Protection Day Grows Safety For All At Team Redstone Event

The Huntsville Utilities electrical safety demonstration -- loaded with plenty of voltage and a few controlled fires -- will once again be a main attraction during Team Redstone's annual Protection Day, set for Thursday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Field near Gate 10, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Last year, the Huntsville Utilities crew headlined a huge line-up of safety demonstrations and exhibits that provided plenty of information on how to stay safe and secure in the workplace, at home and in public places.

This year's event will bring many of those exhibitors back, plus some new exhibits that will make the event even bigger and better for Team Redstone employees and their families.

Contracting Professionals Converge To Share Ideas
Managing Obsolescence Saves Government Millions
AMCOM Leadership Honors Employees

Leader’s Note

On Friday, May 20, Department of Defense employees from across Redstone Arsenal will be given the opportunity to learn leadership skills, develop values and strengthen ethics based on the eight Corps Virtues shared by each branch of the Armed Forces.

The Honor2Lead series, with will simulcast military and business leaders from 8 a.m. to noon on May 20 at the Bob Jones Auditorium, is hosted by the Army Materiel Command Human Resources Office.

Each speaker is a world renown leader who will share their expertise and experience with leadership and military values in the workplace. Through their presentations, these leaders will touch on the eight Corps Virtues of duty, selfless service, integrity, respect, commitment, loyalty, personal courage and excellence. The speakers will include Dr. John Maxwell, leadership expert; Lt. Gen. James Terry, commander, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve; and Maj. Gen. Stacey Harris, commander, 22nd Air Force.

“These people really are the leadership experts,” said strategic planner Katrina Mohr. “We want to promote this event not only as a great opportunity for our current leaders but our future leaders as well. We want everyone to know the importance of being a leader not just at work but in your personal life as well.”

During the four-hour event, employees are able to come and go as their schedule allows. They can earn continuous learning points for the event. In an ongoing effort, H2L identifies trustworthy voices who esteem the eight Corps Virtues and are willing to provide leadership insight from their real-world experience. Outstanding business professors, best-selling authors, active or former military leaders, exemplary athletes and coaches, cutting-edge business innovators, top thought leaders and war heroes are stepping forward with a willingness to teach so others can learn to lead with these virtues.

“It’s all about leadership and military values, and how they relate to business and real life,” Mohr said. “The speakers are really phenomenal and I know employees will get a lot out of hearing what they have to say.”

The AMC Human Resources Office plans to simulcast future Honor2Lead events in September.
Ongoing Echo of World War II Production

The Ashland Specialty Ingredients’ Micropowder iron plant located near the geographical center of Redstone Arsenal continues to produce the same kind of carbonyl powder and iron pentacarbonyl as the original General Aniline manufacturer which leased the mothballed WWII Army facility in 1949. Initially operated from July 9 to October 26, 1943 as a standby plant for the only successful U.S. plant in Linden, New Jersey, during the war, the Army facility produced 125,000 pounds of carbonyl iron, a radar-absorbing, talcum powder-like material used as the first stealth technology in coating on planes and ships. In addition to its military use, the high-purity powder is still used in such areas as electronics and metallurgy as well as sold as an iron supplement.

Rust-colored and extremely old-looking because of its exposure to the readily-oxidized, extremely fine, reduced iron powder, the Office of Federal Agency Programs registered Building 5565 as a national historic site in 2006. It is one of the increasingly rare WWII-era facilities on post still being used for the same mission now as it was when it was first built.

What’s New

‘I Appreciate What You Do At Redstone Arsenal’

A top acquisition official within the Department of Defense shared words of appreciation for the Redstone Arsenal contracting workforce during his keynote address at the General Services Administration Acquisition Training Symposium at the Von Braun Center May 10-11.

“I do appreciate what you do. You should feel good about what you do at Redstone Arsenal. You are doing a heck of a job for the U.S. Army,” said Shay Assad, who serves within the DoD as the director of Defense Pricing; and the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD AT&L) and the Defense Acquisition Board on acquisition & procurement negotiation strategies for all major weapon systems programs, and major automated information systems programs.

Regardless of where DoD acquisition professionals are located, they all have the same job, Assad said.

“You all represent the taxpayers. The reality of life is our job is to take care of the taxpayer while making sure our warfighters are getting what they need,” he said.

Around AMCOM

Small Business Spotlight: Small Business Goals Set Conditions Of Success For AMCOM

Small business is good business for the federal government.

And that’s why meeting small business performance goals is important to Congress, the Army, the Army Materiel Command and, consequently, the Aviation and Missile Command.

Each year, the Army, in support of Congressional mandates, assigns small business performance goals to AMC, which then assigns similar goals to its major subordinate commands. These small business goals relate to all aspects of the small business contracting world, including disadvantaged businesses and women-owned businesses.

Currently, the AMCOM small business goal is 11 percent; whereas, the goal for small disadvantaged business is 5 percent, for women-owned small business is 1 percent, for service disabled veteran owned small business is .60 percent, and for HUBZone is .05 percent.

“AMCOM obligates more than 50 percent of all AMC contracting dollars, so it is important that AMCOM meets its annual small business goals,” said Todd Couch of the AMCOM Small Business Office.

“It has been said that if AMCOM does not meet its goals, AMC won’t meet their goals; and if AMC does not meet their goals, the Army won’t meet theirs.”

AMCOM reports their goal performance to AMC commander Gen. Dennis Via weekly. Via can be heard at most speaking engagements to industry saying that “Small Business is Big Business,” especially at AMC.
In Faith -

Leaders Turn Failures Into Success

“Don't be discouraged by a failure. It can be a positive experience. Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterwards carefully avoid.”

- John Keats

AMCOM Launching Pad --Full Calendar Details

May
17: Chick-Fil-A Biscuit Sale
19: AFMD/FSD Bake Sale
18: Basketball Free Throw Competition
20: Distinguished Speaker Series: “Honor2Lead”
24: ODASA(P) 2016 Services Acquisition Roadshow
25: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance
30: Memorial Day Observance: Maple Hill Cemetery

June:
2: Team Redstone Protection Day 2016 and Poster Contest
24-30: Armed Forces Celebration Week

Featured Employee: Albert Fowlkes

Albert “ALF” Fowlkes, a program integrator with AMCOM Operations (G3), recently received the Army Achievement Medal for his work as the lead planner for the 2016 Advanced Planning Briefings for Industry hosted by AMCOM in March.

The award was presented by AMCOM commander Brig. Gen. Doug Gabram.

The 2016 event was the first time Fowlkes led the event planning, which involved organizations from throughout Redstone Arsenal and the region. He oversaw all aspects of the event, including registration, scheduling and logistics. About 400 industry contractors attended.

“We do this event every year and I’ve been involved with the planning on previous years,” Fowlkes said.

In the Community

Veterans Gain New Strength Through Jiu Jitsu Class

For many service members, especially those serving in the Army, “grappling” is taught as a defensive technique used to gain physical control of an opponent.

As part of the Modern Army Combative Program, Soldiers learn body holds known as grappling that help them escape punches or kicks, dominate an opponent with superior body position or control an opponent during stand-up fighting. Grappling is a main technique used for protection, as a non-lethal response on the battlefield and to instill the “warrior instinct” aggression needed to meet the enemy without flinching.
Memorial Day Observance at Maple Hill Cemetery

Brig. Gen. Doug Gabram will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 30, at 11 a.m., at Maple Hill Cemetery. The event honors the Soldiers who have given their lives in combat and the families who remember them. Activities will include the Gold Star Wreath laying, a musical salute by the Huntsville Concert Band, presentation of the City Wreath and NAVFOC Wreath, a rendition of the Anchor Holds, and a rifle salute by the American Legion 237 Rifle Squad. For more information, contact Bill Tillman, bill_tillman@msn.com.

Sending Care Packages

Madison Church of Christ youth members, from left, seventh-grader Wesley Ridenour, fourth-graders Vishal Rameshbabu and Andrew Ridenour, and sixth-grader Alex King pack spring care packages to send to deployed military troops. Church members joined with local school staff and students from Sparkman High, Williams Middle, Mill Creek Elementary, Heritage Elementary, and Columbia Elementary to collect enough items to create 100 spring care packages, and to write more than 500 letters of appreciation to send with the packages. Redstone Arsenal's Bicentennial Chapel's Community Outreach Program assisted with the Madison church's outreach to service members deployed and serving throughout the world. Rick King, who works for the Program Executive Office for Aviation, coordinates the Madison Church of Christ's military ministry. “We were happy that the community wanted to be involved and work with us. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event. We have already received numerous comments from parents of deployed military and military themselves expressing their gratitude for the packages.”

Saving Our Flying Heritage Fly-In

A military heritage fly-in will be hosted by Saving Our Flying Heritage at the Huntsville Executive Airport in Meridianville on Saturday, June 4. The event will feature static displays of a Cessna L-19 Bird Dog and Huey Gunship along with several military, home-built and commercial aviation aircraft. Weather permitting, visitors will be able to fly in a UH-1 Huey and an AH-1 Cobra for a fee. There will also be free airplane rides for children ages 8-17 provided by the Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles. Other activities include an autograph signing by the nation's first Army astronaut, retired Brig. Gen. Robert Stewart, and exhibits by the North Alabama Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Huntsville Veterans Museum, FlyQuest, MedFlight and Young Marines. Raffle tickets of UH-1 rides will be available, food trucks will be on site and free parking will be provided on the airport grounds. Sponsors of the event include Yulista Aviation, Huntsville/Madison County Executive Airport Authority, Executive Flight Center, Madison County Commission, Sharp Communications, and Science and Engineering Services. For more information, contact Dennis Boyer, dboyer133@gmail.com. The Huntsville Executive Airport is located at 358 Bolling Road, Meridianville.

Armed Forces Celebration Week

The week honoring the community's Armed Forces and the 75th Anniversary of Redstone Arsenal will begin Friday, June 24, with a Proclamation Signing at 10 a.m. at the AMC Parade Field. The week's events include: Saturday, June 25, Bicentennial Chapel's "Summer Slam," 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Youth Services building; Monday, June 27, Concert in Big Spring International Park, 6:30 p.m., featuring the AMC Band; Tuesday, June 28, Redstone Arsenal Community Performance, Huntsville High School; Thursday, June 30, Iron Mike Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m., Redstone Links; Thursday, June 30, 75th Anniversary of Redstone Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Von Braun Center.

Freedom Celebration

Grace Lutheran Ministries will host a Freedom Celebration honoring veterans and active military families on Sunday, June 26, at 10 a.m. in Big Spring Park East, downtown Huntsville. The worship service will be followed by musical performances featuring the Army Materiel Command Band and activities for children. Food trucks will be on-site. For more information, visit www.gracelutheran-hsv.org.

Screaming Eagles Golf Tournament

Team Redstone golfers are invited to sign up for the 2nd Annual Screaming Eagles Golf Tournament set for Friday, July 22, at The Links at Redstone. The tournament, hosted by the North Alabama Screaming Eagles Chapter, will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Funds raised from the tournament are used to support programs for Soldiers, veterans and local JROTC programs. To register, contact retired Maj. Gen. Ken Quinlan (Chapter President) at NASECPresident@gmail.com or retired Sgt. First Class Larry Spring (Chairman, Chapter Membership and Public Affairs) at springlarry1@gmail.com.