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## SMDC names 2005 NCO, Soldier of Year

By D.J. Montoya  
SMDC Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — Eight Soldiers sat with baited breath waiting for the announcement to come. The audience waited too. The words they were all waiting to hear were the names of the 2005 U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Soldier of the Year. At a ceremony on June 24 — a ceremony that

also recognized the command's newest inductees to the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club — Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr., was named the 2005 SMDC/ARSTRAT NCO of the Year, and Spc. Matthew Funk was named the 2005 SMDC/ARSTRAT Soldier of the Year.

Knotts is a military police officer with the Alaska Army National Guard. He is assigned to the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr.  
NCO of the Year



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Spc. Matthew Funk  
Soldier of the Year



Photo by Spc. Jack W. Carlson III

Firing at the same target, Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, congratulates Sgt. David Knotts, military police officer, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, on his marksmanship skills June 10. Schoomaker later signed the target claiming the misses as his.

## Army Chief of Staff fires with Fort Greely Soldiers

By Spc. Jack W. Carlson III, 49th Missile Defense Battalion Unit Reporter and Michele Garrett Fort Greely Public Affairs

**FORT GREELY, Alaska** — Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, spent time with Soldiers of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) while visiting here June 10. The 49th Missile Defense Battalion provides the operational arm of the nation's emerging missile defense program, protecting against accidental or intentional launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles. The unit is manned by Alaska National

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## SMDC senior leaders receive Lean Training

By Sandy McAnally  
Business Initiatives Office

**S**MDC has embarked on a better way of conducting business. Directors and commanders met in Huntsville, Ala., during the Board of Directors meeting on June 16 to participate in the first training session in "Lean thinking" and to kick off the command's Lean Initiative.

The training module began with the fundamentals of Lean and the role of senior leaders in Lean implementation, followed by a practical exercise. At the training, senior leaders had the opportunity to hone their creative management skills during the practical exercise, which demonstrated how to streamline or reconfigure the steps in a process to eliminate lost time, merge redundant

efforts and improve efficiency.

There was much enthusiasm as the training unfolded. The practical exercise was a collaborative process requiring active listening, brainstorming and creative problem solving. The task was to build a model C-5 aircraft; the challenge was to analyze the work flow and decide on the steps needed to eliminate waste in time and materials. The fun part for these leaders

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Photo by Debra Valline

Senior leaders, Al Goldstajn, left, Bill Reeves and Larry Burger, right, work with Lee Alves, center, of Simpler Consultants during a training session June 17 to learn more about Lean principles.

# The Command Corner



**Lt. Gen. Larry J. Dodgen**  
Commanding General



**CSM David L. Lady**  
Command Sergeant Major

First, I would like to congratulate several SMDC Soldiers who distinguished themselves this past month. Spc. Matthew Funk, a satellite network controller with E Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, and Sgt. David Knotts Jr., a military police noncommissioned officer with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, were recognized, respectively, as the SMDC Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Also, Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Kimbrell, Staff Sgt. Brandon Deaton, Staff Sgt. Gaylon Hensley and Sgt. David Knotts were inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Congratulations are extended to all of these Soldiers for their great accomplishments and to the other Soldiers throughout the command who dedicated so much time and energy in preparing for these demanding competitions.

Secondly, over the past couple months, I have taken the opportunity with this column to highlight several initiatives under way in the Department of Defense, the Army and SMDC to better support our military forces engaged in the War on Terrorism and enhance our capabilities in the future. Contributing to these efforts is DOD's Quadrennial Defense Review, a strategic process for addressing critical decisions in the areas such as budget and acquisition priorities, emerging threats, force structure and DOD capabilities.

The QDR, required by Congress to be conducted every four years in the year following an election, is now under way. The current QDR is the third such review and the first of which is during a time of war. The lessons learned from OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM are being considered as part of the 2005 QDR.

The primary purpose of the 2005 QDR is to assess whether DOD has the appropriate capabilities to address military security challenges, and if the capabilities are determined to be inadequate, how to shape the future force to best address them. In essence, the QDR will focus on how to reduce redundancy, enhance the use of available resources in support of the National Defense and National Military Strategies and assist in laying out the strategic pathway for DOD for the next two decades. The results of the 2005 QDR are scheduled to be presented to the president and Congress early next year.

To help guide strategic thinking during this QDR, DOD is focusing on four different challenges that future military forces must be able to address as defined by the National Defense Strategy that was published in March 2005:

- **Irregular Challenges:** These are challenges arising from the adoption or employment of unconventional methods by non-state and state actors to counter stronger state opponents. Examples include terrorism, insurgency and civil war.
- **Catastrophic Challenges:** These are challenges involving the acquisition, possession and possible terrorist or rogue-state employment of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or methods of producing WMD-like effects.
- **Traditional Challenges:** These are challenges posed largely by states employing legacy and advanced military capabilities and recognizable military forces, in long-established, well-known forms of military competition and conflict.
- **Disruptive Challenges:** These are future challenges from competitors developing, possessing and employing breakthrough technological capabilities intended to supplant our advantages in particular domains of operation.

In his planning guidance to the QDR members, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld identified four "focus areas" that will

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It is our Soldiers who secure the high ground. Leaders and the staff exist to serve them. We must guide our Soldiers, set standards for them, resource and sustain them.

This has been a great month for our Soldiers and for our Noncommissioned Officer Development Program.

From a slate of eight highly qualified and motivated Soldiers, Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr., 49th Missile Defense Battalion (Alaska Army National Guard), was chosen as SMDC's NCO of the Year, and Spc. Matthew Funk, E Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, was chosen as SMDC's Soldier of the Year.

The selection board and recognition ceremony were conducted in Colorado Springs. This allowed the entire operational side of the command, civilian and military, to observe the competition, and to see and meet the superb candidates. It is only right to display the credentials of this command (our Soldiers) in the heart of this command.

These Soldiers fought through a tough series of events. First, they qualified with an M-16 rifle, but it was not their own personal weapon — it was a weapon randomly drawn from the unit arms room. The Soldiers zeroed their weapons using a new laser zeroing device, which none of them had used before. When they fired on the qualification course (a pop-up target range) they were scored by Soldiers of the 10th Combat Support Hospital. No favoritism there. Despite unfamiliar weapons, unfamiliar zeroing devices and unfamiliar scorers, every Soldier qualified with a competitive score.

The second event was the Army Physical Fitness Test. Because Colorado Springs is over 6,000 feet above sea level, some leaders were concerned that their Soldiers (only one who is stationed in Colorado Springs) would not pass the test, or would pass with much lower scores than they would have earned at their home stations. The decision of the command sergeants major was to use the test as a certifying event — if the Soldier passed the APFT in Colorado Springs, then the score of their latest APFT at home station would be the score used in the competition. To their credit, every Soldier passed, and the lowest score of the Colorado Springs PT test was 285 points out of a possible 300 points. Such determination is magnificent.

Finally, the Soldiers appeared before the selection panel and their sessions lasted between 40 and 45 minutes. Each Soldier had written an essay on a military topic and delivered a five-minute briefing on this topic. An example of the topics — "Relate the Warrior Ethos to Army Safety." Comprising the panel were seven command sergeants major and first sergeants. Santa Claus was not in town; all panel members asked hard questions to test each Soldier's bearing, confidence and general military knowledge.

Sgt. Knotts and Spc. Funk will represent all Space Warriors before the Sergeant Major of the Army's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Board, which will be held in September.

Also occurring during the week was the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club selection board. This club is an Army-recognized honor for outstanding noncommissioned officers, who display the attributes of Sgt. Audie Murphy as they lead their Soldiers.

Sgt. Audie Leon Murphy was the most decorated Soldier in American history, earning the Medal of Honor and numerous other awards for valor while leading his Soldiers against the Nazis during World War II. Audie Murphy was distinguished for his care of his Soldiers and was promoted to lieutenant before the

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# What We Think

## The Eagle asks:

**What is your definition of patriotism and what do you do to show your patriotism?**



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**Patriotism is our willingness to give of ourselves — our bodies and our minds — simply because we love and appreciate our country and our ways of life, and because we believe and demand that our children and our children's children should have no less.**



Ken Sims  
Engineering Office  
Kwajalein Atoll

**I define patriotism as putting the interests of one's country over the interests of self or family. I don't think you have to serve in the military to be a patriot. Being a patriot and being free are different yet intertwined and require a tremendous responsibility from all of us. I simply work to protect the environment for without clean air and water, beautiful land and seascapes, and abundant flora and fauna, freedom for me is diminished.**



1st Lt. Ted Perry  
Headquarters, 1st Satellite  
Control Battalion  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

**My definition of patriotism is the willingness to live, breath and execute for the betterment of the people you serve.**



Tony Parker  
Computer Sciences  
Corp.  
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Manager GMD  
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Arlington, Va.

**My definition of patriotism is love and devotion to our country and respect for the freedoms we have. Freedom is not free. I believe ideals of patriotism have allowed us to maintain freedoms we have today. I strongly believe there are various forms of patriotism, but the ultimate service is when one's life is sacrificed while in service to this country. I show my patriotism by respecting and honoring those who have paid the ultimate price of sacrifice, by showing respect to those who have served in the past, supporting those who currently serve and those who will serve in the future.**



David Lindauer  
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**I see patriotism as not only love of country but actions one takes to show it, particularly during times of adversity. A primary way for most people to show patriotism is to join the military. I volunteered for the Army during Vietnam. I donate monies to Army organizations that help and benefit Soldiers. Currently I work for the Army as a contractor; I've been with the U.S. Army as a dependent, a service member, and now as a retiree, since 1951. My family has three generations of Soldiers, since my son has just enlisted into the Army as well. We feel very strongly about demonstrating our patriotism by serving in the military to serve our country.**

## QDR

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drive the development of capabilities and force planning:

- Building partnerships to defeat terrorist extremism
- Defending the homeland in-depth
- Shaping the choices of countries at strategic crossroads
- Preventing the acquisition or use of WMD by hostile state or non-state actors.

Six Integrated Product Teams have been organized to support the work for the QDR. These IPTs are responsible for reviewing issues, including manning, roles and missions and business practices. A senior civilian and military leader has been appointed to lead each IPT. A senior Army representative is on each of the IPTs. SMDC is represented in each of the Army-level working groups that have been organized to support the Army's representatives on the DOD IPTs.

DOD, the Army and this command are working aggressively to ensure we remain fully capable of supporting our nation's security requirements in this time of great change and uncertainty. The QDR is an important component of this process, and we will work our command issues through the commander, U.S. Strategic Command and the Army.

**SECURE THE HIGH GROUND!**

## Winners

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war ended. He was the embodiment of the Army Values and Warrior Ethos.

To be selected to join this club is to be recognized as an outstanding leader of Soldiers. Candidates are nominated by their units, evaluated for their accomplishments and their Soldiers' accomplishments and selected by a panel of command sergeants major.

Selected for Audie Murphy Club membership were Staff Sgt. Brandon Deaton, 2nd Space Company; Sgt. David Knotts Jr., 49th Missile Defense Battalion (Alaska Army National Guard); Sgt. Francena Scott, 2nd Space Company; Staff Sgt. Gaylon Hensley, Detachment C, 1st Space Company; Staff Sgt. Sonja Smith, Alpha

Company, 1st SATCON Battalion; Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Kimbrell, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) (Colorado Army National Guard).

It is very gratifying to see Soldiers of both Active and Reserve components competing against the Army standard and earning these honors.

These noncommissioned leaders are among the very best in the Space and Missile Defense Command, and their selection as NCO/Soldier of the Year and Sgt. Audie Murphy Club members will distinguish them among their peers for the rest of their careers.

Again, Soldiers are our credentials, and we serve them.

**ON POINT!**

# Six more Soldiers 'lead from the front'

By Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe, SMDC Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — "You lead from the front." These are some of the most memorable words spoken by Sgt. Audie Leon Murphy, the most decorated Soldier in the history of the U.S. Army. But they were more than just words to him; they were a code he truly lived by. That is why those words are also the motto of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, an organization that was established in 1986 to recognize noncommissioned officers who have proven themselves to be cut from the same cloth as Sgt. Audie Murphy.

At a ceremony June 24, six U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command NCOs, who had aspired to become members of this elite group of professional Soldiers, achieved their goal.

The newest inductees to the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club are Sgt. 1st Class Curtis L. Kimbrell, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), Colorado Springs, Colo.; Staff Sgt. Brandon L. Deaton, 2nd Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Staff Sgt. Gaylon R. Hensley, 1st Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Staff Sgt. Sonya R. Smith, Alpha Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Fort Detrick, Md.; Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD), Fort Greely, Alaska; Sgt. Francena M. Scott, 2nd Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"You are part of an elite circle," said Col. Jeffrey C. Horne, deputy commander for operations, SMDC, during his remarks at the induction ceremony.

"You will achieve greatness. The members of this club will lead for the future. Our Sergeants Major of the Army, Command Sgt. Maj. (Kenneth) Preston, Command Sgt. Maj. (Jack) Tilley and Command Sgt. Maj. (Robert) Hall were all members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Our FORSCOM (U.S. Army Forces Command), TRADOC (U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command), MEDCOM (U.S. Army Medical Command), USAEUR (U.S. Army Europe), 8th Army, and of course our own Command Sgt. Maj. Lady are all members of this club," Horne said.

"The six inductees championed the qualities of leadership and knowledge that it takes to become a member of this prestigious club," said SMDC Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Lady, who served as president of the board.

They proved their right to be inducted by



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Six members of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command were inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony on Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., June 24. SMDC/ARSTRAT Deputy Commander for Operations, Col. Jeffrey C. Horne, and SMDC/ARSTRAT's Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Lady participated in the ceremony. Pictured from left to right, Staff Sgt. Brandon Deaton, 2nd Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), Fort Greely, Alaska; Sgt. Francena M. Scott, 2nd Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Col. Jeffrey C. Horne; Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Lady; Staff Sgt. Gaylon R. Hensley, 1st Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Staff Sgt. Sonya R. Smith, Alpha Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, Fort Detrick, Md.; Sgt. 1st Class Curtis L. Kimbrell, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD), Colorado Springs, Colo.

standing in front of boards made up of senior NCOs within their units, and by then appearing in front of the most senior command sergeants major and first sergeants in the command, who asked them tough questions about the Army's history, leadership and programs making up life in the Army today. Some of the questions had definite answers and some were more subjective allowing the board members to see how the Soldiers would act and react to certain questions and situations.

"I wanted the board to be able to question each candidate and make a decision as to whether this Soldier had what it took to become a member of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club," Lady said.

"Either he or she had it, or they didn't."

The decision to accept a candidate had to be unanimous by the board. The board had each candidate in front of them for about 30 minutes and their questions ranged from how the NCOs and leaders would handle training to morale and motivation in the lives of the troops they lead. Topics

ranged from NCO Evaluation Reports, punishment for DUIs, tattoos and appearance regulations, attitude, awards and citations, counseling, Army Emergency Relief programs, unit mottos, battle focused training and leading female Soldiers.

During the boards, the candidates were asked how they incorporate the Warrior Ethos into their daily work.

Although the candidates had various occupations that brought on a diversity of answers, each candidate came up with good examples of how they live and breathe the creed and how they strive daily to pass on the willingness to follow the concepts put forth in it to their subordinates, peers and supervisors.

"When I first started the process of this board I wasn't sure I was actually worthy

for the competition and selection," Knotts said.

"My first sergeant had called me into his office and the commander informed me that he was nominating me for the Sgt. Audie Murphy board. I felt like I didn't necessarily meet the mold of what an Audie Murphy individual is. When I read the criteria for the board, I said I would try to do my job as an NCO and as a Soldier, but I really didn't put myself on a pedestal, which is something I feel the Audie Murphy board and induction epitomizes. I didn't really see myself as that and I didn't expect to make it this far, but now here I am."

"Sgt. Audie Murphy is certainly a remarkable icon for all professionals in the Army. When you read about his life, you will find he was an extremely quiet professional," Horne said.

"I found a quote that I thought rang fairly true today — 'When talking of Soldiers and Soldiering, you have a comradeship, a reprieve that you'll never have again. There is no competitiveness, there is no money value, and it's not about financial well-being. It's about trust — trust of the Soldier on your left and Soldier on your right. That you trust them with your life.' That's what Soldiering is all about. Sgt. Audie Murphy set a good path for us to follow in this regard."

With the six new inductions, the SMDC Sgt. Audie Murphy Club now has 18 Soldiers in the esteemed club since its first inductee in 2001.

"The Audie Murphy Club is clearly on its way to being a large organization here in Colorado Springs," Horne added. "This is largely due to the great efforts of you Soldiers and Command Sgt. Maj. Lady's leadership and what he has been doing for us the last several years in getting this club off the ground. Your professional competence is clearly some of the best in the Army. Army values — loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage set the standards for all of us, for our children, for our family members."

Before the end of the ceremony, Lady posed a challenge to some members of the audience. "Senior NCOs out there, you are the leaders I need inspiring those younger Soldiers sitting in the back rows to be up here next year," Lady said.

"We succeed as we develop all of our Soldiers to be more than they've imagined they can be."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Command Sgt. Maj. Daryall Sumpter, 1st Space Brigade, hangs the Sgt. Audie Murphy Medal around the neck of Staff Sgt. Gaylon R. Hensley of 1st Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, during the induction ceremony June 25.

# EXERCISE DILIGENT SENTRY integrates Iraqi war vets into missile defense mission

By Spc. Jack W. Carlson III  
Unit Reporter

**FORT GREELY, Alaska** — Soldiers from the 49th Missile Defense Battalion (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) participated in EXERCISE DILIGENT SENTRY June 3 – 5.

DILIGENT SENTRY is a joint exercise between the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, the Fort Greely Garrison, the GMD Joint Program Office and defense contractors supporting the Missile Defense Complex.

The exercise combined security, missile defense operations and emergency response, according to Lt. Col. Gregory Bowen, commander, 49th Missile Defense Battalion.

An additional objective of the exercise was integrating 35 new Soldiers joining the missile defense mission. Of those 35, nearly 20 military police officers recently returned from service in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Sgt. Stephen Mich, formerly of the Missouri National Guard, served in Baghdad for 11 months before transferring to Fort Greely.

“I took this job to spend more time with my family and for better financial opportunities,”



Photo by Spc. Jack W. Carlson III

Sgt. Javier Arreguin provides cover while Spc. Reuben Vargas, both military police officers with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), searches a member of the opposing forces “killed” in a firefight during EXERCISE DILIGENT SENTRY.

Mich said. “And so far no one has shot at me — a welcome change from the war.”

During the exercise, Soldiers were assessed on their responses to various events. Events included

protests, emergency medical evacuations and attacks on Soldiers and buildings.

During one attack, a team searched the “dead” body of an enemy. The “enemies,” or opposing forces, were actually military members who volunteered to take part in the exercise.

The team conducting the search was recognized by observer controllers — personnel who monitor the exercise to ensure safety and that proper training is conducted — for their attention to detail and superior searching skills. One team member was also acknowledged by Col. Gary Baumann, commander, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD), for his role in searching an enemy killed in battle.

Baumann presented Spc. Reuben Vargas, military police officer, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, with the commander’s coin of excellence.

“I used the training and exposure to combat to approach this training exercise,” Vargas said. “I have learned from experience that you must check everything for booby traps — even dead bodies.”

Vargas was previously deployed to Iraq for 15 months performing convoy missions with the Illinois National Guard. After returning from his deployment, Vargas and his family decided that being together was of primary importance.

“I want my family to see their father,” Vargas said. “I don’t want to tempt fate twice.”



Photo by Spc. Jack W. Carlson III

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Cochran, operations NCO, searches a member of the opposing forces during a duress exercise.



Photo by Sgt. Sara Storey

## Unit mission in simple terms

Staff Sgt. David Clary, intelligence analyst, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) uses a giant missile defense system poster to explain the unit’s mission to his young son Devin.

## Change of Responsibility

# Sumpter takes charge as Bailem retires

By Ed White  
SMDC Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** — A Change of Responsibility ceremony is a formal recognition of an outgoing enlisted leader's efforts and charges the incoming enlisted leader with overseeing the training and well-being of the Soldiers in his charge. Command Sgt. Maj. Daryall Sumpter became the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command's 1st Space Brigade's new Command Sgt. Maj., during a Change of Responsibility ceremony June 7. Command Sgt. Maj. Lester Bailem, the outgoing brigade command sergeant major retired during the same ceremony.

"I am very proud to have been chosen to follow Sgt. Maj. Bailem as the brigade command sergeant major," Sumpter said. "There are a lot of challenges with a worldwide command, a lot of Soldier and Sailor issues, and I will address them all to the best of my ability."

Sumpter's last assignment was as command sergeant major of the 1st Space Battalion, an element of the 1st Space

Brigade. The battalion has elements forward deployed throughout the world in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Battalion Soldiers also deploy regularly to support major service and joint exercises.

In his new position, Sumpter oversees three battalions, the 1st Satellite Control Battalion, the 1st Space Battalion and the Colorado Army National Guard's 193rd Space Battalion.

Bailem retired after a 28-year career in the Army. He enlisted in the Army in 1977 and first became a Nike Hercules missile crew member. During his career, Bailem held every enlisted leadership position from squad leader to command sergeant major. He also served around the world from the Federal Republic of Germany, across Europe, to Hawaii and the Middle East.

Command sergeants major are the key link between the Soldiers of a unit and the chain of command. As the senior noncommissioned officer in the unit they are looked up to by the enlisted Soldiers and respected by the officer corps for their insightful advice and lengthy experience.



Photo by Ed White

A Change of Responsibility ceremony was held at U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command's Building 3 on Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., June 7. Command Sgt. Maj. Daryall Sumpter, (facing camera), assumed the responsibilities as command sergeant major for the 1st Space Brigade from outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Lester Bailem as Col. Kurt Story, commander, 1st Space Brigade, passed the sword and charged Sumpter with his new responsibilities.

## Delta Company survives Operation Rattlesnake

By 1st Lt. Ryan R. Renken  
Unit Reporter

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.** — Delta Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion finished its common task testing for FY 2005 on May 23 and 25, when it completed Operation Rattlesnake. The operation was given its name because in California, as the weather gets warmer, the rattlesnakes and tarantulas start to come out during the day to get sun.

The Soldiers began the

operation at Camp Roberts' land navigation course. They calculated their pace counts and interacted with the news media. The Soldiers were presented with the scenario that they were in Iraq, guarding a missile site without any public affairs officers around.

"We were trying to encourage them to interact with the media," 1st Sgt. Ottis Pledger said. "We want them to become comfortable and reinforce their media

training."

After completing their interaction with the media and getting their pace count, the company was split into eight groups for the next phase of the operation. Each group was required to navigate, cross-country to different locations while rotating navigators between points. Each team had a lane walker that ensured the team's navigator received no help from the other members.

Along the way, the teams

were tested with various scenarios to complete their CTT requirements. Teams maneuvered through chemically contaminated areas, sheep areas and first aid scenarios.

After maneuvering their teams through, the Soldiers finished the operation with an After Action Review of the day's events. The operation was considered a success, and as an additional plus, not a single Soldier endured a snake or tarantula bite.

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Guardsmen and Guardswomen.

Schoomaker visited Alaska while on a tour of the Pacific Region. He was scheduled to look at the Missile Defense Complex on Fort Greely but instead detoured from his planned itinerary to visit GMD Soldiers firing at an individual weapons range.

Schoomaker was invited to fire by Sgt. David Knotts, military police officer, 49th Missile Defense Battalion. Schoomaker fired with Soldiers on the 25-meter firearms alternate course and after firing they proceeded down range to inspect and sign their targets.

"It was definitely motivating to see the Chief of Staff firing on the range with us," said Pfc. Darin Olanna, 1/297 (Scout) Battalion, 49th Missile Defense Battalion. During his tour of the Missile Defense Complex, Schoomaker participated in the promotions of Sgt. 1st Class Richard DeBilzan, weapons operator, and Spc. Henry Dehling, military police officer, both with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. Following the promotion ceremony, Schoomaker addressed the Soldiers who manage the day-to-day operations of the Missile Defense Complex on Fort Greely.

"Thank you for your service and the



Photo by Spc. Jack W. Carlson III

Pfc. Henry Dehling is promoted to the rank of specialist by Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, and Lt. Col. Gregory Bowen, commander, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, during a ceremony at the Missile Defense Complex June 10.

manner in which you approach this mission," Schoomaker said. "The missile

defense mission is highly important to the defense of our nation."



Photo by Sgt. Enrique Lopez

Capt. Christopher Conway, commander, Charlie Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion looks on as one of the Bundeswehr's training NCOs, Unterfeldwebel Hiesig addresses the awardees prior to the presentation of their range badges.

## Charlie Company presents awards to Bundeswehr

By Sgt. Enrique Lopez  
Unit Reporter

**LANDSTUHL, Germany** — On a cool, cloudy day, a squad of German Soldiers stood patiently waiting to receive their long anticipated awards. The awards they were about to receive were Certificates of Achievement and rifle badges from Charlie Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion. The awards reflected the scores they achieved at a recent range they attended in conjunction with Charlie Company.

The range activities were coordinated by Staff Sgt. Michael Trowbridge, training noncommissioned officer for Charlie Company and his counterpart in the 345th Panzer Artillery Battalion.

Trowbridge worked to continue the project partnership during his shift as the training NCO. He and his counterpart worked hand in hand with each other to ensure that the U.S. Soldiers were able to participate in "Bundeswehr" (German Federal Armed Forces) "Schutzenschnur" (Protection cord) range, which they did last November, and the German Soldiers were able to participate in the recent U.S.

weapons qualification. These partnership ranges made it possible for Charlie Company to have a working relationship with the German Army.

Charlie Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion commander Capt. Christopher Conway conveyed words of congratulations to the German Soldiers as they stepped forward one by one to receive their award. They were there not only for their own awards, but also for those of their fellow Soldiers who were not able to make the ceremony.

## Two 1st Satellite Control Battalion companies join together to induct new noncommissioned officers

By Sharon L. Hartman  
SMDC Public Affairs

**FORT DETRICK, Md.** — Two 1st Satellite Control Battalion companies joined together recently to induct 11 of their Soldiers into the ranks of the Noncommissioned Officer

Corps. Members of 1st SATCON's Bravo Company, located in Fort Meade, Md., traveled to 1st SATCON's Alpha Company in nearby Fort Detrick, Md., for the momentous occasion.

The battalion's Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Williams

was present to host the ceremony that transitioned seven Alpha Company Soldiers and four Bravo Company Soldiers into their new roles as leaders in the U.S. Army.

The inductees from Alpha Company were Sgt. Christopher Daigre, Sgt.

Nathan Hutchison, Sgt. Christopher JanZen, Sgt. Thomas Kepler, Sgt. Charles Mercier, Sgt. Eric Spitz and Sgt. William Strong. From Bravo Company, Sgt. Stacy-Lyn De La Hoz, Sgt. Albert Falta, Sgt. Mary Kiser and Sgt. Christopher Phaneuf were the inductees.



Courtesy Photo

1st Satellite Control Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Williams, center, and 1st Sgt. Christopher Roberts, center left, stand with noncommissioned officers of Alpha Company and Bravo Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion during the recent NCO Induction Ceremony at Fort Detrick, Md. The battalion inducted 11 Soldiers into the NCO Corps.

## Top Soldiers

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Midcourse Defense), at Fort Greely, Alaska.

Funk is a satellite network controller assigned to Echo Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, 1st Space Brigade, in Okinawa, Japan.

Along with numerous gifts from community organizations and businesses, both Knotts and Funk received the Army Commendation Medal for their efforts.

Prior to pinning on the well deserved honor before a group of 200 Soldiers, civilians and family members, Col. Jeffrey C. Horne, deputy commander for operations, SMDC, said, "I'm extremely proud of your stick-to-it-ness and determination, your professionalism and competitive spirit.

"Each of you who have competed for these NCO and Soldier of the Year titles are winners — every one of you. You have made yourself a better Soldier — you have prepared yourself for leadership in the future. You have prepared yourself to bring Soldiers through the arduous business of combat and bringing your Soldiers home to their families ... and that is what this business is about.... Because of you, it will be better."

"I would say I'm in a state of shock," Knotts said after the announcement was made. Knotts and Funk competed against three fellow candidates each in the week-long competition for their respective titles.

The competition consisted of numerous Soldier tasks including the M-16 qualification, an Army physical fitness test and facing a 45-minute board of seven senior NCOs.

"I think it's a humbling experience for the fact that you are recognized for your achievements," Knotts added. "When I go back to my unit there is going to be a higher expectation as far as my performance. If anything this will bring more responsibility."

"Wow!" was Funk's first reaction. "I jumped up and shook some hands. I saw my parents and was trying to keep a straight face because Sgt. Knotts was standing there next to me at the position of attention with a 'stone-cold-killer look.' I definitely had to match that."

Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Marques of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade commented on the week's activities saying, "All this week we were fortunate enough to have last year's winners Staff Sgt. Curtis Kimbrell and Spc. Daniel Everly here to mentor and work with all the competitors. This helped the competitors maximize their possibility of successful completion of this board and the Department of Army board as well. That was a very strong



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr, presents a totally professional appearance to the senior NCO board members during his visual inspection at the SMDC NCO and Soldier of the Year competition.

point."

Command Sgt. Maj. Daryall Sumpter from the 1st Space Brigade added his thoughts as to the importance of the competition.

"These Soldiers demonstrated their greatest abilities in leadership tasks that we gave each and every one of them to perform," Sumpter said.

"These are the top Soldiers in their units who are willing to take the next stride to excellence within the command. These are also young men and women who have bright careers in today's Army."

The victory was a double hitter for Knotts as he also faced an additional board during the week and was one of six candidates selected and inducted into the local chapter of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

Amidst all of the congratulations, Col. Gary Baumann, commander of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD), used his own cell phone to call Knotts' commander Lt. Col. Greg Bowen in Alaska, giving him the good news and handing the GMD brigade's new honoree the phone.

"Lt. Col. Bowen congratulated me," Knotts said. "He told me he had worked out a deal with Lt. Gen. (Larry) Dodgen (commanding general, SMDC/ARSTRAT) to send me to Special Forces Assessment Selection, so I'm looking forward to that."

While being honored Funk recalled his mother crying tears of joy in the audience.

"This is the greatest accomplishment since I've been in the Army," he said. "It's been a lot of work, but I'm glad it paid off."

"My biggest motivation was my team leader Sgt. Maria Castillo. She was recently promoted to sergeant. From the time she became my team leader, the training has been non-stop," Funk said. "I

don't think I've been more impressed by any leader I've had in the Army so far."

SMDC Command Sgt. Maj. David L. Lady addressed the gathering of candidates and winners saying, "This was not an easy competition. But that's the quality of Soldiers here today. That's the quality of this program. These are warriors — space warriors.

"This is about training, it is about developing, and it is about becoming a

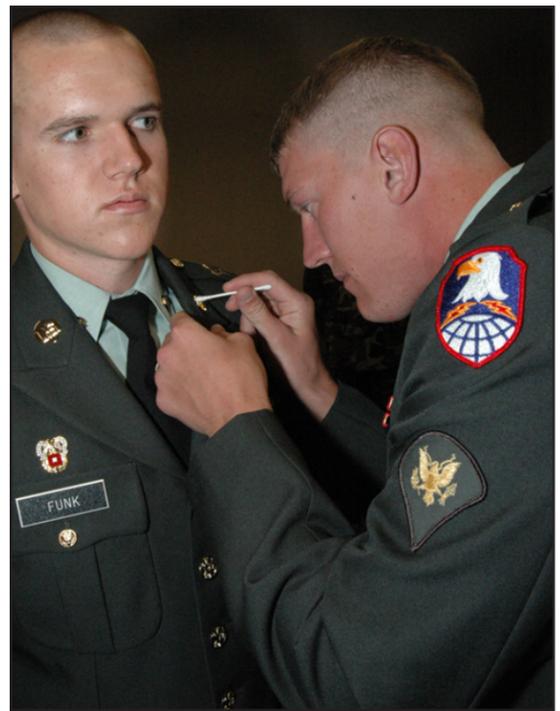


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Spc. Daniel Everly, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's 2004 Soldier of the Year applies some finishing touches to Spc. Matthew Funk's brass prior to Funk's appearance before the SMDC 2005 Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year board.

successor to us. We sergeants major need to be succeeded one of these days. Who better than you?

"I'm very glad and grateful this command finally got it right and came to the heart of the command — Colorado Springs — to recognize the centerpiece of this command — our Soldiers."

Both Knotts and Funk will represent SMDC as they compete in the Department of Army NCO and Soldier of the Year competition this September.

"I feel confident I'll be able to do a good job there," Knotts said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that I'll be able to be competitive. I'm looking forward to actually being around other Soldiers and NCOs from other major commands.

"I think it's going to be about us being able to go out there and perform our Soldier skills as they should be performed. It's a model for how we should do things at our unit level."

Funk is also looking forward to preparing for and participating in the DA competition.

"The biggest thing I will need to focus on is my common task training tests and drills," Funk said. "We don't practice them as often as we would like in my kind of environment, so going up against an infantry Soldier will definitely be different, but I'm up for the challenge."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Sgt. David M. Knotts Jr. concentrates on his form during the push-up portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test while in Colorado Springs, Colo., competing in and winning SMDC's 2005 NCO of the Year competition.

# 100th Missile Defense Brigade Soldier volunteers for tour of duty in Iraq

**(Note)** Already deployed as a member of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense), Sgt. 1st Class Joe Winsor decided to go the full measure recently when he volunteered to serve a six-month tour of duty in Iraq. The following is an excerpt from his correspondence with members of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. Winsor, a personnel noncommissioned officer, is now assigned to the Multinational Corps Headquarters, 18th Airborne Corps, at Camp Victory, Baghdad.

**By Sgt. 1st Class Joe Winsor  
Senior Human Resources NCO**

I'm excited about the opportunity to serve my country in Iraq. I believe the fight in the Middle East is a worthy cause and will be won sooner rather than later. Some of my fellow Soldiers have asked me, "Are you ready?" My reply is, "Read the ninth sentence of the Soldier's Creed — I stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat."

## Commentary

Soldiers must live not only this sentence, but the entire creed without hesitation.

"Soldiers are good people and America wouldn't be free without good people doing something.

A superior officer counseled me recently on any grand illusions that I may have about the deployment and that the duty will likely be tough, but he also pointed out that I would be doing God's work and the work is worthy and just and that no one is better than me for the duty I will perform. The unique thing about my duties (human resources) is that I have the direct ability and responsibility to take care of Soldiers.

I thrive on solving Soldier pay issues and ensuring personnel actions such as promotions and awards are processed timely and accurately. I'm motivated knowing that my work is making a difference in the lives of Soldiers.

"Some have asked me why I would desire to leave my wife and three young beautiful children behind to put myself in harm's way. I'm proud to be an American Soldier and my only intention is that in

some small way I will contribute to a safer, freer and more secure life for my family and country. I think I was making a solid contribution with the GMD and all my previous assignments. I look forward to my return to the 100th Missile Defense Brigade and expect to be a better Soldier when this deployment is complete."



Photo courtesy of Sgt. 1st Class Winsor

Sgt. 1st Class Joe Winsor, currently serving in Iraq at Camp Victory, Baghdad, takes a tour of the Al Faw Palace June 17.



Photo by Becky Proaps

## Future innovations headline briefing

Jim "Raleigh" Durham, center, deputy director, Joint Force Applications, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) visited the Future Warfare Center June 21, where he was briefed by the director Larry Burger, on several ongoing projects. Durham and Burger, along with Dr. Rodney Robertson of PEO Missiles and Space are working very closely together on future Air and Missile Defense concepts and requirements to ensure more rapid and cost effective fielding of required systems solutions for the AMD warfighter of today and tomorrow. One of these potential system solutions is the Common Command Post for the newly formed Composite AMD battalions, being briefed here to Durham by Lt. Col. Charles Schwarz, back left, Bill Stender, front left, and Capt. Michael Belton, right, of the Future Warfare Center. The CCP suite of "plug and play" components and advanced modular software to be used by the composite battalions will help to define and will readily accept the many future innovations anticipated from the PEO Missiles and Space System of Systems program.

These are some of the improved equipment components and displays to be provided to the First 5 Composite Air Defense Artillery battalions that were demonstrated to Mr. Durham during his visit to Huntsville. Collectively all of these items and several other pieces of digital communications equipment not depicted here are called the Common Command Post. Using these advanced capabilities that are available today, Army transformation and Unit of Action and Unit of Employment modularity efforts will be expedited while also addressing the needs of the current force in the contemporary operating environment. CCP capabilities overcome present system deficiencies and enable several improvements to be provided to the AMD warfighters, including:

- More user-friendly presentation environment
- Improved visualization capabilities
- Ability to view both PATRIOT and Forward Area Air Defense (FAAD) data simultaneously
  - Common Air Picture
  - Common Tactical Digital Information Link (TADIL-J) environment
- Links to other command and control (C2) systems such as Army Battle Command System (ABCS) and Global Command and Control System (GCCS)



Photo by Becky Proaps

# Awards/Promotions

## Civilian Promotions

**Samuel A. Bertling**, Huntsville, Business Initiatives Office

**Harvey A. Falk**, Colorado Springs, Directorate of Combat Development

**Mark E. Ray**, Huntsville, Tech Center

**Kyle J. Holdmeyer**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Directed Energy Directorate

**Gregory T. Trammell**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Directed Energy Directorate

## Military Promotions

**Spc. Eric Brown**, Fort Meade, Md., 1st Satellite Control Battalion, B Company

**Spc. Douglas Hier**, Fort Detrick, Md., 1st Satellite Control Battalion, A Company

**Spc. Andrew Whirls**, Fort Detrick, Md., 1st Satellite Control Battalion, A Company

**Chief Warrant Officer Bruce Dejong**, Colorado Springs, Intelligence, G-2

**Sgt. Michael Griffin**, Camp Roberts, Calif., 1st Satellite Control Battalion, D Company

**Spc. Quentin Kendall**, Landstuhl, Germany, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, C Company

**Staff Sgt. Brandon Rennirt**, Camp Roberts, Calif., 1st Satellite Control Battalion, D Company

**Sgt. Joshua Rodriguez**, Fort Meade, Md., 1st Satellite Control Battalion, B Company

**Col. Richard Schantz**, Arlington, Operations, G-3

**Staff Sgt. Woody Scott**, Landstuhl, Germany, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, C Company

## On-the-Spot Cash Awards

**George W. Anton**, Colorado Springs, Operations, G-3, Force Management Division

**Mario Ares**, Huntsville, Office of the Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition

**Mark H. Ayers**, Colorado Springs, Operations, G-3, Global Strike Branch

**Jason Baker**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Models and Simulations Division

**Victoria A. Bien**, Colorado Springs, Operations, G-3, Operations Support Branch

**Victoria R. Binford**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch K

**Stephen W. Brodersen**, Fort Leavenworth, Directorate of Combat Development, Liaison Officer

**Edith J. Coleman**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Information Science and Technology Directorate Core

**Barry W. Heflin**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Joint Center for Test and Evaluation

**Charles R. Hill**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Models and Simulations Division

**Robert L. Howard**, Colorado Springs, Equal Employment Opportunity Office

**Justin R. Novak**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Models and Simulations Division

**Stephen E. Overton**, Colorado Springs, Operations, G-3, Training/Readiness Section

**Denise G. Owens**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch N

**Debra A. Parker**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch N

**John R. Payne**, Colorado Springs, Operations, G-3, War Plans Branch

**Marcus K. Ratcliff**, Huntsville, Tech Center

**Mark E. Ray**, Huntsville, Tech Center

**Kurt C. Reitingner**, Colorado Springs, Operations, G-3, Global Strikes Branch

**Gregory L. Smith**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Sensors Directorate Matrix

**Patricia J. Vail**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch K

## Time-Off Awards

**David G. Berge**, Colorado Springs, Directorate of Combat Development, Space

**Deana R. Clark-Moller**, Colorado Springs, Directorate of Combat Development, Training Support

**Thomas A. Coleman**, Colorado Springs, Directorate of Combat Development, Training Support

**Patsy C. Gasser**, Huntsville, Logistics, G-4, Technology Branch

**Lenard O. Gehrke**, Colorado Springs, Directorate of Combat Development, FDIC West

**Thomas A. Gray**, Fort Leavenworth, Directorate of Combat Development, Liaison Officer

**Douglas Harnly**, Colorado Springs, Directorate of Combat Development, Missile Defense

**Rhonda M. Norris**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program and Policy Division

**James T. Watkins**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Models and Simulations Division

**Norman B. Blackwell**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Test and Evaluations Directorate

**Rhonda L. Brock**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Policy and Pricing Branch

**Douglas E. Burdette**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Space, Technology Directorate

**Jeremy L. Collins**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Operations Division

**Veronica M. Collins**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab, Frontiers Division

**Sharon J. Crawford**, Huntsville, Tech Center Operations

**Chad L. Daly**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Studies and Analysis Division

**Angela Dawkins**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Operations Division

**Jerry E. Esquibel**, Huntsville, Test and Evaluation Directorate

**Gloria H. Flowers**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Models and Simulations Division

**Alice K. Goodloe-Cutts**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab, Frontiers Division

**Carolyn B. Harris**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Policy and Pricing Branch

**Hurley L. Hughes**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Accounting Division

**Andrew J. Johnson**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Computer Resources Division

**Ronald J. Liedel**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Computer Resources Division

**Jeri K. Manly**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Test and Evaluation Directorate

**Susan McRae**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Systems Directorate

**Yancy C. Mitchell**, Huntsville, Tech Center Operations

**Eneals Moore**, Huntsville, Logistics, G-4,

Logistics and Supply Branch

**Brenda K. Partain**, Huntsville, Tech Center Operations

**Alesya M. Paschal**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Models and Simulations Division

**Mark S. Pickens**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Advanced Technology Directorate

**Brenda L. Rains**, Huntsville, Tech Center Operations

**Michelle M. Smartt**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab, Missile Defense Division

**Wanda H. Tucker**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8, Program and Policy Division

**Caliethsa D. Vann**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Operations Division

**Tara L. Ward**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Information Science and Technology Directorate

**Belinda J. Williams**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch T

**Robert C. Williams**, Huntsville, Future Warfare Center, Simulations and Analysis Directorate, Computer Resources Division

**Jason A. Williams**, Huntsville, Tech Center, Kinetic Energy Interceptor Directorate

**Anna K. Yocom**, Huntsville, Resource Management, G-8

## Meritorious Civilian Service Award

**Berry L. Clemons**, Huntsville, Research, Development and Acquisition Staff, Command Integration Division

**Kay R. Ward**, Huntsville, Research, Development and Acquisition Staff

## Superior Civilian Service Award

**Maria C. Foster**, Kwajalein Atoll, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site, Office of the Deputy Garrison Commander

## Length of Service

### 20 Years

**Timothy Huwe**, Colorado Springs, Logistics, G-4, Operations Branch

**Donna Smith**, Huntsville, PARC/Office of Contracting and Acquisition Management, Branch T

**Susan Thomas**, Huntsville, Logistics, G-4, E, P, C and R Branch

**Anna Whisenant**, Huntsville, Personnel, G-1, Civilian Personnel Division

**Michael Winchester**, Colorado Springs, Information Management, G-6, C3 Integration Division

**Joseph Wychulis**, Colorado Springs, Intelligence, G-2, Plans and Operations Division

**Jay Daniels**, Huntsville, Technical Interoperability and Matrix Center, Command Safety Directorate

**Edward Kiker**, Colorado Springs, Deputy Commander for Operations, Executive Officer

**Richard Mallowney**, Huntsville, Information Management, G-8, Accounting Division



Photo by Sydney Hartman

Batman, a.k.a. Garrett Tompkins crashed the picnic for some tasty chow.

## Bikers, batmen, cowboys, princesses party at SMDC Colorado Springs' annual picnic

By Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe, SMDC Public Affairs

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** — The day was cool and overcast but the cooking crew didn't mind. They already had plenty of heat going on with all the burgers, dogs, brats and chicken they were preparing for the feast. Attendees brought potluck side dishes and desserts and laid those offerings out on the tables under the pavilion. The feast they were preparing for was SMDC's 3rd Annual Picnic held at Fort Carson's Turkey Creek Recreational Center June 15.

Col. Jeffrey C. Horne, deputy commander for operations, kicked off the festivities at high noon just as the "bikers" arrived from their annual motorcycle ride to the picnic, and the food was ready to eat.

Two bands provided the music. The Air Force sent their traveling country style band Wild Blue Country and SMDC had their own home-based band Lucid Dissent set up nearby.

There were games of horseshoes, volleyball, basketball, baseball and dancing to the music all going on at once, which kept things interesting for those who chose to just be spectators.

Kids had plenty to eat and do as well. Snow cones and cotton candy were seen in nearly every tiny hand. The Jumping Castle was a big help to moms and dads — letting the little ones work off their sugar highs. Face painters turned ordinary children into batmen and princesses, and ponies allowed the cowboys and cowgirls to ride the range in style.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

The line grew quickly after "mess call" was announced at the 3rd annual Colorado Springs SMDC picnic June 15.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Col. Jeffrey C. Horne, right, deputy commander for operations, made a few announcements before handing the microphone to G-6's Rhonda Welles for the invocation.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe

Master Sgt. Frances Sanchez-Jones, left, and Albert Sinnemake, both of the G-6, grill a few of the more than 750 hot dogs that were devoured at the SMDC picnic.



Photo by Sharon L. Hartman

Tim Huwe, left, from the Directorate of Public Works, talks to Maj. Michael Perry, executive officer, 1st Satellite Control Battalion while Perry's children, left to right, Michala, Zachary and Daniel show off their true cowboy style.



Photo by Sydney Hartman

Kai Bradford, son of 1st Lt. Rory Bradford, 1st Satellite Control Battalion stole away from all the other children's activities and went for a pony ride.

## Civilian News

### Questions, answers posted for new retention, relocation bonuses

The Office of Personnel Management has posted questions and answers on its Web site about the administration of the new recruitment, relocation and retention incentive authorities. OPM posted this information in response to questions it received from agencies. The site is at [www.opm.gov/oca/pay/html/3Rs\\_QAs.asp](http://www.opm.gov/oca/pay/html/3Rs_QAs.asp). The questions answered include:

- When can agencies start using the new incentive authorities?
- Can agencies use locality rates to compute bonuses between now and when they implement the new incentive authorities?
- Because locality rates cannot be used to compute retention allowances authorized before May 1, 2005, can agencies increase the retention allowance to offset this reduction?

### Senate looks to recruit federal workers

Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, has introduced legislation that would allow federal agencies and the military to repay student loans tax free in an attempt to bolster recruitment efforts. The Generating Opportunity by Forgiving Educational Debt for Service Act would amend the federal tax code to treat federal government and military student loan repayment programs in the same manner as loan repayment by graduate schools, which are tax free. "There are many reasons why the federal government is not attracting the best and the brightest, this legislation will provide the opportunity for the government to recruit and retain well qualified graduates," Voinovich said.

### New rule affects annuitants' health insurance

The Office of Personnel Management issued final regulations in the June 10 issue of the Federal Register on changes in health benefits enrollment for annuitants or survivor annuitants when a health insurance company decides to terminate participation in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The new regulations give OPM the authority to enroll annuitants in whichever option of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan it determines is closest to the terminated plan. The new regulations became effective July 11. Previously, when a company left the FEHB Program, OPM would enroll the affected annuitants in the standard option of the Service Benefit Plan — instead of the option closest to what the annuitant had.

### Fighting identity theft and fraud

For those affected by identity theft and fraud issues, there are several resources that can help. To obtain a copy of your credit report, or to place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact the three credit reporting agencies, which are:

Transunion — <http://www.transunion.com/>, (800)-680-7289

Equifax — <http://www.equifax.com/>, (800)-525-6285

Experian — <http://www.experian.com/>, (888)-397-3742

To file an identity theft complaint with the Federal Trade Commission go to <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>, or call (877)-438-4338. The Social Security Administration Fraud Web site is <http://www.ssa.gov/org>; the telephone number is (800)-269-0271.

### National Security Personnel System Web site ever updating

The National Security Personnel System Web site at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps> contains the latest information and developments on NSPS. The Web site contains several new items, to include an informative video entitled "NSPS, Toward a Mission-Centered Workforce." Also new is a revised implementation schedule and a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Fundamentals of NSPS" which provides a very good overview of the proposed NSPS regulations.

### Should TSP invest in real estate fund?

Several key members of the House Government Reform Committee have asked the chairman of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board to look into the possibility of adding a Real Estate Investment Trust index fund to the Thrift Savings Plan. Under the legislation creating TSP, only Congress has the power to add funds.

## Military News

### Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office announces "Military Idol" promotion

Are you a Soldier who loves to sing? Do you sing in your car, the shower? Do you dream of singing on stage in front of a live audience? Well it's time to stop dreaming and start doing. Log on to <http://www.Militaryidol.com> for details on the first Military Idol competition to see if you have what it takes to be number one. Thirty-six Army installations will be hosting Military Idol starting this August. This multi-week competition will combine the popularity of the TV show American Idol with the talents of our military performers, and is sure to be a win-win situation for all involved. The top "Idol" at each installation will advance to compete in the national Army-wide competition for bragging rights as the Army's top "Military Idol" and a chance to win \$1,000.

### Freedom Team Salute program launches

The Freedom Team Salute Program was launched in May in a Pentagon ceremony. Part of Operation Tribute to Freedom, FTS is a unique Army program that provides a way for Soldiers to recognize their team of supporters back home, including spouses, parents and employers. In addition, as a special thanks to Army Veterans for their service and sacrifice, the Army will send a Freedom Team Salute Commendation package to U.S. Army veterans who register with the program. A Soldier's success is due in large part to the support of family and employers. FTS is a means to thank them for that support. Soldiers should visit [www.freedomteamsalute.army.mil](http://www.freedomteamsalute.army.mil) to nominate a parent, spouse or employer for a commendation package. Veterans can register at the same site for a commendation package. Each commendation package contains:

an official U.S. Army lapel pin (emblazoned with 'parent,' 'spouse,' or 'employer')

- an official U.S. Army decal
- a certificate of thanks signed by the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Army
- a letter of thanks signed by the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Army.

The FTS team is also available to help communities and organizations plan Freedom Team Salute recognition ceremonies to recognize groups of families, veterans and employers. More information can be found on the Web site at [www.freedomteamsalute.army.mil](http://www.freedomteamsalute.army.mil).

### Deadline to file TRICARE claims

TRICARE beneficiaries who file their own claims should remember that, with few exceptions, claims must be filed within one year of the date of medical service or from the date of discharge from an inpatient facility. Beneficiaries also have one year from the date they receive medication to file for reimbursement of pharmacy claims. Additionally, the one-year filing deadline applies to those who file on behalf of individuals with other health insurance. The deadline applies to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries as well as to TRICARE Prime enrollees who obtain emergency or urgent care outside of the TRICARE region in which they are enrolled. TRICARE Prime and Extra providers are required to file claims on a beneficiary's behalf, and must also meet the one year requirement. For more information, read the article at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/news/2005/news0518.cfm> and visit the TRICARE claims Web page at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims>. For additional information on where to file claims, beneficiaries should go to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>, click on their specific TRICARE region, and obtain information regarding the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy or the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, as appropriate.

### Sexual assault prevention site launched

Service members who are victims of sexual assault or who need information on Defense Department policy on preventing sexual assaults can find the information at a new Web site. The site was launched by Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response and has links to all the services' Web sites related to the sexual assault issue. It also provides details on what people can do if they are victims of sexual assault. The Web site is called the SAPR Home Page, and it is available at <http://www.sapr.mil/>.

# Visitor Control Processing, Door Access Hours, Military Police Escort Procedures change in Huntsville

By Bobby Brooks  
G-3 Operations

Current procedures for processing visitor badges into the Wernher Von Braun Complex changed July 1 because of changes in the security contract. Access control officers will only be available between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to issue visitor badges for access.

All government and contractor employees who currently do not have a badge allowing access to the WVBC 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, will be able to use their personal PIN number to access all doors after 7 a.m.

Employees who are approved for 24/7 access, can only enter the WVBC with their PIN number through the main entrance door prior to 7 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Before 7 a.m. and after 5 p.m., security personnel will not be available to process visitor badges.

Arrangements for badging visitors

must be made prior to the visit. This includes notifying other SMDC locations and nearby offices of the change of hours for processing, ensuring proper visit requests have been sent, received and processed at the front desk, and making arrangements for escorts, if necessary.

To obtain 24/7 access to WVBC, all SMDC personnel at Arlington, Colorado Springs, U.S. Army Kawajalein Atoll and Fort Greely must complete an SMDC Form 639. The signed form must be sent to the WVBC physical security access control officer Bobby Brooks, at DSN 645-2520 or commercial (256)-955-2520.

Prior arrangements must be made by points of contact and office managers to ensure all incoming visitors have completed and faxed a visit request form and that it has been processed for badging and an escort has been provided if necessary.

All "uncleared" visitors must be escorted at all times in the WVBC. The escort officer will be responsible for retrieving the access control badge from the visitor

upon exiting the building. The access control badge will be turned in to the front desk access control officer the following duty day.

During non-duty hours any person desiring a military police escort from Building 5220 to or through the parking lot should do the following:

- If in the building and preparing to depart, call the Central Alarm Station person (955-3625) located on the first floor, room 1024. This individual will call for an MP escort.
- If outside Bldg. 5220, use the outside intercom located by each entry way to contact the CAS operator as above. Or if desired you may call by cell phone the Redstone Arsenal MP office at 876-2222. Explain your request for an escort. In an emergency situation only call 911.

For more information, call the visitor control desk at DSN 645-3622/3623; commercial (256)-955-3622/3623. Faxes can be sent to DSN 645-3629 or commercial (256)-955-3629.

## Lean Training

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was to build the prototype with Legos.

Nelson McKown, chief, Business Initiatives Office, the office responsible for implementing the Lean Initiative thinks "the training was a worthwhile event." As with any quality management program, it was essential that senior leadership understand and fully support the process. This Lean event for senior leaders did just that. Through training and the fun "exercise," senior leaders are now fully "bought in" to Lean and committed to making it work in SMDC. McKown also believes this integrated and aligned effort in SMDC will reap major dividends.

In May, Commanding General Lt. Gen. Larry J. Dodgen directed the command to begin implementing Lean in support of the Army's business transformation effort. The command is moving rapidly to

deploy this initiative.

Following the Executive training, members of the Lean cadre (Lean champions, major subordinate element directorate heads and staff) from throughout the command received training in a separate session June 17. The session was held in Huntsville, but video teleconferenced to Arlington, Colorado Springs and the High Energy Laser Systems Testing Facility, White Sands Missile Range, N.M. These participants learned about the five principles of Lean Thinking, and participated in discussions on Value Stream Analysis and Rapid Improvement Events,



Photo by Becky Proaps

SMDC employees who were selected to lead their organizations in implementing the Lean Initiative participate in the June 17 Lean training held in Huntsville.

which are the projects SMDC organizations will conduct as Lean is implemented.

Now that the first training sessions are complete, Lean champions and senior leaders are positioned to make the first

steps toward implementing the Lean Initiative and embark on a better way of conducting business. Their efforts will create better business practices which translate into greater mission effectiveness.



Photo by Debra Valine

Col. Deborah H. Hubbard, TRADOC System Manager for Ground-based Midcourse Defense works diligently building her "C-5" aircraft using Legos and Lean principles.



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Ralph Hamilton, left, of Simpler Consultants, Nelson McKown, center, Chief, Business Initiatives Office, and Sam Bertling a member of McKown's staff, brainstorm with senior leaders on how to reconfigure the steps in the training exercise to maximize efficiency and cut waste.

## Alpha Company anchors winning soccer team

By 1st Lt. Patrick Smith  
Unit Reporter

**FORT DETRICK, Md.** — Soldiers from Alpha Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion and the 302nd Signal Battalion combined to win the Fort Detrick Championship Soccer match May 31. The combined "SATCOM" team upset the heavily favored and 3-time defending champions, the National Cancer Institute — a civilian team on Fort Detrick. The dramatic 4 - 3 come from behind victory capped off a nearly perfect 7-1 season. The three Soldiers/players from Alpha Company, Spc. Buddy Blackham, Staff Sgt. Daniel Sanker and Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Demars all proved to be invaluable assets to the team throughout the championship run.

At the position of forward, Blackham was a primary scoring threat throughout the season. His speed and pinpoint shot accuracy accounted for every one of his goals, to include the opening goal of the championship match. Squad member and soccer enthusiast Pfc. Jason Sachinger described Blackham's abilities on the field as, "simply breathtaking. He actually bends it better than Beckham."

Demars played a little at the forward position, but was best known for his work as the

team's premiere goaltender. The very aggressive Demars was stalwart between the posts, and in the four games he played in the box, he managed to allow only one goal.

"Sgt. 1st Class Demars was the motivator of the team," teammate Blackham said. "He was loud and intense and always kept us on our toes. He's very passionate about the game of soccer."

Unfortunately, Demars was unable to make the championship game because he is currently attending Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course at Fort Gordon, Ga., but he was definitely part of what got the team to the championship.

Acting as the team's jack of all trades, Sanker played every position on the soccer field from forward to midfielder to fullback. Arguably the most talented player on the team, Sanker lead the team in assists and smothered opposing offenses with his strong defensive play. With this being his second year on the team, most of the first year players looked at Sanker as the glue that kept the team together. Nicknamed the "Ice Man," Sanker proved to be cool under pressure when the championship was on the line.

During the championship match, a last minute goal tied the match up at 3 - 3. The Fort



Photo by Doug Valentine

Staff Sgt. Daniel Sanker of Alpha Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion, heads the ball during the Fort Detrick championship soccer match against the National Cancer Institute. Sanker's team, which included members of Alpha Company and the 302nd Signal Battalion, won the championship game 4-3 after a penalty kick shoot off.

Detrick first place trophy would be decided by penalty kicks. When the opposing team's kick sailed over the net in the final round of penalty kicks, the door was left open for the SATCOM team to claim victory. Amidst the steady roar of "MVP" chants from the crowd, Sanker approached the ball and rocketed a shot into the left corner of the net that the goalkeeper had no chance to stop. Sanker's goal clinched the 4-3 victory and the Fort Detrick Championship, marking the end of a Cinderella season.

Immediately following the

game, the garrison commander Sgt. Maj. Eugene Jeffers handed out the trophies and congratulated both teams on having great seasons and participating in the friendly competition of intramural sports.

Of winning the Fort Detrick tournament, Blackham said "I had no idea this was for the championship, but it's always great to get a trophy." With only three members of the championship team from Alpha Company, 1st SATCON, they each still played vital roles and were critical to the team's ultimate success.

## Control Warriors win U.S. Army Europe Volleyball Championship

By Sgt. Logan Maynard  
Unit Reporter

**LANDSTUHL, Germany** — Strength comes in many forms. The Soldiers of Charlie Company, 1st Satellite Control Battalion demonstrate their strength every day by performing round the clock satellite monitoring and control in Landstuhl, Germany. Satellite control also requires quick thinking and reaction time to keep millions of dollars worth of equipment from falling from the sky.

Earlier this year, some of the same Soldiers who provide the mission of satellite control displayed this same strength and quick thinking while undertaking a different kind of challenge. Although the equipment they were dealing with was much cheaper than satellites, the challenge required no less skill. So, what was this great challenge? Competing in and winning the U.S. Army Europe Volleyball Championship. The competition had teams of six people on either side of a net squaring off against each other. In the end only one team was victorious.

The Charlie Company team had seven members from their unit and one from 181st Signal Company, a collocated earth terminal in Landstuhl.

"I wasn't sure we were going to do well until we got to the first game and saw everyone else playing," said Charlie Company player Sgt. Adrian Duran.

The game turned into a severe beating

as Charlie Company walked away with their first victory. As the games went on Charlie Company stomped through opponents one after another, gaining momentum with each victory. They played all the way to an undefeated 415th Base Support Battalion unit-level championship.

But their challenge was not yet over. "I expected the regional championship



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Merrill

Members of Charlie Company's U.S. Army Europe Volleyball Championship team take a moment to savor their victory. From left to right, bottom row, Sgt. Shannon Boykin, Sgt. David Etheredge; middle row, Spc. Russell Merrill, Spc. Shane Hillstead, Sgt. Adrian Duran; top row, Sgt. Gregory Hegeman, Staff Sgt. Darren Haynes, Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Bryant (181st Signal Company).

to be much more difficult than the first," Duran said. Their victory in the 415th BSB championship earned them the right to compete in the 26th Area Support Group regional tournament in Darmstadt, Germany. The bar was raised to a new level and a new challenge presented itself.

The entire team was excited to be competing at the next level and their momentum from the 415th win carried through to the regional tournament with another undefeated competition and another big trophy.

Their final challenge came in the form of the USAEUR unit-level championship, where the best of the regional champions gathered in Wiesbaden to determine which unit was the best in Europe. All of the cards were on the table but Charlie Company had an ace up their sleeve in the form of Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Bryant — their lone player from the 181st Signal Company. They set and spiked their way to their final undefeated championship where Bryant was voted Most Valuable Player. In the end the underdogs from Charlie Company turned out to be the top dogs.

"I would love to do more things like that," said Sgt. Shannon Boykin, another player on the championship team. "I think more Soldiers should compete in these types of events."

The many trophies won are now displayed proudly in the entryway to the company's control facility. An exhibition game is planned in the near future with the U.S. Air Force Europe champions.

# Marshallese crafters use palm trees to make clothing, baskets, shelters

By Elizabeth Davie  
Reporter, *Kwajalein Hourglass*

**W**eaving is a part of Marshallese culture that dates back as far as the 1700s and is still alive and well today.

According to the book "Handicrafts of the Marshall Islands," the finest weaving was reserved for Marshallese clothing of the past, which was made of pandanus in the same way as the mats of today.

The two materials that are generally used for weaving are pandanus and coconut fronds, said Sue Rosoff, historical preservationist. Kimej is a delicate, fine but strong membrane from which the highest grade of artifacts and the best handbags are made.

According to Rosoff, the new shoots from the trees are striped and put in the lagoon for a few days to be bleached. "Handicrafts of the Marshall Islands" says preparation of the material is a lot of work for apparently little results since the pieces are short and thinner than paper and a day's labor yields only a handful. After the material is bleached it is hung up to dry, then straightened and spread by being run

through the fingers. It is often split into narrower widths for weaving and is sometimes dyed.

Handbags are one of the many different handicrafts that can be found today. Some are decorated in the traditional colors of brown and black while other are finished entirely in kimej; these are said to be the most prized Marshall artifact.

Flowers are built up on wire frames by sewing kimej and then assembled petal by petal. These handicrafts only became popular after the end of World War II. They come in all shapes and colors and new variations are constantly being devised.

Wall decorations are another popular handicraft. Their size commonly ranges from 15 to 18 inches in diameter but larger ones are made. The base of wall decorations is commonly malwe, stiffened strips of coconut frond, wrapped with kimej.

Baskets are another commonly found item in the Marshall Islands. The bottoms of baskets are often worked with kimej into a design and sometimes shaded. Baskets are sometimes trimmed with little shells. This craft comes in many different shapes and sizes.

Mats are made primarily with pandanus. Kimej can be used to accent it. There are mats for sitting, for sleeping, to protect against rain, to cover boats and many other things. Mats can be made quickly or with



Photo by Sue Rosoff  
Michael Kabua uses his skill in building a traditional Marshallese thatched shelter.

more time very detailed. The simplest, which goes on the ground under other mats, is woven from the leaves of coconut fronds. Other types are made out of broad unsplit pandanus leaves sewn together. Some are joined in the middle to make it convenient for folding and warmth while sleeping.

Palm fronds are also instrumental in making traditional huts. The thatch huts are still being made today.



Photo by Sue Rosoff

Henrietta Patrick demonstrates the art of basket weaving.



Courtesy Photo

This dwelling is typical of those built by Pacific Islanders.

## From wearing greens to on the greens

# Joint Tactical Ground Station Pacific holds first golf invitational

By Lt. Kent Meyer  
U.S. Navy Commander

### OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea

— During the Memorial Day weekend the Soldiers and Sailors of 1st Section/Charlie Detachment, 1st Space Company, held the inaugural JTAGS Pacific Golf Invitational on the Lakes at Osan Golf Course. More than half the detachment got together for some camaraderie and fun.

With tee time at 10:15 a.m., the headquarters team led off the group of Space Warriors, and as the day would show, it's better that they work in space. The groups were quickly being rushed around the course by the marshals, causing havoc for some. The team of Staff Sgt. Stephen Vogler, OS2 Leo Smith and Spc. Jesse Vendegna managed to run out of golf balls on Hole 15, so it was off to the 19th Hole for

them. This definitely saved face for the detachment leadership as the pressure of finishing last was lifted.

With all the scores tabulated, the big announcement came — Staff Sgt. Steven Foley, OS2 David Longobardi and OS2 Eugenia Ortiz-Cooper took first place. The final results would have been published, but somehow the scorecards mysteriously disappeared.

Although no prizes were awarded, additional bragging rights for the day went to Sgt. Jared English for being closest to the pin, and Smith redeemed himself from his last place finish with the longest drive. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris Wehmeier also had an amazing feat with two back-to-back drives over 300 yards. His only mistake ... he was on the wrong holes.

In the end, much

relaxation and enjoyment occurred on the beautiful, warm, sunny day in Osan, and

members of the unit got to know each other a little better. So, until next year ... FORE!



Photo by Spc. Byron Valle

Soldiers and Sailors of 1st Section/Charlie Detachment, 1st Space Company in Osan, South Korea, competed in the inaugural JTAGS Pacific Golf Invitational over Memorial Day weekend.



Photo by Japheth R. Edmonds

These 15 children attended Space Camp July 4 - 8 in Huntsville, Ala., through scholarships they won from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Association.

# Countdown to liftoff...

## 2005 Space Camp wrap-up

**F**ifteen U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Association scholarship winners attended Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., July 4 - 8. They completed missions for Mars, trained for a shuttle launch and completed numerous space-related experiments. In addition to the weeklong camp, students attended a special luncheon with Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer.

Each year ASDMA sponsors scholarships to send children to the camp. This year these 15 children were selected from more than 75 applications.



Photo by Japheth R. Edmonds

Chase Laurendine, 10, of Huntsville, Ala., performs terrain assessments on the Martian soil.



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Ann-Marie Hepler, left, 9, of Kwajalein Atoll, and Chase Laurendine, 10, of Huntsville, Ala., perform science experiments on lunar rocks.



Photo by Japheth R. Edmonds

Ashlie Conroy, left, 10, and Staci Miller, 10, both of Huntsville, Ala., examine and classify organisms with Sarah Greenbaum, 11, of Kwajalein Atoll.



Photo by Katherine Stamps

While on their "Mission to Mars" Paul Childress, left, 10, and Austin Dean, 11, both from Fort Greely, Alaska, conduct geological experiments on the Martian soil.