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## Cutting the cake



*U.S. Army photo*

**Staff Sgt. Clayton Mullins and his son, Caleb, cut a birthday cake during “payday activities” at the 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) Dec. 4 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Monthly, the brigade recognizes award recipients and birthdays for the month. Mullins, as well as Maj. Richard Michalski, Capt. Ronald Bailey and Staff Sgt. Kristine Bombard were recognized for their outstanding efforts during the most recent staff assistance visit conducted by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.**



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## SMDC displays pride in firsts



Photo by Mike Howard

Workers put the finishing touches on adding an image in the lobby display in Building 3, Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 11. The photo shows the first ground-based interceptor being placed in its silo at Fort Greely, Alaska, in 2004. The lobby display highlights the Army's firsts in space and missile defense.

## Colorado Springs, Huntsville offering space cadre course

The Army Space Cadre Basic Course is taught by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Directorate of Training and Doctrine and is the preferred space foundational course for Army military and civilian personnel.

The course is presented in two, one-week phases; Phase 1 must be completed first, but the two phases do not have to be completed in consecutive weeks.

The ASCBC provides an understanding of space concepts and capabilities for the Army Space Cadre. The two-week ASCBC also fulfills the education requirements for the Basic Space Badge and Level 1 Civilian Space Professional certification.

Additionally, the USASMDC/ARSTRAT Training and Leader Development Guidance states: "The Army Space Cadre Basic Course Phases 1 and 2 are required for all personnel assigned to space cadre positions who have not previously attended a foundational level space course. Phase 1 is required for all new SMDC personnel within one year of being hired."

With this in mind, all eligible employees are encouraged to complete the ASCBC as soon as possible. The next classes are in Colorado Springs, Jan. 7-18 and in Huntsville, May 6-17.

If you would like to attend, call (719) 554-1905 or e-mail [James.A.Schlichting.civ@mail.mil](mailto:James.A.Schlichting.civ@mail.mil).

# Deputy commanding general says farewell

**Brig. Gen. Timothy R. Coffin**  
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It's an honor to be associated with an organization that does what this command does for our country. Keeping our space and missile defense capabilities on the cutting edge of technology is no small accomplishment. The implications of failure in our missions of space support, satellite communications, missile warning and missile defense are troubling to ponder.

Next week, I depart for new challenges in my new job at Joint Functional Component Command for Space, and I can't depart without saying thank you to this command that I am so proud to serve with. I have known many of you for more than a decade, and I credit any success that I may have had to the vision, dedication and hard work of the team that makes up the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. I would be honored to serve with you again.

Our command has military, civilian, and contractor employees and families stationed in dozens of locations throughout the world. Many of our own will be on duty watching over us, our nation and our allies on Christmas and New Year's holidays. Instead of watching parades and sporting events or skiing and snowboarding with their families,



**Brig. Gen. Timothy R. Coffin**  
*Deputy Commanding General for Operations*

they monitor their station and exchange holiday greetings with their coworkers instead of family as they stand ready, on watch, for the nation.

Our relationships extend beyond the boundaries of our command. The Air Force, Army, Navy, Reserves and National Guard all cooperate to provide space and missile defense capabilities to the Warfighter and the nation. So please remember our Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who volunteer and step up to serve.

Also remember their families who remain home and will be alone this holiday season – the parents, spouses, children and siblings.

Not only have we worked throughout the year delivering security to our nation, we have also been

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through some trying times. With fires, floods, and super storms, 2012 was a challenging year for our families and our nation. Our hearts went out to the many victims.

Amidst the many challenges we also have plenty to celebrate. The communities and residents where our Soldiers and civilians live and work, came together to help each other. We look forward to continuing and expanding our relationships and partnerships. We will continue to work together, day-in and day-out, when there is a need to support civil authorities, our military services in combat, and in disaster relief.

There is so much more to say, but for now let me leave it at this: Thank you and happy holidays.

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# Command welcomes warriors home

## ARSSTs 11, 21 and family recognized

DJ Montoya  
SMDC Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** – The 1st Space Brigade welcomed home two six-member Army Space Support Teams – one from the 1st Space Battalion and the other from the 117th Space Battalion (Colorado Army National Guard) – during a ceremony at the Peterson Club here Dec. 6.

“One thing that is unique about this ceremony is that these teams are made up of citizen Soldiers,” said Col. James Meisinger, commander, 1st Space Brigade. “ARSST 11 from the 1st Space Battalion is made up of Army Reserve (Soldiers), and ARSST 21 is Army National Guard.

“It doesn’t take a study of history to realize this nation has never won a war without full participation of the Guard and Reserve,” he added. “That is the great thing about these two teams.”

Lt. Col. Patrick Mullin, commander of the 1st Space Battalion, pointed to the fact that this ceremony was not only about the teams and their accomplishments but that of the family members in attendance.

“Here, today, we have mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and sons and daughters of these Soldiers,” Mullin said. “I think it is extremely important that we recognize your sacrifice, because without your support these Soldiers could not have accomplished the great things that they have done.

“A few weeks ago Sgt. Maj. Mar-



DJ Montoya

*Col. James Meisinger, commander, 1st Space Brigade, addresses a crowd of peers and family members during a welcome home ceremony at The Club, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., on Dec. 6 for two six-member Army Space Support Teams - ARSST 11 from the 1st Space Battalion and ARSST 21 from the 117th Space Battalion (Colorado Army National Guard). The two teams returned from duty in Afghanistan. ARSSTs support the Warfighter on the ground by delivering space-based capabilities such as satellite communications, position, navigation and timing, space weather, and satellite imagery.*

cus Jones and I had the distinct opportunity to travel to Afghanistan and listen first-hand to the Army Space Support Teams currently in theater,” he added.

Mullin talked about all they had done and how their accomplishments will be long remembered in Afghanistan.

“The accomplishments these teams have made are evident. The teams that have taken over for them gave us a full rundown on the things they have been doing,” Mullin said. “And I can assure you they have made a big impact.”

Maj. Joseph Paladino, executive officer, 117th Space Bn., praised the Soldiers for the excellent job they

did while deployed.

“They learned every job and never ceased to amaze us in how well they integrated space-based capabilities across the entire spectrum,” Paladino said.

Afterward both Mullin and Paladino received their battalion’s mission coin from their respective team leaders – Maj. Zachary Conly, team leader for ARSST 11, and Maj. Jason Griffith, team leader for ARSST 21.

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# Winning hearts, minds and basketball

By Capt. Michael Odgers  
100th Missile Defense Brigade

**SHARIKI, Japan** – Detachment 10, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (Ground-based Midcourse Defense) Soldiers and civilians working at the Shariki Communications site here, took first place in a basketball tournament at the local community center Nov. 25.

For a small community of less than 5,000, turnout was high with fans and families filling the bleachers to watch. The tournament was a group effort. Those who were not playing were refereeing or keeping score.

The Soldiers and civilians working at the site have been playing basketball with the local community twice a week for several years now. The Americans have often offered to mix teams up, but the locals prefer to keep their own teams. While the play has been competitive, it has been very friendly and the U.S. participation has helped to increase community relations in this small town.

“I didn’t realize basketball was so popular here,” remarked Sgt. Michael Skeen the detachment supply sergeant. “I didn’t even bring basketball shoes. I was told this was a remote fishing village with minimal amenities.”

What Shariki lacks in amenities it makes up in community spirit. There are community events all around



*Courtesy photo*

*Members of the Shariki Communication Site participate in a basketball tournament at the Shariki Community Center with local Japanese nationals Nov. 25. Shariki is a small fishing and agricultural village located in the Aomori Prefecture of the Island of Honshu. The site houses an AN/TPY-2 radar, which provides radar data for both regional and homeland missile defense.*

the Aomori Prefecture in which the site members participate. They participate in a multitude of community events every year: the Bug and Fire Festival, Nobuta

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## First among the top



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Duane Ostrowski*

**Command Sgt. Maj. Pamela Harrington, Alaska Army National Guard, state command sergeant major, announces the First Sergeant of the Year for 2012, 1st Sgt. Maureen Meehan, first sergeant, Alpha Company (Military Police), 49th Missile Defense Battalion. During the selection process, all first sergeants in the Alaska Army National Guard were evaluated on leadership traits and accomplishments.**

## Preparing for the season



*Photo by Mike Howard*

**Doug Thompson and Vivian Gordon arrange Christmas decorations for the lobby of Building 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 7. Thompson, directorate of contracting, and Gordon, G-3, assisted in annual decoration party to gear up for the holiday party Dec. 17.**

# Former commander celebrates 97th birthday

By Jason B. Cutshaw  
SMDC Public Affairs

**MADISON, Ala.** – Friends, community members and leaders from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command gathered Nov. 17 to wish retired Brig. Gen. Ivey O. Drewry Jr., an early 97th birthday.

In June 1962, a then Col. Drewry came to Redstone Arsenal to serve as the project manager of the Nike-Zeus project. While at the arsenal, he would become the third commander of what is now USASMDC/ARSTRAT.

Friends and family members sang along as members of the Army Materiel Command Band played “Happy Birthday” for the retired brigadier general.

“I am amazed,” said Drewry, who was born in Birmingham on Dec. 17, 1915. “This was totally unexpected. I can’t believe this. I want to thank everyone for coming today. I am honored.

“I can’t explain 97 years,” he added. “I’ve never known anyone this old before to ask them anything about life. I am truly blessed to be here.”

The system Drewry helped developed was ultimately deployed at the Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex near Grand Forks, N.D. Although operational for only a short time as an antiballistic missile defense system, part of the complex continues in operation today as an early warning, deep space tracking component.

In 1965, Drewry was awarded the Toftoy Award for outstanding tech-



Courtesy photo

**Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, left, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Turner, right, USASMDC/ARSTRAT command sergeant major, wish retired Brig. Gen. Ivey O. Drewry Jr. an early 97th birthday Nov. 17 in Madison, Ala. Drewry was born in Birmingham on Dec. 17, 1915. He came to Redstone Arsenal in June 1962 to serve as the project manager of the Nike-Zeus project. While at the arsenal, he would become the third commander of what is now USASMDC/ARSTRAT.**

nical management by the Alabama section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He was the first military person to receive this honor.

On Sept. 1, 1966, Drewry was promoted to brigadier general, and on July 31, 1969, he retired from the Army. In June 1990, he received the National Space Club’s John B. Medaris Award for Army Achievement in Space.

As people gathered for the birthday celebration, a friend said one of the reasons it was held early was because with the upcoming holiday season, this was the best time everyone could come together to show their appreciation for Drewry.

“I love him, he’s one of the nicest people you could ever meet,” retired Lt. Col. Stephen Lee said. “He’s a class act and a gentleman of the first degree. We sit here and pontificate every Saturday and solve all

the world’s problems.

“I have built up a great respect for him,” he added. “He deserves this and I am glad I could be a part of this great event to honor this great man.”

The current SMDC leader took the time to honor one of the command’s pioneers and show his appreciation for all Drewry has done, not only for the Army and the command, but also for the nation.

“We’re here to celebrate the 97th birthday of (Brig. Gen.) Drewry,” said Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, SMDC commanding general. “I just wanted to come by and do that command connection and honor this public servant for all he has done.

“I was walking in the office and ran into Mr. Lee who knew Col. Drewry, who commanded USASMDC/ARSTRAT in one of its precedes-

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## Commending service



Photo by Carrie David

**Capt. Darin Lindon, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, pins the Army Commendation Medal on Staff Sgt. Cecil Graham, also with HHC, during a ceremony at the command's Redstone Arsenal headquarters Nov. 26. For more images, visit our Flickr page at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/armysmdc/sets/72157632110574002>.**

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festivals, sports competitions, and they are involved in numerous events with the nearby Japanese Self-Defense Force Base.

The local community has done much to make the site members feel welcome. The local Japanese Self-Defense Force Base includes the site in many of its social events. The local police chief and mayor meet quarterly with the detachment commander to discuss things that affect the community.

The Shariki Communication site is austere at best. It houses the AN/TPY-2 radar that provides radar data for regional and homeland missile defense. It has none of the amenities other military bases have. The nearest U.S. base, Misawa Air Base, is more than three hours away. Those serving at the site must get the majority of their day-to-day needs from the local community.

Next on their social agenda is a traditional mochi pounding ceremony. Mochi is a moldable sticky mass made from pounding cooked rice with a mallet. Two people work together, one pounding, the other flipping the mass of sticky rice. Mochi is used in a variety of dishes and is even filled with ice cream.

## G-8: Concern over government travel card

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command government travel card delinquencies total \$37,000 for the month of November, with 47 percent of the total delinquency arising from headquarters and staff accounts, and 53 percent from Colorado Springs, Colo., 1st Space Brigade accounts.

E-mail notifications are sent to

the traveler and approving official when accounts are in pre-suspension (45 days past due), suspension (60 days past due), and canceled (126 days past due). In addition, the agency program coordinator reports cancelled GTC accounts to the major subordinate elements/director of the traveler who incurred the delinquency.

Preventing and clearing GTC

delinquencies is a command priority, and requires the GTC holder to monitor their account activity. Reconciling travel settlements with credit card statements is the responsibility of the traveler.

Approving officials and supervisors of travelers with delinquent amounts should work with their travelers to clear the delinquencies immediately upon notification.

# Today in SMDC/ARSTRAT history

**Sharon Watkins Lang**  
**SMDC Command Historian**

The year 1985 was a pivotal year for the Army space program. An Army Space Council was established at the Department of the Army level. The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command began to explore the doctrine and concepts for space support to Army operations and the Army released its first Army Space Policy in June.

Later that year, in September, the Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established the Joint U.S. Space Command, a unified command responsible for space operations, surveillance, early-warning and ballistic missile defense operational planning.

With so much occurring in this new arena, in May 1985, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army General Maxwell Thurman directed the deputy chief of staff for Operations and Plans to establish an Army Space Initiatives Study.

Headed by Brig. Gen. William J. Fiorentino, Deputy Ballistic Missile Defense Program manager, this group of 30 officers from across the Army met for six months to assess how the Army should use space and determine its role in space through the first quarter of the 21st century.

With the foundation established by the Army Space Policy that stated that, "The Army will exploit space in order to enhance the capabilities of all Army elements – at tactical, oper-

ational, and strategic levels of war," the ASIS sought to coordinate the space missions that were distributed across several Army commands. On Dec. 13 the ASIS team published the results of their study in the Army Space Master Plan.

The report recognized the potential for space at all levels, both at war and in peace for Army missions across the spectrum. To rectify this situation the ASIS master plan submitted 203 recommendations to improve and focus the Army's organization and application of space with regard to "materiel investment, personnel education, training, career management, and organizational structure."

Among these are the nine actions summarized by the Army Space Reference Text:

- \* Designate Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff – Operations as the senior staff proponent for space in Headquarters DA.

- \* Designate the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., as the Army proponent for space and the lead school for combat developments and space education.

- \* Form an Army Space Command as the Army component of the U.S. Space Command.

- \* Integrate space into Army doctrine.

- \* Designate the Army Materiel Command as the responsible command for the management and development of space research and development in the Army.

- \* Conduct Mission Area Analyses to determine the potential usage of space capabilities in the Army.

- \* Train Army personnel on space and space systems.

- \* Establish an Additional Skill Identifier to identify and track personnel with experience, education and training in space systems.

Within the year, some of these initiatives were implemented. The 3Y identifier, for example, was adopted in June 1986 and that month, ODCS-OPS was made the DA proponent for space. The Army Space Institute was also established at the Combined Arms Center and U.S. Space Command, was redesignated the U.S. Army Space Agency in 1986.

USASA became the Army Space Command in 1988 and later would become a component of the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command, which then become the current U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command in 1992.

In 1992, the commander of SSDC was identified as "the Army's focal point for space and strategic defense matters ... responsible for exploitation of space and strategic assets for use by warfighting CINCs [Commanders in Chief]."

Over the last two decades, the command and the Army have worked continually to formalize and operationalize Army space implementing and expanding upon concepts initiated with the 1985 Army Space Initiatives Study.

Deadline for comments and submissions for the Jan. 10 issue is Jan. 4.  
Please submit to Jason Cutshaw at [Jason.Cutshaw@us.army.mil](mailto:Jason.Cutshaw@us.army.mil).

## Operation Christmas Bear



Photo by Jason B. Cutshaw

Sgt. 1st Class Victor Marzan, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and family members came together to help children decorate shirts Dec. 8 during Operation Christmas Bear in Huntsville. Operation Christmas Bear was conceived after 9/11 to provide an afternoon of Christmas fun and activities for the families of deployed Soldiers, Marines, sailors, airmen and deployed civilian employees.

## Awarding Excellence



U.S. Army photo

Col. Jim Pruneski, chief of the Army Central Command Space Support Element, praises the many accomplishments of Maj. Dave Pyatt and Maj. Noel Barber at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, on Dec. 4. Pyatt and Barber were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their outstanding service while providing continuous space support operations to the Third Army command and staff during their nine-month deployment at ARCENT's forward operational command post.

## Moving on up



Photo by Sgt. Benjamin Crane

Lt. Col. Chad Witt's daughter, Kathryn, puts on her dad's new rank during his promotion ceremony Nov. 30. Witt is a missile defense element crew director with the 100th Missile Defense Brigade. For more photos, visit the Flickr photo set on SMDC's page: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/armysmdc/sets/72157632162876560/>.

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### 33 years of service



*Photo by Carrie David*

**Col. Eric Handy, division chief, G-31 Training and Exercise Division, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, presents Teri Mayo, chief, Civilian Workforce Development Branch, and her husband, Charles, a retirement pin during a ceremony at the command's Redstone Arsenal headquarters Nov. 30. Mayo retires with 33 years of service.**

### Major promotion



*Courtesy photo*

**Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, presents a promotion certificate signed by the commander-in-chief to Maj. John Moore during his promotion ceremony at the command's Redstone Arsenal headquarters Nov. 27.**

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sor organizational formations a long time ago," he added. "He mentioned that they were having a 97th birthday party and I asked if we could come by and honor him, too. So we are here to see retired Brig. Gen. Drewry and celebrate with him."

SMDC's senior enlisted Soldier was also present to honor Drewry and thank him for his service to the country and to the Soldiers he commanded.

"It is a good thing to celebrate his life and his service," SMDC Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Turner said. "I hope I can live that long and be honored as he is being honored. It

is a great thing to come out and celebrate 97 years of life and a career of service."

With so many people honoring the general, Drewry's son thanked all those who took the time to come out and honor his father and make it a very special occasion for him.

"His neighbors and friends really admire him," said son Ivey O. Drewry III. "He is where they would like to be. He still has his senses; he's still healthy; and he's still having a good time. He represents to them the goal of life. He still goes to breakfast with his friends and he still plays poker once a month.

"For him, it's great to be around such young people," he added. "And I'm talking young like their 70s and 80s. For them, it's nice to be around someone who is older and still active. He still tells them stories about his time in the service."

The son said his father was overjoyed and expressed how much it meant to him to have everyone come celebrate the occasion.

"He deserves this," Drewry said. "He is one of the forgotten heroes, and he has done great things. He truly appreciates this, and I will hear about it all the way home and for a long time after."

# Tips to help “Deck the Halls” safely

The holiday season means road trips, package wraps and ribbons, a fully trimmed tree and many challenges. Consider these few tips for planning and safety this holiday season.



## Safety Checklist before the Holidays

- ◆ Put any fuel that can catch on fire in a safe container outside the home.
- ◆ Test the home’s multipurpose fire extinguisher.
- ◆ Test the batteries in the fire alarm.
- ◆ Clear any clutter out of escape routes from the home.
- ◆ If toddlers will be visiting, install safety gates at tops and bottoms of stairs.
- ◆ Check throw rugs for non-slip backings.
- ◆ Put nightlights in hallways.
- ◆ Test the ground fault circuit interrupters, both indoors and outside.

## Holiday Decorations and Tree Trimming

- ◆ Before buying a live tree, bend some needles in half. If they break easily or do not spring back, the tree is too dry.
- ◆ At home, put the Christmas tree in a non-tip stand and keep filled with water.

- ◆ Place it at least three feet away from a heat source, and near electrical outlets.
- ◆ Before stringing on the lights, inspect the bulbs, sockets and cords for damage. Never put candles on a tree.
- ◆ String no more than three strands of lights together.
- ◆ If buying a decorative plant for the holidays, ask the florist if it is poisonous to kids or pets. Keep questionable plants out of children’s reach.

## Reach For The Star - But Don’t Reach Far!

- ◆ Face a ladder while climbing,

and wear non-slip soles.

- ◆ When reaching to crown a tree with an ornament, keep the body centered on the ladder.
- ◆ On a stepladder, stand no higher than the second rung from the top.
- ◆ When nailing Santa onto the roof, remember that the highest safe standing level of an extension ladder is the third rung from the top.
- ◆ Place an outdoor ladder well away from power lines, on level ground.

## Great Safety Gifts to Give and Get

- ◆ Smoke alarm
- ◆ Cooking thermometer
- ◆ Car emergency kit
- ◆ Reaching aids
- ◆ Safety glasses/goggles
- ◆ Escape ladder
- ◆ Fire extinguisher
- ◆ Carbon monoxide detector

*Make sure to keep these safety tips in mind and keep the holidays a joyous occasion for everyone.*

## Cookie exchange



Photo by Mike Howard

*Maj. Courtney Henderson, right, G-31, digs in on some sweets during the 1st Annual Cookie Exchange in Building 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 7. Capt. Laura O’Donnell and Maj. Karan Riddle, Command Council Office, wait their turn. Event organizer Michele Berkowitz, G-1, said the exchange is intended to encourage “just doing something fun together.”*