

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 5, is paper. Put appropriate items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### 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.

### 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.

### Focus on fitness set for May 19

National Employees Health and Fitness Day is May 19. Mark your calendar to join the staff at the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center, building 320. There will be a walk/run, a health fair, a massage therapist and many other activities. A discount will be given for anyone joining the center that day. Call for information at 410-278-9725/9759. The center is a full-service facility, and is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For more information, call 410-278-9725.

### Plan to donate blood on May 4

The next Red Cross Blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at the Edgewood Area Chapel. Call 410-278-2087 to make an appointment. Sign up now - blood supplies are at an all-time low.

### Asian-Pacific luncheon is May 25

APG will sponsor the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month luncheon on May 25 at Top of the Bay. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Legacy." Tickets cost \$7.50 and are available from Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534; Sfc. Thomas Stephanic, 410-278-5598; Sfc. Herbert Johnson, 410-278-1053; Sfc. (P) James Davis, 410-278-7381; Gurdev Buttar, 410-278-4121; or Dr. Ming Shih, 410-436-1722.

### ACS parenting classes coming up

A parenting class for parents of teens will be held Thursday evenings beginning May 13 through June 24, 6:30-8 p.m. "Learn to Communicate More Effectively as a Family" will be presented at Army Community Service, build-

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## Hamre visits Edgewood Area

### Deputy secretary of defense sees chemical agent storage, briefed on destruction plans

By Karen Jolley DREWEN  
APG News

Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. John J. Hamre visited the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground April 22 to see the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's abilities in handling chemical and biological munitions and agents.

Hamre, who has been deputy secretary of defense since July 1997, toured Edgewood Area facilities and saw the abilities of the Technical Escort Unit, all of which are part of a coordinated effort that enables the command not only to store and move chemical agents safely, but also to handle any emergency situation.

Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, escorted Hamre on his last official visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground before his retirement Monday. Wilson accompanied DoD's deputy secretary to show him APG's unique role in DoD, not only in eliminating the chemical stockpile, but also SBCCOM's role in the defense and protection from chemical and biological weapons in a post-Cold War environment.

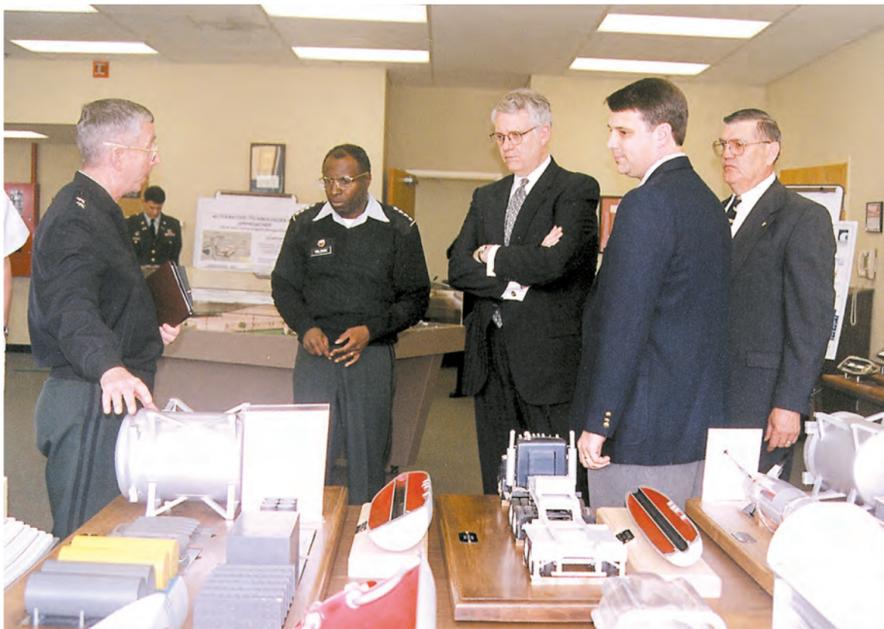


Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM, left, briefs Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson and Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. John J. Hamre on chemical demilitarization, as Rick Holmes of the Project Manager for Chemical Stockpile Disposal, and James Bacon, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, look on.

Hamre was accompanied by Rear Adm. Gregory Johnson, his senior military assistant, and Pamela Berkowsky, his assistant chief of staff.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM, offered Hamre an encapsulated overview of how mustard agent is safely stored at the Chemical Agent Stockpile Yard, known as CASY.

"It's part of our mission to get the word out on the mustard

agent stockpile and the progress being made toward disposal," said Maj. Craig A. Trice, commander of Edgewood Chemical Activity, who showed the group how the mustard agent is safely stored and monitored. Trice also discussed stockpile emergency preparedness plans and Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty) compliance.

"We're proud of the job we do, and anytime we get an opportunity to show that to our

senior leaders is especially fulfilling," he said.

Joseph W. Lovrich, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization site manager for the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, also briefed the visitors near the Chemical Agent Storage Yard, where construction began in April and will continue until 2002. The facility will pilot test neutralization followed by

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## National Guard's 29th Aviation Brigade leaves for El Salvador

By Yvonne JOHNSON  
APG News

Humanitarian assistance from the U.S. military is not limited to Albania. Victims of Hurricane Mitch will receive help and hope from the 29th Aviation Brigade, headquartered at the Edgewood Area.

The brigade deployed to Chilanguera, El Salvador, on April 22 on a five-month mission in support of Task Force New Hope, the voluntary relief effort for recovery from the effects of Hurricane Mitch. Guard members said they were more than happy to go.

This deployment was not the result of a mobilization call up.

The soldiers volunteered to be part of a cooperative effort between the Pentagon's National Guard Bureau, state adjutant generals and state governors to act upon President Clinton's recent order to increase the size of the U.S. military force providing humanitarian assistance to Central America.

Of the 60 deploying troops, five will remain in El Salvador for the duration, while the remainder will serve 21-day rotations. The brigade will provide support for passenger transport, base camp and remote site re-supply, VIP transport, casualty evacuation and limited search and rescue.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Members of the 29th Aviation Brigade load a UH-1 Huey helicopter into a C-5A cargo aircraft.

## APG plans celebration of 'Law Day'

LAW DAY OBSERVED MAY 6, 1999

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the United States Congress have designated the first day of May each year as LAW DAY, and  
WHEREAS Law Day was first commemorated in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and has been celebrated every year since then, and  
WHEREAS, May 1, 1999, is LAW DAY USA, with the theme "Celebrate Your Freedom," with a special emphasis on our nation's quest for equality, and  
WHEREAS Law Day provides the opportunity for the American people to rededicate and reeducate themselves to the liberty that has been bestowed upon them as their birthright, and  
WHEREAS the Liberty that Americans enjoy and pride themselves on is founded largely on an illustrious legal heritage, and  
WHEREAS our system of laws is the product of a long and rich tradition that is derived from many noble cultures throughout history, including the Common Law of Great Britain, the Civil Order of the Roman Empire and the Enlightenment of the Greek city-states, and  
WHEREAS our own Constitution established a system of government that has endured and prospered so that today many nations and many peoples have come to regard our legal system as one of the finest in the history of free peoples, and  
WHEREAS the Bill of Rights protects fundamental, individual liberties, including the freedom of religion, the freedom of speech, and the freedom of the press. Furthermore, the Bill of Rights requires that every citizen be given the benefit of the Due Process of the Law, and  
WHEREAS the United States Army in general and this command in particular remains dedicated to the preservation of the legal system that has served this Republic so long and so well, and  
NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that LAW DAY USA will be observed on Thursday, May 6, 1999, and all personnel, military and civilian, are invited to recognize this special day by reflection on its meaning and joining in its observance.

Dated this 22 day of April, 1999  
At Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

*John C. Doesburg*  
John C. Doesburg  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, signs the Law Day proclamation, shown at right, as Col. James S. Currie, left, APG chief counsel and staff judge advocate, and Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, look on.

See page 9 for a commentary on the meaning of Law Day.

## APG wins award for pollution prevention

By Karen Jolley DREWEN  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground not only is cleaning up the environment, it's preventing additional problems through its successful post-wide Pollution Prevention (P2) Program.

The post's efforts won APG the 1998 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Pollution Prevention, non-industrial installation category. Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera honored APG for an extensive, well-managed pollution prevention program that ranged from the creation of a "HAZMART" for distributing and controlling hazardous materials to replacing more than 30,000 light fixtures with more-efficient ones.

Pollution Prevention Program Manager Robert Solyan accepted the award at the Pentagon Monday. Accompanying him at the ceremony were Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander; DSHE Director Tim McNamara; and DSHE personnel Ray McDermott, Bill Arguero, Liz Longenecker, Sheila Jones, Michelle Guitard, Larry Jonas and Nicole Clements.

"This speaks volumes to all the work that has been done across the APG community, from little to great contributions," McNamara said. "It shows how people can achieve pollution prevention in their own work places."

He credited the hard work of Solyan and "all those who spearhead pollution prevention in DSHE's Environmental Compliance Division," and emphasized that the team effort from the proving ground's many tenants made the award possible.

"This is not just an APG Garrison award. While the submission came from the garrison, the contributions came from across the post," McNamara said.

Dr. Bernard D. Rostker, undersecretary of the Army, and Raymond J. Fatz, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for environment, safety and occupational health, presented the award to the winners.

DSHE's Ken Stachiw won a  
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ing 2754. Parenting classes for parents of school age children will be held on Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., from May 12-June 23. "Encourage your child to make responsible choices" will be presented at Army Community Service, building 2754.

For more information, call Peggy Horne at ACS, 410-278-4372/7474.

### DVQ reservations transferred

Responsibility for reservations at Aberdeen and Edgewood DVQ's has been transferred to the Swan Creek Inn Billeting Office. All inquiries regarding availability of DVQ or reservations are to be directed to Swan Creek Inn reservations clerk or front desk manager at 410-278-5148/5149.

### Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is still looking for a few good volunteers. A volunteer is needed at the Logistics Office at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to assist with property and at the main office of the Red Cross to assist with clerical duties. Youth volunteers will be needed in the very near future to fill numerous positions on APG. Applications will be accepted Monday, May 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Red Cross Office, building 2477. For more information, call Carolyn Lerwill, 410-278-2087.

### Boating and water safety offered

Lawrence G. Kaye of the Red Cross Office is available to speak about boating and water safety to any military or civilian group at APG. For information or to schedule an appointment, call the Red Cross Office, 410-278-2087.

### Get your TRICARE enrollment cards

Have you received your TRICARE Prime enrollment card? If not, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 1-888-999-5195 and speak to an enrollment representative. It is imperative that your DEERS be up-to-date with all your pertinent data. Any incorrect or missing information in DEERS may cause a delay in receiving your enrollment card. If you plan to enroll in TRICARE Prime or if this is a permanent change of station to Aberdeen Proving Ground, remember to stop at Military Personnel in building 305 and update your information. Correct information on DEERS will provide you with "hassle free" TRICARE enrollment.

### HCC Summer 1999 schedule

The Harford Community College APG Summer Session starts on June 1, 1999. Many classes are available on Main Campus as well as those offered at APG. Summer/Fall schedules are now available in the APG office located in building 3146, next to the Army Education Center. Register early. For more information, call 410-272-2338.

June-July 1999

ENG 101, English Composition, 6-8:50 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, building 5442

CJ 207, Criminal Investigation, 6-8:50 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, building 5442

SPCH 101, Speech Fundamentals, 6-8:50 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, building 5442

ENG 209, Technical Writing, 6-8:50 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, building 5442

CIS 102, Intro Information Sciences, 6-8:50 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, building 3145

### Speak for yourself

Want to improve your professional and personal speaking abilities? The HARCO Toastmasters Club invites you to join this non-profit community organization. The Toastmaster Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Giovanni's Restaurant, at 7 p.m. Giovanni's Restaurant is located on 2101 Pulaski Highway (Route 40), Edgewood. Let us show you how we can help you become a better communicator. This is a world-wide program devoted exclusively to training in better speaking, listening, evaluating and leadership skills. For more information, call 410-272-5128 or 410-679-8453. Future meetings will be held on May 6 and 20; June 3 and 17; July 1 and 15; Aug. 5 and 19; Sept. 2 and 16; Oct. 7 and 21; Nov. 4 and 18; and Dec. 2 and 16.

### Toastmasters offers four county clubs

Toastmasters International has four great clubs in Harford County. Harco's Toastmasters meets first and third Thursdays, 7 p.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant, 2101 Pulaski Highway (Route 40), Edgewood. For more information, call Lauren Sheriff, 410-575-7648. Fallston Toastmasters meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:15

p.m. at Prudential Preferred Properties, 312 South Main Street, Bel Air, Md. For more information, call Mary Finegan, 410-879-1753. Gunpowder Toastmasters meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. at the Gunpowder, Edgewood Area of APG. For more information, call Paul Josephson, 410-436-1205 (work), or 410-539-0454 (home). Susquehanna Toastmasters, first and third Mondays, 11:45 a.m. at the Top of the Bay Restaurant, building 30. For more information, call Mary K. Peck, 410-278-4584 (work), or 410-658-5549 (home). For information on all Harford County Toastmaster clubs, call Ryan Pierson, Area Governor, 410-638-0276 or for information on Toastmasters throughout Maryland and Delaware, call toll free: 1-888-TOAST18; or visit <http://www.erols.com/toastmas>.

### Edgewood Arsenal memorabilia sought

Wanted to buy - a 1969 or 1970 Edgewood Arsenal Post Telephone Directory. Please call R. Leigh at 304-728-4873 (charges accepted), or write to: P.O. Box 235, Rippon, W.Va. 25441, or email to: [rleigh@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rleigh@ix.netcom.com).

### FEGLI Open Season runs until June 30

Materials for FEGLI Open Season, which started April 24 and continues through June 30, have been received in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center for distribution to activities. Information also is available at the Office of Personnel Management web site, [www.opm.gov/insure/life/fegli99/index.htm](http://www.opm.gov/insure/life/fegli99/index.htm). The 1999 FEGLI Open Enrollment brochure and form is available on the web site. FEGLI 99 Open Enrollment Period Election forms downloaded from this web site have four pages employees must complete. Completed forms should be submitted to: APG CPAC, ATTN: STEAP-CP-P/FEGLI OS, building 305, room B-15. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

### 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.

### Fire Department flushing 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.

### Couple's Retreat planned for June

The Ordnance Brigade Chaplains are sponsoring a Couple's Retreat for all 143rd and 16th Ordnance Battalion couples, June 13 and 14. The location is the Drayton Center, Worton, Md., an 18th-century mansion on the Eastern Shore. Cost is \$25 per couple, which includes overnight lodging and three meals. Space is limited to 10 couples; reservations are required by April 30. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Roeder, 410-278-5395, or Chaplain Wallman, 410-278-2994, for information.

### Apply for Officer Candidate School

Applications are being accepted for the next board and must be received by June 21 at U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Headquarters, ATTN: AMSTE-RP-P. This date is firm. Applicants will be scheduled to appear before the OCS board convened at Fort Meade. For details, call Barb Tarczynski, 410-278-1172, or Connie Garcia, 410-278-1175.

### Get info on Blue Cross plan

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG on Tuesday, May 11, 9-11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level), and building E-4420, 12:30-1:30 p.m., to discuss claims problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

### 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 experi-

ence 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 is 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.

### 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.

### 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. For questions regarding scheduling, call Judy Michalski, 410-278-2711.

### 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.

### Send in soup labels to CDC, schools

The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, Aberdeen Middle School and Edgewood Elementary School collect Campbell's Soup labels to redeem for equipment to be used by children enrolled at the center. Eligible products include: Campbell's bean products; chunky, condensed, Home Cookin' and Healthy Request soups; Campbell's tomato juices; Franco-American gravies, SpaghettiO's; Pace Picante; Pepperidge Farm products; V8 juices; Swanson products; and Prego spaghetti sauces. The schools are collecting Klein's Supermarket receipts and Campbell's labels. Klein's is running a "Computers Plus for Schools" program through May 25. Pink register receipts are issued to all customers. The small portion with the total cost of groceries is needed, so the schools can redeem receipts for free computers, audio-visual equipment, software, books and sports equipment.

Drop off label donations at the AA CDC, building 2485, at the box in the lobby. Call Kim Fillinger at 410-278-9950 or 410-939-5950 for details. For schools, send labels and receipts by June 1 to Aberdeen Middle School, ATTN: PTA, 111 Mount Royal Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001 (call Rose Ann Spieles, 410-272-6308); or Edgewood Elementary School, ATTN: PTA, 2100 Cedar Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040 (call Kathy Shrontz, 410-612-0444).

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## CA UPDATE

# Question arises about number of positions in garrison MEO

**Q:** *There is a paper floating around with a list of all the positions in the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) for the Directorate of Information Management. The bottom line number states that 72 (or so) jobs were abolished and 71 (or so) jobs were created. Leaving a grand total of 1 (ONE) position deleted from the package. If the object of the exercise was to get the Garrison from 1326 to 999 positions, what did the DOIM package accomplish and does that mean that the DOL/DCFA/DPW/etc. have to eliminate the other 326 jobs from their package?*

**A:** The objective of the CA Study was not to get from 1,326 to 999 positions. The objective was to ensure the taxpayer that APG Garrison operations were being performed at the lowest cost possible. The efficiencies gained by the Information Services' MEO were a reduction of 28 positions (the original number studied was 129 positions compared to the MEO number, 101 positions). The listing to which you refer covers our current on-board strength. The CA Study has been ongoing for two years. During that time, several

employees have left the APG Garrison without being replaced. These positions are not included in the listing. Due to this attrition, our current on-board numbers are very close to that needed upon implementation. While this is good news, there may remain an imbalance in matching remaining persons to the skills of the new positions created (71) in the MEO. The severity of the skills imbalance cannot be determined until after the VSIP, VERA, and RIF mechanics are run.

CA Hotline  
Q&A's and Updates!  
(410) 278-9461

Available  
24 Hours  
a day

Call us if you have any questions or concerns or would like an update on current CA processes, activities, or briefings. Also visit our CA Web Page for answers to Hotline questions and updated information: [www.apg.army.mil/ca.html](http://www.apg.army.mil/ca.html)

## FRIDAY APRIL 30 FRESH LINE DANCE

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

## HOOAH, NCO'S

There will be a party for permanent party NCO's at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, beginning at 7 p.m. Free food and drinks with DJ Heartbreak. All NCO's from HHC 16th, HST, KUSAHC, 143rd and 61st invited.

## SUNDAY MAY 2

### AN EVENING OF GOSPEL

St. James A.M.E. Church, located at 615-17 Green St., Havre de Grace, will host an evening of gospel at 4 p.m. The presentation will include dynamic multi-keyboardist Hiram Brown and Rev. Kenneth Stewart. All are invited. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

### 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.

### CIVIL WAR DAY

Steppingstone Museum will host a Civil War Living History

Day from noon-5 p.m. The event will include a Civil War encampment, music, an ice cream social and information about the Underground Railroad in Harford County. Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children ages 12 and under. For information, call 410-939-2299.

## TUESDAY MAY 4 1ST FOOD SHOW

The Installation Food Service Office will host the 1st Annual Food Show at the Top of the Bay, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Approximately 40 food vendors will present items for sampling. Dress code is casual or military duty uniform as applicable. For more information, call the Installation Food Service at 410-278-9389/2164 or DSN 298-9389/2164.

## WEDNESDAY MAY 5

### UMUC OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to attend an open house for University of Maryland University College (UMUC), building 3146, 4-6 p.m. Students can learn more about turning on-the-job learning into college credit with Cooperative Education; UMUC's EXCEL program; and UMUC's Bachelor of Science degree programs. For more information, visit UMUC's web page at www.umuc.edu, or call UMUC's office at 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

## SATURDAY MAY 8 FELLOWSHIP

New Destiny Evangelistic Ministries will hold its "Walk on Water" Building Fund Musical and Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. The service will be held at Mountain Christian Church,

1824 Rd., Joppa. The public is invited to attend.

### CRAFT DAY

Steppingstone Museum and Harford Community College will hold rural arts and crafts workshops at the museum, starting at 9 a.m. Courses will include blacksmithing, basket-making, woodworking, pottery, quilting and tatting. Fees vary depending on the course. For information, call HCC at 410-836-4376.

## SUNDAY MAY 9

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate Mother's Day with a Champagne Brunch at Top of the Bay. Seatings are still open for the 10 a.m.-noon serving; the 12:30-2:30 p.m. is filled. 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.

## WEDNESDAY MAY 12

### EA-OWC LUNCHEON

Join the club for the installation of the 1999-2000 EA Officers Wives Club officers. Following lunch and the installation ceremony, EA-OWC and Rick Yohe, of USPA/IRA, will recognize their scholarship winners. This month the group will meet at Baldwin's Seafood Restaurant, 525 Pulaski Hwy., Joppa, 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Choose Maryland crab cake sandwich with chips and pickle for \$12, Baldwin's turkey stacker sandwich with chips and pickle for \$10.75, a house garden salad and bowl of Maryland vegetable crab soup for \$9.75, or a pork barbecue sandwich with chips and pickle for \$8.25. All menu selections and prices include choice of tea or coffee, cheesecake with

strawberry sauce dessert, tax and gratuity. Make reservations with Paula Meredith at 410-676-4022 by noon, May 7.

## THURSDAY MAY 13

The Vernon Sewell Ensemble Choir of St. James A.M.E. Church will hold a revival from 7-9 p.m. St. James A.M.E. Church is located at 615-17 Green St., Havre de Grace. For information, call 410-939-2267.

## 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.

## SUNDAY MAY 16

### REJOICING 19 YEARS

The Vernon Sewell Ensemble Choir of St. James A.M.E. Church will celebrate its 19th anniversary at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

## SUNDAY MAY 23

### OLD-TIME RELIGION

St. James A.M.E. Church, located at 615-17 Green St., Havre de Grace, will host an evening of gospel at 4 p.m. Recording Artist Winfield Parker and Praise will perform. Free of charge. Don't miss this event, everyone is invited. For more information, call 410-272-7912 or 410-297-6936.

## SATURDAY JUNE 5

### SUMMER JAM 99

Big Cube Entertainment presents Summer Jam 99, at the Top of the Bay Main Ballroom, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 in advance and more at the door. For information or to get tickets, call 410-817-1390.

## SATURDAY JUNE 26

### COMMUNITY FIRST AID

The American Red Cross will hold a Community First Aid and CPR class from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, building 2477. Cost of the class is \$25 and is payable by check to the American Red Cross. Upon

completion of this course, students will be certified for three years in First Aid and one year in Community CPR. For more information, call Carolyn Lerwill, 410-278-2087.

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 30

### ORGANIZATION DAY

The 8th annual U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground Organization Day will be held on Wednesday, June 30, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., CAPA Field, Edgewood Area. Games and entertainment will be provided for the whole family. Ticket prices and points of contact will be provided in the near future.

## Send in events

Do you have an item for the Community Notes page, or an idea for a story? Fax it to 410-278-2570 or e-mail it to kdrewen@apgnews.com. Deadline is noon Monday for the following Thursday's paper.

## 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;  
Gordon Herron (Wife has cancer);  
Joseph Hill (heart problems);  
Judy Hunt (arthopathy);  
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).

## MWR UPDATE

### Swimming pool passes

Passes for the 1999 swimming pool season go on sale on May 10 in the Aberdeen Area at the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and in the Edgewood Area at the Hoyle Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Hours for the ERC sales are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-noon. Hours for Hoyle Health and Fitness Center sales are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fees are \$3 daily, \$25 for individual monthly, \$35 for family monthly, \$50 for individual season, and \$80 for family season.

The Olympic Pool in the Aberdeen Area and the Bayside Pool in the Edgewood Area will operate from May 29-Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Shore Pool will operate June 19-Aug. 22, Tuesday-Sunday (weather permitting).

### Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park

Come out and enjoy outside activities. Try your luck at batting baseball or softball. Baseball has speeds from Little League to Major Leagues. Softball has four slow and one fast pitch cage. Bring your friends and challenge them to 18 holes of miniature golf. Go-karts are also in operation patrons that are less than 54-inch tall are required to ride in a double passenger cart with and adult. The snack bar and an arcade room are now open. Operating hours are weekends only till May 17, at which time the park will be open seven days a week. The park is open now on Fridays, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 1 p.m.-midnight, and Sunday, 1-8 p.m.

Starting May 17, the park will be open Monday-Thursday, 5:30-10 p.m., Friday, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 1 p.m.-midnight, and Sunday and holidays, 1-8 p.m.

If you wish to schedule a birthday party, organizational day or office party, call 410-278-9920 for information.

### Fitness centers to celebrate

Celebrate National Employees Health and Fitness Day, May 19 at both post Health and Fitness Centers. Events for the day will feature a 5K Run/Walk and a Mini-Health Fair with medical professionals from Franklin Square Hospital and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to check cholesterol (\$8 fee) and blood pressure. A massage therapist and aerobics class demonstrations will be offered. For one day only, renew or purchase a membership for six months or one year and receive a 20 percent discount. Advance sign-up for therapist and screenings are required. The AA Health and Fitness Center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For details, call 410-278-9725/9759.

### Equipment Resource Center

The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center offers 20x20-foot and 20x30-foot canopies/party tents, padded folding chairs, 8-foot rectangular folding tables, and new this year, 70-inch round folding tables to help outfit graduation parties, weddings, receptions, family reunions or any outdoor function. Reserve your equipment now to ensure availability by paying the daily fee in advance. Active duty military and family members may reserve equipment 60 days in advance; all others may make reservations up to 30 days in advance. Fees are reasonable, and reservations are accepted over the telephone when paying by credit card. The center offers supergrills (trailed charcoal grills), ice chests in an assortment of sizes, insulated drink coolers, camping equipment, outdoor sports and games, canoes, kayaks and boats. Visit the center in building 2407 with Arts and Crafts, or call 410-278-4124 for further information.

### Edgewood Arts and Crafts

Framing Class: A beginning Matting and Framing Class will be held April 29, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8x10-inch 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, go to the experts. We will do it for you at great savings! For an estimate bring your pictures to building E-4440.

**Porcelain Doll Classes:** A beginning Porcelain Doll Class will be held on Thursday May 13, 20 and 27, 5:30-9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn the art of porcelain doll making. These dolls make great gifts and you will be surprised at how beautiful your first doll will be. Completed dolls like these sell for hundreds of dollars; you can make one at the craft shop for only \$30 plus supplies.

**Ceramic Class:** A beginning Ceramic Class will be held May 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. The shop has more than 500 ceramic molds in stock and a wide variety of bisqueware, greenware, paints and brushes for sale.

**Create your own water fountain:** Enjoy the soothing sounds of water falling over a rock garden. Design your own fountain for your home or office. These fountains make great gifts! The class meets on Saturday, May 15 and 22, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

**Woodshop Orientation:** A woodshop orientation class will be held May 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. There is a \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

For details on classes call 410-436-2153 on Thursday, 1-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or visit building E-4440

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES '99

# BUILDING A CHILD'S SELF-ESTEEM

### Tips For Parents

You're doing a great job!



- Reinforce your love for your children often—tell them you love them and give plenty of hugs and kisses.
- Don't equate what your children do with who they are. For example, tell your son he did a bad thing, not, "you're a bad boy."
- Let your children know that their thoughts and feelings are important to you.
- Give children choices, not threats. Instead of saying, "If you don't stop playing ball in the house, you're going to get it!" try, "It's up to you, you can either stop playing ball in the house, or you can go outside to play ball." Give your child a choice only when you really want the child to decide—and then accept the child's decision.
- Help your children set realistic goals and don't hold them to unreasonably high standards.
- Comments like, "you're wonderful," or "I'm proud of you," are good self-esteem builders, but learn to be specific, too. Identify your child's strong personality traits, such as thoughtfulness, neatness, or sense of humor, and take time to comment on them.
- Be polite to your children, by saying "please" and "thank you."
- Tell your children that you appreciate their help and compliment them even on small tasks done well.
- When asking something of a child, make sure he or she understands the rules and your expectations fully. He or she will feel more confident with the responsibility.
- Teach your children to solve their own problems. If they ask how to do something, don't do it for them. Explain or demonstrate how and then let them try.
- Always give your children a reason, particularly if they ask. Never say, "because I said so." This signals that children are not worthy of an explanation.
- Don't set limits on your children's abilities—make them feel they can do anything, and then praise their success!
- Don't underestimate your children's ability to bounce back from a disappointment. Take the "get right back on the horse" approach and praise a second try.

# OBC students spend 'magical' time with club members

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America has a mission not unlike that of the Armed Forces: "To inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."

Recently, a group of soldiers from the Officer Basic Course spent a productive evening with some young people; showing them just how caring U.S. Army soldiers can be.

Led by 2nd Lt. Kenneth Stewart, OBC Class 3-99 visited the Aberdeen Boys & Girls Club for an evening of magic and fun. Stewart, the Third Team's chief in charge of community projects, described the group's intent as a continuous effort that will be carried on by succeeding classes.

"We started in January and will leave here in June," he explained. "We're not in the community long enough to have a lasting effect individually, but we may accomplish something positive collectively."

Stewart admitted his and his class members' knowledge of Aberdeen and the surrounding communities is limited, but they believe that no matter where you are, "all boys and girls need positive role models."

Kaena Appling, unit director for the Aberdeen club, met the group when they arrived. She has been involved with the club system for five years and says she has never seen volunteer participation quite like this.

"The OBC First Team came in to volunteer their time a few months ago," Appling said. "When they left, this team took over and they've been coming here regularly ever since."

Appling attributed the program's success to the volunteers' enthusiasm for working with the children. Her praise was echoed by Don Mathis, executive director of the Harford County Boys & Girls Clubs.

"The soldiers from APG have been great volunteers!" he said, noting that soldiers from other classes and organizations also have participated in club activities. "We really appreciate the soldiers giving their time to the community."

Appling and her assistants seated about 40 children in a semi-circle in the club's playroom and shortly after that the magic show began. Dressed in a tuxedo, the magician, 2nd Lt. Zac Barkowski, emerged and began his performance.

With engaging wit and expert agility, he performed numerous sight-defying tricks while engaging the audience in friendly banter, charming both the children and spectators.

Besides the 26 OBC volunteers in attendance, also present were Capt. Donna Killian, OBC course director, Capt. Dan Gamel, tactical officer for OBC class instructors, and 2nd Lt. Brian Bonney, class leader.

Killian explained that every class volunteers for a project while stationed here.

"Right now, there are three classes going on at one time, but I enjoy accompanying them on their outings whenever I can," she said.

Gamel added that this OBC class has adopted the facility.

"They go on individual and group outings," Gamel said. "One of the past group outings was to an Orioles game."

At the conclusion of the show Barkowski showered the children with candy, thanked them for being a wonderful audience, and departed to a rousing applause. Then the children and guests socialized over refreshments. Barkowski later explained that he learned his magic tricks from books, and that he prefers performing for children because of his personality.

"Kids are best to perform for because of their reactions," Barkowski said. "Even if they figure it out, they still love it."

Some of the class members were accompanied by their wives, who mingled with the



Children at the Aberdeen Boys & Girls Club enjoy a magic show by 2nd Lt. Zac Barkowski. At right, the magician gets some help from Corbin Pinckney.

children and helped with refreshments. Lisa Colby, whose husband, 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Colby, is in the Reserves, said the kids were the best part of the evenings' program.

"The magician was fun to watch," she said, "but the magic was watching the kids' reactions."

Colby, the family support coordinator for her husband's class, explained that volunteering is nothing new to them. Back home in Massachusetts, she donates

time at the local food pantry and does fundraising for the library and for a conservation foundation. Her husband, who works at an engineering firm, donates his time and expertise to the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

Colby says their activities are time-consuming, but they do it for the satisfying feeling it brings.

"Giving yourself is so wonderful," Colby said, "even when you don't get to see the end result."

Members of Officer Basic

Course Class 3-99 are Lt. Col. Elsaid Ibrahim, Capt. Adwan Khalid, and 2nd Lts. Dani C. Gunther, Michelle Jaramillo, Richard Kimball, Robert W. Lentner III, Roboert McConnel, David J. Moman, Mark D. Ratekin, Mark E. Riensche, Robert E. Shefner, Nathaniel O. Simmons, Clint A. Small, Rodney K. Smith, Jonathan C. Stewart, Kesha N. Taylor, Jeffery B. Urban, Ronald C. Woods, Stephen R. Allyn, Zac Barkowski, Leeann



N. Bauer, Brian J. Bonney, Jeffrey S. Colby, Linda S. Emerine, Kim M. Enderlin, Jeffrey A. Ford, Timothy M. Gallagher, Lawrence J. Garcia and Christopher A. Roback.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Aberdeen Boys and Girls Club may contact Kaena Appling at 410-272-8233 or visit the club at 100 E. Bel Air Ave in Aberdeen.

Clubs also are located in Edgewood and Havre de Grace, and volunteers always are welcome. Call for details.



2nd Lt. Brian Bonney poses with Aberdeen Boys & Girls Club member Devron Galloway during the visit.

# Riley honored for lifetime achievements

By Laura L. Ryan  
CHPPM Public Affairs Office

Evelyn "Bell" Riley received the Order of Military Medical Merit recently for her lifetime achievements at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

In her almost half a century of federal service, she has made many profound contributions in her many positions at CHPPM. She began her career when the center was the Army Industrial Hygiene Laboratory, in the era of manual typewriters, dittos, stencils, and whiteout, as a clerk-typist.

By the early 1970s she had developed a round-the-clock word processing center to ensure timely completion of technical reports, the "product" of CHPPM. The center was cited by the Adjutant General as the premier example of automation system implementation and use. During that time frame, she developed a comprehensive Agency Style Manual which set standards for technical report writing. The manual remained in use for more than 20 years.

During the 1980s she was chosen to be a member of a study team as part of information systems planning for CHPPM's major command, then known as the Army Health Services Command. Her experience was instrumental in the team's commendation for developing the information management divisions in place throughout DoD.

Riley also was responsible for initiating the center's public relations and marketing program. For example, the posters she commissioned on medical surveillance in support of Operation Joint Endeavor are on display at the Pentagon and in the offices of commanders-in-chief worldwide.

For more than 40 years Riley has been the historian for an organization that has undergone four



**Evelyn "Bell" Riley poses with the Order of Military Medical Merit she received recently for her lifetime achievements at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.**

major restructuring events. Her annual historical report has been cited as the "best" in the Army Medical Command

Throughout the years, she has been the center's symbol of continuity and adaptability. According to her citation, "It is now time for the AMEDD to recognize her many contributions by bestowing upon her the richly deserved Order of Military Medical Merit, for she is the matriarch of CHPPM."

The Order of Military Medical Merit was established at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1978, to recognize distinguished service of a prolonged duration in significant responsibilities which indicate that the recipients are in the top 10 percent of their career field.

## SPORTS UPDATE

### Volleyball action continues

The following results were listed in the Intramural Volleyball League, for the week ending April 23:

#### Aberdeen Division

##### Results

##### April 19

HHC 16th defeats USMC, 9-15, 16-14, 15-10  
E Co. 16th defeats F Co 16th, 15-6, 14-16, 15-8

##### April 21

NCOA defeats F Co 16th, 15-6, 10-15, 15-4  
E Co. 16th vs. HHC 16th was rescheduled

##### Standings

USMC .....7-1  
E CO 16th .....4-2  
NCOA .....4-3  
F CO 16th .....3-3  
HHC 16th .....3-4

##### Schedule

##### May 3

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

##### May 5

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

#### Edgewood Division

##### Results

##### April 19

A Co. 143rd defeats CHPPM, 15-11, 15-12  
MRICD defeats SBCCOM, 15-4, 15-9  
520th defeats HHC 143rd, 15-6, 15-9

##### April 21

A Co. 143rd defeats HHC 143rd, 13-15, 15-7, 15-4  
MRICD defeats 520th, 15-12, 15-3  
SBCCOM vs. CHPPM rescheduled

##### Standings

520th .....7-1  
MRICD .....7-1  
HHC 143rd .....4-4  
A Co. 143rd .....4-4  
SCBCOM .....1-6  
CHPPM .....0-7

##### Schedule

##### May 3

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

##### May 5

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

#### Apply for All Army softball

Active duty men and women interested in joining the All Army Softball Team must apply at the APG Sports Office in building 3320 by May 20. Pick up applications at the office or either gym, or call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

#### Intramural Softball League starts in June

APG Intramural Softball League regular season begins June 1. Units must submit a letter of intent to the Intramural Sports Office in the 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 are also being accepted for a women's league; civilians and family members associated with the unit can play. For details call 410-278-7934.

#### Intramural Golf League starts May 20

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

# Boy Scouts celebrate 50th Anniversary of APG Troop

# 429

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

Boy Scout Troop 429 will celebrate 50 years of existence this summer. In tribute, Friday night will feature an event to honor both the Scouts and leaders who have been involved in the APG unit for five decades.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, scoutmaster for Troop 429, will welcome participants to the event.

"The 50th anniversary is a milestone for this troop," Kolker said. "All the Scouts from the past, the Scouts now, and those in the future, will continue the heritage of this troop. We will recognize the contributions of all those who have gone before us, and all those who will follow us in the future."

He added that the many volunteers who have participated in the troop over the years have made it a success.

"A Scout troop does not operate without volunteers," he said. "We really want to use this event to give a special thanks to all the volunteers over the years who have given their time to help the Scouts earn merit badges, take trips, and learn respect and duty."

Scouts from Troop 429, he said, have done "many service projects and donated many hours for the community of Aberdeen Proving Ground and

the surrounding area."

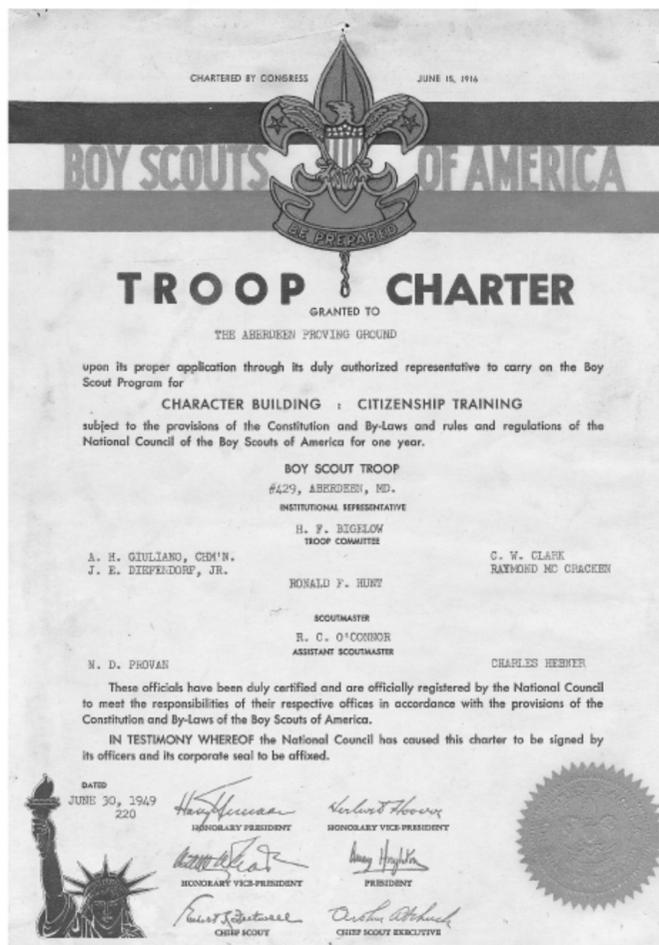
Those projects include: clean-up of communities, like a recent service day in Havre de Grace; food drives; and Eagle Scout projects, such as playground renovation on post. The Scouts also take trips, go camping, and participate in the "Adopt a Highway" program, on the stretch of Route 22 extending from the Aberdeen Area's main gate.

Tracking the history of Troop 429 is difficult because of its age and because of the high turnover of members due to the military population.

County and city officials are planning to join APG personnel and current and former Scout members for the event. A social will be held from 6-6:30 p.m. during the event at Four Points Sheraton in Aberdeen. Following the posting of the colors and welcoming remarks and the invocation, the event will include dinner and a cake-cutting ceremony. The Order of the Arrow will do a recognition ceremony, and honors will be presented to past and current members.

"We have an assistant scoutmaster from 1963 who is attending, and one Eagle Scout is coming from Florida to attend," Kolker said.

Troop 429 is always looking for more leaders and more Scouts. The troop is getting ready for summer camp. For information about Troop 429, contact Kolker at 410-273-0985.



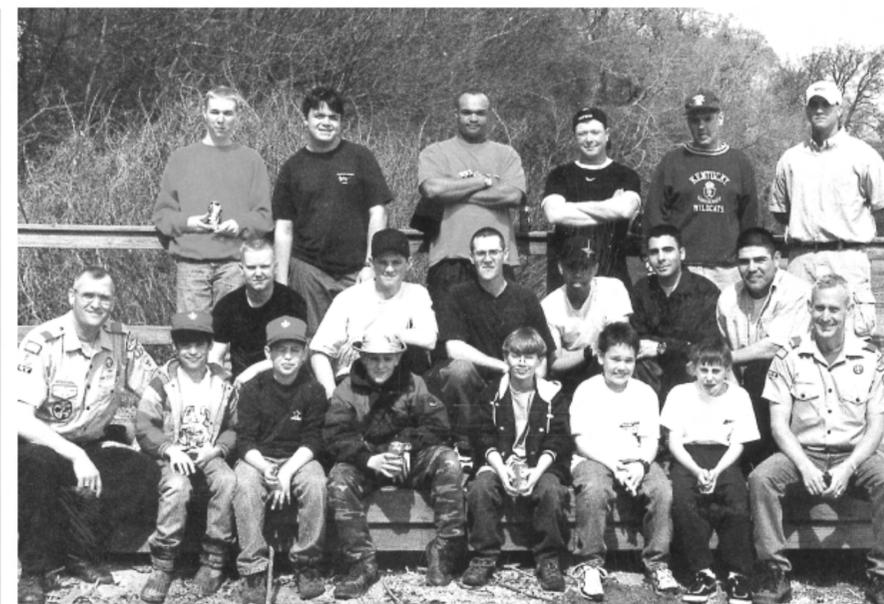
The original charter for the Troop shows the creation date of June 30, 1949.

# Troop 429 50th Anniversary

## Eagle Scouts of Troop 429

- Jon Kirkpatrick .....November 1954
- James Howell .....September 1958
- Marvin Jeffcoat .....September 1958
- Alfred Donnellan .....July 1960
- Robert Craven .....January 1961
- Robert Forrest .....September 1961
- Leon Cheek .....October 1962
- Louis Kaufman .....October 1963
- Jon Welch .....May 1963
- Willard Jones .....1965
- Howard Condit .....1966
- Oral Marple .....1967
- Charles Drake .....January 1969
- Jeffrey Schudel .....October 1972
- Antonio Boston .....December 1973
- Mark Fletcher .....November 1973
- Kelvin Manning .....October 1974
- Mark Creviston .....December 1974
- Michael Devereaux .....February 1975
- Harvey Riley .....May 1975
- Steven Hill .....November 1975
- Richard Bone .....January 1976
- Earl Wyckoff .....December 1977
- Lawrence Balda .....December 1982
- Bruce Biskup .....June 1984
- Carson Saint-Clair Webb .....May 1990
- John Wilson .....December 1990
- Kevin Kendall .....April 1991
- Charles Beaver .....November 1991
- Michall Parker .....January 1992
- Brian Dart .....July 1993
- Daniel Moeller .....July 1994
- William Nickerson .....October 1995
- Nicholas Utzig .....February 1996
- Jason Stinnett .....February 1996
- Justin Stinnett .....February 1996
- Ben Moeller .....May 1996
- Ryan Forster .....July 1997
- Daniel Layman .....December 1997
- Luther Powell .....February 1999

These are the Eagle Scouts for whom Troop 429 has records. Please contact the troop if you have additional information.



The Earth Day cleanup crew, which included Troop 429 Boy Scouts and soldiers from Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion, pose for a photo on APG's shoreline. The group filled more than 62 bags of trash.



Scouts from Troop 777 join Troop 429 Scouts for junior leadership training. The purpose of the exercise is to work together to all stand at the same time, using each other for strength and balance.



Troop 429 poses for a photo during a June 1998 trip to Gettysburg.



Lt. Col. Tracy Ellis, assistant scoutmaster for Tiger Patrol, presents the Tenderfood Award to Stephan Neyens, as his father, SSgt. Bruce Neyens, looks on during the April 7 event. Tiger Patrol currently has eight members. Wolf Patrol has eight members; Eagle Patrol, made up of senior Scouts, currently has four members.



Troop 429 members show off the food they collected during a food drive to benefit the Army Community Service Food Locker.



At left, members of Troop 429 concentrate on a game of checkers during a camp-out last year.



At right, Lt. Col. Buck Tanner, assistant scoutmaster for Tiger Patrol, directs the Earth Day cleanup along APG's shoreline.



Troop 429 Boy Scout Jessie Atchison, a Tenderfood in the Tiger Patrol, joins a soldier from Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion, in cleaning up APG's Swan Creek shoreline on April 17 for the Earth Day celebration.



Scouts pose for a photo in this shot from the early 1960s.

### EA youth sports planned

Registration for youth golf and tennis lessons begins May 1. Cost is \$30 per person. Registration packets are available at Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, on Scully Road. Spaces are guaranteed only through completed registration.

Youth golf classes will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings, starting June 29. Classes will conclude with a tournament the second week in August. Youths ages 7 and older are eligible to participate. Class size is limited.

Youth tennis classes will run Monday and Wednesday mornings, starting June 28. Classes will conclude with a tournament in August. Youths ages 7 and older are eligible to participate.

For more information about sports classes, call Norma Warwick, youth sports director, at 410-436-2172/2862.

### Whitewater rafting trip set for June

The center is going paddling on June 19, a wonderful outdoor adventure for first-time paddlers. The trip to Harper's Ferry, W.Va., will offer a full day of excitement. Cost is \$20 for youths, \$30 for parents (on a space-available basis). Registration starts May 17. Space is limited, so register early! Call 410-436-2172/2862.

### Registration for fall soccer starts soon

Baseball season is just beginning, but soccer registration is around the corner. Registration for Fall Soccer will run from May 25 to June 25. Cost will be \$30 per person. Youths ages 4 and older are eligible to participate. Call Norma Warwick, youth sports director, 410-436-2172/2862.

# Young talent lights up Edgewood Area

By Cassandra Lampkin  
Edgewood Youth Center

Edgewood Area's young people showed off their talent during a February Talent Show, held at the EA Youth Center.

The show, which was followed by a dance, "was a success," said Youth Services counselor Dee Lee.

"There were about 300 to 400 people in the audience, leaving standing room only," she said. "The talent show was not only a success because of the community participation, but also because of the children's participation and performing. The purpose of the talent show was to get the kids involved while building self-esteem in the process."

The performers were so enthusiastic, they already are talking about participating in the next Talent Show in September or October. Coming up is a Spring Fashion Show scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 7 p.m.

"It definitely got the community to recognize the positivity and talent of today's kids," said School-Age provider Lucinda McDowell. "Kids were always asking, 'Is it time yet? Is it time yet?'" and after the talent show, kids were already talking about being in the next show."

DJ coordinator Lee added, "It was outstanding, the little kids showed a lot of courage in performing in front of such a large audience. However, next time it would be a good idea to schedule the Talent Show and basketball game on different days."

The dance also was a success, with about 100 people attending.

"I had a good time at both the talent show and the dance," said center member Lashala Smith.

Melvin Allen welcomed the audience. MC Jamall Jackson then introduced Aberdeen School-Age Service members who started the program with a welcome cheer. Next, Tanisha Roundtree and Latoya Frazier performed a rap presentation, followed with a performance by



"The Boys in Black," Kory D. Shuron and Daniel Mong. Bobby Marsh sang two solos, and the group "Spice'et" recited a poem.

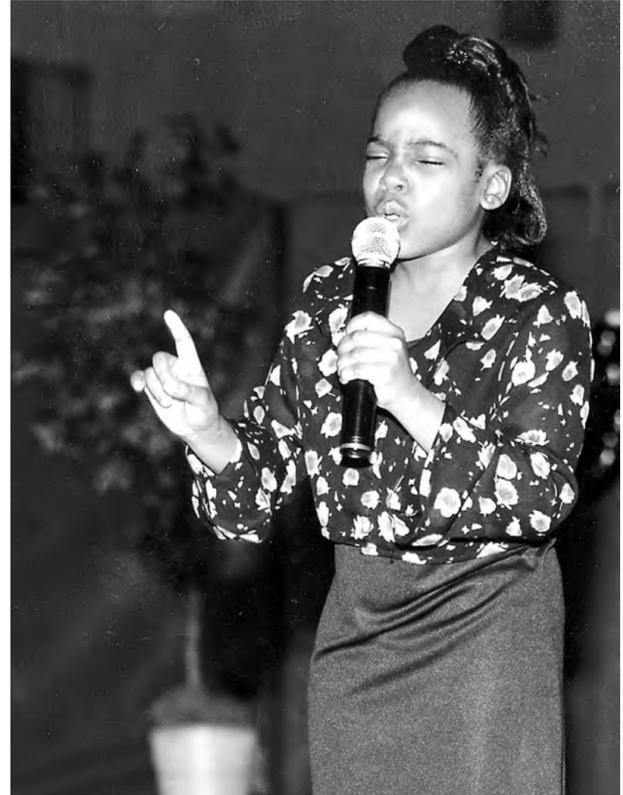
Next, Courtney White and Tyleitta Blake each performed a song. Another duet performance followed, by Braina Webb and Jasmine Redman. Valencia Stewart, Tiffany Chase and Latoya Johnson from Fort Meade performed a dance routine. The next act included Demauseous Coleman presenting a rap, and Erica Martinez and dancers closed the program with a tribute to Selena. During the talent show, Micha Baham served as DJ. Following the talent show was a dance sponsored by the Edgewood Youth Services DJ Club, led by Teen DJ David Watson and Patrick Wing.

The Youth Center also has scheduled a trip to Black Entertainment Television (BET) to participate in a Teen Summit



and other events for teens.

(Cassandra Lampkin is a ninth-grade student and a member of the Edgewood Youth Center.)



Above left, APG Cheerleaders perform the welcome at the Talent Show. Above, Tyleitta Blake performs a song. At left, Demauseous Coleman performs a rap routine. Below, Kory D. Shuron and Daniel Mong perform their "Boys in Black" routine.



# National Guard's 29th Aviation Brigade leaves for El Salvador

## GUARD, from front page

The day before the departure, soldiers loaded their aircraft and cargo on a U.S. Air Force C-5A cargo aircraft at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Phillips Army Airfield.

Maryland's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd, who oversees all Army and Air National Guard units in the state, joined the soldiers on the rainy runway as they loaded equipment.

Fretterd explained that the Guard's priorities are to remain ready to deploy at all times and to provide the proper support for family member.

"These deployments are the wave of the future as the active forces draw down," Fretterd said. "We're just fortunate being near active forces in Maryland who can assist us."

"The families," he added, "are so critical to what we do that we perform mobilization exercises so we can be ready when it happens."

The general credited Chief Warrant Officer 2 Trisch Garner, State Family Program coordina-

tor, with supplying "outstanding assistance" to family members during deployments. Garner described the program as being essential to a mission's accomplishment.

"Family readiness equal mission readiness," Garner said. "All of our families have readiness briefings and there is an emergency operation center going if there's a problem in the middle of the night. It's important for our soldiers and their families to know we're here to help them."

Family members of the deploying soldiers arrived by bus for their final good-byes shortly before the load-up was completed. Wives and husbands met with spouses while children were encouraged to tour the enormous cargo carrier.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ray Johnson, a UH-1 Huey helicopter pilot from La Plata, deploying for the full five months, smiled as his wife, Diane, described their personal preparations for his departure.

"We compiled a checklist of everything we needed to go over



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Sgts. Kenneth F. and Phyllis J. Perry pause before resuming preparations for deployment. Kenneth will deploy with the first rotation, which will return on Mothers Day, while Phyllis will deploy in July. Married for a year and a half, this is their first separate deployment.**

before he left," she said. "We covered everything from bills to birthdays."

Diane said this is the longest he

will be deployed in their nine-year marriage, but she is not too worried.

"The National Guard has a

family assistance program that has a real handle on things," she said. "And since this is a humanitarian mission I'm really more proud of him than worried."

Sgt. Kenneth F. Perry, a UH-1 Huey helicopter crew chief assigned to C. Co. 2/224 Aviation Battalion, was too busy to spend much time with his wife who was also on the airfield, but he knew Sgt. Phyllis J. Perry would understand.

Phyllis, an administrative specialist assigned to F. Co., 224th Aviation Battalion, did not accompany her husband on this first rotation.

"He'll be back on Mother's Day," she explained, "And I'll go out with the second rotation in July."

The Darlington residents, who have been married for a year and a half, said they didn't do anything special to prepare for their first separation.

"We went out to dinner and spent a relaxing evening together," Kenneth Perry said.

SSgt. Terrence C. Forrester, a helicopter refueler from

Conowingo, has three years prior service in the regular Army and nine in the Guard. As a husband and a father of two, he praised the family coordinators as a "great help to families" who make it easier for him to concentrate on priorities.

"Getting down there and supporting the first rotation is my main job, Forrester said.

The entire mission, Fretterd explained, was organized and ready to go in just over three weeks. He said he was proud his soldiers volunteered for a mission that "was not a command directive," and noted that even though they were not going into a combat zone, they would still proceed with caution.

"Safety is our primary concern," Fretterd said. "They'll work long hours and there's always risk involved in that.

Though Task Force New Hope is a cooperative effort between all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, the majority of U.S. troops operating in the region have come from the Army and Air National Guard.

# Deputy secretary of defense tours EA

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biotreatment to dispose of the stockpile.

"It is important for our senior Department of Defense leaders to understand that government, contractors and citizens worked

together to develop a destruction solution for the stockpile that meets the needs of all concerned," Lovrich said.

From CASY, the tour moved to the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, where Rick

Holmes of Project Manager for Chemical Stockpile Disposal, described how personnel are trained to destroy chemical agent and munitions at the facility.

At SBCCOM's Emergency Operations Center, Hamre saw

how weather and other information at stockpile sites across the nation can be tracked, and saw protective and detection equipment, demonstrated by military and civilian members of the Technical Escort Unit.

## Thanks for chili participants

Thanks to all who supported this year's Chili Cook-off. There were a wide range of entries running from pies and ice cream to turtle chowder to traditional chili. This year's winners are Stephanie Powlen for most unique, "Chilled Chili"; Jim Powlen for hottest, "Plain Ole Hot Chili"; and Paul Southern for crowd favorite, "New England Patriot #2 Bean Chili". Winners received plaques and a certificate good for 12 months of bragging rights. The event raised \$76 to benefit the APG Red Cross Office. — Jim Powlen

## COMMENTARIES

# Celebrate your freedom: Law Day theme is 'The Quest for Equality'

By Capt. Erik G. Milito  
Legal Assistance Office

For 1.8 million ethnic Albanians, equal protection under the law is a far-fetched ideology. The current conflict in Yugoslavia hits home with Americans, as we continue to pour one of our greatest assets, our military, into the region.

When such atrocities as "ethnic cleansing" erupt, we can take notice and appreciate the justice and freedom that we so often take for granted. As we observe Law Day 1999 on May 6 here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, you are invited to "Celebrate Your Freedom," and recognize our nation's continued quest for equality.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day U.S.A. to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. In 1961, Congress designated May 1 as the national date for celebrating Law Day U.S.A. This year, APG has declared May 6 as the official day for the

observance of Law Day and invites you to join in on the 42nd annual celebration of our legal heritage.

"Celebrate Your Freedom" continues to be the theme for Law Day, with a special emphasis on our nation's quest for equality. We certainly have reason to celebrate, thanks to the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights and protected by our laws and courts.

The quest for equality is embedded in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The Fourteenth Amendment is also called the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution and is but one example of how our law helps to pave the way on our quest for equality. Other examples

include the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

But the quest for equality is perhaps nowhere more evident than within the ranks of our military. We can take great pride in the fact that the military is a bedrock of equal opportunity and diversity. Gen. Colin Powell once stated that individuals, especially blacks and other minorities, answer the nation's call to military service "because they believe that if they demonstrate equal courage and equal sacrifice in fighting and dying for their country, then equality of opportunity surely must follow."

But our nation's call to service and the celebration of freedom extends well beyond the borders of the United States. We will always strive for equality on the homefront, but as soldiers we continue to sacrifice life and limb in the global quest for equality. The world relies on the United States to eradi-

cate atrocities such as "ethnic cleansing." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best: "Freedom has always been an expensive thing. History is fit testimony that freedom is rarely gained without sacrifice and self-denial."

As we reflect upon our legal heritage during this celebration of freedom, recognize that the military has played an integral role in the quest for equality in the United States, and in the rest of the world. As defenders of freedom, we have fought and died for our own country's freedom, and we continue to lead the way in the global quest for equality. So take a moment to "Celebrate Your Freedom." But when you read about the latest brutalities in Kosovo, recognize that the same men and women who have secured our own freedom are out there risking their lives in the global quest. And it is our system of laws that enables us to appreciate our own freedom and to succeed in the quest for equality.

# Best and toughest part of fatherhood is giving your children time

By Paul Papp  
Army Community Service

When I was growing up, probably even before I entered kindergarten, I tried to play baseball. I wasn't very good. I was slow, not too coordinated and had difficulty catching a ball. I did have two things going for me. First, I wanted to play with the rest of the kids in the neighborhood and second I had a dad who was willing to help me learn the game.

I was born late in my father's life. Dad was 42 when I was born. I am the oldest. In the mid-1950's he was into middle age and at the point in his life where he was a spectator more often than a player. Still, Dad played catch with me. He hit me fly balls. He walked after the ones I hit to him. He broke his shoulder teaching me how to slide. Dad learned that he was better at driving me to Little League for my instruction and cheering me on from the stands. Boy, could he cheer. He yelled encouragement and praise to me and to everyone on the field. It didn't matter what team they were on. At times he embarrassed me with his enthusiasm. At other times he provided a hand to hold and a word of encouragement when I wanted to give up.

Dad gave me memories and taught me what it meant to be a father. He wasn't perfect. I'm sure he made mistakes, but for the life of me I can't remember a one. No, my dad gave me a start in life that was more personal and important than anyone else could have given me. Today I'm 43, slow, not too coordinated but still love to play. It's not so much baseball now but nonetheless, I play.

Much has changed over the past 40 years. Some hasn't. I have four children of my own. I have made a conscious effort to teach them the life lessons my father taught with apparent unconscious ease.

One of the lessons was involvement. To be a good father I needed to be involved in family activities such as eating dinner together, attending church, attending Rec. Council sporting events, being a Boy Scout leader and volunteering as much as I could at my children's schools. When my oldest was a junior in high school, he commented to his mother and I

that we were the only couple that came to any of his classes during American Education Week. He was embarrassed. I smiled knowingly. He realized we were there.

Now involvement is difficult in this age of blended families, divorced families, remarried families, parents on opposite sides of town or even the world but that doesn't make it any less important. Men, we need to go out of our way to let our kids know that we are involved in their lives. If you can't be there, call, e-mail, or send a letter asking how they did. Mail them blank videotape and ask for a copy of their game or concert or whatever. Get a copy of their school schedule, their Scout schedule, their 4-H schedule, their church activities schedule and become genuinely interested.

Another lesson I learned from my dad was that of engagement. It is important for a father to spend direct, one-on-one time with your

child. That way they get to know what you believe, how you think, the way you solve problems. You become an active part of their life just like their friends but different than their friends. You are someone they look up to. If you value your time with them, they will value their time with you. And please remember, the time they have available for you decreases as they get older so use it wisely.

For those of you living under a different roof, make sure that you spend some, if not all, of your vacation time providing some one-on-one with your children.

What is the primary role of the man in your house? Are you there to bring in a paycheck? Are you the boogeyman that is a threat to your children when they misbehave? Are you an extra pair of hands that comes in handy when the household chores back-up? Unfortunately

many of us see ourselves in these

roles. I believe that our primary role is to provide for the general well-being of our families.

Providing guidance to our children cannot be stressed enough. As a father we are role models for our children and as such are concerned with their physical, mental, spiritual, developmental and emotional growth. We should also be concerned with the moral and character development of our children. It isn't the job of the school or even the church. It is our responsibility to guide our children, to provide them with a firm moral and spiritual foundation on which they can build their future.

A father needs to be competent. There isn't a Little League of parenting but there are other men out there who are fathers. Learn from them. If your father is around keep learning from him. Don't be afraid to ask questions and to look for answers. The experts that write books aren't right all the time — but they are right some of the time.

Don't discount your wife. Ideally moms and dads compliment each other. When you are stuck maybe she has the answer or at least a suggestion. The kids do best by having a relationship with us both. Dad you have to learn how to work with mom, and she with you. Learn all you can and don't be afraid to make some mistakes. A loving relationship between parent and child provides room to say you're sorry and to receive forgiveness.

Where is your family on your list of priorities? I know it's difficult but a father needs to place his family and his role as father at the top of his priority list. Be willing to make sacrifices for the family. Show the kids and the wife that they are important. Do that by giving them you. Don't be afraid to love your children and to let them know you love them by telling them.

Much has changed over the past forty years. Some hasn't.

Thanks, Dad.

(Paul Papp is the employee assistance counselor on post. He facilitates a "Dad's Toolbox" class periodically. If you are interested in attending the next class, please call him at 410-278-3784/5319.)



# Post Pollution Prevention Program wins Army award

**AWARD, from front page**

Department of Defense environmentalist award in past years, and the post also has been honored by the state for its cultural preservation program, he added.

"It's all part of how APG is protecting the land on which we test and train," McNamara said.

Highlights of APG's program include: replacing paint solvent with the use of dry ice, high-pressure water or glass or plastic beads; researching environmentally preferable paints, part of a project to reduce hazards from paint products on post; and encouraging organizations on post to choose environmentally preferable office supplies and other products (non-aerosol, recycled, reusable, non-chemical or without hazardous chemicals).

"These are just examples of the many contributions people have made in pollution prevention," McNamara said. "We are honored to be recognized for our efforts, and equally proud of all those who make weave P2 into the fabric of their work."

APG is located in one of the nation's best-known environmentally fragile areas, the Chesapeake Bay watershed. After more than 80 years of testing and training, the proper management and disposal of hazardous materials is a high priority for the installation. The Edgewood Area and the Michaelsville Landfill are on the

Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List for environmental cleanup.

A panel of experts from the Army and other non-military organizations judged the installations competing for the pollution prevention award based on criteria including program management, support for military readiness, and community interaction.

The judges praised Aberdeen's program overall.

"Aberdeen is a great prevention study," said Lewis Felleisen, Pollution Prevention Program facilitator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

APG environmental officials "understand proper management," he added.

That opinion was echoed from one of the post's tenants, which also is tasked with the Army's environmental program.

"APG has a very, very effective environmental community involvement program," said Tom Guinivan, chief of the U.S. Army Environmental Center Pollution Prevention Branch.

The Secretary of the Army FY98 Environmental Awards Ceremony Monday recognized a total of 17 installations, individuals and teams for their environmental programs. At the ceremony, Rostker praised the Army's environmental programs and emphasized that "the Army's lead-

ership is equally committed to sound environmental stewardship."

Winners are:

Natural Resources Conservation, installation 10,000 acres or less: U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Va.; installation of more than 10,000 acres: Camp Ripley Air National National Guard, Minn.; team: Missouri Army National Guard.

Cultural Resources Management, installation: Fort McCoy, Wis.; individual, Dr. Laurie Lucking, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

Environmental Quality, on-industrial installation: Fort Bliss, Texas; industrial installation: Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Va.; individual, Col. Frank Intini, Army Aviation Support Facility #1, New York National Guard.

Pollution Prevention, non-industrial installation: APG; industrial installation: Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; individual: Dr. Christine Hull, Fort Polk, La.

Pollution Prevention-Weapons Acquisition Team, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Recycling, non-industrial

installation: U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, S.C.; industrial installation: Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; individual: Douglas A. Schonberner, Fort Riley, Kan.

Environmental Cleanup, installation: Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, Minn.; team: Cristal Fosbrook, Joseph Malem, Therese Deardorf, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Rostker said the vision for planning and conducting an Army environmental program began in 1992. "In just seven short years, those of you here today — and

others like you — have made this vision a reality. A reality, which I'm proud to say, has become an integral part of Army operations."

He cautioned the award recipients on resting on their laurels, saying, "The Army will continue to rely on you to adopt new technologies and harness market forces to prevent pollution. We will depend on you to continually seek ways to do your business better, faster, cheaper and smarter."

*(Neal Snyder of the U.S. Army Environmental Center and Sfc. Connie E. Dickey of Army News Service contributed to this story.)*



## Pollution Prevention Fact of the Week

Use of retreaded tires saves approximately 400 millions gallons of oil each year.

For more information, contact Michelle Guitard (410-306-2265), APG Pollution Prevention Program.



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