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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 25, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



TECOM to honor top soldier, NCO

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Awards Banquet will be held on Sept. 2, at the Top of the Bay, 6 p.m. Cost is \$17 per person; deadline for reservations is Aug. 26. Military uniform is dress blue or Class A (formal). Civilians should wear dark business suits. Call SSgt. Thomas at 410-278-1007 for reservations or information.

Post to honor women Aug. 24

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Federal Women's Program will hold its annual awards ceremony Aug. 24, and will hold motivational training, courtesy of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity.

Carolle Rushford of Rushford Associates will provide free motivational training titled "If It's to be, It's Up to Me," for anyone interested, said Diane Siler of the APG Garrison FWP Committee.

The event at Top of the Bay will begin at 9 a.m. with awards to honor the FWP Woman of the Year, FWP Supervisor of the Year, and the Organization Most Supportive of the FWP. Last year, those awards were won by Ann T. Vogt of AMSAA, Mary Ritondo of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, respectively. The awards will be followed by the one-hour workshop by Rushford. No registration is necessary.

Both events are open to the post community. For more information call Siler, 410-278-1137.

Work at home with FCC training

For stay-at-home parents, earning money in your own home is possible with Family Child Care training. The next

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Photo by DAVE MAYOR

Retired Col. Charles Shadle, a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer, points out a floatation device used to rescue those who fall overboard.

Is your boat safe? Coast Guard Auxiliary seeks safer waters

By Sheila Little
APG News

While the waters surrounding Aberdeen Proving Ground can be a source of pleasure for those who enjoy boating, fishing and crabbing, ensuring that all who use the waters are educated in safety is a mission the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary takes seriously.

While most people never would think of allowing a teen to drive down the road without prac-

ticing with an experienced driver, studying the rules of the road and passing a driving test, some may not know that similar procedures apply for those who wish to operate a boat. In fact, anyone born after July 1, 1972, must pass the Boating Skills and Seamanship Course before they can operate a boat or jet ski in Maryland.

Unlike the drivers' education course, the BS/S is not time-consuming, and monetary investment

is minimal. Like the drivers' course, what you learn may save your life.

Volunteers from Flotilla 13-04 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are part of an army of individuals who teach boating classes, monitor radio signals and patrol the waters surrounding APG. Dedicated to their work, members donate many hours throughout the year teaching classes in boating

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Policy changes for boat ramp use

All patrons of Aberdeen Proving Ground's boat launch ramp are required to have a decal permanently affixed to boat trailers to eliminate lock and key procedures.

"The previous policy was unfair and extraordinarily difficult to manage for both users and the garrison staff," said Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, of the policy put into effect more than a year ago, which cost \$30 per year. "We will reimburse those who bought the annual privilege. We also will ticket those who are not authorized to use our ramps."

The chains and locks were removed from the launch ramps, and patrons no longer need to check in with the APG Police to obtain a key.

The decals cost \$5 per boat trailer and expire at the end of each calendar year. Authorized patrons with ID may obtain a ramp decal at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407.

"This is very simple. You just get a decal for your boat trailer," said Carl Corriggio, chief of the Sports and Fitness Branch for the Community Recreation

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Watching the water

OC & S efforts reduce flow

By Frank Bochnowicz
OC&S environmental protection specialist
and Amy Borman
ORISE Fellow

Water conservation has become a part of everyone's life due to the severe drought conditions in the state. On July 29, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening declared a drought emergency, imposing stringent water restrictions for the state. APG also had implemented mandatory water conservation measures.

President Clinton signed Executive Order 13123, Greening the Government Through Efficient Energy Management, on June 3. The Executive Order requires the federal government to reduce water consumption and its associated energy to meet water conservation goals.

In light of the current crisis and the new Executive Order, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School is implementing water saving measures wherever possible. However, saving water isn't new to the organization. Several years ago, the OC&S Safety and Environmental Office implemented water conservation measures as a part of the overall pollution prevention program.

OC&S projects include low-flow shower heads, water recycling equipment for the museum restoration facility, recirculating parts washers and a self-contained wash rack. These measures not only save water,

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Photo by AMY BORMAN

Richard Zalusky of the OC&S Safety and Environmental Office installs a low-flow shower head in an AIT barracks shower.

Get your tickets for Saturday's country concert

Line-up includes Clay Walker, David Ball, Chad Brock, 'Army brat' Claudia Church

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground will play host to country music stars and their fans on Saturday, during the Miller Lite Dog Days of Summer Army concert tour.

"For \$10 you get to see four fabulous country artists," said Chris Lockhart, manager of the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office. "That's an excellent bargain for a Saturday night."

Lockhart said sales for the concert have been brisk, this past week, but plenty of tickets still

remain. The concert is open to everyone, and food and beverages will be available for purchase at the concert.

"There is lawn seating so people are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets," Lockhart added. "This is going to be a fantastic event."

Volunteers still are needed to work at the concert. Lockhart said a variety of positions are available. Call 410-278-4402/5567/4056 as soon as possible for details.

Performing at a military installation
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The future of business

Sign up for 'Roadshow for the Millennium' Aug. 31 to learn about government cost studies

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command will host "Roadshow for the Millennium" on Aug. 31.

The assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology and the commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command are jointly sponsoring this one-day seminar entitled "Competitive Sourcing & Privatization: A Revolution in Business Affairs."

The Army's current competitive sourcing strategy uses A-76 cost studies to improve the efficiency of support services through competition. This process allows government organizations to compete with industry for services deemed non-inherently governmental. Roadshow Millennium presents a general overview of the process and allows for hands-on participation in the Most Efficient Organization decision-making process.

Attendees will better under-

stand the government's competitive sourcing goals and strategies, the A-76 study concept, strategies to make in-house bids competitive, the MEO process, the in-house cost estimate, and the role of appeals and protests.

Senior executive speakers will open this year's Roadshow with an overview of expectations from DOD perspective, discuss "How-to" implement Competitive Sourcing & Privatization, known as CS&P, in the Army, and give lessons-learned from cases throughout the Department of Defense.

Executives expected to attend include Paul Hoeper, assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) covering the Army's Cost Competition strategy; Maj. Gen. Robert VanAntwerp, assistant chief of staff, installation management, Department of the Army Headquarters, speaking on

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APG Pollution PREVENTION Fact of the Week

Lead is the number-one environmental hazard to American children. Although leaded paint and gasoline have been phased out, lead remains in old paint, household dust, soil, pipe solder and some ceramics.



Statistics provided by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2265.

How can residents help?
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training session will be held Sept. 13-17, with interviews to be conducted Sept. 7-9. Army spouses who become professionally trained home care providers reap many benefits, including earning up to \$500 per week; self employment; free training in a marketable occupation; transferable credit to Army installations world-wide; free use of toy lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; a free monthly newsletter; free workshops (child development, nutrition, health, safety, CPR, taxes); participation in the National CDA credential program; and participation in the USDA food program. The Army established the Family Child Care program to provide a sense of security in obtaining child care and employment. For information, call Gail Smith (AA), 410-278-7477/8720 or Kathy Reese (EA), 410-436-2692/3355, or pick up an application in building 2752.

Learn more about spouse club

The APG Military Civilian Spouses Club will hold a sign-up on Sept. 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the home of Linda Ertwine, 10 Plumb Point Loop. The MCSC is open to all spouses and surviving spouses of active duty and retired military soldiers and Department of Defense civilians. There is no charge for this event and no reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Linda Kuchar, 410-297-9792.

If you cannot attend, a second event will be held Sept. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., at the home of Charlie Hudson, 32 Spesutie Island Rd. Reservations are required for the evening event. Make reservations by Sept. 16 by calling Linda Kuchar at the number above.

DPW has Drought Emergency Hotline

A "Drought Emergency Hotline" has been established for personnel to call and express concerns, ask questions, provide suggestions or receive clarification concerning the drought. The hotline number is 410-306-1107 (4-1107 from official on-post phones). Messages will be received via voicemail; please include your name, phone number and a detailed message. All calls will be answered as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Three-day summer trip for teens

Teens ages 13 and older from the Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Centers are eligible for a three-day trip to Virginia Beach and Kings Dominion before they head back to school in September. The sojourn will take place Aug. 27-30 with a sign-up deadline of Aug. 18. The trip costs \$50 per person (does not include food). Teens will be staying in Youth Centers, so bring your sleeping bags and favorite traveling pillow. There will be plenty of staff accompanying the group. A chartered bus will leave the Edgewood Area Youth Center Aug. 27, 11 a.m., and will return Aug. 30, 11:30 p.m. Teens will visit Virginia Beach, Fort Story, Fort Monroe and Kings Dominion. There will be something for everyone: fishing, climbing, nautilus, dancing, a pool party and more. Call now - space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Norma Warwick at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, 410-436-2862.

Learn to relax with massage

The APG Committee for the Disabled is hosting a special presentation on massage therapy Sept. 30, 2-4 p.m., at Top of the Bay. Joanna Herrmann, a nationally certified massage therapist from the Center for Holistic Healing in Bel Air, will speak about the benefits of massage therapy and relaxation therapy as alternative approaches to good health. She will demonstrate basic techniques such as conscious breathing, progressive relaxation, guided imagery and meditation. This presentation is open to all APG employees. No reservations are required. For more information, see your organization's representative for the APG Committee for the Disabled, or call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140.

Housing office closed Sept. 3-6

The Housing Division will be closed for the Labor Day weekend from Sept. 3-6. This will include building 2727, Family Housing, and the furnishings warehouse, building 4023. Normal business will resume Sept. 7, 7 a.m. During this period family housing residents should report emergency work requests to 410-306-1400 (Aberdeen Area) or 410-436-3731 (Edgewood Area).

Complete officer's course at APG

If you need to complete Command and General Staff Officer's Course, you will have an opportunity beginning in October. The 10th Bn, 80th Training Division will conduct classes in both Phases I and III at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Attending class offers many advantages over the correspondence option, including access to knowledgeable instructors, the opportunity to learn from fellow students and a structured environment best suited for complet-

ing the course on time. Enrollment is open to active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard officers in the rank of captain (promotable) and above. Enroll soon because class sizes are limited. For more information and to enroll contact the following:

Phase I - Lt. Col. Mary Kaye Hopkins, 410-942-0830 (home), or mkhopkin@aec.apgea.army.mil;

Phase III - Lt. Col. Jan Kolakowski, 410-436-2755 (work), 410-836-6712 (home), or jekolako@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

Spaces available for winter bowling league

Male and female bowlers are needed to fill vacancies in the Wednesday night mixed winter league. The league will begin bowling Sept. 8 at the APG Bowling Center. For more information, call Dolores Huff, 410-679-1718.

Rolling on the river

The Bush River Power Squadron has scheduled three boating courses — each class will be held at 7:30 p.m.: Monday, Sept. 13, C. Milton Wright High School; Tuesday, Sept. 14, Joppatowne High School; and Thursday, Sept. 16, Havre de Grace High School. For more information, call 410-272-6323 or 410-679-3951.

Turn in results of summer reading program

Turn in your Summer Reading Program list to the APG Garrison libraries soon. Certificates and prizes will be given out on Aug. 25. For more information, call Tina Pinnix-Broome, 410-278-3417.

Automotive test slated for November

The Army Education Center will administer the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification test on Nov. 4, 9 and 10.

Military personnel (active duty, National Guard and Reserve) are eligible to test; applications are due Sept. 13. There is a \$25 registration fee plus a \$20 charge for each test taken. Soldiers having an MOS of 52C, 52D, 61B, 63B through 63H, 63S, 63T and 63Y, those who previously held the MOS, or those currently enrolled in an associate degree program in automotive and metal working warrant officer specialties, will have their test fee paid by the Army. Funding is limited to three specialty tests. The automotive tests to be administered are: Engine Repair, Engine Performance; Suspension and Steering; Brakes; Automotive Transaxle; Manual Drive and Axles; Electrical Systems; Heating and Air Conditioning.

The truck tests are: Gasoline Engine; Diesel Engines; Drive Train; Brakes, Suspension, and Steering. DANTES does not fund the L1 or L2 Advance Engine Performance test costs of \$40. For more information and to apply for these tests, visit the Army Education Center APG/AA building 3145, 410-278-2380/3515, or the APG-EA Army Education Center, building E-4410, 410-436-2166.

CWF tennis tourney coming next month

The 1999 Civilian Welfare Fund Tennis Tournament is scheduled for September. The tournament will consist of singles matches from Sept. 10-24 and doubles matches starting Sept. 20.

The tournament is open at no cost to civilians (men and women) employed at either area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, including temporary employees but not dependents. If there are eight or more women entries (as is likely) there will be a separate division for women. Matches will be played at the APG tennis facilities near Russell Gym in the Aberdeen Area or near the old Edgewood Area Officers Club, single elimination format, with best two of three sets and USTA rules. To enter call or e-mail the following:

Aberdeen Area - Charles Stumpf, 410-278-2914, stumpfel@arl.army.mil

Edgewood Area - Do Nguyen, 410-436-5755, do.nguyen@sbccom.apgea.army.mil,

Entries will be accepted until the close of business on Sept. 8 for singles and Sept. 16 for doubles. The tournament schedule will be sent to all participants by Sept. 9 for singles and Sept. 17 for doubles. Trophies will be awarded.

Job Fair planned for Oct. 15

The Harford County Job Fair will be held Oct. 15 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The fair is open only to Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; the public is welcome to attend from 2:30-6 p.m.

The event, which organizers consider one of the most successful partnerships between APG and the community, has been held since 1988. The fair, which is supported by the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, is sponsored by APG's Army Community Service Career Focus Center and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; the Harford County Office of Economic Development, the Harford County Chamber of Commerce; Harford Community College; Open Doors; the Susquehanna Region Private Industry Council; and the

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Registration.

Attendees are encouraged to dress for an interview and bring a resume. For help with resumes, preparing for interviews or seeking employment, call the APG Career Focus Center, 410-278-9669.

Try summer events with PWOC

Protestant Women of the Chapel invites women in the military community for fellowship this summer. The Aug. 26 sessions will be held 9:15-11 a.m. on speaker Kay Arthur's personal story. Active-duty military personnel, family members, retirees and civilian personnel are welcome. PWOC will use videos of well-known speakers Florence Littaur and Kay Arthur. Child care will be provided. The presentation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. For details call 410-297-8757 or 410-676-0604.

Flag Day ceremony and Senior Citizens' concert

For two years the Flag Day ceremony at the Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House has been rained out. The Flag Day ceremony and Senior Citizens Concert has been re-scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. near the corner of Erie Street and Conestee Street in Havre de Grace. Events include a concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), reenactment of the War of 1812 military field hospital, and demonstrations of cooking, sewing and spinning from the 19th century. Seating will be provided or you may bring your lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, call 410-939-5780

Education Center offers counseling

The Edgewood Area Education Center is open for counseling on Tuesdays; from noon-9 p.m., and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Testing services include CLEP, DSST, GT Predictor, GED and more, available Tuesdays, 4-8 p.m.

The Edgewood Area Army Learning Center has computers with Internet access and study material for the tests available to check out. Additional reference materials are available for myriad subject areas. The Learning Center is open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Fridays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Visit Dori Lawton, education counselor, and Chris Hollingshead, Learning Center monitor, in building E-4410. For information call the center at 410-436-2166.

EA Thrift Shop summer hours

The EA Thrift Shop, located in building E-1633 at the corner of Wise and Stark Roads, is open Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Consignments are taken up to one hour prior to closing. Although only military and civilian ID card holders may consign items, everyone is welcome to purchase merchandise. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is looking for volunteers, at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and at the main Red Cross office. For more information, call Carolyn Lerwill, 410-278-2087.

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.

Boating and water safety offered

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

Give up nicotine

Nicotine Anonymous, a 12-step program to help you quit, meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Bel Air at the First Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of Main Street and Broadway, across from Klein's Supermarket. For more information, call 410-939-0803.

Need a lawyer?

If you need a power of attorney, stop by building 310, wing 2, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and every other Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Use the computer in the Legal Assistance Office to prepare the power of attorney, with help from a notary public. For more information call, 410-278-1583/1584.

AA meeting held at chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Center in the Social Hall.

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Madora visits ATC to tour facilities, see demonstrations

By Lena Goodman
ATC Public Affairs Office

After spending half a day on July 13 getting detailed briefings from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command staff and holding a town hall meeting with the work force, Maj. Gen. Albert J. Madora, commander of the Operational Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va., toured test facilities and observed testing in progress at Aberdeen Test Center all day on July 14.

"This is a great opportunity for Major General Madora to gain an appreciation for the broad scope of the ATC mission and to see firsthand what ATC does for our Army every day," said Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, TECOM commander.

Ertwine escorted Madora to ATC for briefings on the Underwater Explosion Test Facility (UNDEX), Fire Safety Test Enclosure, Sensor Technologies, Foreign Systems, Fleet Zero and Test Site Integration, Range Control Tower operations and the Accelerated Corrosion Test Facility.

Madora flew over ATC's ranges and facilities by chopper, landing at UNDEX, where shock qualification tests are conducted at the 1,070-foot long, 970-foot wide, 150-foot deep facility, said Cindy Grove, one of ATC's project officers at the facility.

"Seawolf, the Navy's newest and fastest attack submarine, and the USS Osprey (MHC-51), a 188-foot fiberglass coastal mine

hunter ship, are among some of ATC's most significant successful tests," Grove said.

The Fire Safety Test Enclosure, or "Firebox," is where vehicle fires quickly can be suppressed without ozone-depleting chemicals being released into the environment. Larry Stepnitz, the ATC project officer who oversaw construction of the \$24.5 million facility, told Madora the Firebox "is a friend to the environment."

"It's a world-class facility that demonstrates ATC's commitment to provide the safest tools to our soldiers in the field," Stepnitz said.

Madora then toured Trench Warfare, where fire control systems from combat vehicles are tested. He also got a chance to do some test firing of his own.

"It was great to see operations here," Madora said.

The next stop was ATC's Range Control Center, where Harmon Hash, range operations officer, explained how ATC works sound management from testing.

"Using a computer sound propagation model, integrated with the Geographical Information Systems, we manage the firing position and time our operations to reduce sound levels," Hash said.

The last stop was the \$1.5 million state-of-the-art Accelerated Corrosion Test Facility, where materiel developers can assess the durability of corrosion protection measures. Steve King, ATC's project officer for the ACTF, told



Photos by LENA GOODMAN

Maj. Gen. Albert J. Madora, commander of the Operational Test and Evaluation Command, and Col. Andrew G. Ellis, Aberdeen Test Center commander, prepare for a flight over ATC's ranges and test facilities en route to the UNDEX test facility during a tour on July 14.

Madora, the "ACTF currently is the only facility dedicated to military vehicle system testing in the United States."

"We're going to show everyone what corrosion is and how to prevent it," King said.

Madora commented that the ATC staff did a great job in pro-

viding information.

"I enjoyed meeting the professional and military work force who do such good jobs," he said. "ATC has interesting capabilities for the Army. The tour has confirmed for me that the capabilities here at ATC cannot be duplicated anywhere else."

To Your Health

Take the challenge to 'Get Fit With 5'

By Lt. Col. Sally S. Hoedebecke
CHPPM Directorate of Health Promotion and Wellness

What does it take to be fit? If your answer is "exercise," you are only half-right. While exercise certainly is important in achieving fitness, exercise alone cannot make you physically fit. You need both exercise and a nourishing, healthy diet to be fit.

National 5-A-Day Week, Sept. 12-18, is just around the corner. This year, the National Cancer Institute is challenging Americans to "Get Fit With 5," by emphasizing the importance of both nutrition and physical activity as part of building the foundation for a healthy lifestyle.

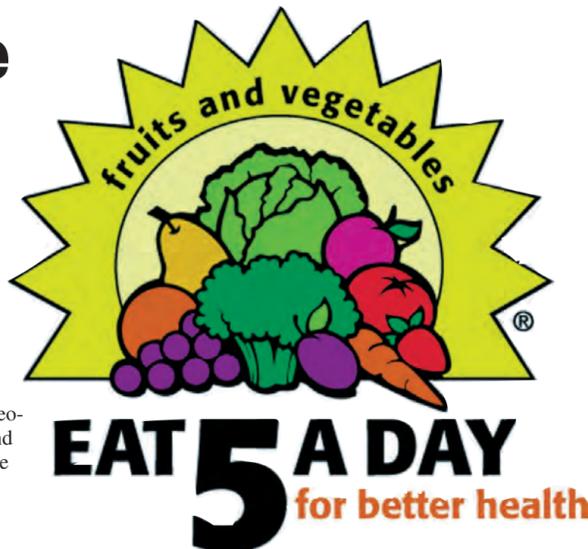
NCI is encouraging everyone to "Take the 5-A-Day Challenge" and team up with friends, family or co-workers to challenge themselves to a week filled with fun physical activity (a total of 30 minutes or more per day on most days of the week) and tasty fruits and vegetables!

A recent national telephone survey conducted by NCI showed that 36 percent of Americans know they should eat at least five fruits and vegetables each day, but only 23 percent of Americans eat that many servings daily. The Department of Defense 5-A-Day Committee found similar results in a survey conducted May 1998 with 288 soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky. Only 25 percent of the soldiers thought they should eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables; however, only 21

percent actually consumed five or more servings a day. Interestingly, 52 percent thought they should eat only three to four servings a day, but 46 percent consumed only one or two servings per day. There seems to be a disconnect between what people think they should eat and what they actually eat. If we want people to eat five or more servings a day, then we may need to encourage them to eat more than just 5-A-Day!

On the other hand, it seems as if Americans are doing better as far as physical exercise is concerned. While only 19 percent of Americans say they know the government's recommendation for 30 minutes or more of moderate physical activity most days of the week, 40 percent say they are meeting or exceeding this recommendation. Since Americans are doing better with the physical activity goals, we need to spend more time and energy promoting the nutrition portion of the 5 A Day program.

To see how you measure up, visit the NCI and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) web link at www.5aday.gov. This site's interactive chart



allows you to enter the number of fruit and vegetable servings you eat, along with your minutes of physical activity for the day. You will then receive a personalized response showing how you are doing compared to other Americans, along with the experts' recommendations and a set of personalized tips. Use this new tool to help you meet the 5 A Day Challenge!

A combination of 5-A-Day with 30 minutes of moderate physical activity five days a week are two of the easiest and most concrete things we can do for better health.

So, take the "5-A-Day" challenge this September and "Get Fit With 5"!

YMCA offers programs

The Harford County Family YMCA offers a variety of programs for children.

The YMCA's Pre-School Center at Harford Community College has been expanded. Openings are available for children ages 2-5; the center is open from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and features crafts, music, pre-K readiness, fitness, and social, emotional and intellectual development.

The Kindergarten Enrichment Program offers half-day care at the YMCA Child Care Centers at Abingdon and Harford Community College. The program complements the half-day kindergarten assignment, and features reading and math readiness, art, music, games, cooking, and play. Van transportation is available for an additional fee.

Before- and after-school programs provides children with the opportunity to explore and develop new interests, as well as enrich their abilities and strengthen skills acquired in school through a variety of fun experiences. Activities include games, clubs, crafts, storytelling, cooking, field trips, homework assistance and more. The YMCA offers 19 sites in the county for care. For more information, call 410-836-5075.

'Roadshow' to offer look at future

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the implementation of CS&P within the Army; Melinda Darby, deputy chief of staff for personnel at AMC, presenting a discussion on personnel issues relating to CS&P; and Gary Tull, principal deputy for acquisition, AMC, providing a Roadshow overview and introduction to Roadshow Millennium.

Multi-disciplined workshop sessions for managers, supervisors and key personnel will examine the A-76 and privatization process emphasizing the issues and tradeoffs necessary to develop the performance work statement, the management plan, the MEO, the technical performance plan, and the in-house cost estimate. There also will be discussions of the peculiarities of CS&P contracting issues that parallel the in-house efforts, such as the draft solicitation, the request for proposal and the source selection process.

The seminar will be held at the Edgewood Area Conference Center and Auditorium from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

All personnel in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community are invited to participate. Full-time attendees will receive Continuing Education Units. Reservations and registrations must be submitted; there is no fee, but space is limited. Workshop spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. After all available workshop spaces have been filled, subsequent requests for workshop spaces will be placed on a backup list.

An electronic version announcing Roadshow Millennium, including additional information and registration instructions, is posted on the TECOM homepage and CBNET. You may find the announcements at: <http://cbnet/INTRANET/EVENTS/events.html> under the "EVENTS" link, and <http://www.tecom.army.mil> under the "Coming Events" link.

Dennis Longo of the AMC Acquisition Center is the point of contact for the event, and may be contacted at 410-278-0846 or dennis.longo@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

Saturday's concert is 'a great deal'; volunteers needed

CONCERT from front page

Clay Walker. A native of Beaumont, Texas, Walker has been performing professionally since he was 16, and will perform songs from his latest CD, "Clay Walker's Greatest Hits."

Walker's first single, "What's It To You," went straight to No. 1 and sold 500,000 copies in 1993. His other top hits include "Dreaming With My Eyes Open," "Hypnotize the Moon" and "Then What," his most recent No. 1 hit.

Country music fans recently nominated Walker for the TNN/Music City News' Star of Tomorrow Award and the Academy of Country Music nominated him as Best New Male Artist.

Now with nine number-one songs and six million albums sold, Walker will perform his greatest hits for APG fans.

David Ball, whose third Warner Bros. CD "Play" debuted in July, has spent most of the summer touring with the group, Alabama. Described by Entertainment Weekly as a singer who mixes "'50s rock-and-roll and '60s honky-tonk with a '90s edge," Ball has received nominations for the Country Music Academy's Horizon Award, CMA Song of the Year for "Thinkin' Problem," and a Grammy nomination for Best Male Country Vocal Performance.

A native of Spartanburg, S.C., Ball has appeared on popular television shows such as "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher," "Regis and Kathie Lee," "Entertainment Tonight" and "Austin City Limits."

Country singer Chad Brock, who also will perform at the concert, may be better known among wrestling fans. After moving to Nashville from Ocala, Fla., Brock toured for two years with the World Class Wrestling organization before signing with Warner Brothers for his debut album in 1998. His self-titled album contains the hits, "Evangeline," "Lightning Does the Work" and "Ordinary Life."

Brock recently appeared at Fan Fair '99, and will appear on TNT's "Nitro" on Aug. 23.

Tickets for the concert are on sale at the Edgewood and Aberdeen Recreation Centers, Ruggles and Exton Golf Courses, Outdoor Recreation, the APG Bowling Center, and the ITR Office in building 3320. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m. For details, call the ITR Office at 410-278-4011.

When she finally decided to test the music industry waters, Church said a demo she sent to a Nashville, Tenn., company got a "real good response."

Now, like the singers she idolizes, Church tells stories with her music, such as "Small Town Girl," the title song on her latest CD, about being a tall 10-year-old that the boys always made fun of.

"I was 5-foot-8 when I was 10," Church recalled. "You can imagine some of the names I was called."

She plans to do eight songs from her CD, including "Home in my Heart."

"But I'll do sing-alongs too," Church said. "I like to do things the audience is familiar with. I'd rather give them what they want to hear than give them what I want them to hear."

Headlining the show will be Giant Records recording artist

LIBRARY CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has new books for your military reading pleasure:

Ethics for the Junior Officer;

Every Man a Tiger, by Tom Clancy;

A Guide to Civil War Sites in Maryland by Susan Cooke Soderberg;

A Guide to Military Criminal Law by Michael J. Davidson;

Lionhearts: Saladin, Richard I, and the Era of the Third Crusade, by Geoffrey Regan;

Napoleon I, Emperor of the French;

Other Leaders, Other Heroes: West Point's Legacy to America Beyond the Field of Battle, by James R. Endler;

A Moral Military, by Sidney Axinn;

Seven Roads to Hell, by Donald R. Burgett;

The Three Meter Zone: Common Sense Leadership for NCOs, by J. D. Pendry.

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard. It is open Monday-Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; it is closed Thursday and Friday.

The Edgewood Area Branch Library is located at building E-4405 on Austin Road. It is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; it is closed Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Conserving water starts in your own backyard

By Erin Chambers
U.S. Army Environmental Center

Eighty percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water, but less than 1 percent of that is usable by people.

The nearly 6 billion people who inhabit the planet must share this small percentage of the earth's fresh water. Conserving this resource becomes even more important when water is scarce. Maryland and other eastern states have issued drought warnings that impose water-use restrictions

because Maryland residents must conserve the limited supply for essential uses.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Commander Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg and deputy installation commander Col. Robert J. Spidel have imposed water-use restrictions due to drought conditions. Their memo detailing specific guidelines for both areas of APG was published in the APG News Aug. 12.

As consumers of water, we should be especially "conserva-

tion minded" in the summer when we water lawns and plants, wash cars and fill pools. Some simple guidelines will save water and money on utility bills.

Steve Getlein, a biologist with the U.S. Army Environmental Center's Conservation Branch, said knowing when to water your lawn is a good start for conservation. Watering needs vary depending on the type of grass, but a good indicator that grass needs water is when it begins to turn gray at the root. Getlein said not

to worry if your lawn turns brown or spotty, because it will recover in early spring or after a good rain.

Another test for lawns is to step on the grass. If the blades bounce back, the lawn is moist and does not need water. Frequent watering does not make a lawn healthier; it can make it turn yellow and develop fungus.

One of the best ways to avoid brown lawns and wilted shrubs and flowers is to select native drought-resistant plants, Getlein

said. He suggested butterfly weeds, brown-eyed Susans, violets, daisies, shad and spice bushes. He said maples, oaks, willows and pines are good trees to select.

Some ideas

The many effective ways to conserve water in and around your home include:

Water lawns in the early morning or early evening to reduce evaporation.

Put a two-inch layer of mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and discourage weed growth.

Position sprinklers to spray water on lawns or gardens, not paved areas.

Do not let the water run while washing your car. Use the hose only to rinse.

Most water is used in the bath-

room. Check for leaks in faucets, pipes and toilets. The best way to check toilet leaks is to add a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Turn off water while shaving, brushing your teeth or washing your face.

Put a pitcher of water in the refrigerator. Up to five gallons a minute is wasted when running the tap until water turns cold.

Run the dishwasher and wash clothes only when loads are full.

When it comes to water conservation Getlein said, "once you start doing it, you won't feel as if you are depriving yourself.

"You can decide where to cut back, or you can wait and not take any measures and let someone tell you what to do," he said.

OC & S seeks to save water however possible

WATER, from front page
but enable the mission to continue with little impact on dwindling water resources.

The OC&S Safety and Environmental Office is installing low-flow showerheads in all the Advanced Individual Training barracks. Estimates show a savings of approximately 15 million gallons of water per year. OC&S purchased the showerheads using money from the Army Pollution Prevention Fund administered by the U.S. Army Environmental Center. The low-flow showerheads reduce water consumption by 56 percent, from 4 gallons per minute to 1.75 gallons per minute. The improved showerhead design allows for lower water consumption while maintaining a steady, high water pressure.

In 1995, the grounds surrounding the Ordnance Museum were identified as a potential stormwater pollution site. To prevent

future stormwater pollution, the office undertook a multi-year project to remove all existing petroleum, oil, and lubricant products and lead-based paint, which covers a majority of the artifacts. The office employed engineers from the Materials Analysis Group of the Army Research Laboratory to design a system that would remove multiple layers of paint and severe corrosion, did not mar the surface of the artifacts, and did not generate an excessive amount of additional hazardous waste. After months of investigation and testing, SEO selected an ultrahigh pressure water blaster.

Artifacts are stripped using a hand-held, air-powered cleaning tool that uses ultrahigh-pressure water to remove old paint, rust and other substances. The waterjet combines ultrahigh pressures (40,000 to 80,000 psi) with relatively low volumes of water (three to five gpm). Wastewater that is

generated is re-circulated through two 750 gallon storage tanks and five micron particulate filter to remove particulate matter. This wastewater also will be periodically conditioned by removing suspended solids and dissolved metals from the wastewater stream. There will be no discharge to the sanitary sewer from this operation.

OC&S uses nine water-based parts cleaning systems for degreasing metal parts. Washers use hot water and a citrus-based detergent for the process, similar to a household dishwasher except that the water is re-circulated, not discharged down the drain. Free-floating oil is removed from the water with a circular skimmer and is placed in used oil tanks prior to disposal. Although the majority of oil and grease is removed by the skimmer, the water still is contaminated and eventually requires disposal. Federal, state and local reg-

ulations may prohibit the discharge of the wastewater to the sanitary sewer depending on the constituent concentration in the waste stream. Laboratory analyses must be performed prior to discharge. If the concentration of the contaminates is above discharge limits, then the wastewater must be pretreated. In some instances even pretreatment may not allow the discharge of the wastewater. Even if discharge limits are met, a permit to discharge must be obtained from the wastewater treatment authority. If the limits are not met, the wastewater must be disposed of off-site by a contractor. To avoid analyses and obtaining discharge permits, the SEO purchased a portable treatment system to clean wastewater so water may be used over a longer period of time. Four systems were reviewed, with costs ranging from less than \$10,000 to more than \$50,000.

AAC to celebrate 10th anniversary

The U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the first AAC Ball to be held Oct. 10, 6 p.m.-midnight, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va. Tickets are available for the black-tie dinner dance on a first-come, first-served basis only at \$70 each. All members of the Army Acquisition Workforce, including those traveling to the Washington, D.C. area Oct. 11-13 for the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting, are invited to attend.

The host of the AAC Ball will be Paul J. Hooper, assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, and the Army acquisition executive. The master of ceremonies will be Keith Charles, deputy director for acquisition career management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. Many senior acquisition leaders are expected to attend.

"We have a great team of acquisition professionals in the AAC," Hooper said. "The AAC Ball is a fitting way to celebrate and recognize the contributions they make in helping our soldiers in action. I'm looking forward to being a part of this special event."

George G. Williams, President of Collazo System Analysis (COLSA) Corporation, will be the keynote speaker. When asked what he planned to talk about, Williams borrowed a quote from famed baseball star, Yogi Berra, and said, "The future isn't what it used to be!"

Williams has more than 36 years of Army service, much of which has been in acquisition.

For tickets or more information about the event, contact Mary McHale, (703) 604-7105, DSN 664-7105, e-mail mchalem@sarda.army.mil; or Tony Echols, (703) 604-7145, DSN 604-7145, e-mail echolsa@sarda.army.mil; or, see the AAC Homepage: <http://dacm.sarda.army.mil>.

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To commemorate the AAC's 10th anniversary, a number of other events also are scheduled beginning Oct. 10 and continuing throughout the week of the AUSA Annual Meeting. The focus will be to highlight the AAC and the contributions it has made in the field of acquisition and in the development of future Army leaders. Events include:

- an AAC exhibit;
- a career counseling suite staffed by career experts;
- the Army Ten-Miler race;
- the inauguration of an association of acquisition professionals.

On Oct. 13, 1989, the Army Chief of Staff approved the creation of the AAC. The AAC is a specialized, trained, and educated group of military and civilian Army professionals responsible for acquiring military systems for the soldiers in the field.

COMMENTARY

Understanding TRICARE: It's pretty simple

By Harry Noyes
Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas (Aug. 17, 1999) — Army medical leaders are frustrated. Massive efforts have been made to explain TRICARE to soldiers, families and retirees. Yet complaints continue to roll in that people "don't understand TRICARE."

Personally, I've always wondered why. TRICARE contracts and financing are complex, but for beneficiaries TRICARE is very simple. A quick summary:

"You got three choices. First is TRICARE Standard: go to any doc you want, send us the bill, and we'll pay part of it. Second is TRICARE Extra: pick your docs off our list, THEY send us the bills, and we pay a little more. Third, you can join TRICARE Prime and never have to worry again: just do what your primary caregiver says. He or she will lead you by the hand through all your health care."

What could be simpler? Soldiers are certainly smart enough to understand such a system. So the real problem must not be complexity or a failure to explain TRICARE.

Instead, I suspect that "they don't understand TRICARE" is a codeword for tougher issues. The challenge is to find out what's really bothering people and either fix it or, if that's impossible, tell people why it cannot be fixed.

Some things cannot be fixed. Some people are just angry about change and nostalgic for a time when they could go to the post hospital for any care they needed, at no charge. We can't just brush this attitude off by deluding ourselves that "they don't understand TRICARE." We have to be strong enough to admit, to ourselves and to them, the hard truth that military medicine will never be the same again.

Reportedly, TRICARE is especially confusing to retirees. But that doesn't necessarily mean that they don't grasp how TRICARE

works. Maybe what confuses them is deciding which TRICARE option is most economical - a different issue altogether.

Someone who needs little care might save money with TRICARE Standard or Extra, while someone who needs a lot of care will do better with TRICARE Prime. But what about people in between? What about the risk that a retiree or family member who is healthy today will need a lot of care six months from now?

Clearly, retirees have to play the odds. To put it bluntly, like any decision on buying insurance, it's a gamble. It's easy to say that joining Prime is a bargain, if only for peace of mind. But for a family that never had to make that call before, it can be a tough choice.

There is help for retirees. Health-benefits advisors can calculate the actual costs of various scenarios. That makes a decision more concrete, but not necessarily easier. This kind of balancing act is always difficult. One need not be "confused" to feel that.

For some people, the problem may be something else entirely. Maybe they grasp the concept perfectly. Maybe they love it. And then their appointments get screwed up, or they start getting bills from doctors who didn't get paid by TRICARE. When that kind of thing happens, when reality doesn't match the expectations in people's minds, they experience a specific form of confusion called cognitive dissonance.

In fact, only a small percentage of beneficiaries encounter serious TRICARE problems. But many more hear the stories, and they also suffer cognitive dissonance.

In short, no matter how well medical leaders explain the game plan, there will be confusion if the plan is not executed as promised. At that point, no amount of extra explanation, however clever, will do any good. Instead, the quality of execution simply has to be improved.

Beneficiaries should take comfort from

knowing that both line and medical leaders are acutely aware of this and know that they have to fix the flaws in TRICARE.

Then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer said so at the 1999 TRICARE conference, demanding that TRICARE officials aim for 100 percent beneficiary satisfaction.

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck and Deputy Surgeon General Maj. Gen. Patrick D. Sculley have repeatedly told their troops that there is no acceptable alternative to making TRICARE successful. Going back to the old days is simply not an option.

Beneficiaries can help make TRICARE work by:

- Understanding that TRICARE is the future of military medicine and a return to the old days is just not possible in a downsized post-Cold War military.
- Making a sincere effort to understand TRICARE. Read the brochures, attend briefings, ask questions of your TRICARE Service Centers and Health Benefits Advisors.
- Taking into account that TRICARE is a massive new system, and there will be growing pains. Satisfaction is very high in the well-established TRICARE regions. If you are in a younger region, make some allowances for everyone's learning curve.
- Registering complaints when you have them, but being specific and concrete about what they are and giving the designated TRICARE officials a chance to fix them before you grouse to your neighbors or call "60 Minutes."

TRICARE isn't perfect, but it is a heroic effort to maintain quality care that is accessible to the entire military family despite massive resource cuts. To reach that goal, TRICARE needs energetic support from the medical community and beneficiaries alike.

(Editor's note: Harry Noyes is assistant editor of the Army Medical Department Mercury. His opinion is not an official statement of Army Medical Department policy.)

AROUND THE ARMY

10th Mountain takes over Bosnia peacekeeping mission

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Aug. 10, 1999) — The 10th Mountain Division officially assumed control of the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia last week, on the same day as the unit's second shipload of equipment set sail from Staten Island, N.Y.

A transfer of authority ceremony was held Aug. 4 at Camp Eagle in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, as Maj. Gen. James L. Campbell of the 10th Mountain Division assumed command of Multinational Division North from Maj. Gen. Kevin Byrnes of the 1st Cavalry Division.

In this 6th rotation of troops into Bosnia, the 10th Mountain Division is deploying in two phases. The first wave of about 3,200 soldiers arrived in Bosnia last month and the 2nd Brigade will begin deploying later this month to fall in on equipment which sailed Aug. 4.

Fort Drum soldiers will also be joined on the Stabilization Force by a number of Army reservists, including Apache helicopter aviators. The 8th/229th "Flying Tigers" from Fort Knox, Ky., is one of only two Apache battalions in the Army Reserve and the unit will be serving in Bosnia for the next six months.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki was in Bosnia last week for the change of command ceremony. As a former commander of Multinational Division North, Shinseki said he understands the importance of having troops in Bosnia and the hardship of frequent deployments. He offered words of encouragement to soldiers departing and to those just arriving for their tour of duty in Bosnia.

I would encourage these soldiers (redeploying) to take their work here and use the lessons and training here to make their division even stronger and better," Shinseki said. "To the soldiers just coming into country, I would encourage them to take this great oppor-

tunity to strengthen leadership. Because as we all know, every day is sergeants' time in Bosnia."

Speaking to reporters outside the MND-N headquarters known as the "White House," Shinseki stressed the importance of having reservists serve tours in Bosnia. "The Reserve brings talents we don't have in the active components. Our civil affairs, medical, history and public affairs units are a critical part of the mission. They are valid members of our team."

On that same day, Army reservists were loading a cargo ship in New York with equipment headed for Bosnia. The 1176th Transportation Terminal Brigade supervised the load of tactical vehicles and helicopters from Fort Drum onto the "Saudi Taif" at Howland Hook Marine Terminal on Staten Island.

Howland Hook became the new port of embarkation for Drum troops and other units in the Northeast earlier this year due to the closing of the Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, N.J. Now when troops deploy, the commercial port on Staten Island will be operated by the Military Traffic Management Command's 600th Transportation Group from Fort Monmouth, N.J., and the 1176th Transportation Terminal Brigade - an Army Reserve unit from Baltimore.

Col. David Mason, commander of the 1176th, said he looks forward to helping the 10th Mountain Division deploy back to Fort Drum safely next March when their rotation in Bosnia ends. At that time, the 49th Armor Division of the Texas National Guard is scheduled to assume command of the SFOR in Bosnia.

(Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Melanie R. Rowton and Spc. J. Shawn Davenport at Camp Eagle, Bosnia, contributed to this article.)

Army retirees contribute most for military retirement homes

By Laura Paul

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Aug. 10, 1999) — Army retirees are leading the way in support of the two Armed Forces Retirement Homes.

More than 2,100 Army retirees have set up allotments from their retired pay to support the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Naval Home in Gulfport, Miss.

Voluntary retiree allotments have brought \$116,500 to the AFRH, with 80 percent coming from the Army.

The next highest number of retiree contributors came from the Air Force with 348 people making allotments.

The AFRH are the only veter-

ans' homes run by the federal government. The homes are open to retirees age 60 and older with 20 or more years of active duty service; or veterans unable to earn a livelihood due to a service-connected disability; or veterans who served in a war theater or received hostile fire pay and are unable to earn a livelihood due to a non-service-connected disability; or female veterans who served before 1948.

Almost 1,600 veterans live in the retirement homes; 93 percent are military retirees and 97 percent are combat veterans.

The veterans' homes are looking to retirees for funding because downsizing has resulted in a decrease in support from active-

duty service members. Since 1990, active-duty funding — coming from 50-cents-a-month in pay withholding per service member and fines and forfeitures — has dropped 39.1 percent, equating to \$142 million.

Anyone wishing to support the Homes or find more about the Homes can write to: Armed Forces Retirement Home; 3700 N. Capitol St.; Washington, D.C. 20317, or they can call Kerri Childress at 1-800-422-9988 or (202) 722-3556, or visit their website at <http://www.AFRH.com>.

(Editor's note: Laura Paul is a public affairs specialist for Army Retirement Services.)

SPORTS

HHC 16th wins softball championship; HHC 143rd takes second after tourney

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The final stand for the APG Intramural Softball League got off to a roaring start Friday night with the top four teams from each division squaring off on APG's Shine Field.

The finals, between HHC 16th and HHC 143rd, was played Aug. 17, with HHC 16th winning easily, 17-4. Full post-season coverage will appear in next week's paper.

In the six games of the first round, teams rotated between Fields 1 and 2, based on where they stood in the winner's or loser's bracket.

Starting off on Field 1 were the American Division's fourth-place finisher, NCOA and National Division winner, USMC, which beat NCOA, 11-7.

On Field 2 were two American Division teams, HHC 143rd and KUSAHC, which finished the season first and third, respectively. Before the game, KUSAHC coach Chessley Atchison said his team was ready despite the fact they

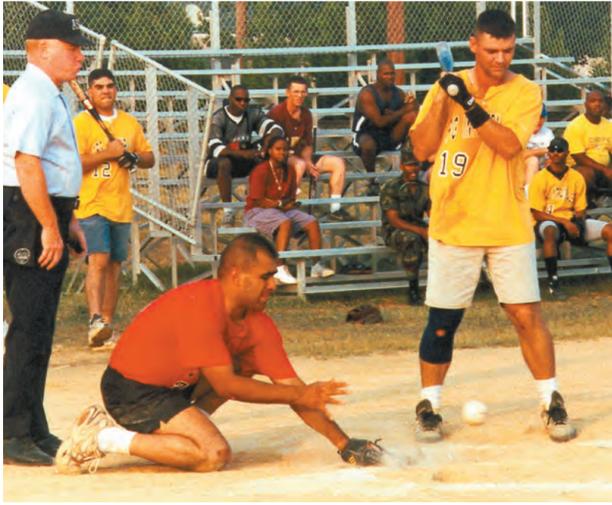


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

NCOA batter Joseph Allen watches a low ball cross the plate during game one of the post-season tournament. Full coverage of softball finals will appear in next week's edition.

lost two of their starters in the last two weeks.

"Really, we're trying to redefine ourselves," Atchison said. "We've played them twice, so we

know run scoring is the biggest thing."

"We'll have to play our best game to beat them," added player Walter Egerton.

HHC 143rd coach Luis Bowen said his team's chances were just as good as KUSAHC's.

"The key to winning will be for whoever jumps on top first and makes the least amount of errors," Bowen said.

KUSAHC quickly jumped in front, scoring three runs in the first inning. HHC 143rd countered with a two-run second inning, holding KUSAHC scoreless until a sac-fly drove in a run at the top of the third, bringing the score to 4-2.

KUSAHC battled hard, keeping the game within reach, until HHC 143rd tied it 8-8 in the middle of the sixth inning, but failed to hold 143rd, which scored four runs as time ran out to win, 12-8.

Atchison, who attributed the loss to poor hitting, took the loss well, saying, "It was still a heck of a game for free."

Play continued throughout the weekend.

The championship game was played Tuesday evening; for photos and complete story, see the Aug. 26 issue of the *APG News*.

SPORTS SHORTS

Post-level softball team playing for second

The APG Bombers Post Level Softball Team are still hoping to bring home the second place trophy for the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference. They were in the middle of the Championship Tournament when it was rained out last Saturday, Aug. 14, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The team from Walter Reed has wrapped up the first place trophy but with one more win, the Bombers will take home second. The final games have been rescheduled for Aug. 26.

Intramural flag football pre-season starts soon

APG Intramural Flag Football Season begins Aug. 25 with the annual Pre-Season Tournament. The single elimination competition is being played through Aug. 31 in Aberdeen. The Championship game will take place on Aug. 31 on the home field of the team in the winners bracket. The Intramural Flag Football regular season begins Sept. 7.

Soccer rules clinic scheduled

The Intramural Soccer rules clinic will be held Aug. 26, 2 p.m., at the APG Athletic Center. This also is the deadline for units to submit their letter of participation. The intramural regular season starts Sept. 7.

Post-level soccer moves to September

The APG Post-Level Soccer Team will participate in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference round-robin soccer tournaments that have been rescheduled to start in September. Active-duty military personnel interested in playing with the team should come to weekly practices held on Shine Sports Field Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. For more information call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Apply for All Army teams

Active-duty soldiers interested in participating on the All Army Marathon or Men's Basketball Teams must submit an application to the APG Sports Office in building 3320. Applicants must submit applications by Aug. 20. Candidates are advised to read AR 215-1, section 20c-4, which reviews the standards for All Army participation. For more information call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Army athletes win 12 medals at Pan Am Games in Canada

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Aug. 12, 1999) — Army athletes earned their fair share of hardware at the XIII Pan American Games that ended Aug. 8 in Winnipeg, Canada.

Soldiers bagged 12 of 295 medals the U.S. team brought back across the border, leading the medal count among 42 participating countries.

Wrestling was the Army's strongest suit, with Spc. Dominic Black bringing home a gold medal in the 130kg freestyle event. Spc. Dremiel Byers took

silver in the 97kg Greco-Roman competition, while fellow Greco-Roman wrestler Spc. Glenn Nieradka won bronze in the 63kg division.

More silver went to Spc. Dan Steele in the decathlon and Spc. Brett Weatherbie in modern pentathlon. Sgt. Corey Bernard rounded out the Army World-Class Athlete Program winner's circle, tying for the bronze medal in boxing at 139 pounds.

Members of the Fort Benning's U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit also found their way to the medal podium. International Rifle shoot-

er Sgt. Kenneth Johnson won two gold medals: one in Men's 50-Meter, Three Position Rifle and another in Men's Air Rifle, where teammate Capt. Glenn Dubis took the silver.

Sgt. Daryl Szarenski earned a gold medal in Men's Air Pistol and silver in the Men's 50-Meter Free Pistol match. Spc. Armando Ayala rounded out the medal count taking silver in the Men's Running Target match.

Close to one million people participated in the Games over 17 days. More than 5,000 athletes and 2,000 coaches, trainers and

mission staff from North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean participated in 41 sports. In total, 2,300 gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to athletes in 330 events.

(Compiled by Harriet Rice, Community and Family Support Center PAO from various reports. For more information about the Pan American Games, visit the web site: www.panamericangames.org. Soldier stories and images will be available on the Army's MWR web site under the World Class Athlete Program at www.armymwr.com).

SPORTS

U.S. teams heading home after World Games

By Tom Hlavacek
Army News Service

ZAGREB, Croatia (Aug. 17, 1999) — In the final World Games medal count, the United States finished seventh overall with 30 medals: 11 gold, 10 silver and nine bronze. Soldiers accounted for six gold, six silver and two bronze medals.

The Military World Games were held Aug. 5-18 in Zagreb, Croatia by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire, known as CISM. More than 7,000 athletes from 100 countries are in Croatia for the games. While CISM athletic competitions have been held since 1948, this is only the second Military World Games — the first were held Sept. 4-16 in Rome prior to the last summer Olympics.

The U.S. and Canadian volleyball teams practiced at Aberdeen

Proving Ground in the weeks before the games, and the entire U.S. team met at APG before their Aug. 4 departure from Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

The U.S. men's basketball team suffered a disappointing gold-medal-game loss to Croatia 101-76. The Croatians pressured the Americans throughout the first half and went into the locker room with a 51-32 half-time lead and finished the U.S. team off with a 25-point spread.

Workhorse Army Pvt. TC Shield, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., led the U.S. with 24 points. The Americans shot a cold 35 percent from the field, hitting just 25 of 72 attempts. The hot-handed Croatians shot 58 percent, netting 38 of 65 shots.

U.S. Coach Sgt. 1st Class Johnnie Pickett said, "We tried to take it inside and were blocked

out. We tried to score from outside and that didn't work either."

The Croatians had three players from the national team, including one NBA draftee. Guard Gordan Girieck, who scored 18 points, was drafted by the Dallas Mavericks and traded to the Phoenix Suns. He said he is undecided about playing in the pros.

Center Emilo Kovacic led the Croatian team with a game-high 25-points. Guard Samir Mulaomerovic, another National team member, scored 21 and was selected the player of the tournament.

In boxing, Army light heavy-weight Sgt. Olanda Anderson let a 3-1 lead slip away in the final round and lost the gold medal to Alexander Lebziak, the 1997 World Champion. Anderson lost on total blows registered by the computer using tie-breaker criteria.

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Going into the fourth and final round, Anderson thought he was behind in scoring instead of being in the lead, 3-1.

"I tried to box with him instead of moving like coach (Sgt. Shaheed Shakir) said," he said, adding that in the final round, Lebziak "kept catching me with his left hand. He is a good counter puncher."

The bout ended in a 3-3 tie. Lebziak won the gold on punch count 33-22. Anderson and Lebziak have met three times; Lebziak has won the last two decisions.

The women's volleyball team placed fifth by winning their consolation match over Holland three games to one. Games scores were 25-15, 25-13, 15-25 and 25-20. It was the second time the teams had met. Holland won the first match.

The U.S. men's soccer team placed eighth.

On the final day of wrestling, Spc. Jason Loukidis (97 kg.) placed fourth in freestyle competition, losing the bronze medal to Yuric Chobitko of the Ukraine.

In the first match Loukidis, stationed at Fort Carson with the WCAP, re-injured his shoulder midway through the first period. The Ukrainian took advantage of situation and scored a two-point take-down. The final score was 3-0.

The U.S. finished fifth in the freestyle wrestling team competition with a total of 31 points.

On the last day of track no medals were taken by the Americans. Sgt. Dino Napier was the busiest man on the track running back-to-back competitions. He ran in the 200 semi-finals and finals, and both the 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 meter relays. Napier placed

seventh in the 200, and the relay teams placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

Army Pfc. Jason Umberger, 20, assigned to Fort Benning, summed it up: "The (other) teams here have been training for these games. I won the Armed Forces championship three months ago, then went back and worked in my unit. We were not prepared."

In the 3000-meter Steeple Case, Spc. Carlos Gibbs was 15th overall with a time of 9:20.94. The race included two of the top three steeple-chase runners in the world who took the gold and bronze medals.

(Editor's note: Hlavacek is the sports director for Hohenfels, Germany, on special assignment in Croatia. As of press time, the U.S. team was scheduled to return to BWI Airport on Wednesday afternoon. See next week's paper for story and photos.)

GEICO launches military service awards program

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The GEICO Military Service Awards program has begun its annual search for enlisted members who perform outstanding service to the military or civilian community. The program, in its 12th season, is sponsored by the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation.

Jim Keller, from GEICO's Aberdeen office located at 106 N. Philadelphia Blvd., said he would like to see the installation more involved in the selection process.

"We've never had anyone nominated from this area," Keller said.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker said he will announce plans to nominate soldiers from the installation at a senior NCO meeting on July 22.

"People who want to nominate someone need to contact me to put together packets," Kolker said. "We have well-deserving people out there who I'd like to see recog-

nized."

The program honors one enlisted member from each of the five military services and one from the selected Reserve component for outstanding service to the community. Through established procedures, each installation may nominate enlisted personnel who meet the criteria in one of the fields recognized by the awards.

Nominations must be received by Nov. 1. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award, a commemorative plaque and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the awards ceremony on April 24, 2000.

The award categories are drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire safety and fire prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention.

For more information contact Jim Keller, GEICO direct representative, at 410 273-6004 or Kolker's office at 410 278-1509.

UMUC offers bachelor's degree in environmental management

University of Maryland University College offers a bachelor's degree in environmental management.

The specialization studies all facets of interdisciplinary and multimedia environmental management and related issues. Employment opportunities with government agencies, businesses, educational institutions and non-profit organizations are expected to increase to meet the demand for environmental managers.

All ENMT courses are delivered in both instructor-led and web-based on-line delivery formats. Students living anywhere in the world can enroll in courses offered over the World Wide Web and earn a bachelor's degree-at-a-distance in ENMT through courses offered online.

Call Patricia Scott at UMUC's Regional Office at APG at 410-272-8269 for registration and visit the web site at www.umuc.edu.

MWR UPDATE

Take shot at hole-in-one

Take your shot at \$20,000 in the "Shot of the Century" hole-in-one golf contest. APG Community Recreation Division is hosting the contest with up to \$1 million in prize money to be given away. MWR, First USA Bank and Budweiser have combined forces to sponsor the contest. Seventy finalists will compete in the final round, and take one shot each at the target hole. Get close and you will win \$1,000 for getting the ball within six inches of the cup. Hit a hole-in-one and win the grand prize of \$20,000.

The contest is open to all MWR patrons with the exception of installation course employees and active golf professionals. A drawing for the 70 finalists will take place at Ruggles Golf Course on Sept. 18 at noon. On Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-noon, the finalists will shoot for the \$20,000. For additional information stop by the Pro Shop at Ruggles and ask about the event.

Boater Safety Class

Outdoor Recreation and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04 is offering a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course. Maryland law specifies that private watercraft operators must be 16 years old and have a boater safety certificate. The BS/S course is for boaters of all levels of experience. Upon successfully completing the course you will receive a certificate, which can reduce your insurance premiums and meets the Maryland requirements. The course starts Sept. 14. Classes will be held in building E-4733 in the Edgewood Area on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. A \$25 fee covers the cost of text and study guide. In each class you will learn the "knot-of-the-night" and cover information including boat handling, trailering, navigation, federal requirements, aids to navigation and "rules of the road." This class also will offer the state qualification requirements for certification to operate private watercraft. Class size is limited to 40 students. Make your reservation soon. For reservations and more information call Charles Shadle, 410-838-2265, or Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

APG Boat Docks open

The AA and EA Boat Docks are open on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Motor boats, rowboats, canoes, sailboats and windsurfers are available for rent by the hour or by the day. The AA Boat Dock is located off Old Cut Road, building 2040; the EA Boat Dock is located on Skipper's Point Road at building E-1473. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Make rental reservations for holiday

Don't forget to reserve your items today for the upcoming Labor Day weekend! The Equipment Resource Center has canopies and party tents in 20-by-20-foot and 20-by-30-foot sizes, charcoal supergrills (on trailers), and folding tables and chairs (round or rectangular tables). For a long camping weekend, the center has tents in various sizes, folding camp chairs, folding cots, lanterns, stoves, ice chests and water coolers. Stop by Outdoor Recreation, building 2407, for a complete list of equipment, or call 410-278-4124.

Get fit at Aberdeen Area center

The AA Health and Fitness Center, located in building 320, is a full-service facility. 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. For information on programs available, call 410-278-9725/9759.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts offers classes

Stained Glass: A beginning stained glass class will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will make a basic suncatcher using the copper foil method. This class teaches the skill you need to make larger projects. The \$15 cost includes supplies.

Framing Class: A beginning matting and framing class will be held Thursday, Aug. 26, 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: The center does quality custom framing at reasonable prices, and offers a great selection of mats and frames.

The center is open Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by building E-4440 or call 410-436-2153 for more information.

Hunter Safety Classes coming up

Hunter Safety Classes will be held in the Aberdeen Area in building 5445, room 213, on the following dates:

Aug. 21 and 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Sept. 10, 6-10 p.m.;

Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;

Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Classes will be held in the Edgewood Area in building E-4733 (the Deer Station) on the following dates:

Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m.;

Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m.;

Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.

Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Sept. 27, 6-9 p.m.;

Sept. 29, 6-9 p.m.;

Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m.;

Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The cost of the class is \$5. Call 410-278-4124 to register.

Class for bow hunters

A bow hunting seminar will be held at the Bow Club on Aug. 29, 1 p.m. Call 410-278-4124 for information and registration.

Chesapeake Challenge offers fun

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park opens at noon. Come out and enjoy riding the go-karts, batting baseballs/softballs. See how well you can do on the 18-hole miniature golf course. Bat in the cages for 50 cents for 12 balls, ride the go-karts for \$3 for five minutes, or play a round of golf for \$3 per person, \$1 for ages 5 and under.

The next up-coming special will be the "Bring Your Report Card Special." Those with straight A's will receive a free go-kart ride (still must be 54-inches tall to drive; if not, the park has two seaters); cards with five As and one B to five Bs and one A will receive half off a go-kart ride; all Bs will receive half off a round of golf, and all others will receive one free batting token. The special will be offered Aug. 23-26, noon-5 p.m. You must show a report card.

To schedule a party or event at the park, call 410-278-9920.

PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

Poodle-mix available

This poodle-mix weighs approximately 20 pounds and is available for adoption at the Veterinary Treatment Facility. Other cats and dogs are available for adoption; for details, call 410-278-3911.

AROUND THE ARMY

Army grounds Chinook helicopters

By Diana Kelly
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Aug. 10, 1999) — The Army grounded its Chinook helicopter fleet Aug. 6 after cracked transmission gears were discovered in a CH-47D during a mechanical overhaul.

Due to this discovery, officials said all Chinooks worldwide are being checked for faulty gears. The grounding includes all CH-47 helicopters and the MH-47D and MH-47E models used for special operations.

No accidents have occurred because of this gear problem, officials said, but the Army and Chinook manufacturer Boeing are taking precautions to assure that none will, they said.

The questionable gears are being identified by a serial number search, and will be checked, officials said. A total of 466 Chinook aircraft are in the Army's helicopter fleet, including those in both active and reserve-component units. A sufficient stock of new gears is available for these aircraft if the need for replacement exists, an official said.

The most plausible cause of the problem is poor grinding of the gear's spherical bearing raceway during manufacture, according to Dan O'Boyle, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Aviation Program Executive Office at Redstone Arsenal. O'Boyle said improper grinding is a critical flaw because it could produce surface cracks and potential gear fractures. Such cracks and fractures could cause the rotor blades to come out of phase, he said, mesh with each other, lock the transmissions, and potentially lead to a crash.

Currently, only four of these gears have been found defective, but Army leaders said they are still concerned. The number-one issue is the safety of the soldiers involved in the flight of the aircraft, they said.

The Army has notified foreign manufacturers so that safety precautions may be taken in the 800 H-47 aircraft worldwide.

Once the records-search is complete and all suspect gears checked, the unaffected Chinooks in the Army's fleet will be released to continue normal, routine missions and operations, officials said. They said the Chinooks will fly again as soon as potential risk to aviation soldiers is eliminated.

Enlisted retention rates at 'historic highs'

By Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Aug. 9, 1999) - More soldiers are signing up for another hitch after their first enlistment than ever before, while a healthy percentage of career noncommissioned officers are staying in rather than leaving the Army to snag jobs in the current hot civilian economy.

Although the Army's active-duty recruiting goal is projected to fall short by as much as 8,000 soldiers for this fiscal year, current retention rates for junior enlisted soldiers and NCOs are at "historic highs," according to personnel officials in the Pentagon. About 400,000 enlisted soldiers and 78,000 commissioned officers are serving on active duty, according to Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel documents, which listed about 171,000 soldiers holding sergeant through sergeant major rank.

The retention rate of mid-career enlisted members, usually defined as sergeants and staff sergeants on their second enlistment and having less than 10 years' of active service, is at 75 percent, said Sgt. Maj. Jerry Pionk, ODCSPER's active-duty retention sergeant major at the Pentagon. This reflects a gain of 1 percent since February.

"Our pre-drawdown (before 1989) mid-career enlisted retention rate was at about 70 percent, so we've gained about 5 percent since then," Pionk said. "In 1996, we saw the rate drop back down to 70 percent, and we were very concerned. At that time we had promotion slowdowns, permanent-change-of-station freezes, which we don't have now. We currently have the money to regularly promote our enlisted soldiers and NCOs."

First-term enlisted retention numbers also are heartening, Pionk said.

"Enlisted retention for the year-to-date through the end of July is still running well ahead of projections for the fis-

cal year," he said. "Right now, in our initial-term mission, we're just over 100 percent of what we had planned to do."

"This is really a good news story," he said, because the Army is concerned about soldiers who sign up for college money opportunities, then get out of the Army.

Pionk noted personnel officials are pleasantly surprised with the current "first-termer" retention rate.

"We've had a tendency to lose a lot of those kids, especially in light of today's good [civilian] job market," he said. "We're now keeping approximately 51 percent of these soldiers, compared to the pre-drawdown rate of about 42 percent. That [first-termer] percentage is higher than it has ever been in our history."

Although more enlisted first-termers are signing up for another hitch, said Pionk, more soldiers are leaving the Army at points between when they sign their enlistment contracts and before they reach their first duty assignment.

"We're losing about 8- to 10-percent more soldiers [in the training phase] now ... than we used to lose prior to the drawdown," he said. "That is something we have to combat, because we're not bringing in enough soldiers through the 'front door' [via recruiting]."

"If you under-recruit, then three to five years later, that is your re-enlistment population. So, we have to keep a higher percentage of our soldiers, to offset the recruiting losses that have materialized."

Pionk said that although the Army's current enlisted retention numbers are good, the picture isn't perfect.

"We've been pretty flexible in our retention programs," he said. "We've increased our enlisted bonus program from \$50 million at the start of the fiscal year to \$82 million, right now. However, although the Army is doing well in enlisted retention in the aggregate, we're having losses in communications, aviation-related, and some military

intelligence MOSs (military occupational specialties).

"A lot of these soldiers are very employable right now [in the private sector] and companies are sending them hiring notices. Comparable MOSs in the Air Force and Navy are having the same [retention] difficulties. However, our combat arms soldiers and those in other MOSs are staying in at a high rate, so that has helped us to offset losses."

Pionk said today's booming economy apparently is causing a higher percentage of NCOs, usually sergeants first class, to retire at 20 years rather than serving longer.

"A lot of our retirement-eligible careerists are seemingly leaving right at 20 years, where in the past they'd stay in until they reached their retention control points," he said. "We believe that is probably attributable to the good economy; they are retirement eligible and instead of hanging around, if they get a good job offer, they take it."

"We're putting a package together to propose to Congress for next year which includes bonus programs and a lot of other things. We want to make a stronger benefits package for the future in order to ensure the Army remains a viable career for enlisted soldiers."

Pionk said he believes today's tough recruiting environment is caused by the unprecedented U.S. economic expansion, in its seventh year. The current success in enlisted retention is no accident, he added.

"We expect recruiting problems to probably continue the next 2-3 years, so retention really needs to be strong - now, it is," he said. "Retention is probably strong today because in 1992, we were the only armed service that really didn't dismantle its career enlisted retention force."

The Army has "a professional force of career counselors in the field - 79S MOS," said Pionk. This 'tried and true' system enables commanders to play key roles in the retention process.

Coast Guard Auxiliary teaches water 'rules of road'



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

Retired Col. Charles Shadle of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary shows a life jacket with a special floatation device around the neck, which will keep them from going underwater.

Policy changes for boat ramp use

RAMP from front page

Division. "We have eliminated a very laborious situation for both patrons and Outdoor Recreation personnel, and made it much cheaper."

The "semi-honor system" still is open only to those eligible to use post facilities - active-duty and retired military, National Guard, Reserve, civilian and contractor employees and authorized family members.

APG has three recreational

boat launch ramps — one in the Aberdeen Area and two in the Edgewood Area.

The AA ramp is located in the 2000 block off Old Cut Road, adjacent to the AA Boat Dock, building 2040. EA ramps are located at the end of Skipper's Point Road in the E-1400 block, and adjacent to the EA Deer Checking Station, building E-4733 on Hoadley Road.

For information, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

BOATING from front page

safety. In fact, educating those new to boating is the primary year-round mission for the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

To that end they conduct local classes on boating safety several times each year. The basic course, called Boating Skills and Seamanship, consists of six classes covering topics that include an overview of boats, boating equipment, waterway signs and meanings, and rules. Required for every new boater currently under age 27, and described as a good refresher course for boat operators of any age, the course is designed to help the novice adapt to the water and enjoy a safe boating experience.

The cost for the evening course, taught twice a week for three weeks, is \$25 for the text. At the conclusion of the six classes, students are required to pass a written test to receive their license. More advanced classes

follow a similar schedule and are given at no additional cost. Those classes cover charting, piloting, radio and weather.

Charles Shadle, past division captain of Flotilla 13-04, is one of several experienced boating safety instructors. In addition to teaching the basic boating course, they pass on their passion for boating. Donating an estimated 25 hours per week, Shadle oversees 16 auxiliary districts, teaches classes, and on most summer and holiday weekends monitors the radio and patrols the waters of APG.

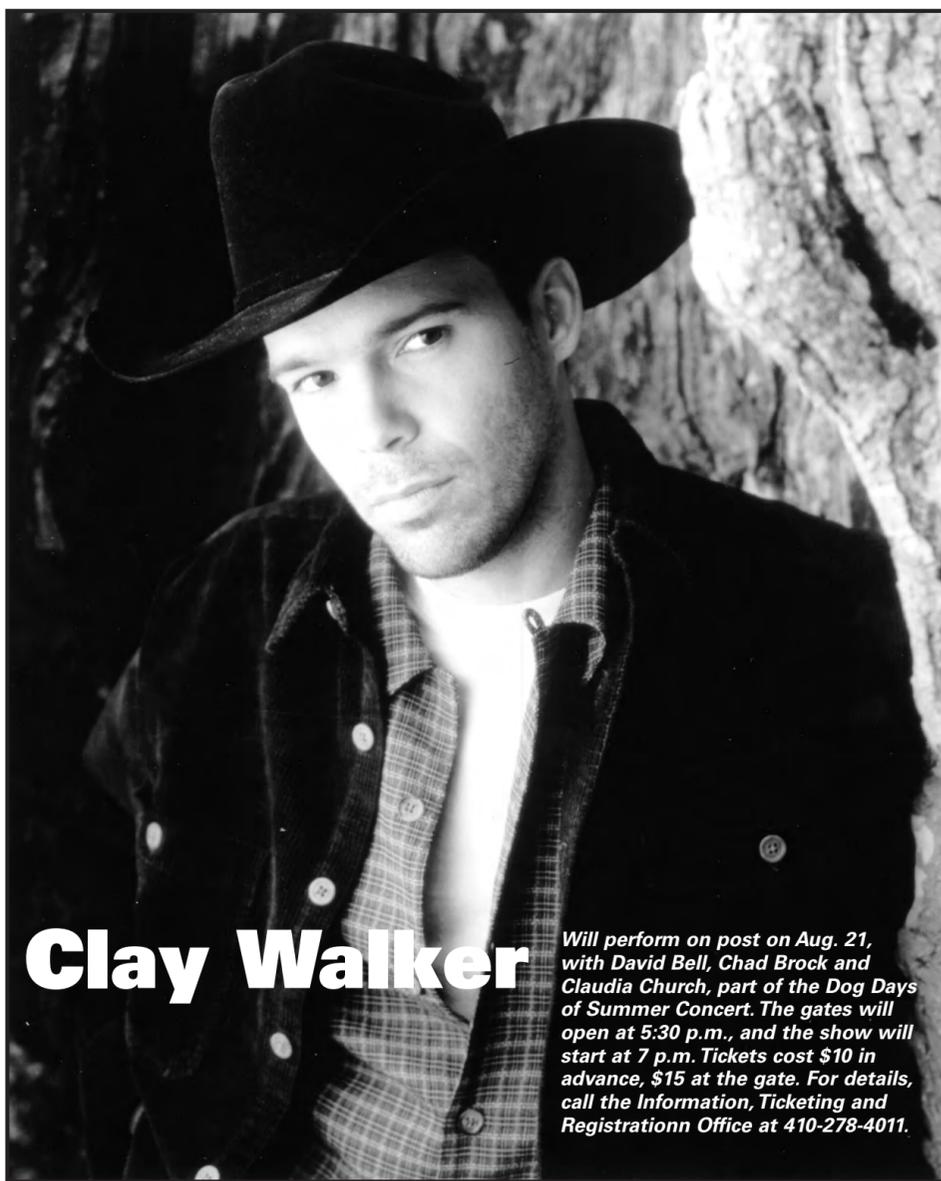
Fortunately, he is not alone. Nine flotilla search-and-rescue boats operate in the area, and Shadle said a core group of about 25 "very active" flotilla members volunteer at their headquarters on Maxwell Point. Their radio efforts have met with increased success this year due to a collaboration between the auxiliary and APG Garrison's Directorate of Public Works.

When informed the Maxwell Point radio tower needed work, DPW equipment and workers arrived to remedy the situation. Shadle praised DPW for supplying the means to increase the range of the radio signal. The new equipment increased the tower height to 60 feet, and the increased range helped locate a number of boaters in distress.

Auxiliary members are joined in their patrol and rescue efforts by firefighters, police and other safety officials on post and in the local community. Shadle said cooperation and coordination between individuals and agencies goes into the efforts in the waters around APG.

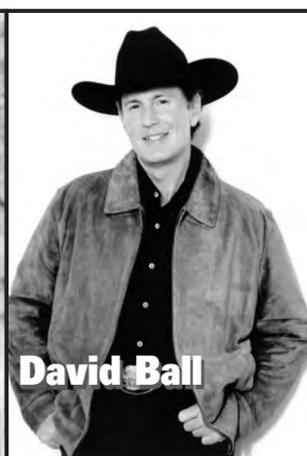
With Chesapeake Bay beckoning, and the means to safely explore them just a call away, boaters are urged to sign up for the next session of classes which begins Sept. 14. Information on boating courses is available at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 410-278-4124, or through Shadle, 410-838-2265.

COMING UP AT APG



Clay Walker

Will perform on post on Aug. 21, with David Bell, Chad Brock and Claudia Church, part of the Dog Days of Summer Concert. The gates will open at 5:30 p.m., and the show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. For details, call the Information, Ticketing and Registrationn Office at 410-278-4011.



David Bell



Chad Brock



Claudia Church

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for Aug. 19-25 on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3:

- THURSDAY, Aug. 19**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., APG Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Force Protection Series Part 4 - Surveillance Detection (10 min.)
2 p.m., Movie Previews
- FRIDAY, Aug. 20**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
2 p.m., Movie Previews
- SATURDAY, Aug. 21**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Force Protection Series Part 4 - Surveillance Detection (10 min.)
2 p.m., Movie Previews
- SUNDAY, Aug. 22**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
- MONDAY, Aug. 23**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Force Protection Series Part 4 - Surveillance Detection (10 min.)
- TUESDAY, Aug. 24**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
- WEDNESDAY, Aug. 25**
9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., Drought Restrictions (10 min.)
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Force Protection Series Part 4 - Surveillance Detection (10 min.)
For more information, call Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

MOVIES

Admission to the Post Theater is \$3 for adults

THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER

Friday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 21, 9 p.m.

Starring: John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe

Warrant Officer Paul Brenner is a CID investigator who is called in to investigate the murder of an Army captain, who is the daughter of a famous general. (Rated R)

SUMMER OF SAM

Saturday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Starring: John Leguizamo, Adrien Brody

New York City's summer of 1977 was one of the hottest on record and produced the city's first serial killer, who the tabloids dubbed "Son of Sam." (Rated R)

SATURDAY AUGUST 21 FREE CARNIVAL

The APG Youth Centers will present a free carnival from noon-4 p.m. Youths ages 12 and under should be accompanied by a parent. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

TUESDAY AUGUST 24 EQUALITY DAY

In recognition of Women's Equality Day, the APG Equal Opportunity Office and the Federal Women's Program Committee will sponsor the Annual Women's Equality Day Awards Ceremony, at 9 a.m. at the Top of the Bay Main Ballroom. Women's Equality Day was established by Public Law in 1974 in recognition of the ratification of the 19th Amendment on Aug. 26, 1920.

WARRANT OFFICER RECRUITING

A warrant officer recruiting team from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command invites all soldiers interested in becoming Army warrant officer technicians or aviators to a briefing on qualifications and application procedures at the Post Theater at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. For more information call Sgt. Bailey or Staff Sgt. Cochran at 410-278-7342.

THURSDAY AUGUST 26 DANCING AT THE "Y"

The Harford County Family YMCA will hold its first Middle School Madness Field Dance for youths entering grades 6-8. The dance will be held from 6-9 p.m. and includes DJ entertainment and music, soda and snacks. Parents will sign youths in and out so safety will not be an issue. Cost is \$5 for non-members and free for YMCA members with their membership card. For more information, call 410-836-5075.

FRIDAY AUGUST 27 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center is having a Longaberger Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. There will be refreshments, door prizes, raffle and 50/50. Call Kim Fillingier, 410-939-5950, or Virginia Bailey, 410-273-1920, for details.

SATURDAY AUGUST 28 IT'S SHOWTIME

Showtime at the Apollo in Aberdeen will be held at Aberdeen High School, 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$4 for children ages 12 and under, \$5 at the door, and \$7 for adults, \$8 at the door. T-shirts and refreshments will be sold. To purchase tickets, call Selena Watson, 410-273-0071, or Linda Ruff, 410-273-7587.

AUDITIONS OPEN

Auditions for the Hopkins Symphony Orchestra will be heard at the Homewood Campus of the Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles St., Baltimore. Players of orchestral instruments are invited. HSO is a student/community orchestra comprising students of Johns Hopkins University, alumni, staff and community members. For more information, call 410-516-6542 or email hso@jhu.edu.

MONDAY AUGUST 30 OPEN HOUSE

Get a preview of the upcoming school year at Roye-Williams Elementary School's Open House. From 4-7 p.m., Parents can tour the school and see their child's classroom. Open House for parents with children in Kindergarten-3rd grade will be from 4-6 p.m. Open House for grades 4 and 5 will be from 6-7 p.m. Free samples of the first school fund-raiser will be provided by Gianni's Pizza.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 WELCOME COFFEE

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club will hold its annual Welcome Coffee at the Gunpowder Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hosted by the EA-OWC board, the event is free, with no reservations necessary. All eligible newcomers and returning members are invited to attend. The EA-OWC, in addition to raising funds to benefit the community, offers monthly activities such as luncheon programs, trips, restaurant visits, craft visits, golf, book and gourmet clubs, and a Bunco group. Those eligible for membership include active duty and the spouses of active duty and retired officers of the Armed Forces, current or retired DoD civilians of GS-7 and above, and the widows of any listed category. Membership is \$12.50 per year. For more information, call Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11 JUST DUCKY

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum will hold its 12th Annual Duck Fair, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., on the grounds of the Decoy Museum and the Bayou Condominiums. Events include decoy carving demonstrations, the Honorary Chair Head Whittling Competition, live decoy auction and activities for children. The event will continue Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, 410-939-3739, or check the website at www.decoymuseum.com.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14 MCSC SIGN-UP

The APG Military Civilian Spouses Club is sponsoring a sign-up from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the home of Linda Ertwine, 10 Plumb Point Loop. The MCSC is open to all spouses and surviving spouses of active duty and retired military soldiers and Department of Defense civilians. No reservations are necessary. For more information, contact Linda Kuchar, 410-297-9792. If you are unable to attend, there will be a second sign-up on Sept. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., at the home of Charlie Hudson, 32 Spesutie Island Rd. Reservations are required for the evening event. Make reservations by Sept. 16 with Linda Kuchar, 410-297-9792.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16 WELCOME BACK

It's Back to School Night at Roye-Williams Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. There will be a PTA General Meeting with two 20-minute classroom visitations to follow. Meet and greet teachers and learn classroom expectations. For more information, call Roye-Williams Elementary School, 410-273-5536.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 FLAG DAY CEREMONY

For two years the Flag Day ceremony at the Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House has been rained out. The Flag Day ceremony and Senior Citizens Concert has been re-scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. near the corner of Erie Street and Conestoe Street in Havre de Grace. Events include a concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), reenactment of the War of 1812 military field hospital, and demonstrations of cooking, sewing and spinning from the 19th century. Seating will be provided or you may bring your lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, call 410-939-5780

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30 MASSAGE THERAPY

The APG Committee for the Disabled is hosting a special presentation on massage therapy from 2-4 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Joanna Herrmann, a nationally certified massage therapist from the Center for Holistic Healing in Bel Air, will speak about the benefits of massage therapy and relaxation therapy as alternative approaches to good health. She will demonstrate basic techniques such as conscious breathing, progressive relaxation, guided imagery and meditation. This presentation is open to all APG employees. No reservations are required. For more information, see your organization's representative for the APG Committee for the Disabled, or call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140.

SAFETY AWARENESS

Seatbelt safety for children

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for American children. Of those who die in crashes each year, six out of 10 weren't wearing seatbelts. Nearly half of these deaths could have been prevented if the children had been properly restrained. The APG Division of Fire and Emergency



Services urges you to protect your children. Remember, it is the law, buckle them up.

The APG Division of Fire and Emergency services wants you to remember, you can make the difference when seconds count. Learn more about handling an emergency by calling 410-306-0562.

LEAVE DONATION

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

- Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
- Karen Baker;
- Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
- Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
- Alberta Brown (mother ill);
- Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
- Tammy Budkey
- Melda Callendar;
- Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
- Dawn Crouse (surgery);
- William Edwards (back surgery);
- Willa Freisheim
- Stephen Howard (Bone Marrow Transplant);
- Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
- Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
- Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
- Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
- Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
- Tracey Kerney (surgery);
- Beverly King (caring for husband);
- Connie LaFlamme;
- Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
- Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
- Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
- Lesley Parker (daughter has seizures);
- Cathleen (Higgins) Perry;
- Mary Pettway;
- Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);
- Michael Reynolds;
- Churon Ringgold (maternity);
- Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
- Sherry Schaffer;
- Walter Taylor (auto accident);
- Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
- Joseph Walker (Wife has cancer)
- Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
- Kenneth Weathers (medical);
- Willie Williams.