

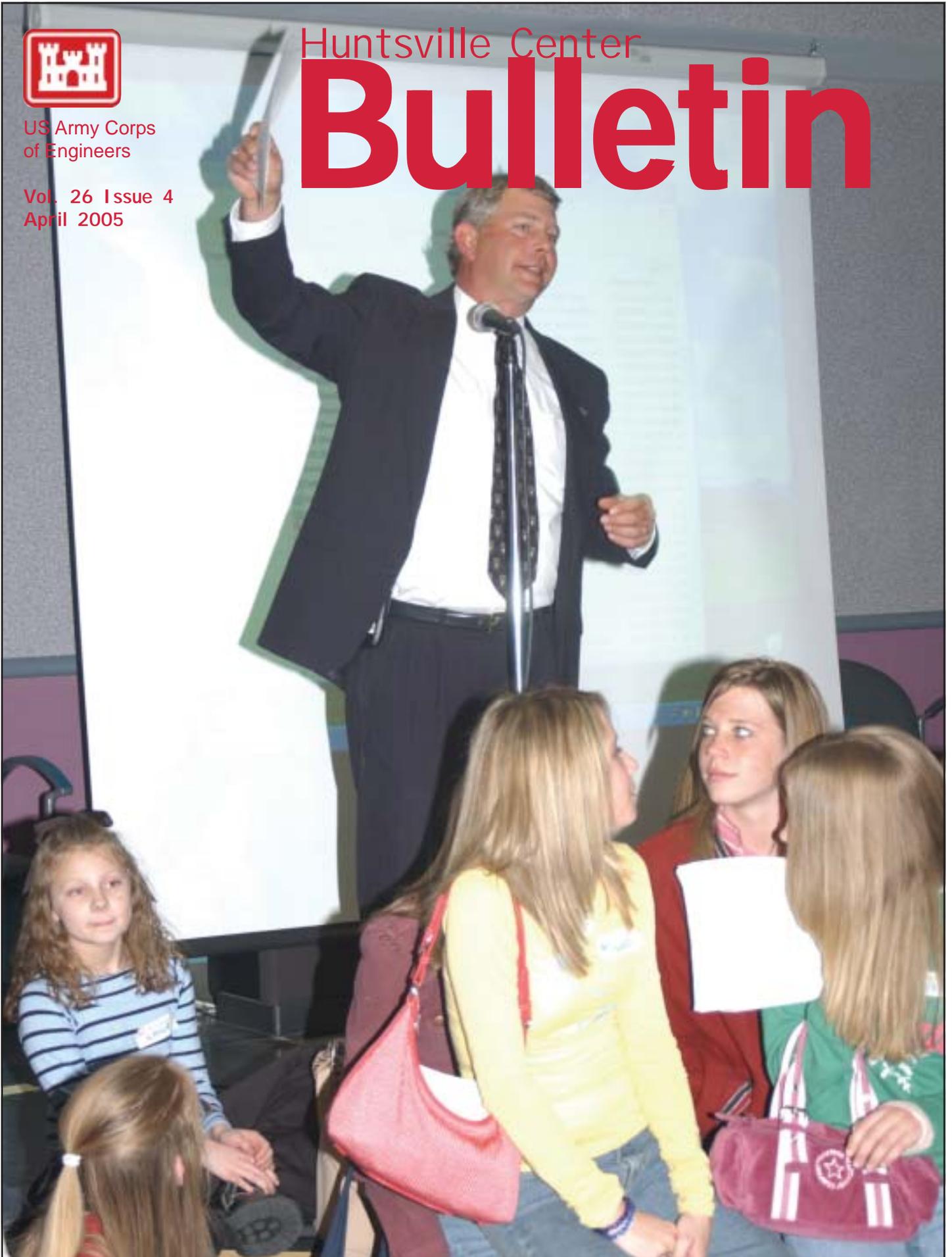


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Boyce Ross, Director of Engineering, rounds up the troops during the Center's Engineer's Day. See story on page 8.

Commander's column

Stand by! This summer we will see what some are calling the "Perfect Storm." We will witness Army Transformation, Global Basing Initiative, BRAC and an increase in Army Base Operations funding.

Huntsville Center will be an integral piece of all our Army and Corps do to achieve the results necessary to remain relevant.

We can't do it all and we don't want to. What we can and will do is provide the programmatic support, technical expertise and acquisition planning to allow



Col. John D. Rivenburgh

USACE Districts and Divisions, the Installation Planning Agency and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management achieve success.

This will take the whole team! Don't get bogged

down in your product lines and offices. All of us need to grow tough skin because all our customers, stakeholders and partners may not listen to you or agree with you.

Get over it quickly, because we can not afford to squander time and energy needed some place else.

We as a Center and you as members of PDTs and individual experts are highly respected across our Corps and our Army.

Keep up the great work and please keep safe. ESSAYONS!



New Missile Defense contract signed

On March 18 Col. John D. Rivenburgh signed a \$37,575,799 Missile Defense contract. The contract was awarded to Unit-SKW LLC and is to be used for the construction of Facilities in Fort Greely, Ak. The funding will be used to create an In-Flight Interceptor Communication System Data Terminal and Robust Security Enhancements with associated options.



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News Notes

Under Secretary of the Army

Raymond F. DuBois was sworn in today as the acting Under Secretary of the Army.

Prior to his appointment to this position by President George W. Bush, DuBois served concurrently as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment and as the director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

"I asked Secretary Rumsfeld to reassign Ray to the Army because Ray has extensive experience within the Department of Defense and has demonstrated ability to get the right things done at the right time," said Dr. Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army. "He will be a tremendous asset to the Army."

Travel card info

About 900,000 Defense Department employees may be affected by Bank of America's loss of government travel card information, Pentagon officials said today.

The General Services Administration and Bank of America notified DoD that GSA "SmartPay" travel cards are affected. Officials said Bank of America has been monitoring the affected accounts and there has been no evidence of fraud or misuse of the accounts.

Bank of America has sent letters to affected employees. The U.S. Secret Service is conducting the investigation, with help from the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. They say there is no evidence of criminal activity.

Bank of America has set up a hotline for those affected. The number is (800) 493-8444. Cardholders who notice irregularities in their accounts should call the Bank of America at the 800 num-

ber printed on the back of their cards, McKay said. "If you are an affected cardholder, you may contact Bank of America for information on obtaining a free credit report," she added.

Smoking policy

In an email to all Center employees on March 11, Lt. Col. James K. D'Arienzo, acting deputy commander stated,

"It has come to my attention that smoking in non-designated/ non-authorized areas (i.e. within 50 feet of any entrance/exit) is common here at Huntsville Center. This is in violation of Presidential Executive Order 13058 dated August 1997 as well as Army Regulation 600-63 Chapter 4, which applies to this facility and all employees. This regulation was developed in recognition of the medically accepted dangers of second-hand smoke and the government's obligation to protect non-smoking employees and the general public while at the same time attempting to make reasonable arrangements for people who choose to smoke. This regulation also provides for the enforcement of this policy and states 'Failure to comply with the prescribed policy subjects civilian personnel to possible disciplinary action.'

"There have been many notices issued concerning this matter yet the current situation at Huntsville Center continues to grossly violate both the letter and intent of the regulation and has resulted in a very un-kept and unprofessional appearance of the surrounding grounds. In order to rectify this situation I have taken the following actions and am providing the following clarifying guidance on behalf of the Commander.

1. The Directorate of Logistics Management will purchase and post signs on every exterior entrance/exit door to HNC indicating no smoking within 50 feet.
2. The Directorate of Logistics Management will have the grounds of HNC cleared of cigarette butts and litter and will make arrangements to have the designated smoking area cleared of trash a minimum of once a week.

3. The ONLY designated smoking area on HNC grounds is the gazebo located in the southwest corner of the building. All other smoking refuse containers will be removed from the grounds with the exception of the one located at the main entrance which is intended ONLY for the extinguishing of smoking materials by visitors prior to entering the building.

4. The Commander will consider re-designating the smoking area to a location in the vicinity of the rear entrance of the building to make it more accessible to all smokers.

5. Littering is a violation of local ordinances and is frankly an example of poor citizenship. Do not litter.

6. The Commander has the authority to restrict entrance/re-entry to the building for all personnel solely to the main front doors.

"I trust that the above is clear and understandable and that I can expect everyone's immediate cooperation and compliance. If anyone has any questions please feel free to stop by my office and ask your questions in person."

Aberdeen cleanup

On March 11, the last batch of mustard agent was neutralized by workers at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal facility. This marks the end of draining and neutralizing Aberdeen Proving Ground's chemical agent stockpile.

Currently, chemical weapons disposal operations in Utah, Maryland, Alabama, Oregon, and on Johnston Island have resulted in the safe destruction of more than 35 percent of the nation's declared chemical weapons stockpile involving 42 percent of originally declared munitions.

Aberdeen Proving Ground is the first of eight U.S. Army stockpile sites in the continental United States to have emptied its stockpile storage area, eliminating the risk the stored agent posed to its surrounding communities during the past six decades.

People Page



The Center's Activities Association sponsored an Easter egg hunt. Many em-

employees turned out to participate in the fun and were rewarded with eggs filled with treats and jellybeans. **Chris King**, Engineering Directorate, found one of the special prize eggs.

March brought about the retirement of **Tom Small**, Installation Support. Tom's retirement comes after 32 years of dedication to Huntsville Center.



Wykena Jackson, niece of **Ruth Smith**, Electronic Technology Division, will graduate

this May from UAB Medical School. Jackson is shown receiving the news that she has been accepted for her residency at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Jason Adams, Cost Engineering Division, passed the Professional Engineering Exam in March.



Congratulations to Jade Greene, daughter of **Tonju Butler**, Contracting Directorate, Jade is a member of the Sparkman High School Junior Varsity Dance Team that recently competed at the National Dance Alliance competition held March 12 and 13 in Orlando, Fla.

The team secured the largest win in JV history. They won second place in the nation in Jazz Dance and third place in the nation in pom-pom. This competition is scheduled to be shown on Fox Sports Net on April 19 at 2:00 p.m.



Chuck Riley, Chemical Demilitarization, was recently promoted to Team Chief of the Chemical Threat Reduction Program.



Awards

On-the-Spot

Raul E. Alonso, Engineering Directorate
Alonzo L. Andrews, Engineering Directorate
Jennifer L. Cagle, Medical Center Of Expertise
Yazmine F. Cook-Gerousis, Engineering Directorate
William Y. Craven, Engineering Directorate
Allen W. Doss, Installation Support
David Ghoja, Engineering Directorate
John W. Grigg, Installation Support
Kristi L. Javins, Medical Center Of Expertise
Steven G. Light, Chemical Demilitarization
James E. Miller, Logistics Management

Audrey Nore, Engineering Directorate
Sherene M. Opichka, Engineering Directorate
Andrew B. Schwartz, Engineering Directorate
Robert J. Selfridge, Engineering Directorate
Joseph M. Serena III, Medical Center Of Expertise
Michael E. Slovak, Ordnance And Explosives
Bonnie Wilson, Engineering Directorate
Christopher J. Wood, Office Of Counsel
Marilyn J. Wurtz, Engineering Directorate

Special Act

Randy W. Burney, Management Review
Paul R. Potts, Management Review

Center's 6th Annual Small Business Open House encourages competition

The Center welcomed about 350 contractors at the March 9 Small Business Open House.

The event was designed to teach contractors and businesses more about the Center's small business initiatives.

Large prime contractors were targeted participants this year. Their attendance gave small businesses the opportunity to discuss sub-contracts.

Bunnatine Greenhouse, principal assistant responsible for contracting and

Judith Blake, chief of the Small Business Office, USACE, were featured speakers.

Center project and program managers participated in approximately 1200 one-on-one appointments where the visitors were individually briefed on the projects and had the opportunity to present their company's individual capabilities to the managers.

"The Open House helped the Huntsville Center reach prospective small businesses for future work opportunities. It's important for the Center to provide outreach and networking opportunities to encourage small businesses to compete for Huntsville Center work throughout the country," said Judy Griggs, assistant director of Small Business.



Contractors gathered to discuss information presented at the Open House.



JoAnita Miley and Lillian Taylor acted as hostesses for the event.



Lequita Byrd-Craig, Installation Support, covered the reception desk.



Bunnatine Greenhouse, Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting was a featured speaker.



Jon Durham, Engineering Directorate, inspected the lunch table manned by Lisa Burger, Installation Support.

Engineering Directorate, Center host Engineer's Day



Jan Robinson, Engineering Directorate, greets one of the local student participants.

In February, National Engineer's Week recognized the accomplishments of engineers throughout the Corps. Huntsville Center localized the celebrations by hosting Engineer's Day.

Engineer's Day was designed to allow each branch within the Engineering Directorate to showcase their capabilities in the different disciplines and areas of expertise. Each branch created a table-top display and a three minute commercial.

Boyce Ross, director of engineering, Col. John D. Rivenburgh and Lt. Col. James K. D'Arienzo judged the exhibits.

To further celebrate engineers, the Center invited girls from a local junior high school to participate in the festivities. Their participation was designed to expose girls to the field of engineering.



Scott Millhouse, Engineering Directorate, gives visiting students a demonstration of the Segway.



Congratulations!

To the Technical Management and Design Integration (TMDI) Team. During the Engineer's Day celebrations, TMDI was selected "Branch of the Year" for their performance of the "TMDI" to the tune of "YMCA" and for their innovative snacks in the shape of the letters "TMDI".

Members pictured from left to right: Crystal Bennett, Terry Stroschein, Valerie Clinkenbeard (Chief), Steve Light, Susanna Schorn, David Jacobs, Delores Davis, Raul Alonso.

Not Pictured: Steve Wright, Wes Turner, Chris Vessell, Bill Craven.

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