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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Dec. 22, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Christmas tree pickup for post housing will be Monday, Jan. 10. Normal trash pickup will be held Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31.

Effective Feb. 1, 2000, mixed paper will not be accepted in plastic bags. Start putting mixed paper for recycling in paper bags or cardboard boxes. For details, call Harford County's Office of Recycling at 410-638-3417.

### Santa to visit commissary, homes

Santa Claus is coming to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary on Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Polaroid pictures will be taken if requested, the children can enter to win door prizes, and organizers said a few surprises are planned. Santa Claus will be riding behind the APG fire truck from 4-5 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area housing areas, and will go through the Edgewood Area housing areas on Dec. 19, starting at 6 p.m. He will have goodies for children in both areas.

### Cantata planned for Dec. 19

The Aberdeen Area Protestant Choir will present its Christmas Cantata, "Journey of Hope, The Birth of The Savior" on Dec. 19, 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. There will be a reception immediately following.

### Administrative assistant needed

An organized professional is needed to work in APG's New Parent Support Program. Three years of experience in office administration or related secretarial experience is required. Must be proficient in word processing, database and spreadsheet and type 40 words per minute. Must be flexible, willing to work full/part time as situation demands. For immediate consideration, fax resume and cover letter to Sharon Lawson, NPSP/ACS at 410-278-4448.

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## APG Pollution Prevention Fact of the Week

Paper manufacturing uses more fuel oil than any other U.S. industry.

Statistics provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2273



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

### Let it snow

Sgt. Leroy Foster of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) performs "Let it Snow" as part of a Christmas medley during Saturday's concert. For story and more photos, see page 14.

## Dishwasher causes fire in residence

### Post officials again warn residents to stop using recalled dishwashers

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

A dishwasher fire on Freedom Court in Patriot Village Dec. 2 has post officials re-emphasizing the directive to not use dishwashers that have been recalled.

At November's Community Action Council meeting, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, said GE is offering a rebate, not a replacement, for the dishwashers, adding that he hoped replacements would arrive in January. At this month's meeting on Dec. 9, following a fire that

caused no damage to the quarters involved, he was emphatic about residents discontinuing use of the dishwashers.

"Don't use the dishwashers. If nothing else, consider the safety of your families, your neighbors and our fire personnel," he said following the meeting. "I know not having a dishwasher is an inconvenience, especially during the holidays. But when you consider the alternative, which is causing a fire which could destroy your home and injure or even kill

See DISHWASHER, page 8

## APG prepared for holidays, Y2K

### Officials urge safe celebrations, request community cooperation

By Sheila Little  
APG News

The upcoming holidays and Y2K were on the agenda at the Dec. 9 meeting of the Community Action Council, held at Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Headquarters.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander and deputy installation commander, presided over the meeting that covered holiday schedules, a review of emergency and safety procedures, and a presentation regarding APG's preparations for the year 2000.

Anne Morrison, representing the APG Commissary, addressed the holiday shopping schedule. The store will observe normal hours, with a few exceptions. The APG Commissary, which usually is closed Mondays, is open Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesdays-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The commissary will be open on Monday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., to accommodate holiday

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## Adopt a soldier for the season

Personnel at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School are preparing for one of its biggest events of the year — the transport of nearly 1,500 students off post on Friday during EXODUS, the start of the holidays for students at military schools.

Of the 2,000 soldiers currently attending Advanced Individual Training at OC&S, 653 will graduate by EXODUS. Most of those remaining will travel home.

However, some will remain at APG for the holidays. The 16th Ordnance Battalion has invited Aberdeen and the surrounding communities to participate in the Adopt-A-Soldier Program for a Christmas meal.

"What better way to show the soldiers in Advanced Individual Training, your appreciation for the hard work and dedication they display?" said Capt. Willie J. Harris Jr. of the 16th Ordnance Battalion. "At times, we forget those soldiers who do not have family or friends to share in the holiday spirit. Opening up your home establishes a bond that will last a lifetime."

He added that the program gives the community an opportunity to learn about the individual soldier and the training here at APG, and gives soldiers a chance to relax in a home environment, away from the rigors of training.

"The holiday season is here upon us," he said. "Let us show America's finest our appreciation for all that they do."

If you are interested in hosting military personnel in your home for a Christmas meal, call Harris at 410-278-4203/8732.



Photo by SSGT. GREGORY BINFORD

### Weaving through the course

Pvt. 2 Suzanne Yotter, Bravo Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, navigates her way through the "Weaver," one of the obstacles soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion faced during the Nov. 20 "Soldier Stakes." Bravo Company won the Soldier Stakes streamer during the morale-building competition.

## SAFETY UPDATE

## Holiday travel can mean danger for drivers

By Shawn Browning  
APG Safety Office

Over the river and through the woods used to be the shortest and safest route to grandmother's house. Today, with close to 4 million miles of American roads to travel, the chance of having an accident increases substantially.

One of the problems of traveling long distances to visit family and friends during the holiday season is fatigue.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, fatigued driving is responsible for over 100,000 car crashes each year. More than 60 percent of adult drivers admit to driving while drowsy. This

increases the danger not only to these drivers, but others traveling the road.

Help prevent accidents and protect yourself and your family by following these recommendations:

- **Watch for danger signs.** They include drooping eyelids; not remembering driving the last few miles; trouble focusing on the road; and random or fleeting, thought processes. If any of the danger signs present themselves, it's time to pull over and rest.

- **Sleep loss is cumulative,** so the more often you miss sleep, the more difficult it is to regulate your internal clock. For the week before you leave on a

trip, get a standard eight hours of sleep each night.

- **Do not consume alcohol** the night before leaving on a long driving trip. Alcohol reduces the amount of deep sleep you get, and you won't wake up feeling refreshed.

- **Do not rely on coffee, soda, or caffeine-based stimulants** to stay awake. These will work through your system and leave you feeling more tired.

- **Avoid driving during your body's natural "down time"** (midnight to 6 a.m.).

- **Do not consume alcohol during a trip.** While you may still be well

under the legal limit, the introduction of alcohol, a depressant, will increase your tiredness.

- **Split up the driving** if you are traveling with someone else, to prevent fatigue.

- **Make regular stops** to stretch and move around. The longer you sit in the car the more likely you are to become fatigued and increase the danger to yourself. On average, stop every two hours or 100 miles.

Take extra care due to the number of drivers on the road during the holidays. Drive defensively; while you may not be tired, someone else may be.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

# Records available under FOIA include e-mail

**By Dave Scott**  
Chief, Administrative and  
Civil Law Division, APG Legal Office

For decades, we have worked in an open environment in which the records we create have been released to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

FOIA has been around so long that we can take it for granted. But it is important to remind ourselves that we need to be careful about what we put down in writing. It is important because what we write can end up in the newspaper.

The FOIA generally provides that any person has a right of access to federal agency records, except to the extent that such records are protected from disclosure by one of nine exemptions or by one of three special law enforcement record exclusions. It was enacted by Congress, intending to assure openness and accountability of government agencies. Another way to express its intent is to say that it

prevents a government agency from hiding its mistakes by refusing to release information it might find embarrassing.

As provided for by the FOIA, virtually every record possessed by a federal agency must be made available to the public in one form or another, unless it is specifically exempted from disclosure or specially excluded from the Act's coverage initially. The nine exemptions of the FOIA ordinarily provide the only bases for nondisclosure, and generally they are discretionary, not mandatory, in nature.

The FOIA requires records, depending on the kind of record, to be published in the Federal Register, made available for public inspection and copying in "reading rooms" or provided on request.

The term "record" may seem to limit the scope of the FOIA to paper or printed documents. The current version of the FOIA statute specifically includes electronic documents and messages within the scope of the FOIA.

It is important to keep the FOIA in mind when we create documents or send e-mail. It is important because the focus of the FOIA is on release of records, with authority to withhold release strictly limited.

If we are not careful, we can "candidly" communicate opinions or actions which would then be subject to review or publication by the public. The Air Force found out the hard way last summer the impact e-mail can have.

Langley Air Force Base, Va., had a problem similar to that which we are experiencing on Ruggles Golf Course. There were a lot of geese walking around the Langley golf course and making an unpleasant mess.

To solve the problem, Langley officials trapped and slaughtered 189 of the offending geese. Released to the public was the Langley position that the action was necessary to avoid geese getting sucked into aircraft engines, a clear safety issue.

The problem that embarrassed the Air Force and which provides a reminder to us, is that virtually all of the e-mail traffic on the issue dealt with the golf course, with no mention made of safety issues.

To top off the lesson, much of the e-mail traffic had been "deleted" but recovered later when the messages were stale and without context, and didn't tell the complete story.

It is important for us to remember the Air Forces' lesson when we put anything in writing. It is important to remember that sending an e-mail creates a "record" and is not the same as talking on the phone.

While there are exemptions authorizing us to keep some documents from public disclosure, the overwhelming stress is for public release.

Because of this, we have to be constantly professional in everything we do and remember that what we say can be subject to scrutiny in the *Washington Post*.

## POST SHORTS

SHORTS, from front page

### Tax program depends on volunteers

The Legal Assistance Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland will again operate a tax office during the 2000 income tax filing season to assist soldiers, retirees, and their family members with preparation of their income tax returns. The Legal Assistance Office is soliciting volunteers to staff the office. Personnel who participate will receive four days of training from knowledgeable instructors in income tax preparation. The instruction will be given from Jan. 24-31.

Volunteers who are interested in participating must be available for training on these days and be willing to donate several hours per week during the months of February and March, and during the first two weeks of April. Interested persons should contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584 by Jan. 7. Volunteer today and help out our soldiers and their family members.

### Thrift Shop seeks manager

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is seeking an individual to fill the salaried position of manager. The manager is responsible for on-site supervision and day-to-day operation of the Thrift Shop, including assignment of volunteers and employees, supervision of collections and expenditures, file maintenance, attendance at board meetings and acting as custodian of shop property. The position requires approximately 50 hours plus one Saturday per month and includes annual paid vacation. Retail/customer relations, bookkeeping experience and basic computer knowledge is advantageous but not a requirement. Apply in person at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop on Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., or call 410-676-4733. Applications are due by Jan. 6.

The shop also is looking for a few good volunteers. If you are looking for a worthwhile and fun experience, consider donating a few hours to the Thrift Shop. Learn new skills, meet new people and serve your community. Eight hours of monthly child care is provided. For further information call the Thrift Shop during business hours.

### Construction slated during holidays

Construction work will be done in the parking lot of building 310 starting Dec. 17. The work will be in the parking spots facing the front entrance of building 328. New steam and condensate pipes are to be installed in underground concrete trenches, and Directorate of Public Works officials said the parking lot will look normal after construction is done.

The construction is expected to be completed by January 17. During this period there will be a reduction in parking spaces closer to the building. Safety precautions are to be observed. For more information about the project, call Richard B. Dunham, 410-278-0370.

### Clinic plans holiday hours

The 1999 Holiday Schedule will be in effect at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic from Dec. 18-Jan. 2. All KUSAHC clinics will be

## CA UPDATE

If you have questions about the Commercial Activities Study, send an e-mail message to the new address: [castudy@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil](mailto:castudy@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil). This replaces the old email address ([castudy@tec1.apg.army.mil](mailto:castudy@tec1.apg.army.mil)). The e-mail address is available for anyone who has a question, suggestion, or would like to voice a concern regarding the APG Garrison or Aberdeen Test Center CA studies.

The hotline phone number still is 410-278-9461, and the website address still is [www.apg.army.mil/ca.html](http://www.apg.army.mil/ca.html).

open during normal operating hours during the holiday period. On Dec. 24 and 31, the Acute/Minor Illness Clinic will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All other KUSAHC clinics will be closed. Sick call for Advanced Individual Training students will be conducted at 8 a.m. at the Troop Medical Clinic.

### APG reduces pollution

Find out about how Aberdeen Proving Ground is finding ways to reduce pollution at the Environmental Protection Agency's website, at <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/epp/paint.pdf>.

The document titled "Painting the Town Green - Aberdeen Proving Ground Paint Pilot Project" examines APG's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program strategy, cost savings and environmental benefits and lessons learned. The program demonstrates that EPP can be an integral part of the government's overall pollution prevention efforts. The document is available as a PDF document from the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

### 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.

### RE-NU-IT Center has winter hours

The Re-Nu-It Centers now have winter hours. The Aberdeen Area center, building 5413, is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and the Edgewood Area center, building E-5703, is open Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ellery Blake, 410-306-1108.

### Gates open during rush hour

The long-closed Magnolia Gate in the Edgewood Area and Aberdeen Gate in the Aberdeen Area are open during rush hour traffic during the dark winter months.

The gates are open from 6-8 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. weekdays, said Maj. Darrel Andrews, APG provost marshal.

"This will give the post work force a limited time to use the gates during rush hours," Andrews said.

The gates were closed in August 1998 as a force protection mea-

sure that required restricting the number of access points for vehicles and personnel to minimum levels when THREATCON measures increased. The decision on the limited opening of the gates is subject to change depending on THREATCON measures.

### Donate red cells on post

"Double red cell" donation is available at the post's new O&B Donor Center. A donor gives twice the number of red blood cells as a typical whole blood donation, in about the same amount of time. Plasma and platelets are returned to donors, along with a saline solution.

To donate, men must weigh at least 130 pounds and be at least 5 feet, 1 inch tall. Women must weigh at least 150 pounds and be a minimum of 5 feet, 5 inches tall. Those who do not meet the criteria can donate using the traditional whole blood method at the facility, and no donors will be turned away, regardless of blood type. To donate, call 1-800-GIVE BLOOD.

The center replaces the APG Apheresis Center, at which donors could give platelets. Those who still want to donate platelets can visit the White Marsh Apheresis Donor Center, 8114 Sandpiper Circle, Suites 203 and 204. Those who benefit the most from receiving platelets include transplant and cancer patients and others with ongoing, serious illness.

Hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For appointments, call (800) 272-2123, extension 4472. Platelet donors must meet the same qualifications as those donating whole blood — at least 17 years old and at least 110 pounds.

### Volunteer drivers help cancer patients

The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to participate in its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to and from treatment. To qualify, you must own a car, have a safe driving record and have a few spare hours per month. Call the American Cancer Society at 1-888-670-0427 and find out more about becoming a Road to Recovery volunteer.

### Give up nicotine

Nicotine Anonymous, a 12-step program for smoking cessation, meets Wednesdays, 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 information, call 410-939-0803.

### Family Housing Office hours

The Family Housing Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The office participates in the compressed work schedule, with every other Friday off. For more information call 410-306-2010.

### Red Cross has toll-free number

The American Red Cross toll-free number for emergency communications is (877) 272-7337. For non-emergency matters, continue to call 410-278-2087 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# Community Notes

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 WOA CELEBRATION

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Warrant Officer Association will celebrate the holidays with a pot luck luncheon at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center at 2 p.m. Dress is casual and families are invited. Contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jane Jones at 410-278-2319 for more information.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 17 AN EVENING OF JAZZ

Harford Community College's own jazz ensembles, Second Shift and Blue Connections, will perform at 8 p.m. in the College's Chesapeake Theater. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$1 for students 17 and under, and free for HCC students, with proceeds to benefit the HCC Music Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at the College's Chesapeake Center Cashier's Office and at the door. For more information, call 410-836-4211 or 410-879-8920, Ext. 211.

## REMEMBERING VETERANS

The Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will pay a hospital visit to the Perry Point VA Medical Center. Beginning in 2000, the visits will take place the fourth Friday of each month. For more information, call 410-272-3444

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 18 VISIT SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to the APG Commissary from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Polaroid pictures will be taken if requested, the children can enter to win door prizes, and organizers said a few surprises are planned. Santa Claus also will be riding behind the APG fire truck from 4-5 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area housing areas, and will go through the Edgewood Area housing areas on Dec. 19, starting at 6 p.m. He will have goodies for children in both areas.

## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

St. James A.M.E. Church School, located at 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will host its 5th Annual Christmas Program from 5-7 p.m. Admission is free. Come join the St. James A.M.E. Church School for an evening of song and fellowship and help celebrate "The Reason for the Season."

## VFW CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located at 206 Spesutia Road, Perryman, will hold a Christmas party from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 DANCE THEATRE AUDITIONS

The Harford Dance Theatre of Harford Community College will hold auditions for two spring dance concerts, Canvases 2000 and Aladdin, from 1-4 p.m. in HCC's Susquehanna Center, room S012. Auditions are open to dancers, age 12 or older, with at least one year of dance training, either ballet or modern/jazz. Participants should wear appropriate dance clothing and shoes. Canvases 2000, a dance concert of original works, will be performed April 7 and 8; Aladdin, a children's dance theater concert, will run April 27-30. Performances will be held in the Chesapeake Theater on campus, 401 Thomas Run Road in Bel Air.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will hold a Children's Christmas Party, from 3-6 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## Donate leave by Dec. 22

As the leave year draws to an end on Jan 1, many employees find themselves with annual leave they are unable to use. The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program offers employees a means to transfer, or donate their annual leave to fellow employees with medical emergencies.

Donations may be made to any qualified federal employee (a local list is printed each week in the APG News). To be eligible for donations, a federal employee must have exhausted both their annual and sick leave balances in accordance with program guidelines.

To donate to a local employee, the donor must complete the EAP Form 1181-R, Leave Transfer Authorization Form, indicating the intended recipient and the number of hours to be donated. This form is then submitted through their supervisor to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. To donate to a federal employee from an outside agency, the donor must complete an OF 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Outside Agency) Under the Leave Transfer Program. These forms are also available on the CPAC webpage at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

By law, annual leave is the only leave allowable for transfer/donation (Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 630). Leave donations are not tax deductible.

In a leave year, a leave donor may donate no more than a total of one-half of the amount of annual leave he or she would be entitled to accrue during the leave year in which the donation is made. The limitations on donating leave, as cited above, can be waived if the donor is a family member of the recipient. Employees are only allowed to donate leave that they are capable of using (i.e., an employee can only donate 80 hours of leave if the employee has the opportunity to use 80 hours of leave in the remaining leave year).

If you are in the eight-hour leave accrual category, the maximum you may donate is 104 hours; in the six-hour category, 78 hours; in the four-hour category, 52 hours. Leave donations must be submitted by Dec. 22 to comply with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Y2K contingency plan.

To ensure timely processing of leave donations, submit the appropriate forms prior to the Dec. 22 deadline. Forms can be faxed to 410-278-8839.

For details, call Cheryl Gatling, 410-278-8978, or send an e-mail to [gatlingc@cpac.apg.army.mil](mailto:gatlingc@cpac.apg.army.mil).

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary of Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## AA MEETING

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

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 VFW COOTIES

The Military Order of the Cooties, Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, will hold its annual Christmas Party, from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Donation costs \$10 per person. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 31 NEWYEAR'S EVE

Celebrate the end of the century in style with the Caribbean Connection Association and the NCO Support Group starting on Dec. 31, 8 p.m., and continuing until the year 2000, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Tickets are available through the Recreation Center and association members. For information, contact Linda St. Louis, 410-272-3016, or Wendy Felix, 410-273-6553.

## VFW NEWYEAR'S PARTY

The Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located at 206 Spesutia Road, Perryman, Md., will hold a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Donation costs \$25 per person. Entertainment provided by Lady "D." For information, call 410-272-3444.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12 NCMA LUNCHEON

The National Contract Management Association will hold its January 2000 luncheon presentation at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club, 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ralph Cardenuto, APG's Commercial Activities manager, on the OMB Circular A-76 Commercial Activity Study process in general terms. It will not include information regarding APG-specific CA studies. For reservations, call Cherie McLaughlin, 410-278-0860, or e-mail [cmclaug@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil](mailto:cmclaug@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil) by Jan. 7. Cost is \$8.50, payable at the door.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 13 PRAYER BREAKFAST

APG will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast at Top of the Bay. Tickets cost \$6.75 per person and are available through the SBCCOM EO, Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534; OC&S 61st Brigade EO, Sfc. Thomas Stephanic, 410-278-5598; DTC EO, Sfc. Herbert Johnson, 410-278-1053; OC&S, Sfc. James Davis, 410-278-5598; Sfc. Gregory Kitt, 410-278-7381; CHPPM, 1st Lt. John Peyton, 410-436-8168; and SSGT. Michael Jackson, 410-278-1777. For more information, call Torbert, 410-278-1534.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4 1001 BLACK INVENTIONS

APG will present "1001 Black Inventions," at 7 p.m. at the Top of the Bay. The play "1001 Black Inventions," will be performed by Washington, D.C.'s Pin Points Theatre. The performance will take the audience into "The Twilight Zone," a hilarious world where all inventions by African Americans disappear. Tickets cost \$18 per person and includes ethnic dinner, theatrical production and dancing. Dress will be evening attire for civilians; for military, dress blues, mess dress, or Class A with white shirt and bow tie. For tickets, call Sfc. Torbert, Garrison, 410-278-1534; Sfc. Herbert Johnson, DTC, 410-278-1053; Perita Edwards, MRICD, 410-436-2851; Freddie Player, AEC, 410-306-0359; Jackie Pitts, SBCCOM, 410-436-3186; Sharon Cevis, NECPOC, 410-306-0299; or Brenda Clayton, CHPPM, 410-436-3856.

## Chapel plans holiday events

The following is the schedule of holiday events taking place at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Chapels:

### Aberdeen Area:

#### Catholic:

Dec. 24 - Midnight Mass preceded by Christmas Carols, 11:30 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 9 a.m.  
Dec. 31 - Mass 5 p.m.

#### Protestant: (General Protestant and Gospel)

Dec. 19 - Children's Christmas Program, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 19 - Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m. (General Protestant)  
Dec. 22 - Community Christmas Caroling, 7 p.m. (General Protestant)  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - Watch Night Service, 10 p.m.

### Edgewood Area:

#### Catholic:

Dec. 18 - Mass in Stable 7 p.m., preceded by caroling from Edgewood Area Chapel  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Family Mass, 5 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 11 a.m.

#### Protestant:

Dec. 19 - Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:15 a.m.

## WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, for Dec. 16-22:

### Thursday, Dec. 16

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

### Friday, Dec. 17

10 a.m., 7 p.m., U.S. Army Medical Command Y2K Compliance (5 minutes)

### Saturday, Dec. 18

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

### Sunday, Dec. 19

10 a.m., 7 p.m., U.S. Army Medical Command Y2K Compliance (5 minutes)

### Monday, Dec. 20

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

### Tuesday, Dec. 21

10 a.m., 7 p.m., U.S. Army Medical Command Y2K Compliance (5 minutes)

### Wednesday, Dec. 22

10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

For more information about programming, call Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

## MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed through Jan. 8 during the EXODUS military holiday.

## LEAVE DONATION

For information about donating annual leave, call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or fax 410-278-7652. Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);  
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement);  
John Boyle;  
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);  
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery);  
Dawn Crouse (surgery);  
Bonnie Day;  
Jennifer Drennen (mother terminally ill);  
William Edwards (back surgery);  
Melissa Enderlein;  
Wayne Erb (wife ill);  
Willa Freisheim;  
Lucinda Giles;  
Lena Goodman;  
Barbara Holland;  
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant);  
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);  
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);  
Robert Jonas;  
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);  
Mary Pettway;  
David H. Reed (wife ill);  
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);  
Michael Reynolds;  
Denise Robinson (maternity);  
Ricky Ross (heart attack);  
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);  
Allan Scarborough (back surgery);  
Sherry Schaffer;  
Joan Serpa;  
Jack H. Smith (surgery);  
Walter Taylor (auto accident);  
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);  
Gayle L. Thompson;  
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer);  
Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity);  
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);  
Kenneth Weathers (medical);  
and Willie Williams.

## MWR UPDATE

### Center offers Santa suits

Liven up your holiday office/organizational party — have Santa Claus drop in for a visit! The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center can provide the suit, you just need to provide the stuffing. The center, located in building 2407, has a small number of Santa Claus suits available for rent, including red corduroy pants and jacket; black boot covers and belt; red hat and white gloves, wig and beard. Complete suits are \$10 per day and may be reserved by paying the daily fee in advance. Call the center, 410-278-4124/5789, for further information.

### ITR Office has stocking stuffers

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has several ideas for stocking stuffers, including the 1999 White House Christmas ornaments, featuring President Abraham Lincoln. Patrons who prepaid can pick up ornaments in building 3326. Cost of the ornaments is \$15 each, \$13 if you purchase two or more. You can charge them by phone, by calling 410-278-4011/4621, or stop by the ITR Office, located in the new APG Travel Center in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Entertainment Coupon booklets are available for \$35 each, \$33 if you purchase two or more; gift certificates for trips to New York City or Atlantic City; or tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore and other offers. See the office for details.

### Fitness center offers help

Take that first step toward a lifestyle change for better health.

Call the AA Health and Fitness Center and set up a consultation with a staff member. The facility offers aerobics classes, kickbox aerobics and toning. 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 details, call 410-278-9725/9759.

### EA Health and Fitness Center

The EA Health and Fitness Center has a new aerobics schedule, with two new classes added. Classes are held Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., "Funky Step" classes are held. From 6:05-7:05 p.m., step classes are held, followed by an abdominal workout. Aerobics classes with toning are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. An "Aero-Box" class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Step aerobics are held Saturdays. For details, call 410-436-7134.

### Lunch-time bowling offered

Lunchtime bowling is offered at the APG Bowling Center. Gather your friends and co-workers and hit the center for lunch. The Snack Bar offers weekly lunch specials. Fall hours at the center are: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, noon-1 a.m., and Sunday, noon-7 p.m. Call for specials available for parties and events, 410-278-4041/2084.

### Join APG Riding Activity

The APG Riding Activity has vacancies. Monthly stall fees are \$40 per horse. Owners are responsible for daily care and feeding. For details call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

# Volunteer for December takes active role in education

By Sheila Little  
APG News

If you picture mom with a plate of homemade cookies when you think of today's PTA volunteer, you're in for a surprise. Aberdeen Proving Ground's December Volunteer of the Month is Sfc. Rob Holloway, who holds, among other titles, that of the Edgewood Elementary School Parent Teacher Association president.

Assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, as an instructor in the Wheel Track Recovery Division for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School for 14 months, Holloway is being saluted for his leadership and volunteerism at the school.

Calling Holloway's spirit of volunteerism "very positive for the school," Allyn Watson, principal of Edgewood Elementary said "with dads so often in the background, it is a particular delight to have a man at the helm."

She said he brings lots of enthusiasm, and has encouraged other members of the community, particularly the military, to get involved.

"The more parents are involved in the school, the better it is for everybody," Watson said. "He encourages others connected with the military to help, and the students love having him around."

Holloway said his initial interest in helping the school was sparked when he attended a meeting of the school's parent advisory committee. The volunteer said his wife, Young, works in Baltimore and was unable to get closely involved at the school. She encouraged her husband to slip into the role.

Stating that he came to the first meeting "for the free coffee and doughnuts," it did not take long for him to realize he could contribute quite a bit.

Watson said she and Vice Principal Donna Lewis noticed something special about the Clearview Drive resident during that initial advisory committee meeting. Knowing the '97-'98 PTA president would be moving on to the middle school, Watson and

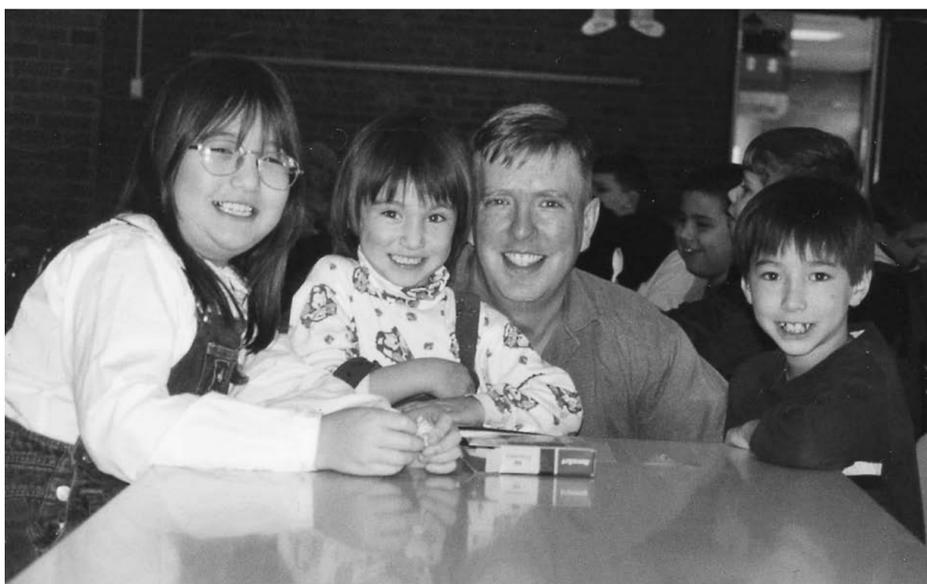


Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

**Volunteer Sfc. Rob Holloway takes a moment in the school cafeteria to pose with children Angela, 10, a fifth grader, Alexandria, 4, in the pre-kindergarten program, and Robert, 8, a third grader.**

Lewis encouraged Holloway's involvement throughout the year.

"He is what we've been needing for a while," said Lewis, who explained that Holloway's 15-year military connection helps draw in more parents with similar backgrounds.

"Our situation is unique, with 50 percent military at the school. He's been a real asset to Edgewood Elementary," she added, noting that as military children move into new schools, they initially can feel disconnected. Holloway often volunteers in his BDU's, giving the military children a sense of

familiarity, and showing that dads can get involved too.

Becky Oldenburg, an active volunteer, mother, and military spouse, said she finds Holloway a constant advocate for the students, and a great role model as an involved active-duty soldier.

"I just moved in not that long ago," she said. "Rob is very active in trying to increase membership and participation in the PTA, and in trying to get extracurricular activities and funding for the children."

The PTA president encourages others on APG to

contribute time and money to the school for improvements, and serves as the driving force behind a series of cultural exchange programs.

He said the planned cultural programs include one involving cultural folk tales with a moral, and another of sharing the works of Mozart. A third will be a local poet in residence, and the last exchange, entitled "Magnificent Maryland," will be a program about the history of Harford County.

Holloway also does a lot of program and fundraiser planning and directs volunteers, but he also assists the school in other ways. He tries to help out at lunch time in the school cafeteria when his schedule allows, and has helped deliver computers donated by the U.S. Army Environmental Center to the school. He also participates in special learning activities, and will dress up as a Revolutionary War soldier and answer questions later this month.

Not completely new to volunteering, Holloway said in the past he has assisted both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, but had limited experience during previous assignments, as he was often in the field or deployed.

Holloway admitted that it did not take a lot of persuasion to talk him in to a role one may consider stereotypically held by women, because he felt he could make a unique contribution.

"My motto is 'children first,'" he said, adding that other soldiers, not only females, share a similar love of children and eagerness to help.

"I see a real willing spirit on the part of the soldiers," he said, and admits he'd like to parlay that willing spirit into increased help in the local schools and community.

"The PTA is not just for cookie-baking moms anymore," he said.

If you'd like to join soldiers and other community members in the APG 'volunteer army,' enlist through Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette, 410-278-5469, who has a listing of jobs and ideas to suit all willing workers.

## HHC 143rd prevails in basketball pre-season tourney

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

APG's Intramural Basketball season began Nov. 29 with the annual pre-season tournament.

Eighteen teams competed in the single-elimination tournament held in both post gyms. In the Dec. 2 semi-final games, HHC 143rd defeated C Co. 143rd, 45-26 and the National Guard defeated USMC by a slim 40-39.

The championship was held in Hoyle Gym on Dec. 6. HHC 143rd, cheered on by the home crowd, dominated the game, beating National Guard, 39-26. High scorer for HHC 143rd was Conten McGee with 10 points, and leading the National Guard were Spencer Kelly and Derrick Scott with 6 points each.

The Intramural Basketball regular season starts Jan 4.

### Quarterly Sports Council meeting scheduled

The next Sports Council meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. in the APG Athletic Center. Topics will include a review of the Commander's Cup

## Sign up for spring semester at HCC

Register for Harford Community College's 2000 Spring Semester credit courses now through Jan. 18. Spring Semester classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Registration is held Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Students may also register for courses by mail or fax. Forms and more information are included in the Schedule of Credit Classes for Spring Semester 2000 which was mailed to all Harford County residences.

### Tournament results

The following information was reported for the Intramural Basketball tournament from Nov. 29-Dec. 6.

#### Aberdeen Area

**Results**  
**Nov. 29**  
B Co. 16th, 50; MRICD, 30  
Nat. Guard, 33; C Co. 16th, 32  
HST, 37; 520th TAML, 17  
**Nov. 30**  
HHC 16th, 35; B Co. 16th, 32  
USMC, 37; HHC 61st, 36  
**Dec. 1**  
HHC 143rd, 34; HHC 16th, 31  
USMC, 24; HST, 19

#### Edgewood Area

**Results**  
**Nov. 29**  
C Co. 143rd, 2; USAF, 0  
B Co. 143rd, 2; KUSAHC, 0  
A Co. 143rd, 44; E Co. 16th, 27  
**Nov. 30**  
HHC 143rd, 40; A Co. 16th, 28  
HST, 49; NCOA, 38  
**Dec. 1**  
C Co. 143rd, 34; B Co. 143rd, 12  
Nat. Guard, 38; A Co. 143rd, 34  
**Dec. 2**  
HHC 143rd, 45; C Co. 143rd, 26  
N. Guard, 40; USMC, 39  
**Dec. 6**  
HHC 143rd, 39; N. Guard, 26

program for the coming year, Intramural Basketball update and rules review, information on bench press and racquetball competitions and information on the upcoming Polar Bear Run. All unit Intramural Sports representatives and interested active-duty military may attend. All participating units on APG must be

represented at this meeting. For information, contact Earlene Allen, intramural sports coordinator, at 410-278-7934.

### Applications for All Army teams due

Active-duty soldiers interested in participating on the All Army Taekwondo or Cross-Country

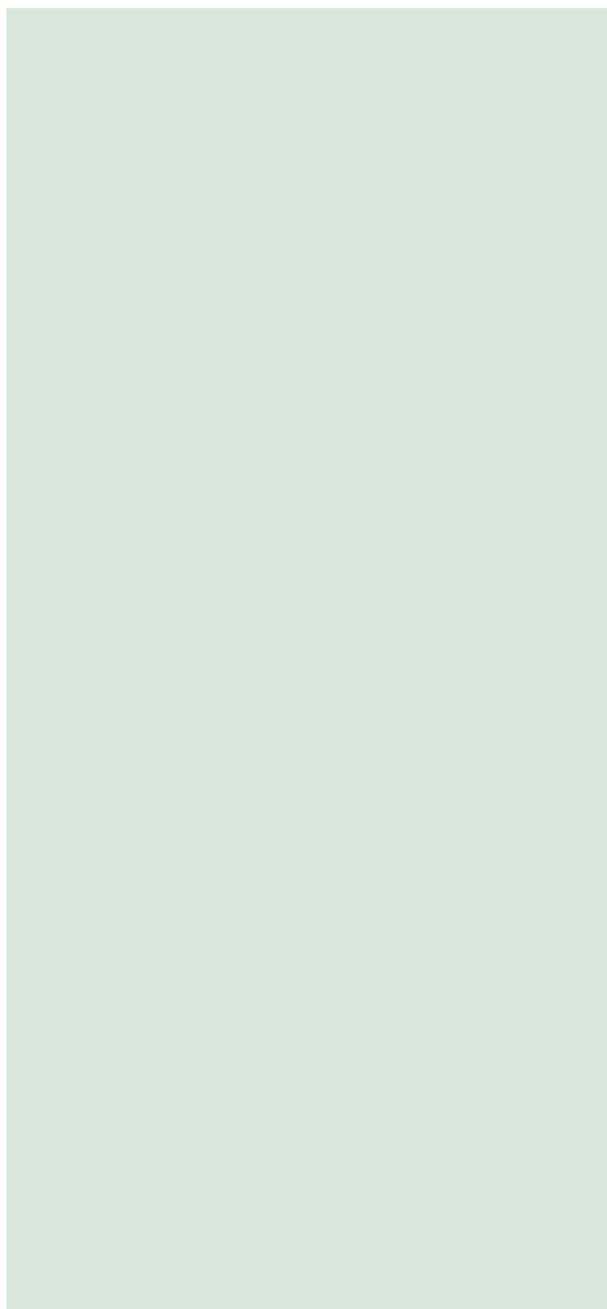
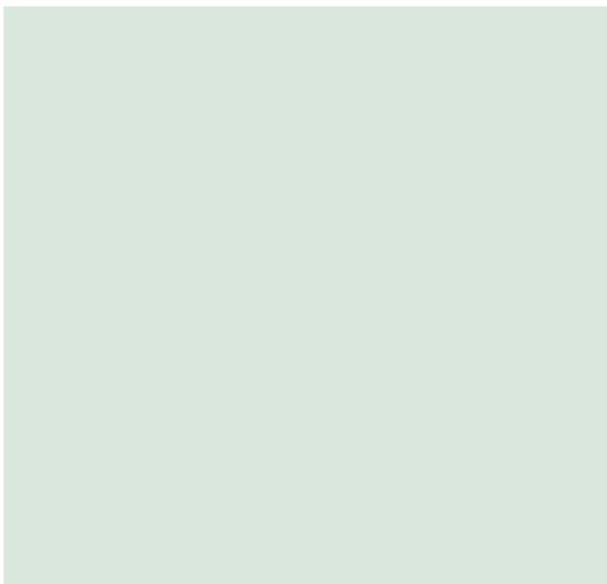
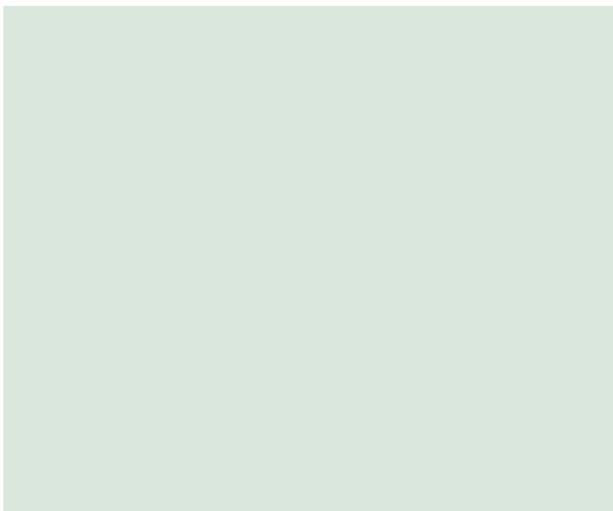
teams must submit an application to the APG Sports Office in building 3320 by Dec. 15. Candidates should read AR 215-1, section 20c-4, which reviews the standards for All Army participation. For information, contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.



Photo by SFC. JEFFREY SLIFER

### VFW Ladies Auxiliary supports families

**Naomi Watters, president of the Ladies Auxiliary for VFW Charlton-Miller Post 6054, presents a check to 1st Sgt. Kevin Gray of the 16th Ordnance Battalion, with Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas at left. Ten families received checks to help with their Thanksgiving celebrations, and the APG Commissary also donated a turkey to each family.**



## Decorations, music and a surprise for a mom

# Holiday Tour of Homes a success

By **Charlie Hudson**  
APG Military and Civilian Spouses Club

The soft tones of the Flute Trio from the Baltimore Symphonic Band with accompaniment by Joseph May mingled with the aroma of mulled cider and the chatter of groups as they were led through Quarters One during the 1999 Holiday Tour of Homes.

"We were very pleased with the tour this year," said Amy Carlson, President of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club. "The homes were beautifully decorated, everyone seemed to have a good time and we raised more money than last year."

More than 150 people came out to take advantage of the mild weather, view the eleven homes on tour, do a little shopping at the Craft Fair, and listen to the sounds of the Aberdeen High School and Middle School Orchestras and Chorus as well as the music provided in Quarters One. Guests scattered along Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Road admiring the variety of decorations both inside and out. Garlands were draped along doorways, dozens of wreaths festooned windows and Christmas trees of all sizes were on display.

The visitors were greeted by volunteer hostesses alongside the participating residents who chose their decorating themes based on family tradition and holiday inspiration. Antiques, ornaments from Europe or the Far East, hand crafted baskets, fresh greenery and personal collections ranging from angels to train sets were

among the many items that delighted the attendees.

"I've been on the tours before," said Maguerite Cole of Aberdeen, one of the door prize winners, "and this one was especially nice. We had a really good time and the homes were lovely."

While no one in the MCSC could take credit for the weather, Marlene Powell, the Tour of Homes Committee Chairwoman, praised the support of the families who opened their homes, the volunteers, the vendors and the local businesses that provided the door prizes.

"It was a tremendous effort and we couldn't have done it without the help of so many people," Powell said at the end of the busy day. "It's a lot of work and we're truly grateful for all of those that made it a success. Thanks to the level of contributions we received, almost all of the funds generated can be applied toward the scholarships that we award in the spring."

The closing event of the day was the highly anticipated drawing for the quilt crafted in an Americana Log Cabin motif by MCSC members Moira Kearney, Joan Resau and Susan Roder. The name of Foster Kennedy was read out and sighs of disappointment ran through the group that waited, each hoping their number would be called. As it turned out, it would have been unlikely for the winner to be present, since he was a student in B Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade. Kennedy had bought the ticket with the idea that if he won, he would give it



**Six-year-old Justin McDuffie poses with the "Beanie Baby" tree he helped to decorate. The tree was showcased during one of the stops on the 1999 Holiday Tour of Homes.**

to his mother. He had written his parents' telephone number on the ticket and when the club contacted Maggie Kennedy of Bluffton, Ohio, she was thrilled with her good luck and touched by her son's thoughtful gesture.

The quilt was mailed so Pfc. Kennedy wouldn't have to worry about trying to fit it into a duffel bag when he traveled home for Christmas.

Participating in the home tour were: Maj. Gen. Dennis and Esther Jackson; Col. Kone and Nancy Brugh; Col. Robert Spidel; Lt. Col. Don and Susan Burnett; Lt. Col. Don and Lorie McDuffie;

Lt. Col. Darryll and Barbara Holck; Maj. John and Moira Kearney; and Maj. David and Diane Wilson.



**Matthew McDuffie, 9, poses with the "sports tree" he helped to decorate for the home tour.**



Photo by Sheila Little

### Pendant winner selected

**Jewelry designer and Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club member Laura Pool, left, is shown with the winner of a jewelry piece she donated to the EA-OWC for a winter fund raiser. Fellow EA-OWC member Vivian Rinehart won the pendant, which she is wearing in the photo, at a club cookie exchange held at the home of Denise Doesburg on Dec. 8. Rinehart said she plans to wear the pendant at a special New Year's Eve celebration. The lucky recipient is an employee of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. Her husband, Lt. Col. Doug Rinehart, works for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. The EA-OWC raised nearly \$1,600 through the winter fund-raiser. Charitable disbursements will be announced in the spring. Applications for scholarships presented by the EA-OWC will be available in January; those eligible are high school seniors, college students and military spouses. For more information about the EA-OWC, call Karen Chambers, 410-676-9142.**



**Lorie McDuffie, center, enlisted the help of Lisa Ward, left, and Cindy Sepulveda to show her home on Plumb Point Loop during the 1999 Holiday Home Tour.**



## AHS cheerleaders victorious

The Aberdeen High School cheerleaders won first place for small varsity squad in the county cheerleading contest, held at Edgewood High School in November. Members of the squad include, back row, from left, Coach Sharon Spada, Victoria Hladka, Andrea Davis, Raquel Burgos (on top of pyramid), daughter of Sfc. Juan Burgos of APG, Amy Bortz, Erin Hullet and Coach Pam Hullet; second row, from left, Regina Sims, Shakila Johnson and Jennifer Kropp, daughter of civilian employee Cathy Kropp of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; front row, from left, Jennifer Van Dyk, daughter of Marine Gy.Sgt. Frederic Van Dyk, Cassandra Irby, and Erica Martinez, daughter of recent Army retiree Sfc. Zeferina Martinez; and Jade Williams, in the foreground. Not pictured is squad member Ashley Byrd.

## Young bowlers continue league competition

The Young American Bowling Alliance Saturday Morning Youth League will end league play for 1999 on Saturday, then return on Jan. 8 to complete the season in the year 2000.

The YABA Christmas Tree has been put up at the Bowling Center and "looks great," said Sandy MacDonald, league coordinator.

"We are still asking for donated ornaments," she said. "And on Saturday (Dec. 18), we will be raffling off hams for Christmas, so get your tickets."

On behalf of the league, she also wished Elizabeth and Troy King the best of luck as they are moving.

"We will miss you," she said. "Keep up with bowling."

The bowlers now have league shirts which we donated from the family of Daniel and Brandon McKinney, she added.

"The shirts were free to the bowlers, but we are asking for donations to cover our parties and end of the year trophies and award get-together," MacDonald said.

Following are scores for recent league play.

### Dec. 4

#### PeeWees (under age 6)

High Games: Demetrius

Shields, 45; Amanda Anderson, 39; Joshua Fleming, 21; and Troy King, 13.

High Series: Demetrius Shields, 89; Amanda Anderson, 84; Joshua Fleming, 51; and Troy King, 28.

#### Preps

Girls High Game: Erica Yonce, 111; Shaenna Featherstone, 106; and Jalisa Jenkins, 103.

Girls High Series: Erica Yonce, 299; Shaenna Featherstone, 284; and Jalisa Jenkins, 267.

Boys High Game: Justin Shields, 142; Gregory Swift, 140; and D'Andre Brizan, 128.

Boys High Series: Gregory Swift and Justin Shields, 358; and Curtis Swauger, 312.

#### Junior/Major/Senior

Girls High Game: Danice Gregorowicz, 133; Sabrina Featherstone, 129; and Andrea Thompson, 125.

Girls High Series: Danice Gregorowicz, 372; Andrea Thompson, 354; and Jessica Donnelly, 340.

Boys High Game: Adam Condo, 216; Adam Gaultney, 209; and Eddie Sabina, 176.

Boys High Series: Adam Condo, 565; Adam Gaultney, 531; and Eddie Sabina, 495.

### Dec. 11

#### PeeWees

High Games: Demetrius Shields, 54; Amanda Anderson, 42; and Joshua Fleming, 22.

High Series: Demetrius Shields, 135; Amanda Anderson, 117 and Joshua Fleming, 57.

#### Preps

Girls High Game: Erica Yonce, 142; Shaenna Featherstone, 112; and Jalisa Jenkins, 110.

Girls High Series: Erica Yonce, 352; Jalisa Jenkins, 316; and Shaenna Featherstone, 293.

Boys High Game: Gregory Swift, 158; Patrick Conlon, 144; and D'Andre Brizan, 133.

Boys High Series: Gregory Swift, 378; Patrick Conlon, 365; and D'Andre Brizan, 349.

#### Junior/Major/Senior

Girls High Game: Tasha Taylor, 144; Sabrina Featherstone, 139; and Danice Gregorowicz, 132.

Girls High Series: Tasha Taylor, 410; Danice Gregorowicz, 361; and Jessica Donnelly, 347.

Boys High Game: Kenneth Palma, 172; Nicholas Wojtowicz, 170; and Eddie Sabina, 167.

Boys High Series: Eddie Sabina, 479; Adam Condo, 456; and Nicholas Wojtowicz, 435.

### To join

The league, which runs until April 29, is open to youths ages 5-21. The national membership fee is \$10.50, and weekly bowling fee is \$5.

For more information about the league, call MacDonald, 410-436-3534, during the day, or call the APG Bowling Center at 410-278-4041.

## YOUTH UPDATE

### Youths can enter photo contest

Both post Youth Centers will participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Photography Contest.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for youth 6-18 years to learn more about photography," said Norma Warwick of the EA Youth Center, adding that the centers will supply cameras, film and processing for those who need them. Photos must be submitted to the Youth Centers by Jan. 12. A maximum of 10 photos may be submitted per age category, so a local contest will determine submission to the national level. Each center will be judged separately. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

First-, second- and third-place winners and an honorable mention are chosen in both black-and-white and color processes in the four age categories: ages 9 and under, ages 10-12, ages 13-15, and ages 16-18. A panel of judges, recognized in the field of photography, will select winning photographs based on technical and aesthetic qualities from among more than 3,000 entries.

The 32 winning photos will be unveiled at Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference and exhibited at special events nationwide throughout the year. Photos must be taken by the contestant during the 12-month period prior to the deadline, and may be black-and-white or color process; slides are not eligible.

A copy of the entry form must accompany each submission, and an official label must be affixed to the back of each print. Both are available at the APG Youth Centers.

For details about the contest, call Warwick or Gary Nyikos, 410-436-7131.

# Local residents get close look at Churchville test site

By Phyllis J. DeFranks  
ATC Public Affairs Office

The Aberdeen Test Center (ATC) recently hosted its annual open house at the ATC Churchville Test Area. The purpose of the event was to inform and show the public the importance of the facility and its unique value to our national defense efforts.

ATC Commander Col. Andrew G. Ellis, described the event as an outstanding success.

"There was an impressive turnout of folks there," he said. "It's important to maintain good communications with the public, which supports community awareness. I thank everyone for supporting the ATC Open House."

Despite obstacles presented by the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd, the event was very well attended, with the more than 400 adults and children present, far surpassing last year's attendance.

Local, state, and county leaders in attendance included Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson; Retired Marine Corps Brig. Gen. J. Michael Hayes, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening's director of military and federal facilities; Dr. Gunther Hirsch, president of the Harford County Council; Rising Sun Mayor Sallie Teague; and Mark Schlottman, representing State Delegate Chuck Boutin.

Military officials in attendance included Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, APG commander; Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, Commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command; and Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG deputy installation commander.

The public was provided with an insight into a variety of measures that have been undertaken to reach a harmonic balance between ATC and its neighbors.

"Our efforts are based on dedication to testing and commitment to our neighbors," said Lynn



Local residents and Scouts spend time at ATC's Churchville Test Site. At left is leader Dave Spangler, with Geoffrey Spangler, Nicholas George, Dawn George (standing), Scoutmaster Chris George and Larry Schuman.

Berkheimer, chief of ATC's Vehicle Team.

Many of the Army's vehicles were on display, and most have been tested on the rigorous and hilly terrain of the Churchville Test Courses.

Neighbors from Churchville and other local areas learned why testing vehicles like the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, the M88A2 HERCULES Heavy Recovery Vehicle, and the trucks and trailers of the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles are tested there.

Open house attendees received briefings on displayed vehicles from ATC project officers, and were taken on a tour to see some of the vehicles operating on the test courses.

Chris George, Scoutmaster for Cub Scout Pack 28 of Rising Sun, called the event "amazing."

"I've always wondered what goes on here," he said. "The Scouts loved seeing the military equipment."

Attendees also learned that

trees were planted to act as natural noise barriers to reduce the impact of testing and dust. ATC also waters the gravel course to reduce dust.

Environmentally, storm-water management has been improved by sediment collection ponds, which protect the environment by preventing mud and other particles caused by testing from flowing into Deer Creek. The ponds act as filters, collecting the sediment and allowing the clean water to run into the creek. The sediments are recycled and used in on-site construction projects, saving ATC the cost of purchasing additional soil and gravel.

Hope Wilfong, ATC's event coordinator said "neighbors walked away with a better understanding of the ATC mission."

Lanny Baker, chief of the Automotive Field Team, said he heard favorable comments.

"Overall, neighbors were surprised by what they saw and pleased about what ATC is doing to protect the soldiers," he said.

## COMMENTARY



Photo by RICHARD STONE

Recent graduates from Special Reaction Team training are, back row, from left, Aberdeen Police Department Officers George Matheis, Mark Franklin, and Richard Clark, Detective William Selander, APG Police Sgt. Michael Backstrom, and APG Police Officers James Toscano, Joel Joldford, Andreas Sexton and Lt. Erick Stone; and, front row, from left, Aberdeen Police Department Officers Michael Palmer, Kirk Bane, Daniel Calhoun and Varen Patterson, APG Police Officers Denise Mettee and Spc. Ruben Covarrubias, and Easton Police Department Cpl. Mark Hrobar.

# Officers graduate from joint venture in law enforcement Special Reaction Team training

By APG Police Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz  
Chief, Police Services Division, DLES

During the first week of November 1999, members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police and the City of Aberdeen Police Department participated in a joint training operation, which focused on "Basic Special Reaction Team Methods."

The Maryland State Police, Baltimore County Police and the Easton Police Department conducted the training. APG could not have sponsored this training without assistance from APG Garrison's Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Logistics Ammunition Supply Point and Defense Printing Services.

The APG Special Reaction Team comprises specially trained law enforcement officers (civilian and

military police) whose primary mission is the protection of life and property, force protection and peaceful resolution of high-risk situations that require a prolonged tactical deployment of police personnel.

SRT members are required to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Team members also must pass vigorous physical requirements and attend schools and specialized monthly training.

Being an SRT member is a collateral assignment. So, the unit includes members assigned to various full-time duties in law enforcement. The SRT is directed by Lt. Erick Stone and Maj. Joseph Darabasz. As with all other divisions within the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, we are here to serve our APG community.



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

JoAnn Hayes, left, and Veronica Brown wrap gifts for the American Red Cross at the Post Exchange this month. The gift-wrapping, which is done by post organizations for donations, will continue until Christmas Eve. See the schedule below for organizations and times.

## Gift-wrapping continues until Christmas Eve

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# Keele retires after 39 years of service

DTC Public Affairs Office

With family, friends and co-workers looking on, Eric Keele wrapped up a career of government service spanning 39 years, in a retirement ceremony on Dec. 13.

The ceremony took place in the Powers Conference Room at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ryan Building, home to Developmental Test Command headquarters.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, DTC commander, presented Keele with his certificate of retirement, but not before recognizing his outstanding achievements as a senior test manager by awarding him the Department of the

Army Superior Civilian Service Medal.

Keele came to APG in 1960 as a member of the military after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa. He was assigned to the Human Engineering Lab, predecessor to today's Human Research and Engineering Directorate of ARL. When he left military service, Keele took a position as an entry-level test engineer with APG's Materiel Test Directorate, now Aberdeen Test Center.

Keele came to TECOM headquarters (now DTC) in 1980 as test project engineer for the Abrams Main Battle Tank. For the next 19 years, Keele was an integral part in the development of the Abrams, which many in the

Army have dubbed the "Star of Desert Storm" for its performance in the 1991 conflict with Iraq. Other test programs for which Keele was responsible included the M8 Armored Gun System and the Forward Looking Infrared Sighting System.

Summing up his 39 years at Aberdeen, Keele gave credit to the many fine people across the Developmental Test Command, at places like Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., and ATC, for their commitment, service and support.

"The accomplishments I've had and the awards I've won is a testament to them," he said.



Photo by SFC. JEFFREY SLIFER

## 16th Ordnance Battalion supports veterans

*Bernice Shimizu, president of the Ladies Auxiliary for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8126, accepts a check for \$300 from Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, command sergeant major for the 16th Ordnance Battalion. The money, part of the proceeds from the Haunted House, was donated by the 16th to benefit veterans during the holidays. Fifty soldiers from Charlie Company, 16th Ord. Bn., led by 1st Sgt. Michael Coolidge, went caroling at Perry Point Veterans Medical Center recently, and visited the veterans there. "The soldiers thought it was a great way to show their appreciation for those who helped to protect our nation," Coolidge said. "They were happy for the opportunity to give something back to the community."*

## Brown is USAMRICD adjutant, detachment commander

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense welcomed 1st Lt. Jeffrey K. Brown as its new adjutant and detachment commander in a change of command ceremony on Dec. 6.

Col. James Little, USAMRICD commander, began his remarks at the brief ceremony with praise for the outgoing adjutant, Capt. James W. Davidson, who will be assigned as a career manager/assignments officer in the Medical Corps Branch of the Army Personnel Command.

"In my 25 years of active service, Captain Davidson is the best detachment commander/adjutant

that I've seen," said Little, describing Davidson as a "caring individual and a great leader, who led by example."

Little then welcomed Brown. "We are going to be in good hands," Little said. "First Lieutenant Brown has the most important ingredient for success - a positive attitude."

Upon assuming his new duties, Brown told the audience, "I feel privileged to serve as adjutant/detachment commander of the USAMRICD. I'm honored to be coming to a unit of great accomplishment and filled with great people."

A native of Kinston, N.C.,

Brown began his military career in February 1992 with the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps as a private. After graduating from basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, and AIT at Fort Lee, Va., he joined the US Army Reserves for four years. In spring 1993, he entered East Carolina University in North Carolina, where he pursued a bachelor's degree in biology. Upon completing college as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1996, he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. His first assignment after completing Officer Basic Training was as executive officer of the Fort Bliss

Dental Activity in El Paso, Texas, and then as company commander, from June 1997 to September 1998. A one-year tour at Johnston Atoll Air Force Base, overseeing the health clinic, followed.

Brown's military schooling includes the Mobilization and Deployment Planning Course, Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Systems Course, and the Company Grade Pre-command Course. He is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

## Safety, common sense help ensure happy holidays

By SSgt. Kathleen T. Rhem, USA  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — I've always felt there are two things to keep in mind during the holidays: Don't let baby mistake the light-up nose on your Rudolph decoration for a "Baby's 1st Christmas" pacifier, and go easy on the rum if you share the eggnog with your cat. But, DoD safety officials have tips they insist are better than mine.

### Safe trees

Christmas trees are central to many families' holiday celebrations and yet can be among the most dangerous. Keep these tips in mind when selecting and decorating yours:

- Think fresh! Dry trees can be an extreme fire hazard. Only a few needles should fall when you shake a tree, and needles should bend but not break.
- Keep your tree outside in a bucket of water until you're ready to decorate.
- Before bringing it inside, cut a two-inch diagonal slice off the bottom and keep water in the stand. A diagonal cut allows your tree to "drink" more.
- Keep your tree out of traffic areas and at least three feet from heat sources and fireplaces.

- Inspect lighted decorations carefully before use, and be alert for worn or cracked wires. Make sure all light sets have an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) label. Avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.

### Eat, drink, be merry

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta suggest the following safe-handling tips for your holiday eats. Additional information can be found on the Internet at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

- Wash hands before and after preparing food, especially after handling raw meat and poultry.
- Keep raw meats and poultry separate from other foods. Clean and disinfect cutting boards and kitchen surfaces after preparing food.
- Refrigerate or freeze perishable foods right away after coming home from the store.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave oven, not on the countertop.
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Don't leave foods out at room temperature for more than two hours.
- Identify a designated driver early or arrange for taxis when you gather with family, friends and coworkers to celebrate the holidays.

## Stop using recalled dishwashers

DISHWASHERS, from front page

your family and your neighbors, it doesn't seem like such a hardship to handwash the dishes."

Some General Electric and Hotpoint brand dishwashers, mostly in Patriot Village homes, have a faulty switch that could be a fire hazard. The switch is only a fire hazard when the door is latched. Residents should keep the door in the unlatched position, which keeps electricity from the switch. The model number of the dishwashers affected, located in a rectangular label on the right or left of the front edge of the inner tub, are GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA477 and HDA487.

Gladys De Jesus, chief of the APG Housing Office, said her office sent letters to post residents affected by the recall and had soldiers go door-to-door to discuss the situation with residents. A front-page article also appeared in the Nov. 11 issue of the APG News.

"The Housing Office is going the extra mile to ensure resident's safety. We insist that residents discontinue use of the dishwashers, so we can use our resources to replace the dishwashers when the new ones arrive, rather than removing them because residents are still using the old ones," she said.

Post fire officials also emphasized the need for safety. Andre Fournier, a post fire protection specialist, said the fire in the dishwasher on Dec. 2 was confined to just the appliance, but such a fire could spread quickly if left unchecked.

"Most products these days are made with synthetic materials, like plastic. As it burns, it increases the temperature of the fire," he said. "A fire could start quickly, with cabinets and walls adding fuel to the flames."

Signs warning of the danger will be given to senior area coordinators to be placed on the dishwashers affected by the recall.

# Residents should be prepared for Y2K; officials urge safe celebrations

**COMMUNITY, from front page**

shoppers, and will change hours on Dec. 24 to 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Dec. 31 to 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The commissary will be closed Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 25 and 26, and Saturday, Jan. 1, in observance of the holidays. The regular schedule resumes Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Morrison said Santa will be at the store 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, and will pose for free photos with the children, courtesy of the commissary.

She added that the store is stocking up on bottled water and MREs – meals, ready to eat – so patrons can prepare for a possible Y2K emergency.

## Season for safety

Susie Ashby, representing the Safety Division of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, addressed holiday hazards, including placement of lights, urging residents to check wiring for frayed cords, which should be discarded, and to not exceed voltage in outlets. Those with young children need to keep hazardous decorations out of the reach of youngsters. In addition to lights, glass ornaments and candles, the list includes an out-of-reach location for poinsettias, mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherries, amaryllis, and other holiday plants that can cause severe intestinal illness if ingested.

“Take extra care. It’s a busy, busy time, and often we can get distracted and overlook things,” Ashby said.

She added that residents should throw away Christmas wrapping paper rather than burning it in a fireplace, because some wrapping paper, when burned, can release toxic chemicals.

Holiday party hosts are reminded that if they are serving alcohol, serve high-protein foods first for those who may over-imbibe. Offer soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages to guests. Intoxicated guests should not drive; offer to call a cab, use a designated driver, or have them spend the night.

Col. Walter Egerton, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said Kirk will observe normal hours Dec. 18-Jan. 2, and will have a full staff in the morning but reduced staff in the afternoon. Dec. 24 and 31, both Fridays, are legal holidays, and the clinic will be closed. On those dates, the Acute/Minor Illness Clinic will be open 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Catherine Jones, assistant manager of the local branch of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, commented on the shopping schedule for the next few weeks.

“The AIT nights were a great success. Several soldiers told me how much fun they had and how much they enjoyed it,” Jones said, speaking of the Advanced Individual Training soldiers who participated in the shopping event held in early December. She said the PX looks forward to next year’s event.

Jones reviewed the holiday schedule and special events. Santa will be at the store on Saturday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., a star customer event will be held

on Dec. 16 beginning at 8 a.m., and all purchases made from now through Christmas on the deferred payment plan will not require payment until 90 days after purchase.

Jones said the PX has Pokemon cards for sale at the jewelry counter for \$2.89 per pack, with a limit of 10 packs. The same packs are on sale on the outside for \$5 each, she added.

## Dishwasher recall

Housing Chief Gladys De Jesus said the housing office will be closed during the entire week of Dec. 27, something they have done for several years now. She also commented on a recent fire in Patriot Village started by a resident who used his recalled dishwasher despite being cautioned against it.

De Jesus and Spidel expressed gratitude that no one was hurt, but urged residents to take warnings seriously. Spidel expressed disappointment that a resident chose to use the appliance, despite housing officials sending a letter to residents, going door to door to ask residents not to use the recalled dishwashers, and running a front page article in a recent issue of the *APG News*.

“We’ve put the word out and repeated it in the *APG News*. Don’t attempt to use the dishwashers. We are doing the best we can about getting replacements,” Spidel said. (*See story, front page.*)

He added that the dishwasher situation is a hazardous issue in Patriot Village, and urged residents to consider the safety of their families, their neighbors, and, especially in light of the recent Massachusetts fire in which six firefighters perished, fire department personnel.

Barry Decker of the Directorate of Public Works brought attention to holiday hours for trash removal. Trash removal will keep the regular Friday hours for Dec. 24 and 31. In addition, a special Christmas tree pickup is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 10. Trees are to be at the curb that day, free of tinsel, lights and other ornamentation.

He also mentioned a change in the county’s recycling policy. Beginning Feb. 1, recycled paper must be placed in paper bags, cardboard boxes or containers marked for paper only. If the recycled paper is placed with other recycleable items, such as cans and glass, it will not be picked up for recycling.

## Y2K is OK

After Decker urged council members to read copies of the latest Maryland School Performance Assessment Program Test in which Harford County finished third overall, with eighth graders finishing first statewide, a Y2K readiness presentation was given.

Steve Majka of the Directorate of Public Works reviewed utilities, safety, banking, phone service, shopping and health services. All were pronounced Y2K ready.

“We’ve been working on Y2K the last year, and we’ve had several meetings with Colonel Spidel and

his staff to make sure we are prepared,” Majka said.

AAFES and the APG Commissary stated that they do not expect problems, but the PX will have extra cash leading up to the weekend, and the commissary will stock extra bottled water and MREs, which can be consumed without cooking or refrigeration. Spidel said planning ahead is a good idea.

“The banks will be closed, possibly Friday, and definitely Saturday and Sunday. Think about that, and if you need to get extra cash, get it before the weekend,” he said.

Spidel also cautioned residents not to panic, and to check with neighbors if they think something is wrong before contacting the appropriate officials.

Suggestions as to what to do before the weekend include stocking up on bottled water and emergency food and fuel, topping off gas tanks, and having extra cash on hand.

“I don’t anticipate any problems, and garrison doesn’t anticipate any problems, but we will be available to address those problems if they appear,” Majka said.

Stating that systems have been checked and re-checked for Y2K compliance, Majka said, “It is possible that something could go wrong that wasn’t anticipated, but the systems have been checked and will be re-checked after midnight.”

Maj. Darrel Andrews, APG provost marshal, said residents should contact the APG police if there is a bonafide emergency. The Emergency Operations Center will be staffed throughout the weekend.

Spidel reminded residents that the installation does not control businesses off post, and problems such as no cable television reception should be addressed to the appropriate authorities.

Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director of public works, said emergency shelters will be set up if necessary in the post gymnasiums, but added he is “not anticipating this to be a major problem at all.”

At the conclusion of the Y2K presentation, Kuchar turned his attention to recent events on post. He thanked residents for their cooperation leading up to and during the Military and Civilian Spouses Club’s recent Holiday Tour of Homes charity event.

He said he realized residents “worked extremely hard to make the post look great,” and assured them that their efforts succeeded.

## Around the neighborhoods

Neighborhood residents questioned the need for the large cement barriers at the Aberdeen Shoppette. Spidel said it was necessary “due to significant gas theft.”

Marine Gy. Sgt. Homer Avila requested all area coordinators have an accurate list of names, addresses and work and home phone numbers for their residents. The problem of not being able to contact residents was echoed by other coordinators, and will be worked out. Coordinator training is scheduled to begin Jan. 5.

Broken glass at a bus stop was brought up by

another resident. Although the glass will be cleaned up, housing does not have the funds to replace the bus stop glass. Residents are directed to get the names of those who maliciously destroy things. The installation can then pursue the sponsor for payment.

For those who notice burned out utility lights, residents are asked to make note of the pole number and call it in for replacement.

Lynne Bourgeois, mayor of Grant Court, asked for action regarding a boiler problem in her neighborhood. She said an alarm continually rings, and neighbors have just “10 to 15 minutes of hot water a day.” DPW personnel did not realize that this was an ongoing problem and will take care of it.

Grant Court residents also requested a bicycle rack for the community unit basement. Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker said that placing bicycle racks may violate the fire codes, and he will check with fire personnel before proceeding.

Sgt. Maj. Jose Sosa of Chevron Drive asked for a solution to a sewer backup in his neighborhood, which affected the basements of four homes, including his own.

“This is the third time that is has happened and we are told once again that ‘it’s the main,’” Sosa said.

Expressing appreciation that the cleanup crew was timely in responding, he asked that a permanent solution be found.

“It’s a continuous problem, and it’s a health and safety problem,” he said.

Kolker brought up the issue of the increasing incidence of dog bites on the installation. He said pet owners “must have your dog controlled with a leash or under voice control.”

If your dog bites someone, you must take it to the vet, he added, noting that once the pet is checked by the clinic for appropriate registration and up-to-date immunizations, it undergoes quarantine at the owners’ quarters for 10 days. During that time the pet cannot be exposed to anyone other than family occupants.

Regarding the dog bite issue, DPW personnel asked that all pets be appropriately restrained when workers are making housing repairs. Spidel suggested pets be restrained in a room away from repair activity, as workers going in and out of residences may not remember to knock each time for re-entry.

## Looking ahead

In his closing remarks, Spidel stated that more cutbacks are expected for fiscal year 2001. He said the post may “very likely experience a \$14 million shortfall,” which may translate into less available and decreased service in many areas.

He thanked those who participated in the Combined Federal Campaign; the installation total was more than \$350,000, he said.

Finally he wished all of APG a happy and safe holiday season.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20 at APG Garrison Headquarters, building 305.

## Glover convicted of murder at Fort Campbell

By Spc. Valerie Buckingham  
Army News Service

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (Dec. 13, 1999) — After a little more than an hour of deliberation Dec. 8, a panel of five soldiers found Pvt.2 Calvin Glover of the 101st Airborne Division guilty of premeditated murder in the July 5 beating death of Pfc. Barry Winchell.

Glover was sentenced to life in prison. He was also reduced to E-1 and sentenced to forfeit all pay and to be dishonorably discharged. He had been assigned to Company D., 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell when he killed Winchell, a fellow soldier of that unit.

During opening procedures Tuesday morning, Glover changed his prior plea of not guilty of premeditated murder, to guilty of unpremeditated murder. In court, Glover told Col. Gary Holland, military judge, that he was really drunk and wasn't sure why he hit Winchell.

"I had no intention for him to die," Glover said. "I didn't mean to kill him. I was really drunk - I just got caught up in it."

He said his actions had nothing to do with the altercation between himself and Winchell that

occurred the day prior to Winchell's death because they had already made up. The altercation occurred outside the barracks at a Fourth of July party the soldiers were having.

"I wasn't mad at him for any reason," Glover said. "I was really drunk."

The prosecution however, presented evidence to show that Glover acted with a premeditated design to kill.

During testimony the prosecution called Maj. Peter Schilke, armed forces medical examiner, Rockfield, Md. He said Winchell received between three to five blows to the head and neck.

"Using a bat, someone would have to swing as hard as they could to cause this injury," Schilke said.

Spc. Justin Fisher is slated to face charges on Jan. 8 in connection with Winchell's death. Fisher is charged with acting as a principal to premeditated murder, acting as an accessory after the fact, making false statements and obstructing an investigation. If convicted on all charges, he could face a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

(Editor's note: Spc. Valerie Buckingham is a staff writer for the Fort Campbell Courier.)

## Army's first Space Battalion forming

Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Dec. 13, 1999) — The Army's first Space Battalion will be activated during Dec. 15 ceremonies at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

"The 1st Space Battalion helps institutionalize space within the Army by giving our soldiers a familiar structure to work with," said Lt. Gen. John Costello, commanding general, Army Space and Missile Defense Command. "This unit is an example of the type of organization that will enable the smaller, lighter, more agile fighting forces recently envisioned by Gen. Eric Shinseki, the Army chief of staff."

The new battalion's commander, Lt. Col. Tim Coffin, said "The bottom line is that the 1st Space Battalion will provide the right space support for army warfighters on time and on target."

"Prior to the formation of the 1st Space Battalion, the Army's four Space Support Teams and five Joint Tactical Ground Stations worked under the Army Space Command Staff G3 to provide support to exercises and operations Army-wide," Coffin explained.

He said under the new battalion structure, the elements that bring space support to the warfighter will be under operational control of a commander focused on providing immediate space support.

"Our goal is to continue to normalize space operations in the Army," Coffin said. "The new structure will make the chain of command much cleaner, while providing the flexibility we need to meet the space challenges of the new millennium."

"We structured this battalion so it would retain a great deal of flexibility to respond and grow quickly," Coffin said. "This allows us to adapt new technologies and rapidly respond with maximized support from space to meet the needs of our military forces which con-



Sgt. Anthony Simas produced a satellite imagery map for a V Corps Long Range Reconnaissance soldier during a recent exercise in Germany. His Army Space Support Company is part of the 1st Space Battalion of the Army Space Command.

tinue to be involved in fluid, worldwide operational situations."

He said the battalion provides Army units the tools and knowledge to take advantage of our nation's tremendous capabilities.

"The highly mobile teams and detachments tailor their capabilities and products to maximize responsiveness to the soldiers we support," he said. "The Mobile Technology Team will be a key element to keeping up with the rapidly advancing technologies in the space arena of the new battalion. The team will work closely with commercial firms and the Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab to rapidly adapt the latest space technologies for use by the soldier. This will help determine if there can be space-based solutions

to battlefield problems."

The new battalion is a total force effort, said Maj. George Anton, Force Development officer, Army Space Command.

"One of our near term goals is to augment the five active-duty Army Space Support Teams with four Reserve component teams," Anton said. "The battalion will incorporate reserve component space experts who will train and operate alongside their active-duty counterparts."

"I feel honored to be the first reservist assigned to the battalion and charged with the task of incorporating the Reserves into the Army Space Support Teams," said Maj. Leonard Draves, 2nd Army Space Support Team Chief. (From a Space and Missile Defense Command release.)

## Washington remembered as leader

By Ali Bettencourt  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Dec. 14, 1999) — The 200th anniversary of Gen. George Washington's death was remembered Tuesday in a ceremony at the Pentagon's "Hall of Heroes."

Washington, who died Dec. 14, 1799, at age 67 in his home at Mount Vernon, Va., was nominated as the "man of the millennium" by John O. Marsh Jr., former secretary of the Army and the event's guest speaker.

"Most historians, political scientists and philosophers would agree that the last quarter of the millennium — from 1750 to today — are years dominated by the 'American Experiment,'" Marsh said.

The American Experiment was brought about by three mile-

stones: winning the American revolution, ratifying the U.S. Constitution and establishing the new republic outlined in the Constitution, said Marsh. As commander-in-chief during the Revolutionary War, a leader in the Continental Congress that adopted the Constitution and the first president of the United States, Washington was the "indispensable man" in bringing about the American Experiment.

Because of that, Washington holds a special place in world history and the U.S. Army, making him a "legend among legends," said Gen. John M. Keene, vice chief of staff of the Army.

Marsh said Washington was one of the Army's first retiree recalls. President John Adams recalled Washington to active duty in 1798 due to a threat of war

with France. Washington still was commander-in-chief when he died.

"One word describes Washington: character," Marsh said.

Washington's brave, honest and disciplined character is embodied in the U.S. Army he loved, Marsh said.

"General Washington's legacy, though not scripture, is sacred to us who hold dear the principles this nation is founded upon," said Maj. Gen. G. T. Gunhus, the Army's chief of chaplains.

"Hopefully, the next generation in the next millennium will uphold the values of Gen. Washington," he said.

At the request of President Bill Clinton, flags were flown at half-staff at all federal buildings Tuesday to honor Washington.



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

**JoAnn Hayes, left, and Veronica Brown wrap gifts for the American Red Cross at the Post Exchange this month. The gift-wrapping, which is done by post organizations for donations, will continue until Christmas Eve. See the schedule below for organizations and times.**

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# Army Band shines bright at holiday concert

## Community enjoys evening of festive music and singing

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The Aberdeen community turned out in force to hear the sounds of the season Saturday night as the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) presented its fourth annual holiday concert at the Post Theater.

Joined by the Aberdeen High School chorus, the band delighted listeners with spirited renditions of seasonal songs from the past and the present.

Diane Standridge, wife of band director Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry L. Standridge, welcomed the audience, saying "our only purpose is to entertain you with a variety of holiday favorites, intertwined with fresh twists of old standards."

The show began with "Christmas Fanfare and Celebration," a medley of holiday tunes arranged by band member Sfc. Bruce Malone. Malone also arranged "Do You Hear What I Hear," and sang vocals on Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad," two songs that were performed by the Jazz Combo.

Other band members also displayed their vocal talents. Trombonist Sgt. Leroy B. Foster sang "In the Swing of Christmas," a Big Band number arranged by SSgt. Robert Bauerle and featuring the songs "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "Jingle Bells," and "Let It Snow." Foster's encore vocal of "Jingle Bells" was arranged by both Bauerle and Malone.

Euphonium player Spc. Paul Bathgate amused the audience with his rendition of "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

Bauerle also arranged "The Miracle of Lights" a combination



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Linda Standridge delivers the narration during the fourth annual holiday concert presented by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and the Aberdeen High School chorus. She is the wife of band director Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry L. Standridge.**

of four Chanukah songs, and "Oh Holy Night" which featured Aberdeen High School soprano Bobbi Ahearn.

The evening was full of stand-out performances from every section of the band. A collaboration between the Clarinet Ensemble and the Jazz Rhythm Section produced the songs "Silver Bells" and "Home for the Holidays" into a jazzy, toe-tapping medley reminiscent of Benny Goodman's style.

Also captivating were the Stage Band's performance of the "Winter Wonderland" arrangement by retired Sgt. Maj. David Wolpe, former leader of the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors, and the Jazz Ensemble's performance of a sassy rendition of the old classic, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear," featuring Spc. Travis

Hawley on tenor saxophone and Bauerle on trumpet, with vibrant keyboard accompaniment by SSgt. Russell King.

The chorus performed the Nigerian Christmas song "Betelehemu," then led the audience in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols before finishing with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

The band played the moving song "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" as background to Diane Standridge's narration of a popular Christmas poem written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

After a lengthy standing ovation, during which the chorus and band took their bows, Standridge offered special thanks to the APG community, to those who helped with instruments and

arrangements, and to his wife, Diane.

The evening ended with an appearance by Santa Claus, who greeted the children with candy canes and "Ho-ho-ho's."

Many in the audience seemed reluctant to let the evening end. Veronica Brown, an equipment specialist with Aberdeen Test Center, said she brought her son, Corey, and her best friend, Verna Hurlley because she thought they would enjoy the music, which they did.

"I was here a couple of years ago but I missed it last year. I will definitely be back next year," Brown said.

John McCarthy said he, his wife and their three children came to see his sister-in-law, Brandi Lambert, perform with the AHS chorus. A sergeant first

class with the Dover, Delaware, Recruiting Command, McCarthy stood in the rear of the theater, taping the entire concert on his camcorder.

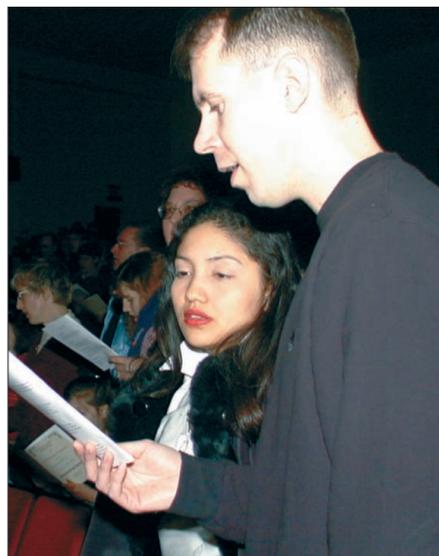
Sgt. Juan Guerra-Rojas, a trumpeter with the band, watched the concert in the audience with his wife, Lucinda. Medically unable to perform due to injury and awaiting medical discharge orders, Guerra-Rojas said he already misses performing with his friends.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the concert even though I wish I could have been up there with them," he said.

Augmenting the band that evening were, on trumpet, Chaplain (Lt. Col) James May, APG Garrison chaplain, and Dann L. Reynolds, husband of band member SSgt. K.L. Reynolds. On flute, Lt. Carolina Wilcox, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Meade; on tuba, Kevin Gardner, AHS orchestra director; and on clarinet, William Smith, AHS band director.

389th Army Band members are: Director: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry L. Standridge; flute, Sgt. Crystal A. Kraus; oboe, SSgt. Wade T. Petree; clarinet,

**Sgt. Juan Guerra-Rojas and his wife, Lucinda, sing Christmas carols during the Saturday evening concert.**



# Trees light up installation skies during annual ceremonies

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The APG community began its holiday season last Thursday with the Aberdeen Area Tree-Lighting ceremony in front of the Post Library. Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, welcomed everyone who turned out for the occasion, including the entire 16th Ordnance Battalion from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, opened the ceremony, thanking the brass ensemble from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) who performed Christmas carols with the Aberdeen High School chorus.

Doesburg told the gathering to look for the "deeper meanings" of this holiday season, that are found in "family, fellowship, sharing and peace on earth."

"Whenever we gather to celebrate we should remember those deployed," Doesburg said. "They and their families sacrifice much for our nation."

To the "men and women in uniform and the civilians who support them," Doesburg said, "We thank you for your contributions and your sacrifices."

Doesburg wished the community a "safe, happy and peaceful new millennium."

"You are all a part of history in this last lighting of the millennium," Spidel told the crowd before he introduced the two honorees selected to assist in the tree-lighting: SBCCOM NCO of the Year, SSgt. Vincent E. Robinson, and 18-year-old Pvt. Jose Perez, the youngest soldier in 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Robinson, who began clearing post Friday for a permanent change of station move to Germany, said he was honored to be included in the ceremony on his "last official day on Aberdeen." He wished a "Merry Christmas to everyone, especial-



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**Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg throws the switch to light the Aberdeen Area Christmas tree, with help from SSgt. Vincent Robinson, SBCCOM NCO of the Year, and Pvt. Jose Perez, 18, 16th Ordnance Battalion's youngest soldier. At the podium is Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander.**

ly the troops overseas. Don't forget us," Robinson said.

Perez said he thought he just came to see the tree and was surprised by the honor of helping to light it. The Bronx, New York native said he is heading home during EXODUS and wished "everybody in Charlie company a safe Christmas."

At the Edgewood Area ceremony on Sunday, the soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion surrounded the crowd in front of the Post Chapel.

Doesburg, noting that EXODUS begins Friday, got a rousing response from the soldiers when he asked, "Is anybody here looking forward to going home?"

Also taking note of the impending new century, Doesburg told the gathering that the holiday season was a good time to "reflect on what we do in support of our great nation and

the world."

Doesburg lit the towering pine tree in front of the chapel, assisted by Sgt. Jamie Cook, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's NCO of the Quarter, and Pvt. Jason Yeager, from Alpha Company, the battalion's youngest soldier.

Cook, who has been on APG nearly four years, said the honor was "a moment I'll never forget." The South Carolina native said she also will head home for the holidays, and wished her unit members a safe return to APG.

Yeager, 17, said he was surprised to be included in the ceremony, and that helping out the CG "felt pretty good." The Iowa native, who also will go home on leave during EXODUS, said he hopes all his fellow soldiers in Alpha Company "come back safe."

Both the AA/EA ceremonies were highlighted by a visit from



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**'Santa' jokes with 143rd Ordnance Battalion soldiers during the Edgewood Area tree-lighting ceremony.**



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**Pvt. Jason Yeager, left, helps Sgt. Jamie Cook and Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, APG commander, throw the switch to light the Christmas tree in front of the EA Chapel during the tree-lighting ceremony. Cook is the 143rd's NCO of the Quarter while Yeager, 17, is the youngest soldier in 143rd.**

Santa who arrived at both sites on a fire engine. Santa, a close friend of APG fire protection specialist Andre Fournier, handed out candy canes to all the chil-

dren and joked with the soldiers. Fournier, who was assisted by his wife, Linda, said he has been appearing on APG for five years and also does 15-20 appearances

Sfc. Eugene F. Chieffo, SSgt. Steven M. Serisky and Sgts. Richard L. Foote and Paul V. Aviles; bassoon, SSgt. K.L. Reynolds; saxophone, Sgts. Iva M. Milgrim and Jose A. Sanchez-Rivera and Spcs. Joshua W. Vincill and Travis J. Hawley; French horn, 1st Sgt. Enrique Alcaraz-Lopez, SSgt. Stephen Stewart and Spcs. Janine M. Stillwell and Tim E. Dishong; trumpet, SSgts. Fred Boyd and Robert E. Bauerle and Spcs. Ryan J. Kenny and Brian J. Reilly; euphonium, Spc. Paul J. Bathgate; trombone, Sfc. Richard E. Karczewski and Sgts. Christopher P. Hollis, Eric J. Piper, Leroy B. Foster and Charles K. Peters; tuba, SSgt. James R. Gilbertson and Sgt. Kevin Young; percussion, SSgt. Robert M. Davidson and Spc. DeVan K. Peters; and rhythm, Sfc. Bruce C. Malone Jr., SSgt. Russell W. King Jr. and Sgt. Keith D. Calmes.

in the community.

Civilians and soldiers joined together in singing Christmas carols, led by the Army band, which Doesburg thanked warmly.

"They are truly an asset to those of us here at APG," Doesburg said.

Family member Lori Grasz brought her two youngest children to the EA tree-lighting. Grasz's quarters suffered heavy water and smoke damage as the result of a fire in their neighbors' quarters in August. She said the family, which has been in temporary quarters, received their new quarters last week.

"We have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season," Grasz said.

At the ceremony's end, Doesburg acknowledged contemplating the unique responsibility of taking the installation into the next century, saying, "I think this season, more than any other, compels us to think about not just the past and present, but the future."