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SATCON Soldiers reenlist with Osprey as backdrop



Photo by Spc. Benjamin Bartlett

Capt. Jason Sharritt, left, E Company commander, 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control), reenlists Staff Sgt. Carlos Halsell, a squad leader SATCON controller supervisor with E Company, in front of an MV-22 Osprey at the Marine Corps Air Station, Okinawa, Japan, March 15. Halsell was one of five Army satellite controllers given the opportunity to reenlist with the Osprey as their backdrop. See story on Page 3.



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JLENS achieves forward pass

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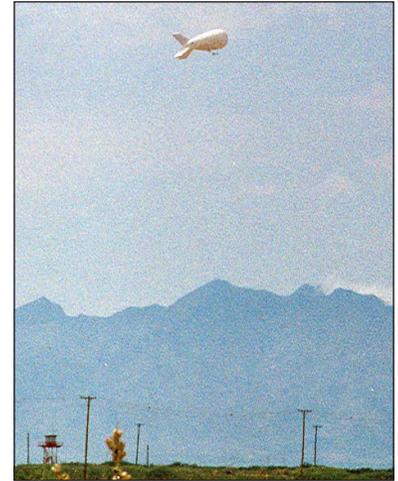
In February 1996, the Army established the Aerostat Project Office under the operational control of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, then known as the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command.

Four years later, on April 4, 2000, the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System, better known as JLENS, successfully completed two forward pass demonstrations during testing at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The concept of the test was to have an elevated sensor – the prototype JLENS – guide a surface-launched interceptor to a point of intercept that was beyond the range of its own organic radar.

The interceptors were an Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile mounted on a HUMVEE, or HUMRAAM, and a Marine Corps complementary low-altitude weapon system. The targets for the fifth forward pass mission were BQM-74 drones.

These demonstrations were the first live, over-the-horizon engagement of a cruise missile target. In these tests, the HUMRAAM launched its



U.S. Army photo

The Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System, better known as JLENS, radars provide over-the-horizon surveillance data and identification friend or foe interrogators from 74-meter tethered aerostats. The tethered aerostats can stay aloft for up to 30 days. The image above shows the JLENS at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. during Roving Sands in 1999.

interceptor using data from the JLENS against an unseen target. While in flight the HUMRAAM passed control of the AMRAAM to the JLENS radar – the forward pass. The JLENS then guided the missile to the target.

The JLENS is an airborne radar platform that provides surveillance and target tracking data on land attack cruise missiles and other air breathing targets. A complete JLENS system includes two unmanned, tethered aerostats, one with the surveillance radar and the other with precision target illumination radar.

President nominates new SMDC leader

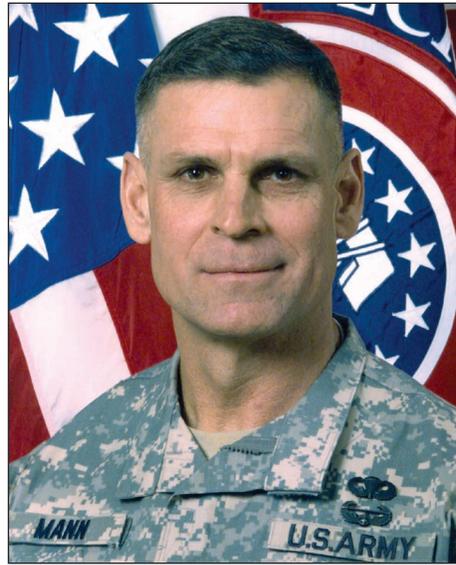
By Dottie White
SMDC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced March 20 that the President of the United States has nominated Army Maj. Gen. David L. Mann for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as the commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

Pending Senate confirmation, Mann will assume command from Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica in a ceremony scheduled for July 9 at Redstone Arsenal.

“Dave Mann is an outstanding officer with tremendous Army and joint experience in air and missile defense,” Formica said. “He previously commanded the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command and currently serves as CG, U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, Ky.”

Mann will also be dual-hatted as the commander of the Joint Functional Component Command for In-



Maj. Gen. David L. Mann

tegrated Missile Defense. The JFCC IMD is a functional component of the U.S. Strategic Command.

Formica, who took command of SMDC in December 2010, is scheduled to retire in a separate ceremony in Washington, D.C., on July 19 after 36 years of service in the Army.

“Diane and I are honored and privileged to have served with the many Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, civilians, and families these many years,” Formica said.

“Our service here at SMDC/ARSTRAT and in JFCC IMD has been the ultimate culminating assignment for us,” he added. “We have cherished our time in both commands, and we have been pleased to be connected with the wonderful communities in Huntsville and Colorado Springs. And we are honored to have served both USAKA (U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll) and Fort Greely, Alaska.”

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Still serving after the uniform



Photo by Carrie E. David

Women veterans make up about six-percent of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command workforce. In honor of Women's History Month, the 20 women in the photo have a combined total of 276.5 years of service in the Army, Navy and Air Force. Pictured are a portion of the command's women veterans: (front row, left to right) Joanna Brunson, Rhonda Boyd, Lashonda Parker, Carmen Smith, Greta Wiley, Simone Caldwell-Philson; (second row, left to right) Milane Todd, Sharon Bobst, Sara Jennings, Monica Dumont, Karol Boutwell, Sharon DeLozier, Theresa Hornung; (back row, left to right) Alice Hartley, Charlene Booth, Priscilla Ramsey, Christina Black, Phillis Reid, Alisha McRoberts, Kim Ouattara.

Satellite controllers re-up using Osprey

By Staff Reports

OKINAWA, Japan – Army satellite controllers from Echo Company, 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control), 1st Space Brigade, decided to re-enlist five of their own during a ceremony at the Marine Corps Air Station on Okinawa on March 15.

What made this a unique re-enlistment event was a backdrop of the first ground familiarization static display of the MV-22 Osprey. The Army Space Soldiers who re-enlisted next to and even in the aircraft were Staff Sgt. Carlos Halsell, Staff Sgt. Joshua Bemis, Sgt. Michael Hwang, Spc. Clayton Nichols and Spc. Benjamin Bartlett.

“This was a unique opportunity,” said Halsell, squad leader SATCON controller supervisor. “When am I ever going to get another chance to be on an Osprey?”

After the traditional re-enlistment ceremonies, MCAS personnel answered all of Echo Company’s questions, which ranged from the Osprey primary mission uses to the types of weapon systems it can carry. The newest aircraft to join the Marine Corps inventory, the MV-22 Osprey flies twice as fast, carries three times the weight, and flies more than twice as high and six times farther than the dated helicopter (CH-46) it replaces.

Echo Company is one of five Wide-



Photo by Spc. Benjamin Bartlett

Capt. Jason Sharritt, right, E Company commander, reenlists Spc. Clayton Nichols, E Company, 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control), in the cockpit of a MV-22 Osprey at the Marine Corps Air Station, Okinawa, Japan, March 15. Nichols, a SATCON controller, was one of five Army satellite controllers who got the opportunity to reenlist with the Osprey as their backdrop.

band Satellite Communications Operations Centers located around the globe. Its mission is to control the communications payloads and communications transmissions of the Defense Satellite Communications Systems and Wideband Global SATCOM constellations; provide space situational awareness and defensive space control as directed by U.S. Strategic Command; and provide the assured wideband satellite

communication for Warfighters that is so important in today’s operational environments.

“The Soldiers and family members of Echo Company, 53rd Signal Battalion (SATCON), left MCAS with a broader understanding of the MV-22 Osprey and five highly dedicated Soldiers ready and willing to faithfully serve their country,” said Capt. Jason Sharritt, Echo Company commander.

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Inspection finds 'fully implemented' network security

By Carrie E. David
SMDC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command recently completed successful inspections of its Redstone Arsenal and Colorado Springs, Colo., unclassified network systems.

The Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process, or DIACAP, inspections were performed Feb. 18-22 for Colorado Springs and March 4-8 for Redstone Arsenal, and resulted in the expectation that both networks will retain their full authority to operate.

“There were zero Category I (greatest risk) findings out of 177 possible in both locations, and the security posture and processes were found to be fully implemented and well defined,” said Michael C. Redman, Command Senior Information Assurance manager, G-6.

DIACAP is a process by which information systems are certified for compliance with Department of Defense security requirements and accredited for operation by a designated official.

It provides visibility and control for the secure operation of DoD information systems.

An Agent of the Certifying Authority team performed the validation of all assets, which included multiple technical scans, a physical walk through, documentation reviews and personnel interviews.

“We expect a recommendation



G-6 leads command in Information Assurance

for a full three-year Authority to Operate,” said K. Belle Sandlin, Command Information Assurance program manager, G-6, and the command’s lead action officer for this project.

Networks must be certified every three years, so this is the maximum Authority to Operate issued. Other possible decisions the teams can make are: Interim Authorization to Operate or Denial of Authorization to Operate, both of which require additional work for the network owners.

“It was an outstanding collaborative effort by motivated G-6 team members from across the SMDC enterprise working together through a very difficult process of readying the command,” said Erbin Troutman, chief, Information Assurance and Security Division, G-6.

Col. Bennie Pokemire, deputy

chief of staff, G-6, said he was pleased with the outcome of the process.

“The ACA team was extremely impressed with the complete information assurance program, and highlighted the master documentation set that SMDC has developed and implemented,” said Pokemire. “The ACA said that we were one of the most compliant commands that they have inspected.

“SMDC has a worldwide operational mission supporting deployed Warfighters, and we must approach everything we do with that same operational mindset,” he continued. “The G-6 staff provides, maintains and protects network infrastructure to enable mission command and productivity.

“We have some amazing workers in the G-6 who are maintaining our networks to the highest standard,” Pokemire added.

Soldiers, spouses build Strong Bonds

**1st Lt. Raena Guerrero and
Sgt. 1st Class Rob Wayman
D Company, 53rd Signal Bn.**

WAHIAWA, Hawaii – On Jan. 2, the Soldiers and spouses of D Company learned that Chaplain (Capt.) William J. Sheets, 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control), would lead a marriage retreat in March.

This was to be the second in a four-part series titled, Five Love Languages, as part of the Strong Bonds Program, a chaplain-led program for commanders that builds relationship resiliency.

The Strong Bonds mission is to increase Soldier and family readiness through relationship education and skills training. Four Strong Bonds programs applied to the Army force generation cycle help single Soldiers, couples and families to thrive in the turbulence of the military environment.

Attendees voluntarily participate in a Strong Bonds offsite retreat designed to maximize relationship training impact.

The retreat provides an emotionally safe and secure training environment to address the effect of military lifestyle stressors.

Healthy relationships are important to the Army because they contribute to the maintenance of a healthy Army and a secure force. With increasing demands placed on Soldiers and families, to include both frequent deployments and duty relocations, intimate relationships are fully tested.

Research shows that training in communication skills, intimacy, and conflict management increases marital satisfaction and reduces rates of family violence. Building Army



Courtesy photo

Soldiers and spouses of D Company, 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control), spend time at a Strong Bonds retreat March 15-17. The Strong Bonds program is a chaplain-led program for commanders that builds relationship resiliency.

Family resiliency is part of a strategic approach to cope with the high operational demand placed on today's Army.

All 18 slots were filled quickly after the program was announced. Strong Bonds was scheduled to take place March 15-17, but fiscal uncertainty caused the program to be suspended.

Planning for Department of the Army civilian furloughs, hiring freezes and suspension of tuition assistance for Soldiers are some of the more widely known effects of the current budgetary climate. On March 8, all active component Strong Bonds events were officially temporarily suspended, as well.

"It was not easy explaining to the families and Soldiers that the Strong Bonds retreat had to be canceled, but they understood the dismal circumstances," said Capt. Rebecca L. Bort after a family readiness group meeting.

As tighter budgets have recently made such retreats scarce, service members and their spouses understand the opportunities are rare and should be taken when they arise.

"While I understand that the Army has to make adjustments based on the blanket cuts the government made, I think it is such a shame that this has to be one of the areas that gets hurt the most," said Stephanie Sorg-Kratt, an active member and co-leader of the unit FRG. "I am so grateful to the Army for all the opportunities that it has offered my family. What I don't think many people understand is that there are also sacrifices that have to be made. We are some of the lucky few where our husbands do not get deployed but they do spend a significant amount of time and energy at work.

"These retreats allow us all to take time to relax, reconnect, and learn some great tools to handle the many stresses that can come with being an Army family," she added.

On March 13, Bort said he received a phone call from Sheets saying the retreat was reinstated, but unfortunately, separated by land and sea, he would be unable to lead the event.

Instead, Chaplain (Capt.) Philip Jeon, a local chaplain from 307th Signal Battalion, accepted the last minute request to support and host this Strong Bonds event. The Soldiers and families were notified and all available slots were refilled.

The event took place at the J.W. Marriot Ihalani Ko Olina Resort where the couples arrived on March 15 for registration followed by dinner as a family. Childcare was provided and the first iteration of training began Friday evening.

On March 16, the families enjoyed breakfast together followed by the children attending daycare and the

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Technical Center lady STEMs out at work

By Carrie E. David
SMDC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.

– Despite a continuing disparity between the numbers of men and women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, one U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command employee was not going to be deterred.

Kenya T. McLin, an operations research analyst with SMDC's Technical Center, graduated summa cum laude from Tuskegee University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics. She said that her mother was her role model.

"My mother would definitely have to be the role model who encouraged me to enter into STEM," McLin said. "She kept suggesting that I pursue a 'technical degree' even though initially I had no idea what she meant."

McLin chose a mathematics degree at the beginning of her third year of undergraduate studies.

"My greatest impediment entering this field has been understanding the real-life applications for mathematics," McLin said. "All throughout school, I clearly understood 'how' to do the math, but I was not exposed to the 'why' and 'what' for mathematical concepts. 'Why is math so important?' and 'What do the calculations actually mean?' were two questions I consistently asked myself early in my government career."

McLin joined the federal workforce in December 2009 as a member of the Concepts Analysis Lab, but she currently works in the High Energy Laser Mobile Demonstrator program office.

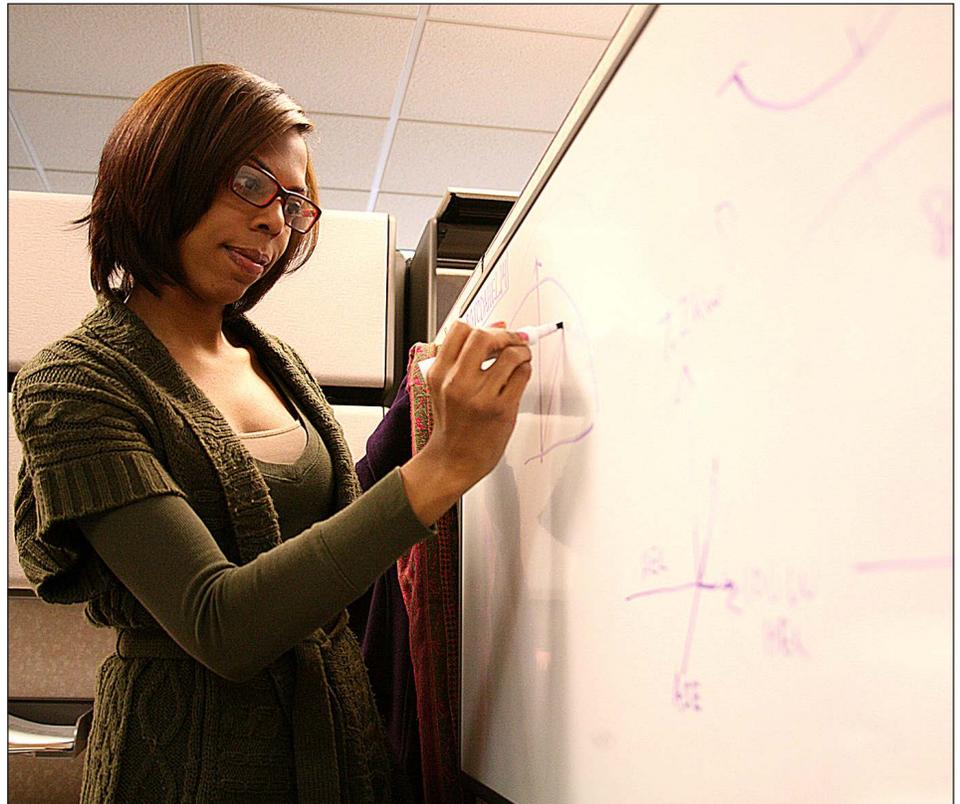


Photo by Carrie E. David

Kenya T. McLin, an operations research analyst with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's Technical Center, draws a diagram representing how a system operates. She chose to major in mathematics during her junior year of college.

She is responsible for the business operations with the HEL MD program, mainly data interpretation and analysis.

"Now, I have a clear, overall understanding of how our efforts work together for the best interest of our brave active-duty Soldiers," McLin said. "They are the reason I continue to work hard and put forth my best efforts."

March is Women's History Month, and the 2013 theme is "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics." Although McLin is just beginning her career, she has sound advice for female high school

and college students who have chosen a STEM path as well.

"Stay focused on the end goal, and do not give up at the first sign of difficulty," she said. "It may seem like a long, endless journey, but with commitment and dedication, the end reward will be great!"

McLin also encourages younger school-aged girls to seriously consider a career in STEM.

"This is undoubtedly a great field to go into. The STEM field is constantly growing and developing, which allows opportunity for innovation and creativity," she said. "Being in a male-dominated field might seem intimidating, but instead, use that fuel to ignite your fire."

American Freedom Festival hosts Trace Adkins

By Jason B. Cutshaw
SMDC Public Affairs

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – Trace Adkins, in support of service members and veterans, came to Huntsville to perform.

The American Freedom Foundation hosted its second American Freedom Festival March 22 at the Von Braun Center Probst Arena featuring country singer, Trace Adkins, better known for hits such as “You’re Gonna Miss This” and “Honky Tonk Badonkadonk.” The concert for veterans and service members helped benefit Still Serving Veterans as well as other Huntsville-area veteran organizations.

“The importance of today’s event is to educate this country about what kind of sacrifice veterans make,” said retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley, American Freedom Foundation co-founder. “To date, there have been nearly 40,000 wounded, 6,000 killed, 1,200 amputees and one in five have some form of post traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. Now let this sink in, the average age is 18-24. So what we are doing is about helping assist our veterans with whatever injuries they have and we do not want any to fall through any cracks in the system.

“We came back to Huntsville this year because this is a great, great community and we wanted to bring them another great show,” he added. “And whatever you do out there, please do not forget about your veterans.”

After retiring from the Army in 2004, Tilley, who also served as command sergeant major of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense



Photo by Dottie White

Trace Adkins performs March 22 at The American Freedom Foundation’s second American Freedom Festival in Huntsville at the Von Braun Center Probst Arena.

Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, began American Freedom Foundation, Inc., to honor the men and women of America’s armed forces, raise awareness for their service and sacrifice, and raise money for organizations that serve and support veterans, active-duty military and their families. Special emphasis is directed to the welfare of those wounded in action, those disabled and the family members of those killed in action.

Tilley also spoke of how proud he is that the American Freedom Foundation has teamed up with Kaplan University and given away more than \$1.5 million in scholarships for military spouses and dependents.

One of the local organizations that American Freedom Foundation has

teamed up with is Still Serving Veterans.

Founded in 2007, Still Serving Veterans has helped more than 8,000 veterans and their families in the local area connect with the services they need to deal with life-changing injuries while reintegrating into civilian lives and careers.

During Friday’s concert, Still Serving Veterans received a donation of \$25,000.

“This is not only a fundraiser, but a way to honor our veterans,” said William Webb, Still Serving Veterans president. “Trace Adkins has a heart for veterans, a number of his songs reflect that, and he understands that we need to be aware of the needs of

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On target for Alpha and Bravo companies



Courtesy photo

Soldiers of Alpha and Bravo companies, 53rd Signal Battalion (Satellite Control), test Soldier skills during a M203 Range at Fort Indian-town Gap, Pa., March 7. The Soldiers spent weeks prior reviewing fundamentals of the M203 grenade launcher, a single-shot weapon designed for use with the M16 series rifle and fires a 40 mm grenade with an effective range of approximately 350 yards. Five Soldiers qualified "Expert" and three qualified "Grenadier, First Class." According to officials from both companies, the purpose of the range enforces the SATCON Soldiers' Army warrior tasks and gives them confidence in their weapon system.

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second block of instruction. The day's events included several video presentations from Mark Gunger titled, "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage." There was also a video presentation by syndicated radio talk show host Dave Ramsey, covering the Financial Peace Plan.

The day's training concluded at noon in preparation for "Couples Night" – time scheduled to allow Soldiers and their spouses to spend some quality time together and reconnect, which is often difficult when balancing shift work, children and for some spouses school work, as well.

The retreat concluded March 17 with one final training session and an after action review.

"We were glad the Strong Bonds wasn't cancelled. After all the bad news about furloughs and tuition assistance, this event was a rewarding experience to our

family," said 1st Lt. Joseph Guerrero, husband of 1st Lt. Raena Guerrero, unit executive officer.

The Guerreros are a dual military couple and spent the last year apart while Joseph was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, making this event very significant to them both.

One of those who took part in the retreat said she enjoyed her time and was glad to be able spend some time relaxing, if only for a weekend.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to take part in the Strong Bonds retreat, our Soldiers work long hours and it's hard to find quality family/couple time," said Wendy Dienhart, FRG leader. "The training we received is a good reminder, even to those with the best relationships, that it takes work and thoughtfulness to make a successful marriage."

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our veterans. Still Serving Veterans gives us a chance to partner with the American Freedom Foundation, and we are all about helping veterans.

“Tonight is a great chance for us to raise awareness for our veterans,” he continued. “We have a few thousand fans who are coming to see Trace Adkins, and we have been able to give away a lot of tickets to our veterans.

“Our hero veterans have done noble things in treacherous places,” Webb added. “They deserve the best we can give them, and that is what Still Serving Veterans is all about. We are here to help them find post-military jobs and help them with their veteran benefits. We are thrilled every time we get to help our veterans.”

Since it began, SSV has been able to get veterans more than \$77 million in services and benefits.

Based in Huntsville, Still Serving Veterans helps veterans assess their vocational and counseling needs and then connects those veterans with existing federal, state and local support services.

One of the veterans present spoke about the organizations that have chosen to support veterans and what it means to have someone care about veterans returning home.

“The evidence is here to show that the community is very supportive of me and my fellow veterans,” said 20-year-old Marine Lance Cpl. Kendall Bane, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Corps Regiment, who received the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Afghanistan. “One of the great things about the country is that communities like this one are getting good at taking care of our wounded warriors.

“I am definitely looking forward to



Photo by Dottie White

Trace Adkins performs March 22 at The American Freedom Foundation's second American Freedom Festival in Huntsville at the Von Braun Center Probst Arena.

the concert and I want to thank everyone for their support,” he added.

The American Freedom Festival is a series of concerts that take place across the country featuring music performers, actors, athletes, dignitaries and other supporters, joining together to help support and fulfill the mission of the American Freedom Foundation.

“Tonight is another one of those nights in Huntsville where the community gathers in support of the American Freedom Foundation to support Soldiers, veterans and wounded warriors,” said Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and

For the organization websites visit:

www.americanfreedomfoundation.org

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Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. “This is another magnificent opportunity to do something that is fun and also supports our Soldiers. We are appreciative of the performers tonight, Still Serving Veterans, The American Freedom Foundation, all of the corporate sponsors, government officials and veterans who have reached out to put on this wonderful event.

“It was a great show last year and it will be even better this year with Trace Adkins,” he added. “We have a larger crowd this year, and I know it is going to be a fantastic concert.”

Opening up for Adkins was actress, and one of Country music's rising stars, Jana Kramer, best known for her single, “Why Ya Wanna.”

Adkins made his debut in 1995 with the album, “Dreamin' Out Loud.” He is also an author and an actor, both on television and in the movies. He can currently be seen on the TV show *Celebrity Apprentice*.

Adkins has released nine studio albums and 30 singles on the Country charts. His songs include; “Every Light in the House,” “(This Ain't) No Thinkin' Thing,” “I Left Something Turned On at Home,” “Rough & Ready,” “Ladies Love Country Boys,” “Marry for Money,” “Brown Chicken Brown Cow” and “Ala-Freakin-Bama,” among others.

During the show he played his hits as well as some new songs. He also took time to thank all the veterans, service members, and their families who have served the country.

Fighting to be the best



Photo by Maj. Guy Hayes
Sgt. Terry Hams, A Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, "attacks" his opponent while competing in the combatives tournament March 22 on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Hams won his bout with a technical knock-out in the first round.

Carleton retires



Photo by DJ Montoya

Col. James H. Jenkins III, deputy commander for operations, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, pins the Superior Civilian Service Award to Owen Carleton, intelligence specialist, during Carleton's retirement at the command's Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., headquarters March 21. Carleton retires with 40 years combined service – 27 in the Army and 13 as a federal civilian.

Murray retires



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Crane

Col. Gregory Bowen, right, former 100th Missile Defense Brigade commander, presents Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kale Murray with a memento during Murray's retirement ceremony March 22. During the ceremony, Murray's son, Pfc. Hayden Murray, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, watched the ceremony from Vicenza, Italy, via Skype. Hayden had just returned to Italy less than a week after being deployed for a year in Wardak Province of Afghanistan.

ASMDA to provide scholarships for Space Camp

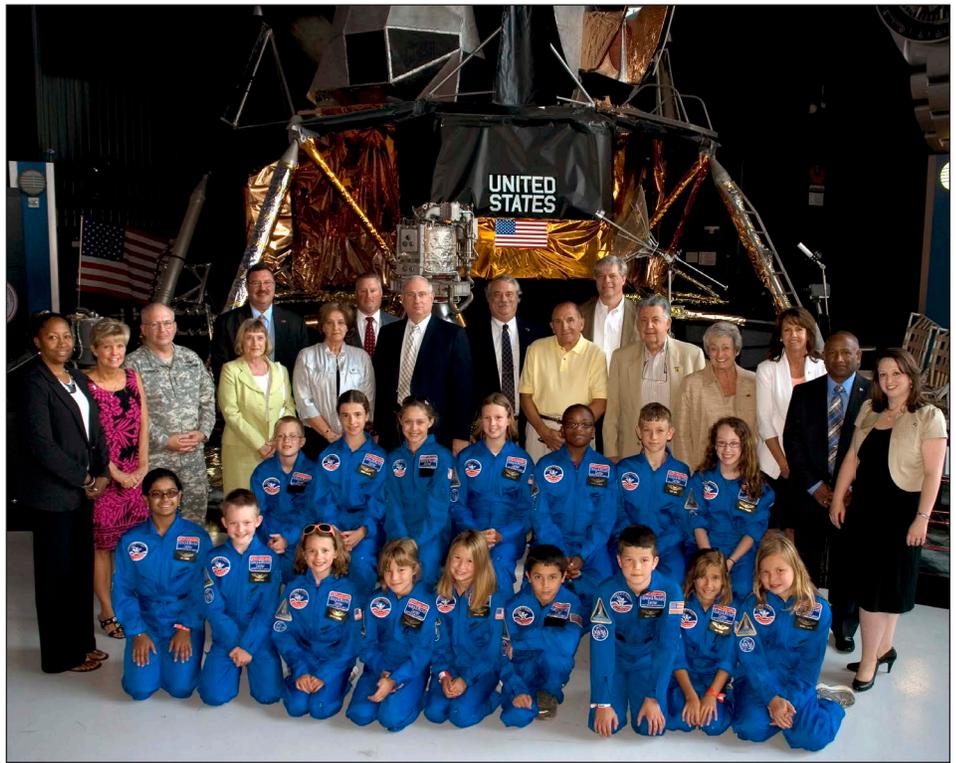
An ASMDA release

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Air, Space and Missile Defense Association is offering 16 scholarships for selected children to attend a one-week Space Camp this summer at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

These scholarships are open to any child, age 9-11, of a parent or guardian – military or civilian, including matrix personnel, and those that are contractors working for corporate members of ASMDA – and are currently assigned to U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Program Executive Office – Missiles and Space, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center or Missile Defense Agency. Government and military personnel must apply for free membership to ASMDA to be eligible.

The ASMDA scholarship includes one week at Space Camp (June 30 – July 5), round-trip airfare to and from parent's work location, Space Camp flight suit, Space Camp clothing package, phone card, small amount of spending cash, and any unaccompanied minor travel fees.

“We are very excited about the



File photo

Community leaders meet with 16 recipients of the 2012 Air, Space and Missile Defense Association Space Camp Scholarship. Deadline for the 2013 scholarships is May 1.

opportunity we are offering the Soldiers and employees of the ASMDA community,” said Larry Burger, ASMDA president. “The ability to provide this wonderful experience to 16 young children who probably would not otherwise have an opportunity to attend is very rewarding.”

As the timeline for receiving applications and awarding this summer's ASMDA scholarships is very tight, applications will not be accepted after the stipulated deadline of May 1.

The goal is to notify the winners starting May 24. Immediately following selection and acceptance, ASMDA will send an information

package and begin making flight reservations, if applicable.

Once selected by ASMDA, winners will be required to provide an attendance application (including a summer camp physical) to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. ASMDA scholarship application forms are available on the ASMDA website at www.asmda.us.

ASMDA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support US-ASMDC/ARSTRAT, PEO-M&S, JFCC IMD, AMRDEC, AMCOM, MSIC, NASA Marshall, and MDA in the attainment of their goals and visions.

Deadline for comments and submissions for the April 18 issue is April 12.

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