

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, April 21, is paper. Put appropriate items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Scouts to celebrate 50th anniversary

APG Boy Scout Troop 429 will sponsor a banquet on April 30, 6 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton in Aberdeen to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The troop, which is sponsored by the 61st Ordnance Brigade, has 22 current members; all past members, leaders and supporters are welcome to attend. For more information, call 410-273-0985. The troop still is looking for old photographs and mementos from the troop's history. Call if you would like to contribute information.

### Monthly RAB meeting scheduled

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Installation Restoration Program will meet Thursday, April 29, 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Canal Creek Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and local citizens are invited. For information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Garrison to honor top secretaries

The APG Garrison Professional Secretary of the Year Award Ceremony will be held April 21 at the Powers Conference Room in the Ryan Building, building 314, at 9:30 a.m. Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, will present certificates and honors to the more than a dozen secretaries nominated this year. For more information, call Diane Siler, 410-278-1137.

### Musician needed at APG Chapel

The APG Chapel Gospel Service needs a pianist/keyboard player. Duties include weekly choir rehearsals and supplying music for Sunday services, to include praise and worship. The position is vacant. For more information, call Lisa Lyons, 410-278-6345.

### Health plan help offered April 20

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the MDIPA Health Plan to visit APG on April 20. The representative will be available to assist employees with MDIPA claim problems and to answer coverage questions. The representative will be located in building 305, room B-14 (lower level), 10 a.m.-noon. No appointment is necessary.

### Citizenship class starts next week

The Army Community Service Relocation Office will offer a free class for people preparing to take the test for American citizenship. All sessions are taught by an instructor from Harford Community College. Registration will be held April 15 and 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Classes will be held April 20-May 25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Photo by LAMONT HARBISON  
Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, APG commander, and Pfc. Barbara P. Monge, HST's junior soldier, cut the ceremonial cake at the HST Dining Out March 25.

## Garrison celebrates tradition Dining Out takes the cake

Headquarters Support Troops, U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, held its annual Dining Out on March 25 at Aberdeen's Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

Maj. Earl J. Teeter, HST commander, said the theme for the evening was "Leading Change - Maintaining Values."

"Our purpose was to enjoy the camaraderie of our extended HST family, as well as focus on the enduring Army traditions and values that will sustain us as we take our Army into the next millennium," Teeter said. "We especially wanted our junior soldiers, spouses and guests to understand the reasons behind our Dining Out traditions."

The evening's emcee, APG NCO of the Year

SSgt. Steven J. Serisky, explained the history of such military traditions, sometimes humorously, including the receiving line, posting of the colors, toasts and mess call.

The night's honored guests were Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and his wife, Denise. After dinner, Doesburg focused his remarks on each soldier's role in maintaining the Army Values.

The evening also included a special cake-cutting ceremony featuring Doesburg and HST's junior soldier, Pfc. Barbara P. Monge. This ceremony symbolized the passage of Army knowledge

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## Coburn named to head U.S. Army Materiel Command

Lt. Gen. John G. Coburn has been nominated by the president for promotion to the rank of general with assignment as commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, pending confirmation by the Senate.

Coburn will succeed Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson as AMC's commanding general. Wilson will

retire from active service this month, ending a career that began 37 years ago when he entered the Army as an enlisted soldier.

As AMC commanding general, Coburn will oversee a world-wide organization made up of 10 major subordinate commands and dozens of depots, arsenals, ammunition plants, laboratories,

test activities and other installations. AMC develops, buys and maintains weapons and other materiel for the Army, as well as for other U.S. services and overseas customers on a limited basis.

Since April 1996, Coburn has served in Headquarters, Department of the Army as

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## Publications win Army awards

Three publications that originate at Aberdeen Proving Ground were honored with Keith L. Ware Awards, the Department of the Army's top awards for journalism.

The *Sentinel*, published by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, won second place in the small Army-funded newspaper category.

The *Environmental Update*, published quarterly by the U.S. Army Environmental Center, won third place in the large Army-funded newspaper category. Mike Buckley of USAEC also tied for third place in the Special Contributor Writing Category.

The weekly *APG News* won honorable mention for the metro format civilian enterprise newspaper.

Louise Ryan, editor of the *Sentinel* for five years, said CHPPM's more than 1,000 employees worldwide can get hard copies of the publication, although that is changing in favor of the electronic version on the CHPPM home page website.

"I've always tried to get a lot of recognition for our employees in the *Sentinel*," she said. "We run a lot of human interest stories."

She said CHPPM's mission is diverse, and the publication helps employees stay informed about what's going on at other parts of the center. This is the fourth year the publication won top honors at the U.S. Army Medical Command, but the first time it won at the Army level.

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Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN  
Andrea Palsha, Mike Buckley, Mike Cast and Iris Barnes go over proofs for a recent issue of the *Environmental Update*

## Announcement set for Thursday

### Winner of Information Services contract to be announced at 11 a.m.

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison personnel will learn Thursday at 11 a.m. whether the government or a contractor will win the Information Services package under the Commercial Activities Study.

This package includes the Directorate of Information Management, and some elements of the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization,

Directorate of Resource Management, Directorate and Community and Family Activities Army Community Services and the Public Affairs Office.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, commander of APG Garrison, will make the announcement live on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, at 11 a.m. All APG Garrison employees who wish to watch the announcement should check with their supervisor to see if a television. See ANNOUNCE, page 11

## Town Hall meeting discusses post services, funding

By Meghan Heimbach  
APG News

Last week's Town Hall Meeting gave the post community the opportunity to meet Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, who took command of Aberdeen Proving Ground in February.

The event gave the community a chance to see what community concerns mean to him both as an individual and as the commander.

Before addressing current issues at the April 6 event, Col. Robert Spidel, APG Garrison commander, discussed the Feb. 19

transfer of operational control of APG Garrison from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command to SBCCOM, and introduced Doesburg, emphasizing the "extensive involvement" he has put into APG.

Doesburg introduced himself to attendees and emphasized the importance of Town Hall Meetings to the installation.

"The only way to get to know the concerns is to get out there and talk to those who live, work and support the installation you're a part of," he said.

Doesburg commented on the See MEETING, page 7

## APG preparing for PAINTBALL

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The cutoff date for registering in the Outdoor Recreation Paintball Festival has been extended to Wednesday, April 21.

The festival still is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, and Charles Heinsohn of Outdoor Recreation said approximately 20 teams have already signed up.

"We were shooting for 40," Heinsohn said. "The extension is intended to give those who may have gotten the word late an opportunity to register and participate."

Paintball, which has been played around the United States for about 15 years, is better known in Europe, he said. For those who are unfamiliar with the game, the web site [www.warpig.com](http://www.warpig.com) contains plenty of information. It describes paintball as a mixture of

"tag" and "hide and seek," with a "capture the flag" format.

The object is to capture the opposing team's flag and bring it back to home base. At the same time you must try to eliminate opposing players by "tagging" them with gelatin capsules filled with water-soluble paint fired from a paint gun. The winning team is determined by whichever team takes the others' flag or hits the most people.

Shawn Cochran an 18-year-old from York, Pa., who has been playing paintball for four years, said the more people involved, the more fun the game is.

His best advice for people who will be playing for the first time at the festival: "Wear boots or cleats and keep your head down."

"Don't stick your head out of the bunkers," he added. "You can See PAINTBALL, page 6

## Earth Day events set for Saturday and April 22

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

April 22 marks Earth Day, the annual celebration that encourages Americans to focus on preventing pollution, conserving the environment and cleaning up the community.

Aberdeen Proving Ground will be part of the Harford County Earth Day celebration, scheduled for April 17 in Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. Six of the 25 exhibits will be from post organizations, featuring information from the U.S. Army

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# Ceremony to honor volunteers scheduled for April 22

By Sheila Little  
APG News

APG will honor 1,463 volunteers this month for their service to the military community. The well-deserved recognition takes place at a reception hosted by Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U. S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, on April 22.

Discounts from post organizations will run from April 18 through May 18. The discounts, offered to those with volunteer cards, are available at the APG Bowling Center, all APG golf courses, the arts and crafts centers, the Autocraft Center, post Health and Fitness Centers, and both post youth centers and thrift shops.

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park and Top of the Bay also are offering special discounts to volunteers. Discount cards are available through the volunteer's sponsoring organization, and are presented

at the time of purchase.

An official APG "thank you" to community volunteers will take place at the Top of the Bay, beginning at 7 p.m. on April 22. Doesburg and Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette urge all members of the APG community to attend the free event which features refreshments, door prizes and the announcement of the five community winners from among the 43 nominees.

"This past year, post volunteers contributed 124,844 hours to benefit APG," Surette said. "This reception is an opportunity for others to show their appreciation for the people who make our community a great place to live."

Surette said the evening is a family event, and encouraged attendees to bring their children.

"You don't have to be a volunteer to attend," she said, adding that attendees can look forward to "a great program featuring recognition, food and prizes."

The post selected the first APG Volunteer of the Year in 1990. Since then, APG has increased the recognition to five categories: active duty, family member, APG civilian employee, military or civilian retiree and youth.

Julie Dietz, 1998 family member volunteer of the year, said she and the others who were acknowledged last year "felt like winners" to be counted among "the strong volunteer base on APG."

Describing fellow nominees as "dedicated, talented and all deserving the award," Dietz said, "I was shocked when my name was announced as a winner."

Bernadette Kovalsick, last year's winner in the retiree category, is the guest speaker for the 1999 program. A familiar face to APG residents, she is the local program director of Army Family Team Building. A retired staff sergeant, military family member, mother of three and post employee, Kovalsick continues to find time to volunteer with several APG-affiliated organizations.

Those who donate their time represent a cross section of the population, and work in a variety of venues post-wide. Volunteers donate time to the Community Life Mayoral Program, Scout organizations, the post thrift shops, spouse organizations, Army Family Team Building, American Red Cross, area schools, the post chapels, family support groups, tenant units, youth services, the Community Recreation Division and the Installation Volunteer Coordinator's office.

AFTB is sponsoring a Volunteer Management Workshop April 20, 10-11:30 a.m., in building 2752. The free seminar covers how to make a portfolio, track volunteer hours and document volunteer work experiences and talents.

The 1999 Installation Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Reception is free to all community supporters, volunteers, and their families. For details on volunteer specials or to register your attendance, call Alice Surette, 410-278-5469, by April 19.

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12:30-2:30 p.m. The class covers citizenship procedures, basic American history, the Constitution and application procedures. The class will work on improving English speaking and reading, in a supportive environment. For registration, call ACS at 410-278-3137.

### Improve your English skills

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes will be held for those just needing a refresher course or for those with little or no English speaking and writing skills. Registration will be held April 15 and 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Classes will be held April 20-May 25, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The class offers foreign-born adults an opportunity to improve their English comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills. For registration, call ACS at 410-278-3137.

### Bingo to benefit Roye-Williams

Roye-Williams Elementary School Parent Teacher Association will host bingo on April 16, 7 p.m. Prizes will include Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef and Tupperware products. Cost per ticket (three games per card) is \$10. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; refreshments will be available. Purchase tickets at the school or by calling 410-273-5536. For details, call Trish Ruby, 410-273-5536, Debbie McGrath, 410-297-8620, or Lorie McDuffie, 410-272-0434.

### Fire Department flusing hydrants

The Fire and Emergency Services Division of APG will conduct its annual flushing and flow testing of the post wide fire hydrant system in the housing areas May 3-17. Testing and flushing may cause some discoloration in the water. Before drinking or washing clothes, faucets should be opened and allowed to flow to clear up this condition. For information, contact the Fire and Emergency Services Division at 410-306-0572/0573.

### Community yard sales planned

The Community Life Mayoral Program will sponsor Community Yard Sales in housing areas in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas during June.

The Aberdeen Area yard sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Loop. All family housing residents are invited to participate. The rain date is Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13.

The Edgewood Area yard sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Participating housing areas include Lee Court, Mobile Home Park, Everette Road, Scully Road, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive and Austin Road.

### Guidelines for yard sales posted

Yard sales can be held any weekend of the month between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Signs announcing the sale may be erected in the immediate vicinity only on the day of the sale. Signs will not be affixed to traffic signs, utility poles, trees, lamp poles or fences. Signs should be placed on wooden stakes and placed in the ground. Signs will be taken down at the end of the sale, and residents will be responsible for policing their areas after the sale. Advertising for a yard sale is by notice on bulletin boards at the Post Exchange, Commissary, Shoppette (contact manager for approval), or off-post publications.

### Chili cook-off scheduled April 24

The fifth annual Chili Cook-Off will be held at noon on April 24 at 2820-A Cottonwood Court. The winners will receive bragging rights and plaques for the hottest chili, most unique chili and the crowd favorite. This is a "no rules" chili contest; if you call it chili, we call it chili. Entries must be prepared in advance; crock pots are preferred, as burner space is limited and must be reserved. Sides and drinks will be provided. Entrants are requested to make a \$5 donation to benefit the APG Red Cross Office. Call 410-272-0355 for details or to reserve burner space.

### Female softball players, coaches

A group is trying to organize a female softball league for all active duty, civilian employees and active duty dependents ages 16 and older. Four or more teams of 15 members are needed, including coaches, to establish the league. The APG Sports Office has allocated funds for this purpose. Those interested in playing or coaching can contact the sports office at 410-278-4497, or Carmen Hammond, 410-278-1810. The purpose of the league is to have fun. No experience is needed. Active duty unit will receive Commander's Cup points for participation.

### Players in search of teams

The Edgewood Area Civilian Welfare Fund Softball League is gearing up for another banner season. The league open to all post employees, including civilian, military and contractor employees. Interested individuals will be placed in a draft for selection by current EA teams. Interested individuals or those seeking more information can contact Greg Mahall, 410-436-1093. Names must be submitted by April 27 for inclusion in draft. League games start May 3. All games are played at Edgewood's CAPA Field.

### Thrift shop seeks cashier

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is seeking applications for a paid cashier position requiring approximately 40 hours per month. The Thrift Shop offers an unique opportunity to work in a friendly and stress-free environment while receiving benefits not usually

associated with this type of job. Previous cashier experience is helpful, but more important is a willingness to work and a "people person" attitude. Qualified applicants can apply at the AA Thrift Shop, building 2458, during business hours or call Carol at 410-272-8572 or 410-273-5033 for additional information.

### Burger King to be renovated

The customer seating area of APG Burger King will be closed April 26 and 27 while new wallpaper and paint, chairs and tables are installed. The drive-through will remain open, but pedestrians are not authorized to use drive-through services.

### Free depression screening offered

Sheppard Pratt at Riverside offers free depression screening Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. No appointment is necessary. Sheppard Pratt at Riverside is located in Belcamp at 1250 Brass Mill Road, Suite E. For more information, call 410-272-6100.

### Old buildings to be burned

Buildings 2768, 2770 Rodman Road and 2725 South Court will be burned by the APG Fire Department for training exercises through the end of May. The APG Fire Department will conduct nighttime controlled burning. Daytime burning will only be conducted on weekends.

The free training gives government and local volunteer fire companies the opportunity to test new equipment and rescue techniques and maintain their fire fighting skills. For more information, call Richard B. Dunham, Directorate of Public Works, 410-278-0370 or Edward Budnick, APG Fire Department, 410-306-0576. This training was coordinated with the demolition contractor P&J.

### Briefings on health plan scheduled

The DoD TRICARE Uniformed Services Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins will conduct briefings at Dickson Hall at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 27. Plan representatives also will answer questions. Prospective members, including family members of active and retired military personnel and their survivors, are welcome.

### Host foreign exchange students

Host a foreign exchange student from Spain this summer. Students are fully insured and bring their own spending money. Earn a scholarship towards a Homestay Abroad. Participate in fun trips and activities. For more information, call 410-569-1868.

### Block leave set for band

The 389th Army Band will not be available for commitments from July 6-22 because of training and summer leave. Questions regarding scheduling should be referred to Judy Michalski, 410-278-2711.

## Center can manage network of computers

By Lena Goodman  
TECOM Public Affairs Office

The Directorate of Information Management opened a new center last week that can manage thousands of personal computers, printers and other elements linked to a network on the proving ground.

"In the past when a user had a problem with their personal computer and called the DOIM help desk, a technician was dispatched to the user location where an attempt was made to solve the problem," said Byrne Huntley, director of information management. "With the technology available within the Enterprise Management Center, technicians can solve and diagnose most of these problems without ever leaving the center."

Software called Unicenter TNG from Computer Associates Inc. is what makes this possible. Huntley said capabilities include discovering all devices connected to a network, allowing technicians to remotely control, diagnose and repair personal computers.

"A compelling feature of Unicenter TNG is its capability to respond automatically to developing problems, based on pre-established business rules," Huntley said of the center, which was three years in the making.

This capability was demonstrated during the April 8 ribbon-cutting ceremony, when DOIM personnel intentionally caused an e-mail failure and the Enterprise Management Center software automatically repaired the problem and paged responsible technicians, alerting them that a problem had occurred.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the APG and U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, said he was "amazed by what I saw and heard today."

"The Army of the future is a virtual Army and the virtual network is what makes such a great Army," Doesburg said. "This is a great facility with great work by a lot of great folks."

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## POLICE BRIEF

# APG Police take a look at March statistics; a sobering look at children and alcohol

The following statistics were reported for March by the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security:

Crimes against persons	.....7
Crimes against property	.....30
Driving while intoxicated	.....4
Traffic accidents	.....17
Narcotics	.....0

By Officer Denise Mettee  
APG Crime Prevention Office

While the efforts of parents and schools to educate kids about the dangers of illicit drugs are important, you must also teach them about alcohol, America's number one drug problem.

Studies about youth and alcohol yield some truly sobering statistics. A recent study showed that in a one-month period, 25 percent of eighth graders and 43 percent of 10th graders used alcohol. Binge drinking (five or more drinks in one sitting) within a two-week period was reported by 13 percent of eighth graders and 23 percent of 10th graders.

Drugs are illegal and therefore are easy to portray as evil and dangerous to your children's health. But alcohol is legal, relatively easy for youths under age 21 to obtain and TV advertising would have kids believe it's the greatest thing since video games.

In fact, research published by the Rutgers Journal of Studies on Alcoholism show that by the third grade, an overwhelming majority of children see drinking alcohol as a positive activity to look forward to when they get older.

In fact, most youngsters don't even realize that alcohol is a drug. Only 50 percent of fourth graders in one study knew that beer, wine, or liquor is a drug, compared with 89 percent who knew marijuana is a drug.

Clearly, perception is a problem. It's up to parents, first and foremost, to serve as role models and second, to educate kids about alcohol. Consider for a moment all the advertising that your children see that glorifies alcohol. Then think if they have ever seen you drink to excess at any time.

The message from advertising tells children that alcohol is great. The message you send when you drink to excess is that getting drunk is acceptable behavior. Furthermore, if they see that alcohol plays an important part of every social gathering, they'll think it's necessary to drink to have a good time.

It's up to you as parents to counteract these positive portrayals of alcohol. Children need to learn that it's never appropriate to get drunk. Talk to them about alcoholism, addiction, ulcers and liver disease that can result from excess drinking. Show children through your behavior, that alcohol doesn't have to be included in every social gathering.

Be a good role model. Children are more affected by what they see than what they hear.

# COMING UP...

## FRIDAY APRIL 16 ELEMENTARY BINGO

The Roye-Williams Elementary School PTA will host bingo at 7 p.m. Prizes include Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef and Tupperware products. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three games per card). Doors open at 6 p.m. For tickets, stop by Roye-Williams Elementary School or call the school at 410-273-5536.

## HOLD YOUR HORSES

Learn country western dancing at American Legion Post 128, sponsored by the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association. Hold Your Horses line dance will be taught from 8:15-8:45 p.m. and the Silhouette Cha-Cha pattern dance will be taught from 9:30-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members.

## SATURDAY APRIL 17 WALK AWAY HUNGER

The third annual Harvest For

the Hungry Hunger Run/Walk-A-Thon will be held at APG's Main Gate on Route 22. Registration for the run begins at 8 a.m.; the run starts at 9 a.m. Registration for the walk begins at 9 a.m.; the walk starts at 10 a.m. For details, call Lorraine Carson, 410-272-1883, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 410-679-8188 after 5 p.m. The three miles will end at the gate of APG.

## FLEA MARKET

A flea market will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Fire Museum of Maryland. Old fire hats, toys, jewelry, first aid equipment, equipment, clothing, lanterns, fireboxes, badges and collectibles from the museum will be on sale. The museum is located at 1301 York Rd., one block north of exit 26B off the Baltimore Beltway (I-695). For information, call 410-321-7500.

## TUESDAY APRIL 20 REMEMBRANCE

The Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program in

observance of the Holocaust will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Post Theater, and 1:30-3 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club. The guest speaker will be Holocaust survivor Regina Spiegel.

## SATURDAY APRIL 24 BASKET BINGO

American Legion Post 128, 44 North Parke St., Aberdeen, will hold a Longaberger Basket Bingo. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for three cards. This event is sponsored by the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women. For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-436-2800; Lisa Murter, 410-278-9484; Billie Jo Benjamin, 410-436-5030, Karen Harris, 410-642-2411, ext. 6409; or Suzanne Schultz (after 5 p.m.), 410-939-2098.

## TUESDAY APRIL 27 ARTHRITIS SEMINAR

Union Memorial Hospital will

host an arthritis seminar, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Aberdeen Library, 21 Franklin St. Educators will showcase treatment procedures and products to improve the quality of life arthritis sufferers.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 28 WELCOME TO APG

APG will hold an orientation, 1-3 p.m., AA Recreation Center, building 3326, to welcome incoming military and civilian personnel and their families. Representatives from post activities will inform you about APG and community services and activities. For information, call 410-278-7474/4372.

## SUNDAY MAY 2 NAACP BANQUET

The 38th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be held 4 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. The dinner will raise funds for scholarships. Donation for adults is \$25, \$12.50 for children ages 12 and under. For reservations call Janice Grant, 410-272-8187, Sheila Jackson, 410-939-9297, Dexter Jennings, 410-278-4435, Bettina Sheppard, 410-278-4614, or Marian Crosson, 410-278-5760.

## SUNDAY MAY 9 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate Mother's Day with a Champagne Brunch at Top of the Bay. Seatings will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Make reservations early; call 410-278-3062/2552. Cost for adults is \$13.95; \$6.95 for children ages 6-11; children 5 and under are free.

## SATURDAY MAY 15 COMMUNITY FIRST AID

The APG American Red Cross will hold a Community First Aid and Safety Course, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., building 2477. Upon completion you will be certified in first aid for three years and community CPR for one year. Cost is \$25. To register, call 410-278-2087.

## MOVIES

### 200 CIGARETTES

Friday, April 16, 7 p.m.

Starring: Ben Affleck, Courtney Love

It's New York's East Village on New Year's Eve 1981. Monica is hosting a party and wondering where the guests are. Her group of revelers are determined to find romance and have the time of their lives before the year ends. (RATED R)

### OCTOBER SKY

Saturday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper

The launch of the Soviet Union's satellite leads to a West Virginia high school student' passion not to work in the coal mine, but to win the national science fair. (RATED PG)

### THE THIN RED LINE

Saturday, April 17, 9 p.m.

Starring: Sean Penn, Adrien Brody

During the battle of Guadalcanal in 1942, Charlie Company tries to overtake a Japanese stronghold, a hill known as "210." Each man's life is affected by the quest. (RATED R)

## MWR UPDATE

### ITR has Orioles tickets

Baltimore Orioles Baseball tickets are still available at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office for the following games:

Date	Cost	Purchase by
May 19, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	April 20
Section 356 Upper Reserve (Anaheim)		
May 21, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	April 20
Section 83 Lower Reserve (Texas)		
June 5, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	May 18
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Philadelphia)		
June 15, 7:35 p.m.	\$15	May 18
Section 75 Lower Reserve (Kansas City)		
June 22, 7:35 p.m.	\$20	May 18
Section 75 LF Lower Reserve (Boston)		
July 7, 7:35 p.m.	\$20	June 15
Section 75 LF Lower Box (Toronto)		
July 16, 7:35 p.m.	\$20	June 15
Section 75 LF Lower Box (Montreal)		
July 18, 8:05 p.m.	\$15	June 15
Section Lower Reserve (New York Mets)		
July 24, 4:05 p.m.	\$15	June 15
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Anaheim)		
Aug. 5, 7:35 p.m.	\$20	July 13
Section 75 LF Lower Box (Detroit)		
Aug. 21, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	July 27
Section 83 Lower Reserve (Chicago)		
Aug. 31, 7:35 p.m.	\$15	July 27
Section 354 Upper Reserve (Tampa)		
Sept. 4, 1:15 p.m.	15	Aug. 3
Section 73 Lower Reserve (Cleveland)		
Sept. 10, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	Aug. 3
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Seattle)		
Sept. 15, 7:05 p.m.	\$10	Aug. 17
Section 322 Upper Reserve (Oakland)		
Sept. 28, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	Aug. 24
Section 79 Lower Reserve (New York)		
Oct. 1, 7:05 p.m.	\$15	Aug. 24
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Boston)		

Call the Orioles to check game times and rain-out information at 410-685-9800. For details about tickets, call the ITR Office at 410-278-4011.

### Get in shape for summer

Spring is here, summer is just around the corner, and that means it's almost bathing suit season. If you need to lose a few pounds, tone those muscles or want to start a lifestyle change, now is the time to start. Call the AA Health and Fitness Center today. Let one of its staff members help you get started on the road to feeling and looking better. The center has one-on-one personal training, step classes, toning classes, and numerous cardiovascular and weighted equipment, all for one low price. The center will offer a kick-boxing class soon; watch for information. Call 410-278-9725/9759 for details. The center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. The center also has openings for aerobics instructors. For information, call Gwyn Dolzine at the number above.

### APG Boat Launch ramps available in both areas

Warm weather brings thoughts of boating to mind so don't forget that a boating launch ramp access pass is required to use APG's launch ramps. A pass good for one year is \$30, and a daily ramp pass, good for one round-trip launch is \$5. Only eligible MWR patrons are authorized to use the boat launch ramps. One ramp is located in the Aberdeen Area, off Old Cut Road, next to the AA Boat Dock, building 2040. Two ramps are located in the Edgewood Area, one off Skipper's Point Road at the EA Boat Dock, and one adjacent to the EA Deer Checking Station, building E-4733.

Passes may be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 7 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

### Equipment Resource Center update

Don't forget to reserve your canopy/party tent, and tables and chairs, for next month's graduation parties! Tents are great for outdoor weddings, family reunions and summer parties. The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center offers 20x20-foot and 20x30-foot canopies for rates much lower than off post. The center also offers folding tables and chairs (padded), ice chests ranging from 36- to 100-quart capacity, three- and five-gallon insulated beverage coolers and more. Active duty military personnel and family members may reserve items up to 60 days in advance, while civilian employees may reserve items up to 30 days in advance. Don't forget to check out the camping equipment, outdoor sports and games items and water and boating equipment. Stop by building 2407, or call 410-278-4124.

### Turkey season starts soon

There will be a spring gobbler turkey season on APG April 17-May 15, corresponding to the state season. Hunting will take place in the Aberdeen Area only. The limit per hunter is one bird and the season will close when 10 birds have been harvested. For information contact Charles Heinsohn, Outdoor Recreation Program, 410-278-4124.

### Edgewood Arts & Crafts

**Ceramic Class:** If you would like to learn to about ceramics and how to pour your own ceramic pieces this is the class for you. Class participants will learn about bisqueware, greenware, kilns, glazes, paints and brushes cost is \$7 plus supplies.

**Framing Class:** A beginning Matting and Framing Class will be held on Thursday, April 29, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8" x 10" picture to class to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

**Custom Framing:** If you would like professional advice and picture framing bring it to the experts for framing. We will do it for you at great savings! For an estimate bring your pictures to building E-4440 during our hours of operation.

**Porcelain Doll Classes:** The center is forming new classes in beginning porcelain dolls. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. If you are interested please call us for the next class date.

**Ceramic Bisqueware & Greenware:** A large selection of ceramic items is available and ready to paint and decorate, including carousel horses, fountains and vases.

**Decorations.** Come in and visit the center at building E-4440. For more information call on Thursday, 1-9 p.m., or Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-436-2153.

### Spesutie Island Boat Club accepting applications

The Spesutie Island Boat Club is accepting applications for the 1999 season. You must be authorized to participate in APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Eligible personnel include all active duty military, military retirees, APG civilians, retired APG civilians, civilian contractors (with ID cards) and Baltimore Area Corps of Engineers employees. You must provide proof of insurance for your boat and registration. Cost of keeping a boat is \$9.50 a foot for mooring, \$6.50 per foot for lot storage, and \$6 per foot ramp access. If you are interested in joining this organization stop by building 36 or call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

## WAPG TV

The following programs are scheduled on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from April 15-21:

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

9 a.m., 4 p.m., Movie Previews

11 a.m., 7 p.m., The Re-Nu-It Center Can Help (10 minutes)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

9 a.m., 4 p.m., Movie Previews

### SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9 a.m., 4 p.m., Movie Previews

11 a.m., 7 p.m., The Re-Nu-It Center Can Help (10 minutes)

### MONDAY, APRIL 19

11 a.m., 7 p.m., The Re-Nu-It Center Can Help (10 minutes)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

11 a.m., 7 p.m., The Re-Nu-It Center Can Help (10 minutes)

For information call Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

## LEAVE DONATION

For information about donating annual leave; call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or send a fax to 410-278-8839. Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);  
Joan Bond (stroke);  
John Boyle (surgery);  
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);  
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);  
Alberta Brown (mother ill);  
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);  
Linda Brown (diabetic);  
Melda Callendar;  
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);  
Cara Coe (maternity);  
Dawn Crouse (surgery);  
Dennis Green;  
Herman Hensley;  
Joseph Hill (heart problems);  
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);  
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);  
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);  
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);  
Tracey Kerney (surgery);  
Beverly King (caring for husband);  
Barbara LaGrange (Hodgkins Disease);  
Patricia LaGrange;  
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);  
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);  
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);  
Lesley Parker (daughter has seizures);  
Cathleen (Higgins) Perry;  
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);  
Michael Reynolds;  
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);  
John Sheppard (colon cancer);  
Walter Taylor (auto accident);  
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);  
Joseph Walker (Wife has cancer);  
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);  
Kenneth Weathers (medical);  
Frank Winters (surgery).

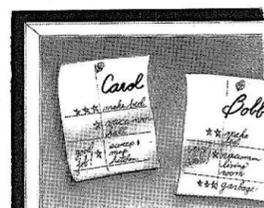
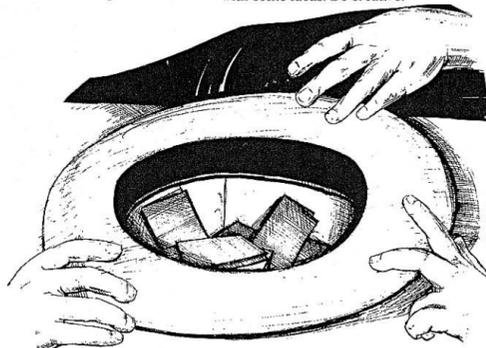
## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES '99

# EVERYONE PITCHES IN

Many hands make light work. Here are 13 ways to get your family to become responsible for household chores.

- Communicate with your family members. Tell them honestly how you feel and why the whole family needs to take responsibility for housework!
- Start young. You may spend more time in the beginning showing a youngster how to do something, but the child will learn early that he or she is expected to help. This will help you avoid future battles over household duties.
- Make children responsible for their own belongings.
- Make it fun! Create some games to decide who will do which chore. Pick tasks out of a hat; use little boxes of raisins or stars as awards; have the child put five toys away and you guess which toys they picked; award diplomas of accomplishment; or create a point system which will earn them a new book or toy. Maybe your kids can help you come up with some ideas. Be creative!

Make a game out of task assignments.



Create a system to record the completion of tasks by your children.

- Let your children choose tasks from a pre-approved list. Involve them in the decision-making process to make them feel important and useful.
- For big jobs, use incentives like: special, healthy treats; picnics or the zoo; or a trip out for pizza and a movie.
- Rotate jobs and have some easy ones, so family members don't dread doing recurring chores.
- For jobs above and beyond normal household chores, offer payment.
- Create an allowance system with a written agreement outlining the child's responsibilities.
- Make a big bulletin board and have everyone participate in keeping track of chores and whose turn is up.
- Explain that a household is like a machine—every part is important, and every part must work in tiptop shape or the machine stops.
- Make contracts which everyone signs, outlining obligations, time frameworks, and consequences if the tasks are ignored. Renegotiate the agreements as other skills and abilities develop.
- Be sure any punishments are discussed up-front. That way there are no surprises and no unnecessarily hurt feelings.

For more information or assistance, call Army Community Service at 410-278-7474.

# Roye-Williams students expand their minds

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Six Roye-Williams Elementary School students are traveling to University of Maryland, Baltimore County, on April 24 to compete in the state finals of Odyssey of the Mind.

The fifth graders qualified for state competition after tying for first place at the regional tournament in Elkton, March 6.

Team members from Aberdeen Proving Ground are Jessie Atchison, son of Maj. Chessly and Evelyn Atchison; Justin Kolker, son of Command Sgt. Maj. Dean and Lila Kolker; Sarah

McClelland, daughter of SSgt. Jeffrey and Wildean McClelland; and Casie Parker, daughter of Air Force SSgt. Greg and Teresa Parker. Also on the team are Bryan Dell, son of Roy and Pauline Dell of Aberdeen, and Katie Dills, daughter of Jimmy and Cynthia Dills of Aberdeen.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving activity for elementary, middle, high school and college students. Geared toward developing creative problem-solving skills, the OM mission encourages group cooperation and teamwork.

The competition awards points

for solutions to a spontaneous problem and a long-term problem, and awards style points for the long-term project presentation. In the fall, the participants choose a long-term problem from five possibilities, and present a prepared resolution through a dramatic or technical performance at the contest in March. The students receive the spontaneous problem behind closed doors during the competition, and are required to solve it at that time.

Joan Cable, enrichment teacher and coach of the team, spoke proudly and confidently about the Roye-Williams team.

"It's difficult to get a team of children that match and work really hard," she said. "This year we've got a great team."

A teacher with the county for 29 years, Cable has been coaching Odyssey of the Mind students for four years. This is her third trip to the state competition.

Cable said she seeks a mix of students who display a variety of talents, such as sewing, painting, designing and writing.

"They need to be willing to try a lot of different things," she added, noting that she seeks members with a projecting voice, the ability to build things, persistence and teamwork.

During an interview, the students demonstrated the success of the program as they eagerly gave credit to individual team members for clothing design and sewing skills, explained how they worked together on a paper mache costume and expressed appreciation



Photos by SHEILA LITTLE

**Students pause during an OM planning session. From left to right: Sarah McClelland, Bryan Bell, Jessie Atchison, Justin Kolker and Casie Parker. Not pictured is Katie Dills.**

for their coach.

Cable said she begins the team selection process in September, with interested students taking part in a one-month tryout. During that time, students work on a long-term project to demonstrate commitment, and are assigned additional projects that focus on individual creativity, talents and strengths. She looks for those who will be in the area for the entire school year and who are not overly committed to other activities.

The time commitment is significant. Practices involve two weekdays and several hours each Saturday afternoon.

Odyssey of the Mind rules

limit parental involvement to "providing the transportation and getting them to practice on time," said Cable.

For the drama, students are required to design and make the costumes, design and build the set, write the script, write music and lyrics to an original song, create an advertising poster and include a technical element in the performance. The Roye-Williams team chose "O, My Faire Shakespeare" as their presentation.

Roye-Williams Principal Susan Osborn said she strongly supports the program, becoming involved as a parent when her son was in fourth grade. She also has

served as a coach and judge.

Osborn said Odyssey of the Mind gives students the opportunity to "expand their mind and do things creatively and as a team."

She added that students enjoy the "strive for excellence" and is confident that this group of students will continue to advance.

Cable said the team possesses "great stage presence" and echoed Osborn's optimism. Although those who place in the top three positions at the regional competition go to the state contest, only the first place state team will make it to the world competition in Knoxville, Tenn., in May.

"We're going to worlds," Cable said.



**Costumed Odyssey of the Mind members pose in front of their team-constructed set. Students are, from left, Sarah McClelland, Bryan Bell, Jessie Atchison, Justin Kolker and Casie Parker. Team coach Joan Cable stands in back. Not pictured is Katie Dills.**

## APG warrant officer among top TRADOC instructors

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. (March 17, 1999) — The top Instructors of the Year for FY 98 in Training and Doctrine Command include a corrections supervisor, a mortuary affairs officer and a civilian who teaches effective writing to armor officers.

Taking top honors in the warrant officer category was Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rodney G. Fagan, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Also honored were: field grade category, Capt. Leonard E. Wells, U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; company grade category, Capt. Kristina L. McCullough, Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Va.; top NCO instructor, Sfc. Edward J. Baldwin Jr., Military Police School, Fort McClellan, Ala.; civilian instructor, Marilyn Ardisson, Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky.

The winners were selected from instructors representing all TRADOC schools.

"All candidates are winners in a competition of this nature," said Maj. Gen. Leroy R. Goff III,

TRADOC's deputy chief of staff for Training. "Their professionalism as leaders, instructors and mentors ensures the Army's preparedness for the challenges of the future."

Fagan is an instructor-writer in the Warrant Officer Professional Development Division at OC&S. He is the primary instructor on the Unit Level Logistics System.

To improve instruction, he helped build a Mock Motor Pool, a scaled-down version of an actual motor pool, which adds realism to training. He is the subject matter expert for more than 40 lessons taught in warrant officer basic and advanced courses.

Wells is a small group instructor for the Engineer Officer Advanced Course. He wrote four training support packages for combat engineer tactics, and has updated construction engineer practical exercises.

"I view the challenges of being a small group instructor as an extension of my company command time," he said. "I utilize the same leadership skills, motivation and professionalism to train advanced course students as I did to train platoon leaders. I thor-

oughly enjoy watching officers learn and grow technically, tactically and

professionally," the West Point grad said.

McCullough has worked to bring realistic training to her students in the Mortuary Affairs Officers Course. She visited units undergoing training exercises to evaluate the mortuary affairs portion of the exercise.

She also was the primary writer for the new mortuary affairs Field Manual 10-64. She will also rewrite the program of instruction, lesson plans and exams for the Mortuary Affairs Officer Course.

"Success comes from motivating our students to thirst for the knowledge we offer, not just to withstand the barrage of information they receive," she said. "We must be educators who provide our students not just with facts, but with the skills and drive to continue learning once they leave the classroom."

Baldwin was called "the best noncommissioned officer instructor assigned to the United States Army Military Police School" by Brig. Gen. Donald Ryder, commandant.

A corrections supervisor, Baldwin has taught the Army correctional system in initial entry training since 1995. He also taught the subject to basic NCO, CID warrant officer and basic and advanced officer courses.

He bases much of his instruction on his own experience. That includes a deployment to Cuba in 1996 where immigrants were being detained. He led an extraction team into the immigrant compound to remove a hostage without injuries to soldiers or civilians.

He also was instrumental in quelling an inmate disturbance at the U.S. Detention Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1992.

"My intent is to ensure that every student receives the highest quality training that I can professionally provide," Baldwin said. "When soldiers who I have previously instructed ... thank me for the instruction that they have received, I know that I have accomplished my mission."

Ardisson teaches the Army Writing Program to students in the armor officer basic and advanced courses. She also teaches effective writing classes at Fort Knox for

the civilian personnel office and writes a weekly column called "Writing Tidbits" for the post newspaper.

"I'm very proud of the impact I

have as a writing instructor, the knowledge I impart and the communications skills I stimulate in the future leaders of the armor force," she said.

# Volunteer offers school support with Roye-Williams PTA

By Sheila Little  
APG News

APG salutes Laguya Fernandez as the post volunteer for April. Currently serving as president of the Roye-Williams Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, Fernandez splits her time between the school, her nursing career and her family.

The volunteer lives in Patriot Village with her husband, Navy 1st Class Petty Officer Henry Fernandez, a job counselor at the Military Entrance Processing Center in Elkridge, and daughters Allie, 11, Lindsay, 7, and Erika, 4.

Her activities with the PTA are many and varied. "She took over the presidency reluctantly, but has done a fantastic job," said Deborah McGrath, a PTA board member and parent.

McGrath said since 85 percent of the school's students are from military families, the school experiences a continuous population fluctuation.

"Laguya has done a great job of developing a sense of community at the school, while encouraging those with different experiences and backgrounds to share with others," McGrath said.

Allison Bruno, vice-president of the PTA, echoed McGrath's praise. Referring to her as "Super Mom," she said Fernandez serves as a good liaison between the military community and the school.

"She truly puts children first," Bruno said. "Her unbelievable energy and enthusiasm are contagious."

As the head of an active PTA, Fernandez involves herself not only in planning and overseeing the organization's many projects, but in the set-up, implementation and clean-up of events. Her focus, however, is on what the organization accomplishes.

Displaying superb skills in time management, Fernandez directs and assists with PTA activities, works two to three nursing shifts each week at two Baltimore-area hospitals, is available as a substitute teacher in the classroom or as the school nurse, attends her children's sports events and other activities, and takes care of her home and expanding family. The family is expecting an addition in August.

Spring is especially busy for the family, as the older girls are on separate softball teams, and Henry is a team coach. But the fall is personally hectic for Laguya, as she adds the responsibilities of cheer-leading coach to her list of volunteer activities.

Fernandez said this school year the PTA-sponsored a very successful family-oriented Fun Festival, a Christmas craft fair and a book fair, and supported an essay contest through savings bond awards. The fall festival focused on getting families into the school and mingling with other parents and faculty.

Fernandez said she is trying to change the perception that the PTA is more of a school "fund-raising

organization" to that of a concerned school partner, by encouraging more activities that involve the family.

"By involving the family, the school and students benefit," she said.

Marine Gy.Sgt. Breon Haskett, previous PTA president and the 1998 Military Volunteer of the Year, was instrumental in encouraging Fernandez to take over as president. Haskett, now a Marine recruiter in Baltimore, was anticipating moving from the area, and saw Fernandez as an ideal replacement.

Attending all of the preceding year's PTA meetings, Haskett saw Fernandez as a willing and active parent who "was filled with a lot of fresh ideas, zest and excitement for the kids."

He said she often had lots of good suggestions, and described her as "someone who is willing to get involved, and takes a proactive role in education."

Jena Wood, a secretary at the school, described Fernandez as "very enthusiastic, personable and motivating."

"She's especially caring and gentle with the children," Wood added, and said her manner in dealing with the students makes her a great substitute for the school nurse or a classroom teacher.

Following each election, the school PTA board sets goals for the upcoming year. This year, Fernandez offered a new approach in dealing with the school's large military population. Haskett said instead of overlooking differences, Fernandez encouraged the board to look at military family life as "a unique experience that should be celebrated."

Under Fernandez' leadership, the board decided to "take advantage of the military experience," by pointing out the differences and advantages seen and experienced by this particular group. Toward this goal, students and their families are encouraged to share what they have learned first-hand.

Haskett said another PTA goal was increasing family involvement in the school, adding that the board's position is "parent involvement is the key" to student achievement. With Fernandez' encouragement, the school made "tremendous strides." Events held this school year earned money toward classroom equipment, library books and field trip buses, but family attendance and support were emphasized.

The big fund-raiser for this year, Fernandez said, is bingo scheduled this Friday, April 16, at the school. An Internet safety seminar, with information for children and their parents, also is being planned in conjunction with the spring book fair.

This month marks the ninth year of APG's official salute to volunteers. To see how you can serve the APG community, call Quality of Life Coordinator Alice Surette, 410-278-5469.



Laguya Fernandez looks over information in preparation for the next board meeting at Roye-Williams Elementary School Parent Teacher Association.

Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

**"She truly puts children first. Her unbelievable energy and enthusiasm are contagious."**

**- Allison Bruno**  
Vice-president of the Roye-Williams Elementary School PTA, on Laguya Fernandez, PTA president and APG's April Volunteer of the Month

## County, OC&S plan Earth Day events

**EARTH DAY, from front page**

Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, U.S. Army Environmental Center, Army Research Laboratory, APG Garrison Installation Restoration Program, APG Garrison Natural Resources and Aberdeen Test Center.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. with a 5-kilometer run/walk through historic Havre de Grace. Skipjack races on Susquehanna River will begin at 9:30 a.m., with boat rides available for \$25 following the race. The environmental displays will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM, joining Harford County Executive James Harkins and Havre de Grace Mayor Phil Barker in planting a tree and speaking to attendees. For details, call Diane Wolner, 410-939-3336.

Next week on Earth Day, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School is hosting an Earth Day Program April 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in building 5214. The APG community is invited to attend.

Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson, Army chief of Ordnance and commandant of OC&S, will present Environmental Excellence awards at 9 a.m. From 10 a.m.-3 p.m., several military organizations, equipment vendors and others will display exhibits on pollution prevention programs, products

and developments.

"Pollution prevention has become the method of choice to achieve environmental compliance in the Federal government," explained Keith T. Katz, the environmental program manager. "OC&S trains 10,000 of the Army's mechanics, weapons repairmen, metalworkers, maintenance technicians, and maintenance officers at APG each year. Many of these soldiers will go on to assignments where they will manage Army maintenance units and facilities that traditionally are sources of environmental pollutants such as solid and hazardous waste, air emissions and waste water."

Exhibitors include the Defense Supply Center Richmond; Defense Industrial Supply Center; USAEC; the U.S. Army Center for Health and Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Baltimore Gas & Electric Company; Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation; ARL; APG Garrison Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment; Inland Technology; Pollution Prevention Investment Fund; and the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Other invited exhibitors include Better Engineering; Savage Range; Communications-Electronics Command; Tank

Automotive Command; SBC-COM; and ATC.

For more information, call 410-278-3654.

## Publications win Army awards

### AWARDS, from front page

"I was amazed we won, after trying for so many years," she said. "Our stories really spread the word about our organization to our employees."

Mike Cast, editor of the *Environmental Update* since 1992, credited graphics improvements by the design contractor, an element of Potomac Research Incorporated, with contributing to a third-place award.

"The graphics technicians and a lot of other people provided input to help us earn the award," Cast said.

"Ultimately, the paper can help the Army do things smarter, cheaper and faster," he said. "We see the *Environmental Update* as a useful way to get environmental information out to the field. It also gives us a chance to spread the word on the Army's environmental programs."

Readers have told him they are interested in programs they read about in the publication and want information.

"I do think people get ideas from what they read, and spread



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

### Louise Ryan goes over a story for the *Sentinel*.

ideas on how to do business in a way that's more environmentally responsible," he added.

This is the first time Cast has won a Keith L. Ware Award as editor of the *Environmental Update*, although he has won the Keith L. Ware and similar awards for other Army publications.

"This year was the first year we decided to throw our hat in the

ring and enter," he said. "I didn't think we were the type of publication that would win at that level, because we are so technical, but I guess I was proved wrong."

The *APG News* won honorable mention this year and last year. In the past, the paper won second-place Keith L. Ware awards in 1996 and 1982, and third-place honors in 1995 and 1985.

## Former OC&S CG to lead AMC

### COBURN, from front page

deputy chief of staff for logistics. His immediate past assignments included serving as AMC's deputy commanding general and as commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Coburn has held logistics and leadership assignments throughout his career, a number of which

were with AMC. He has served overseas in Vietnam, Germany, Saudi Arabia and Taiwan.

A graduate of the Command and General Staff College, he holds a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, a master's degree in political science from the University of Kansas, and a juris doctor degree from the University

of Missouri. He is licensed to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, and the Supreme Courts of Michigan and Kentucky and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

A native of Carretta, W.Va., he and his wife, Janice, have three children, John, Robert and Matthew.

## APG preparing for Paintball Festival

### PAINTBALL, from front page

see a lot more down on the ground."

Teams for the festival will consist of three or five people. There is a \$20 equipment fee for five-person teams, no charge for three-person teams. Games start at 7

a.m. and continue all day, rain or shine. Heinsohn added it is a game the whole family can play, but children must be supervised.

Outdoor Recreation will award prizes to top finishers and the Maryland Paintball Company will award gift certificates for \$2,000,

\$1,000 and \$500 for first-, second- and third-place finishers. Certified paintball officials will judge all events. Games will be played at Maryland Boulevard picnic area. For details, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

# Town Hall Meeting introduces new APG commander, discusses post services

## MEETING, from front page

large number of installation questions and concerns Spidel receives from the community through faxes and e-mail, and said both will work to find the answers.

He encouraged attendees to bring up concerns during the meeting, but said the community may also e-mail him if they feel uncomfortable bringing them up in front of the group. Doesburg also assured attendees that all questions will be answered as soon as possible.

"I owe you a responsibility," he said. "It is a personal conversation between you and I, and I guarantee an answer to you."

Among the issues addressed during the meeting, Spidel discussed traffic issues affecting the installation. A main concern was the often-ignored yield sign at the intersection of Maryland and Aberdeen boulevards, near the Ordnance Museum. Spidel said the original sign had begun to fade due to aging and weather conditions, and said repairs have been done for better visibility. He added that law enforcement officials would monitor the area to reduce moving violations.

Another traffic issue raised was the three-way stop located near the Main Post Exchange and Burger King. Spidel said recent reports showed that bushes obstructing one of the stop signs have led to people going through the intersection without stopping. Harry Greveris of the Directorate of Public Works said the day after the meeting the bushes were cleared.

Debbie Della Silva, a post resident, voiced concern about a large pothole near the PX and the old Class 6 Store. She said traffic swerving to avoid the hole caused cars to move into oncoming traffic. Greveris reported that the hole was filled immediately following the meeting.

Spidel said after recent reconsideration DPW will reopen the parking lot exit by building 311. Greveris said the exit, which originally was closed, will reopen for the convenience of people exiting the parking lot.

Aberdeen Boulevard, in front of the APG Commissary, is scheduled to be repaved on April 23, Spidel said.

He explained the road's bad transitions of concrete to pavement are causing an impact on the

flow of regular traffic.

Spidel said designated parking for the Edgewood Area Chapel has been reduced from four parking spots to two. Spidel explained the Edgewood Area Conference Center needed more parking areas, and thus the two spots were given to the center.

On Army and Air Force Exchange Service matters, Spidel announced the Edgewood Area Shoppette will open at 7 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. The Aberdeen Area Shoppette also will extend its hours 7 a.m.-10 p.m. to 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

Spidel said he has received requests to make the AA Shoppette a 24-hour facility, but said it does not have the business or funding for the transition.

Differences in gas prices for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Shoppettes has the APG community concerned, said Spidel. The difference in gas prices is due to weekly analysis, said Floyd Wynn, exchange manager for AAFES.

Gas prices are based on a survey of the five gas stations closest to each area. Wynn said prices are based on the lowest price, causing differences in prices for the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. New gas stations close to the Aberdeen Area caused its Shoppette to drop prices lower than the EA Shoppette.

Spidel said there have been questions about whether post civilians are authorized to use the AA and EA Shoppettes and the Post Theater. Wynn explained this is only authorized when civilians are on TDY. However, Spidel said the post allows for a waiver for civilians to use Robin Hood Subs, located in the EA Mini Mall, since the Edgewood Area offers no other eating alternatives.

U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School students recently asked for movies at the Post Theater during the week. Currently the theater only offers Friday and Saturday showings, but Spidel said he will look into it, adding that showings were reduced due to the lack of business.

In Morale, Welfare and Recreation issues, APG's Shore Pool, which was scheduled to close due to insufficient funds, will remain open, said Spidel. However, the pool, regularly scheduled to open Memorial Day

weekend and close Labor Day, will be open June 17-Aug. 22.

Charles Heinsohn, APG Outdoor Recreation programmer, said the AA Olympic Pool and the EA Bayside Pool will open and close according to the normal schedule, May 29-Sept. 6.

Due to insufficient funds Spidel said there has been consideration to close down the AA Branch Post Library in building 3320. Instead, the material and supply budget will be reduced by 60 percent to cut expenses.

Randy Moore, chief of the Community Recreation Division, said the library will "live off" the supplies it has, commenting that the AA Branch is equipped with sufficient and useful materials.

"We were faced with some difficult decisions that were not easy," Moore said, assuring patrons that they "will not see any degradation in services."

Spidel said the library will relocate to a new building; plans for the moving are still in the development stage. The old building, which was designated "temporary" after its construction during World War II, will be leveled.

Spidel announced that after the Commercial Activities Study is complete, Russell Gym in the Aberdeen Area no longer will be a public-use facility.

Moore added that there is not enough staff to run the facility and it will be used for special events only.

Moore also addressed questions concerning the Civilian Fitness Pass for APG gymnasiums and both post Health and Fitness Centers. Spidel recently received a comment from a 14-year civilian patron to the facilities asking why the Civilian Fitness Pass was necessary now.

Moore said reduced staffing and funding made the Civilian Fitness Pass necessary for civilian employees who want to use post fitness facilities. Military personnel have priority and can use APG Athletic Center, Hoyle Gym and Russell Gym at no cost, but must buy the pass if they want to use the Health and Fitness Centers.

"Unfortunately, nothing is free anymore, and we do expend non-appropriated fund money for labor and other operating costs to operate the Health and Fitness Centers," Moore said.

Civilian employees who want to use post fitness facilities must

purchase the pass, which costs \$25 for one month, \$60 per quarter, \$100 for six months or \$170 per year. Military personnel must purchase the pass only if they want to use the Health and Fitness Centers.

The pass offers access to all post fitness facilities, offsets operating and labor costs, and "allows APG to continue to operate and improve these facilities," he said.

"By charging all civilians and making the best effort to provide equal facilities and equipment, we can spread the civilian use across our facilities between the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas," he said. "To this date, this has had a very positive effect in the fitness needs of the entire community."

The alternative, he added, would be fewer options for civilian employees.

"If we did not maintain the Health and Fitness Centers, the overcrowding of the gymnasiums

would most likely result in a policy that would limit civilian use to a minimum," Moore said.

On another topic of interest to personnel at both areas of APG, Spidel announced that the Edgewood Area's Magnolia Gate and the Aberdeen Area's Maryland Gate will remain closed until the THREATCON level decreases. Spidel said he will notify the community immediately of changes in the security level, and apologized for inconveniences the gate closures may cause.

After addressing current issues, Spidel opened the floor to attendees for question or concerns. Della Silva voiced concerns about commercial trucks speeding, especially on Plumb Point Loop when making morning deliveries to Top of the Bay. Spidel said the problem will be addressed.

Renee Bennett, a Bayside resi-

dent, questioned the fee charged for boat storage on post, when she noticed boats parked in other housing areas. APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker said post policy is to store all boats, trailers and recreational vehicles in designated storage areas. The storage fee is used toward security and lot maintenance, he said, adding that using power in housing areas to wash or "charge-up" RVs is not permitted. He encouraged post residents to apply for a spot on the lots to comply with regulations.

A follow-up article will be published in the *APG News* next week with answers on issues including TRICARE Prime medical cards; the movement of priority permanent party soldiers into better barracks; barrack maintenance problems; and children playing in areas near Top of the Bay and the Distinguished Visitors Quarters.

# APG Garrison to announce CA Study results Thursday

**ANNOUNCE, from front page**

sion will be available in their work area. For employees who work in the field or outdoors, or whose work area is not wired for cable, the announcement will be broadcast on several television sets at both post recreation centers. All employees are welcome to come to these centers to view the announcement.

"I want to emphasize that the results of this package in no way affects the results of the Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities portion of the study, which will be announced late next month," Spidel said.

Those who are on leave or do not have access to a television at work can check the APG CA web page at [www.apg.army.mil/ca.html](http://www.apg.army.mil/ca.html), or call the CA Hotline at 410-278-9461 for updated information.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will offer Reduction In Force Forums within a few work days of the announcement. The times and dates will depend on whether there is a win or loss.

In other CA news, last week's edition of the CA Hotline, a caller said employee union members indicated that union representatives on post had said "basically the Information Services package had already been determined a lost bid." The response stated that "there have been no decisions made on the winner(s) of the CA packages."

Members of the CA Team, after discussions with union representatives, clarified that the union is aware of the status of the CA process and that no decision has been made; and, that the union has not "given up" on either package and is not reporting alleged wins or losses to employee members.

"We are very happy with the union's participation in the CA Study," said Ralph Cardenuto, the garrison's CA coordinator. "They have been very cooperative and supportive in every way and have been a valuable asset to the study. Thank you Local 2424, keep up the good work!"

## CA Update

Following is a recent question and answer from the CA Hotline:

**Q: Can someone who has signed a letter of intent with a CA bidder take Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VERA/VSIP), then go right to work for that contractor?**

A: Under normal circumstances there are no restrictions on re-employment in the private sector after retiring under VERA, unless accompanied by VSIP. If approved for VSIP, an employee can take VSIP and go to work for a contractor, as long as it is not a personal services contract with the government. Under a CA Study there are a few other factors which come into play. If the employee was a direct participant on the CA Team, there are post-employment restrictions which must be considered.

To determine if you have any post-employment restrictions, please contact the Legal Office at 410-278-7100. Also, the contractor is allowed to bring in his own management personnel, but other positions must first be offered to qualified government employees on the Right of First Refusal list. At this time, anyone accepting the VSIP will not be placed on the ROFR list.

## SPORTS UPDATE

### Intramural Volleyball League continues action on the court

The Intramural Sports Office reported the following standings from last week's Intramural Volleyball League action:

#### Aberdeen Division

**April 5**

USMC defeats NCOA, 16-14, 15-8

**April 7**

NCOA defeats F Co. 16th, 15-3, 16-14

E Co. 16th defeats HHC 16th, 15-10, 15-13

#### STANDINGS

USMC	.....	4-0
E Co. 16th	.....	2-1
NCOA	.....	2-1
F Co. 16th	.....	1-2
HHC 16th	.....	0-5

#### SCHEDULE

**April 19**

6:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 16th  
7:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. F Co. 16th

**April 21**

6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. F Co. 16th  
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. E Co. 16th

#### Edgewood Division

**April 5**

520TH defeats HHC 143rd, 15-2, 15-5  
A Co. 143rd defeats SBCCOM, 15-12, 15-5  
MRICD defeats CHPPM, 15-2, 15-10

**April 7**

HHC 143rd defeats A Co. 143rd, 2-15, 15-11, 15-8  
520th defeats MRICD, 6-15, 15-4, 17-15  
SBCCOM defeats CHPPM, 15-7, 11-15, 15-11

#### STANDINGS

520th	.....	4-0
MRICD	.....	3-1
A Co. 143rd	.....	2-2
HHC 143rd	.....	2-2
SCBCOM	.....	1-3
CHPPM	.....	0-4

#### SCHEDULE

**April 19**

6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. A Co. 143rd  
7:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. MRICD  
8:30 p.m., 520th vs. HHC 143rd

**April 21**

6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. SBCCOM  
7:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. HHC 143rd  
8:30 p.m., MRICD vs. 520th

### HHC 16th dominates in 3-on-3 basketball tourney

The team from HHC 16th came out on top of the post's first intramural 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the APG Intramural Sports Office and held at the APG Athletic Center on Saturday. The tournament had 10 unit teams competing in a single elimination tournament. The tournament started with the only women's game which saw the ladies of E Co. 16th outlast the Ladies from APG MWR. The final game pitted HHC 16th against the Marines, with the Army coming out on top of the close game.

### Intramural Bowling League wraps up season

The Intramural Bowling season ended April 7, with a roll-off between the top teams from the first half of the season and the top teams of the second half of the season. The four teams competing were KUSAHC, HHC 16th, USMC #1 and USMC #2. The winner was decided by total pins and at the end, KUSAHC came out as the overall winner. Individuals were also recognized for high average and high game scratch. Karen Barnes of E Co. 16th was honored for high average at 173 and for high scratch game at 225. Edward Velery of HHC 16th had the high average at 210, and Donald Donnelly had high game scratch at 268.

### Lady Bombers win fourth in WAMAC tourney

The Lady Bombers post-level basketball team played in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference Post-Season Basketball Tournament at Fort Belvoir, Va., April 9-11. The Bombers started the tournament by beating home team Fort Belvoir on Friday night. On Saturday morning, APG fell to the Andrews Air Force Base team and went to the losers bracket. The Bombers then were defeated by the Fort Myers team, putting them out of the tournament.

### Try out for post-level softball

The APG Sports Program will hold tryouts for all active duty military who are interested in playing on the post-level softball team for APG. The team will participate in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference and will play games in round-robin tournament format on weekends only. The first scheduled weekend of competition is May 22-23. Tryouts will be held in the Aberdeen Area on Shine Field #1 on April 22 and 26, 6 p.m., and in the Edgewood Area on Wise Field on April 23, 6 p.m. Interested players should sign up at the APG Athletic Center or Hoyle Gym. For more information, contact Coach Steve Czerwinski at 410-436-1492 or [steven.czerwinski@amedd.army.mil](mailto:steven.czerwinski@amedd.army.mil); or, call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

### Seeking women for volleyball

The All Army Sports Office is looking for active duty Army women who are interested in playing on the All Army Volleyball Team. Any one interested should immediately contact Marni Allison at 410-278-4497.

### Intramural softball starts in June

The APG Intramural Softball League regular season begins June 1. Units must submit a letter of intent to the Intramural Sports Office at APG Athletic Center by May 13. There will be a coaches rules clinic that day in Russell Gym at 2 p.m. The pre-season tournament will be held May 17-20. Letters also are being accepted for a Women's League. Civilians and family members associated with the unit will be allowed to play. For information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7934.

### Intramural golf begins in May

APG Intramural Golf League starts May 20. Units must submit letters of intent to the Intramural Sports Office by May 13. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office, 410-278-7933.

# 'Freebies' are 'drop and swap' success stories

## Aberdeen Proving Ground laboratory community cleans out and 'cleans up'

By Elizabeth Taddeo Longenecker  
Pollution Prevention Specialist

Three Aberdeen Proving Ground laboratories saved thousands of dollars in procurement and disposal costs recently by transferring unopened, usable chemicals rather than disposing of them as hazardous waste.

Kim O'Connor, an environmental specialist in the Hazardous Waste Branch of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, suggested the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine contact the DSHE Pollution Prevention Program to find users for unopened, usable chemicals identified during a November 1998 laboratory clean out. The move saved taxpayers about \$10,000.

"The most-effective way to prevent pollution is at the source, which is why transfer rather than disposal makes sense to me; preventing pollution at the source benefits everyone, not just one side," O'Connor said.

Because APG's primary mission is to research, develop, test and evaluate weapons systems, many installation laboratories use hazardous chemicals. While steps are taken to minimize the amount of solid and hazardous wastes that result from testing operations, sometimes the use of hazardous chemicals is unavoidable. To minimize the purchase and disposal of chemicals, a list of all excess, unopened, usable materials must be provided to the installation HAZMART and/or the DSHE Pollution Prevention Program prior to disposal. The information is shared with other installation organizations that may need the materials.

In this case, the Pollution Prevention Program staff inventoried CHPPM's usable materials and provided a list to other APG tenant organizations that conduct similar testing operations. Within 24 hours, the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) and the Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense (MRICD) picked up approximately 110 chemicals and chemical products.

ARL and MRICD saved more than \$9,000 by receiving the items through a transfer instead of ordering them as new purchases. All materials received in a transfer are free.

"We were very pleased to be able to do this free chemical transfer. Thanks [to DSHE] for letting us know about CHPPM's clean out," said ARL Pharmacy Manager Jamie Lariviere, a hazardous materials technician with HAZMED at ARL.

ARL also conducted an inner-activity trade of approximately 340 chemicals, saving an additional \$970 in chemical purchases

and another \$625 in waste disposal costs.

Less significant but equally important savings were derived from the reduction in waste. The transfer of materials from CHPPM reduced the wastes from that clean out by 265 pounds (about 9 percent of the total disposed). This reduction is significant for two reasons: reducing the amount of hazardous wastes generated by APG is a requirement of Executive Order 12856 and Army Regulation 200-1; and disposal of this classification of hazardous waste costs \$1.86 per pound, or \$490 in this case. Over time, disposal costs, combined with the initial purchase price of the chemicals, could add substantially to the cost of weapons.

In addition, ARL recently accepted 460 pounds of chemicals from the Maryland National Guard at the Edgewood Area, saving \$1,822 in initial purchases and \$856 in wastes.



"Thanks for the information," said Hazardous Materials Technician Karen Ferguson, an environmental manager with HAZMED at the ARL Risk Management Office. "We were just about to order some of the chemicals we received from the National Guard. The materials exchange through the Freebies

program is working for us."

The Freebies program is not just for hazardous materials. ARL also received more than \$17,600 in glassware and other non-chemical laboratory materials from CHPPM.

"The scientists were thrilled," Lariviere said. "This glassware is expensive."



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At left, ARL Pharmacy Manager Jamie Lariviere shows Fred Thompson a bottle of chemicals available at the ARL Pharmacy. Above is some of the glassware and other laboratory supplies ARL received from CHPPM. The materials saved ARL more than \$17,000.

With the cooperation of Garrison and tenant organizations, DSHE will have more Freebies program success stories to share. If your organization or office needs chemicals, chemical products, or other hazardous materials, it can help you determine if there are excess supplies on the installation. If you have excess products,

the program can help transfer them to another organization.

For additional information or assistance, call the DSHE Pollution Prevention office at 410-306-2274.

(Editor's note: Elizabeth Taddeo Longenecker works with the APG Garrison Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.)

## HST event honors military tradition

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and traditions from senior leader to junior soldier.

After the formal portion of the evening, participants danced the rest of the night to music provided by DJ Heartbreak.

HST soldiers volunteered hundreds of hours at numerous fund raisers to defray the evening's cost, said Headquarters Company's first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Dennis L. Robinson.

"We and our sister unit, the 389th Army Band, conducted numerous fundraisers over the past three months to make this event an inexpensive, yet worthwhile experience for our soldiers," Robinson said.

HST consists of Headquarters Company and the 389th Army Band, and provides installation support to APG.