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SMDC celebrates Army's 238th Birthday, unveils new colors



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Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, left, commanding general of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and USASMDC/ARSTRAT Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross, uncased the command's new colors with Sgt. 1st Class Victor Marzan, right, during an Army Birthday celebration at Von Braun III auditorium June 14. The command was combined in 2006 and has used two separate colors since then. The new colors signify one command. See story on Page 3.



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Officers selected for O-5

Congratulations to the following SMDC officers on their selection for promotion to lieutenant colonel: Joseph Bethel, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Shawn Hebert, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll; Jerry Diamond, Colorado Springs; Joshua Nagtzaam, Colorado Springs; Jeffrey Sheehan, Colorado Springs; Courtney Henderson, Colorado Springs; William Starr, Huntsville, Ala.; Christopher Marchetti, Huntsville.

The command also congratulates the following FA40

officers outside the command also selected for promotion: Jarrett Moses, Colorado Springs; Timothy Bean, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Craig Blando, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; Alexander Brasko, Stuttgart, Germany; Diana Loucks, Fort Carson, Colo.; Steven Moseley, Monterey, Calif.; David Mulack, Fort Knox, Ky.; Stephen Parrish, Vandenberg AFB; Thomas Pugsley, Hawaii; David Roux, Fort Meade, Md.; and Matthew Schreiber, the Pentagon.

Space training opportunity for Soldiers and civilians

Constraints are providing Army personnel the opportunity to attend space-related training that otherwise may not be available.

There is an opportunity for the remaining fiscal year 2013 Space 200 and Space 300 classes, for the Army's service members and civilians.

Civilians are not prohibited from attending these classes, but they will need to consider furlough restrictions and discuss this with their supervisor.

Those interested in attending should contact his or her unit's

training noncommissioned officer or Jim Schlichting at James.A.Schlichting.civ@mail.mil or (719) 554-1905).

Space 200 (Prerequisite: E-5 and above)

Class 13M (July 9-Aug. 1)

Class 13N (July 23-Aug. 15)

Class 13O (Aug. 6-Aug. 29)

Class 13Q (Sept. 4-Sept. 27)

Space 300 (Prerequisite: E-7 and above; must have completed Space 200)

Class 13J (July 8-26)

Class 13K (Aug. 5-23)

Class 13L (Sept. 9-27)

SMDC hosts Bible study

The SMDC's Chaplain's Office in Huntsville, Ala., hosts a weekly Bible study Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room

1054. It is open to everyone, and participants may bring a lunch.

For more information, call (256) 955-1078.

SMDC celebrates historical day around the world

Jason B. Cutshaw
SMDC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – Soldiers, civilians and friends of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command celebrated the Army's 238th birthday June 14 and also the uncasing of the command's new colors.

USASMD/ARSTRAT celebrated the Army's birthday across eight time zones and the international dateline via video teleconference. The command welcomed co-workers and Army family members in Arlington and Fort Eustis, Va.; Omaha, Neb.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Fort Greely, Alaska; Stuttgart, Germany; Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; Fort Detrick, Md.; Okinawa, Japan; and the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"We are thrilled to be connected by video teleconference with elements of the command around the globe, and to all of you in SMDC/ARSTRAT around the world serving 24/7/365, happy Army birthday," said Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, SMDC commanding general. "We are honored to have all of the veterans, both here and in Colorado Spring, with us as we celebrate the Army's 238th birthday. We know that in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard all of us ride on the backs of those who served ahead of us. We will never forget your service to our country.

"For us here today, let us never forget that the Warfighters in the field are who we serve and why we serve," he added.

The ceremony marked the day the command officially adopted the new SMDC colors. Seven years ago the Army implemented a transformation as outlined in the Army Campaign Plan. The new force structure would better support the modular concept for the new Army. At that time, major Army commands were eliminated and replaced with Army commands, Army service component commands and direct reporting units. In October 2006, as part of this initiative, SMDC was formally designated an ASCC to U.S. Strategic Command.

In response to this transformation, the Institute of Heraldry subsequently redesigned command colors to reflect the new Army structure. As an ASCC, the command's new colors consist of the shoulder sleeve



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Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross, command sergeant major, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Royal Lewis, a World War II and the Korean War combat veteran, cut the command's Army birthday cake June 14. SMDC celebrated with command units located across eight time zones and the international date line.

insignia with the command's designator in a scroll on the national flag blue background. At the request of the command, its full name has been incorporated into a double scroll.

"Today represents the two facets of our command being represented into one representative set of colors," Formica said. "We have taken this day to renew our commitment to our service as Soldiers and civilians. Let us never forget our past and let us always look to the future."

SMDC welcomed veterans from the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home and the Legacy for Korean War Veterans organization in Huntsville, and the Bruce McCandless State Veterans Home in Colorado. The command thanked them for their service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and let them know they will always be a member of America's armed forces family.

"The way SMDC has supported the vets today is great,"

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NASA selects new astronaut class

NASA Public Affairs

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, Texas – After an extensive year-and-a-half search, NASA has a new group of potential astronauts who will help the agency push the boundaries of exploration and travel to new destinations in the solar system. Eight candidates have been selected to be NASA's newest astronaut trainees.

The 2013 astronaut candidate class comes from the second largest number of applications NASA ever has received – more than 6,100. The group will receive a wide array of technical training at space centers around the globe to prepare for missions to low-Earth orbit, an asteroid and Mars.

“These new space explorers asked to join NASA because they know we’re doing big, bold things here – developing missions to go farther into space than ever before,” said NASA Administrator Charles Bolden. “They’re excited about the science we’re doing on the International Space Station and our plan to launch from U.S. soil to there on spacecraft built by American companies. And they’re ready to help lead the first human mission to an asteroid and then on to Mars.”

The two Army astronaut candidates will be assigned to the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's NASA Detachment in Houston.

The first Army astronaut selectee is Maj. Anne C. McClain. She lists her hometown as Spokane, Wash. She is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.;



Photo by Jason B. Cutshaw

Army Astronaut Col. Shane Kimbrough, right, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's NASA Detachment, speaks with Maj. Anne C. McClain, who was recently selected as one of NASA's newest astronaut trainees, during a recruiting visit to Redstone Arsenal, Ala., on Jan. 20, 2012.

the University of Bath and the University of Bristol, both in the United Kingdom. McClain is an OH-58 helicopter pilot and a recent graduate of U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.

The second Army astronaut selectee is Maj. Andrew R. Morgan, M.D. He considers New Castle, Pa., home. Morgan is a graduate of The U.S. Military Academy at West Point and earned a doctorate in medicine from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md. He has experience as an emergency physician and flight surgeon for the Army special operations community, and currently is completing a sports medicine fellowship.

The new astronaut candidates will begin training at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston beginning in August.

“This year we have selected eight highly-qualified individuals who have demonstrated impressive strengths academically, operationally and physically,” said Janet Kavandi, director of Flight Crew Operations at Johnson Space Center. “They have diverse backgrounds and skill sets that will contribute greatly to the existing astronaut corps. Based on their incredible experiences to date, I have every confidence that they will apply their combined expertise and talents to achieve great things for NASA and this country in the pursuit of human exploration.”

Army space warriors stay SHARP

DJ Montoya
SMDC Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Army space Soldiers from the 1st Space Brigade stood-down June 20 for Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, training at the Peterson Base theater.

Their mission is to respond immediately to and defeat sexual harassment and the crime of sexual assault. This action enables military readiness, protects the force, and provides a safe/healthy environment.

Soldiers from the brigade received opening remarks from executive officer Lt. Col. Jennifer L. Adams-Buckhouse and Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas L. Eagan.

Quoting from recently published Army statistics on sexual assault, Adams-Buckhouse said, “From fiscal year 2006 to 2011, the Army had 2,683 rape offenses committed by 2,273 offenders. You sit there and think to yourself, there is a four hundred number gap. That means that there are repeat offenders. That is astonishing and mind numbing.”

Eagan during his remarks stressed the importance of the day’s subject matter by saying, “Folks, I guarantee I am going to be engaged in this. I said 22 months ago when I first came to this assignment ‘blue-on-blue’ is non-negotiable. Leaders, if you are not dealing with this, then you have no place in this command.”



Photo by DJ Montoya

Lt. Col. James W. Crossley (left of tree), 1st Space Brigade S-3, leads a discussion with Soldiers from the brigade during a mandatory Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention training stand-down at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., June 20.

In a video message from the 1st Space Brigade commander, Col. James R. Meisinger said, “SHARP incidents are a violation of Army values; they are a violation of our oath to the Constitution; and they are a psychological form of fratricide. Perpetrators absolutely will not be tolerated. Victims are going to be protected, heard, and they are going to be assumed credible.”

Meisinger stressed the point that the victims are going to be assumed credible from the get go.

“They are going to be fully supported throughout the whole process. If there is going to be any

inconvenience it is not going to be to the victim, it is going to be to the perpetrator,” he said.

Members of the brigade then viewed the 2012 documentary on sexual assault in the U.S. military entitled “The Invisible War.”

Afterwards, Soldiers, along with Department of Army civilians in the brigade, broke into small groups where assigned leaders held discussions covering talking points dealing with: I.A.M. STRONG Campaign; Army Values; individual responsibility maintaining climate of dignity/respect; and consequences for sexually based offenses.

Deadline for comments and submissions for the July 11 issue is July 5.

Please submit to Jason B. Cutshaw at Jason.B.Cutshaw.civ@mail.mil.

Command welcomes new logo, SSI

Sharon Watkins Lang
SMDC command historian

In conjunction with the introduction of the new command colors on June 14, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command will begin a phased transition to a new command logo.

The logo will be the command's shoulder sleeve insignia, which is featured on the colors, the civilian pins and the uniforms of the command's Soldiers.

The shoulder sleeve insignia, designed by The Institute of Heraldry, has been the official command identifier since March 1996. The symbolism of the insignia can be found on many levels.

The color scheme – red, white and blue – repeats the national colors. Another national symbol, the eagle is the central focus of the insignia. It denotes both freedom and constant



The new U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command shoulder sleeve insignia and command logo.

vigilance. The grid-lined sphere beneath the eagle symbolizes the global scope of the command's mission.

Finally, the flashes on either side represent both an "all encompassing

strike capability and quick response."

The command has begun to implement the changeover with the electronic media. The new command logo and master slide template are already available on the command's CommandNet and SharePoint.

Given the current economic climate, one of the goals is to continue to be good stewards of the nation's resources. There is no need to remove or dispose of items simply because they incorporate the former logo. These still represent an important era in the command's history.

All on-hand expendable resources (for example stationery, notepads, business cards, fact sheets, etc.) will be exhausted before new materials are purchased or produced.

Guidance is currently being prepared to elaborate upon the multi-year phased transition and should be available soon.

SMDC begins Army birthday with Team Redstone



Photo by Jason B. Cutshaw

Soldiers, civilians and family members from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command joined Team Redstone as units from across Redstone Arsenal, Ala., began the Army's 238th birthday with a run and walk June 14.

SMDC History: SMDC transitions to Alabama

Sharon Watkins Lang
SMDC command historian

The command colors played an important role during this year's celebration of the Army Birthday at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

During the birthday event the two former command colors were officially cased while the new command colors was introduced.

Six years ago, the command colors also played an important role in the history of USASMDC/ARSTRAT.

As the command celebrated its 50th anniversary, the headquarters officially transferred from Arlington, Va., back to Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

This transfer was part of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's November 2005 recommendations to streamline the Department of Defense's infrastructure and force structure.

The identified commands had until September 2007 to begin closing and realigning installations. SMDC, however, took initiative and completed the transfer ahead of schedule in June of that year.

With the BRAC, 180 positions transferred to Huntsville and 33 employees moved to Alabama with the command.

On June 26, 2007, an uncasing ceremony marked the completed transfer. With the SMDC Color



File photo

Assisted by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Color Guard stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo., Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell, USASMDC/ARSTRAT then commanding general, and former SMDC Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja uncasing the first command colors June 26, 2007, officially relocating the command's headquarters to Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Guard, Lt. Gen. Kevin Campbell and Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja, who had assumed his responsibilities earlier in the event, officially unfurled the colors during a ceremony in the Sparkman Center's Bob Jones auditorium.

"Today, BRAC becomes a reality as we start a new chapter in the life of the Space and Missile Defense Command," Campbell said. "Today, we continue to build on the bonds formed after almost 50 years of service to our nation."

Following the ceremony Campbell and Borja, along with Soldier of the Year Sgt. Martin Jensen and

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Patrick Mann cut a cake decorated with the logo for the USAMDC/ARSTRAT's 50th anniversary.

At the time, both Soldiers were assigned to C Company, 53rd Signal Battalion, 1st Space Brigade.

The day's celebrations continued with a "Hail to SMDC" luncheon to welcome the headquarters to Huntsville. Hosted by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commence the luncheon was attended by more than 1,000 people. Campbell was the guest speaker and honoree on behalf of the command.

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said Korean War veteran Glenn Phares. "This is really an eye opener, and we've been really impressed. The people have absolutely treated us with respect and without question they have been really nice to us all.

"This is a spectacular event and we certainly appreciate the chance to come out here today," he added. "Thank you to everyone involved."

The Army birthday is also recognized as Flag Day -- a day to honor the symbol of the nation. During the ceremony, Sgt. Flanity Briones, from the 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, led the command in the Pledge of Allegiance. She was followed by Spc. Jamisson Hiffner, of the 1st Space Brigade in Colorado Springs, who led Soldiers across the command in reciting the Soldier's Creed.

The Army relies on many people, and civilians in the workforce also play significant roles in the Army's success by providing expertise and continuity. To show their support during the ceremony, Kenya McLin, SMDC Technical Center, and Ivens Jean, SMDC Future Warfare Center, recited the Army Civilian Corps Creed.

"It was an honor to be a part of this ceremony," Jean said. "As a civilian team member, I feel like an integral part of the Army team. We are here for the Warfighter. For me, it is not about myself or the other civilians, it is all about the Soldiers and supporting them.

"To be able to represent the civilian work force is an honor," he added. "We support the Soldiers and that is not something that everyone can say. I am humbled to be able to serve those who serve their country. It is



Photo by Dottie White

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and his wife Diane, left, along with USASMD/ARSTRAT Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross, stand with veterans from the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home during SMDC's celebration of the Army's 238th birthday June 14.

truly a blessing."

As is the tradition, Soldiers from other command locations joined SMDC's command sergeant major in cutting the Army birthday cake. Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross and Royal Lewis, a World War II and Korean War combat veteran, cut the cake at Redstone Arsenal. The following Soldiers also cut the birthday cake at their locations: Col. Greg Bowen and Pfc. Elizabeth Bernat in Colorado Springs; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jon Siers and Spc. Sara Almeda at Fort Greely; and Lt. Col. Dean Wiley and Staff Sgt. Geraldine Turituri at Kwaj.

"Today was wonderful, I've really enjoyed myself," said Lewis. "This is not my first cake cutting either. I had the honor of cutting the Army birthday cake two years ago. I am now a veteran of combat and with cakes.

"To have SMDC show their support is really a great thing," he added. "And to have watched Redstone Arsenal grow over the past 50 years is really tremendous. I am glad to

have been a part of today's event, and I am always happy to celebrate the Army birthday."

After the ceremony ended, SMDC's senior enlisted leader spoke of the day's events and what it means to continue the traditions that began on June 14, 1775.

"I thought today was a fitting tribute to our Soldiers, veterans and civilians who have served our nation," said Ross. "Today, we were able to honor some veterans who have served in previous generations, as well as celebrate the future of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command as we cased our former two sets of colors and combined them into one to recognize the way ahead.

"It was great to be able to tie in our outlying units, spread over eight time zones across the globe, and have them 'here' to celebrate with us," he added. "It was really fitting to celebrate their contributions to this great command and have them with us today."

SMDC celebrates Army's birthday as the Sun never sets...



Courtesy photo

Col. Gregory S. Bowen, deputy commander for support, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Pfc. Elizabeth Bernat, a satellite communications systems operator with the 1st Space Battalion, cut one of the command's Army birthday cakes June 14 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Huntsville comes together to honor Army's birthday



Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, right, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, along with USASMDC/ARSTRAT Command Sgt. Maj. James N. Ross, center, help cut the Army birthday cake during the Association of the United States Army Birthday Dinner at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Ala., June 14.

SMDC addresses sexual harassment, assault with stand down



Photo by Carrie E. David

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, head of the table, addresses all personnel of the command via video teleconference about the importance of Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program training beginning a full day of training, videos and discussion June 18. Employees watched several videos about the scope of the sexual harassment and assault problem in the Army, learned in-depth details about the SHARP program, and participated in small group discussions in the afternoon that reinforced the importance of training and provided an open discussion of first-hand experiences. Sexual harassment and assault prevention has become a priority for the Army and the Department of Defense.

Soldiers race during PT



Photo by Capt. Ronald Bailey

Soldiers of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade race one another while carrying cans full of sand. They also crawled through dirt and carried medic litters with dummies during their group physical training session June 7 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Seven Soldiers earn; receive awards



Photo by Carrie E. David

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command commanding general, awarded seven Soldiers the Meritorious Service Medal during a ceremony at the command's Redstone Arsenal, Ala., headquarters June 14. Recipients are: Col. Morris Bodrick, deputy director, Technical Center; Lt. Col. Greg Ash, deputy chief of staff, G-1; Lt. Col. William Schaefer, legal; Lt. Col. Chuck White, deputy chief of staff, G-4; Master Sgt. Tanya Savell-Marzan, enlisted aide to the commanding general; Sgt. 1st Class Victor Marzan, command surgeon noncommissioned officer in charge; and Sgt. 1st Class Ramah Wilson, enlisted aide to former Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Turner.

Civilian retires after 27 years



Photo by Carrie E. David

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, pins the Meritorious Civilian Service Award onto Thaddus Small, Information Assurance program manager, SMDC G-6, during Small's retirement June 20 at the command's Redstone Arsenal, Ala., headquarters. Small retires with 27 years of civilian service.

Space operations officer retires



Photo by Carrie E. David

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command commanding general, pins the Meritorious Service Medal onto Lt. Col. Philip P. Speth, SMDC G-3 space operations officer, during Speth's retirement from active duty service June 14 at the command's Redstone Arsenal, Ala., headquarters. Speth retires with 20 years of service.