with the family, going to the beach, sailing, swimming and cheering for his favorite pro football team, the *New England Patriots!*

Name: Robert Essex **Title:** Engineering Technician **Section:** DPW

Background Info: Originally from Queens/Long Island, in New York City, he and his family recently moved here from Seattle, Wash. and are looking forward to making the greater Columbia area their new home. He and his wife, Cathy, enjoy spending time with their three daughters, Barbara (10), Elsie (7), Ivabella (4) and their twin 2- year old sons, Henry and Rob Jr. He and his family members are deaf and they are American Sign Language communicators and attend a special deaf program school here in Columbia. He holds a certificate of architecture from the Seattle Community Center College. He comes to the 81st RSC from the Seattle District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he worked as the senior civilian technician.

Hobbies: History, traveling, camping, teaching sign language classes and cheering for his favorite pro basketball team, the *Boston Celtics*.



Name: Yolanda Ellerbee **Title:** Commander **Section:** HHC

Background Info: A resident of Charleston, S.C., she is married and has one 10-month old daughter, named Imani. A 1993 graduate of Fort Valley State University, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a certification in Marketing. In 2002, she earned a Master of Arts degree in Computer Resources/Information Management from Webster University.

She comes to the 81st RSC from the 1189th Transportation Group, in North Charleston, where she worked as the Plans and Operations officer.

Hobbies: Traveling, reading and spending time with her family.

Welcome to your new home!

New Faces in New Places...

Name: Melanie Peachey **Title:** Accountant **Section:** DRM

Background Info: Married for three years, with no children, she was reared in Halifax, Pa.

A 2004 graduate of Shippensburg University, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in accounting with a minor in Spanish.

She comes to the 81st RSC from the 99th RSC Resource Management Office, where she worked as an accountant and budget analyst. She also worked for the 77th RRC for two years and for Letterkenny Army Depot for two and one-half years.

Hobbies: Horseback riding, volleyball, softball, basketball and most any sporting or outdoor activity, reading, crocheting, baking and playing with her beagle, "Blitz."



Name: Kenneth Isaac **Title:** Electrical Engineering Technician **Section:** DPW

Background Info: A resident of Sumter, S.C., he and his wife, Lisa, enjoy spending time with their son, Jerrard (21) and their daughter Jessica (18).

A 1985 graduate of Central Carolina Technical College, he has been a master electrician with the state of South Carolina since 2004. He has worked on several government projects at Shaw Air Force Base and he comes to the 81st RSC from being a self-employed electrician with his own electrical business in Sumter.

Hobbies: Basketball, football, music and fishing. He is an avid Duke *Blue Devils* basketball fan who also likes Notre Dame's *Fightin' Irish* football team.

Name: Lisa P. Robertson **Title:** System Analyst **Section:** DOL (Contractor)

Background Info: A resident of Elgin, S.C., she was born and reared in Utica, Miss. She has one daughter, Wendy (21) and two sons, Javier (18) and Tyrone Jr. (16) and a nine-month old granddaughter, Kailayah.

A 2005 graduate of Central Texas College, she holds an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration. She comes to the 81st RSC after recently returning from Iraq where she worked for the past two years as a systems analyst with L-3 Communications.

Hobbies: Working out, reading, shopping, fishing, boating, dancing and spending time with her family and friends.



Name: Chris Shaffer **Title:** Electrical Engineering Technician **Section:** DPW

Background Info: A resident of Sumter, S.C., he and his wife, Jill, enjoy spending time with their three children Mary Kathryn (11), Morgan Elizabeth (9) and their son Benjamin (8).

Prior to accepting employment with the 81st RSC he was a self-employed general contractor/designer who built several types of buildings in/around Sumter. He has a technical engineering background which has allowed him to work on various projects, as well as some computer design work, for 16 years with various organizations.

Hobbies: Golfing with wife, fishing with son and playing soccer with daughters - almost anything involving family. He is a fan of the *Clemson Tigers*.

Name: Gregory Finney **Title:** Environmental Protection Specialist **Section:** DPW (Contractor)

Background Info: A native of Manchester, Tenn. but a new resident of Jackson, Miss., he and his wife, Katherine, enjoy spending time with their daughter Allison (8).

A 1993 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, he holds a Master of Science degree in Biology. He has been in the environmental field since 1992. He is a former state employee of the Tennessee Army National Guard that worked as an environmental performance assessment system manager for 7½ years. He has also been an industrial environmental chemist, a waste certification technician for the Department of Energy and as a facility manager at a household hazardous waste center, in Golden, Colo.

Hobbies: Genealogy, reading and miscellaneous collections.



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