

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 17, is glass, plastic and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Ordnance Ball set at Redstone

Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., will host the 1999 Ordnance Ball at the arsenal's Redstone Club on March 19, 6 p.m. For tickets and information, call (256) 876-6697, DSN 746-6697.

Sign up for youth sports

Edgewood Area Youth Services will begin conducting registration for baseball, softball and T-ball from Feb. 16-March 13. Cost is \$30 per person; family discounts are available. For more information, call Norma A. Warwick, Youth Sports director, 410-436-2172/2862.

Play bingo on post

The post recreation centers hold bingo four times a week. The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center has bingo Wednesdays, 7 p.m., and Sundays, 2:30 p.m., at building 3326. For details, call 410-278-2621.

The Edgewood Area Recreation Center holds bingo Thursdays, 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at building E-4140. For more information, call 410-436-2713.

Super Bingo will be held Feb. 13, with seven \$500 games and total cash prizes of \$4,900.

Military Personnel Division closure

The Military Personnel Division will be closed on Feb. 19, due to the change of command ceremony for the post commander in the morning and regular military training in the afternoon. Questions may be directed to Sgt. Maj. Sherry Smith, military personnel sergeant major, at 410-278-5307. Emergency cases should contact the Emergency Operations Center at 410-278-4500/5225.



President's Day hours for AAFES, APG Commissary

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will have the following holiday hours on President's Day, Feb. 15: Post Exchange, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; EA Mini Mall, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Burger King, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The Troop Store and Military Clothing Sales Store will be closed.

The APG Commissary usually is closed Mondays, and also will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 16, to observe the holiday.

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Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

APG retiree Peggy Tout donates blood during Tuesday's drive, which brought in more than 50 pints. A donor for more than 19 years, she is one of many retirees who still signs up to donate at post blood drives.

One pint at a time APG donations add up to more than 11,000 lives saved

By Meghan Heimbach
APG News

The 1998 Red Cross blood drive results are in, and Aberdeen Proving Ground's 57 blood drives has saved more than 11,000 lives.

"Other organizations in Maryland don't even touch APG," said Ed Dippel, account manager for the American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region. "It has been a definite team effort with all groups on post. We organized several new drives, and had people doing a better job with getting the word out."

According to an annual report sent out by Dippel, APG collected 3,675 units of blood in 1998, an increase of 1,501 units from last year.

"This increase is incredible, considering APG experienced about a 20 percent drop in personnel since 1997," Dippel said.

He added that APG has nearly tripled the 1,440 units collected in 1996.

Since 1997, APG had four new groups hold blood drives, which Dippel said had "a lot to do with this year's figures."

Aberdeen Test Center collected 72 units of blood with one drive; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic collected 27 units of blood at a drive; and APG Garrison collected 26 units at its drive.

Dippel said 143rd Ordnance Battalion was 1998's "big new player," and is now APG's "number one productive group," with 1,009 units of blood collected at 11 blood drives.

HHC 143rd's first blood drive was Nov. 25, 1997, and the battalion has had a drive a month, he said.

"Last February was the only month 143rd couldn't run a drive, and that is just because we didn't have enough phlebotomists to do the size drive that they do," he added.

Dippel explained HHC 143rd's high turnover in training is the main reason why its figures are so high.

"Donators are only supposed to donate every 56 days, but since 143rd receives so many new people we are able to run one blood drive a month, instead of every other month," he explained. "They are averaging 100 units of blood per drive."

The Red Cross estimates that for every unit of blood collected, about three lives are saved. Twenty-five percent of blood products go to cancer patients. The other 75 percent, Dippel said are divided to different groups. Heart disease patients receive 16 percent; gastrointestinal tract disease patients receive 16 percent; injuries, such as car accidents victims, receive 12 percent; liver and kidney disease patients receive 6 percent; patients with anemia or hemophilia receive 5.1 percent; obstetric procedures receive 4.3 percent; and bone and joint disease patients receive 3.5 percent. The other 12.1 percent goes to other causes such as rare blood diseases.

Dippel added that 95 percent of the population will need blood or a blood product by age 72, and 5 percent of eligible blood donors give blood.

As for 1999, Dippel said he expects a "very good year" for APG.

"The post is doing an incredible job," he said.

Dippel credited a large amount of the post's 1998

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Soldiers to get better retirement, pay, in proposal

By Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - (Feb. 3, 1999) - President Clinton's proposed Fiscal Year 2000 defense budget would provide the Army its first real growth in funded dollars since 1985, enabling bigger pay raises for soldiers and civilian employees, and a return to the "50-percent" soldiers' retirement system.

The Army would receive about \$67 billion in FY '00 under the president's proposal, providing the Army with 1.4-percent real growth in funding compared to last year, according to senior Army budget officials.

"This proposed budget addresses our most important readiness concerns," Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera said. "It increases pay and benefits that help us recruit and retain the best people, helps fill key personnel shortages, shores up training bud-

gets, and targets additional resources to repair aging infrastructure, and keeps our modernization efforts on track."

The proposed FY '00 Army budget will preserve near-term readiness and will sustain the Army's dominance as the world's premier land force, said senior Army budget officials.

Military personnel appropriation funding will be used to reward soldiers for their superb post-Cold War service, according to a senior Army budget official. At more than \$27 billion, the military personnel appropriation is the largest portion of the Army's proposed FY '00 budget.

"We have worked closely with the president and the Defense Department to put together a Fiscal Year 2000 budget and out-year plan that provides substantial funding increases for our critical readiness accounts," said Army

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Soldiers known as "U.S. Colored Troops" from the Civil War era pose for a photo.

OC&S sponsors 'Blacks in American Military History' presentation at Post Theater

By E.C. Starnes
Ordnance Corps Corporate Affairs

"Blacks in American Military History" will be the topic at the APG Post Theater at 10 a.m., Feb. 22.

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School as part of African-American/Black History Month, the two-hour presentation features Dr. Alan L. Gropman, chairman of the Department of Grand Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF). He has published several works on the subject, to include his dissertation for his

doctoral degree in history from Tufts University, "The Air Force Integrates: Blacks in the Air Force 1945-1964."

Also among his published works are "The Air Force Integrates, 1945-1964," for the Air Force Office of History; "Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., History on Two Fronts," a chapter in Makers of the United States Air Force, for the Air Force Office of History; "The Korean War and Armed Forces Integration," a chapter in "A Revolutionary War: Korea and the Transformation of

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Lady Bombers courting success

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

If you follow APG's post basketball action, you've had enough excitement to make you ignore this season's NBA problems.

Winning is one goal for APG's Lady Bombers, the post women's basketball team. But just as important is representing the post.

"It's been tough since the holiday break, but we're coming back," said Sgt. Melroy Simmonds, coach for the Lady Bombers. "We lost some players and had some scheduling conflicts, but we're getting back into our practice schedule."

The 10-player team faces fierce competition in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference, where the Lady Bombers are currently in third place. With no post men's team this year, the women are the sole team representing APG in the WAMAC, Simmonds said.

"We're proud to be representing APG," he said, "and we're doing it well."

Basketball fans who want to see the action can go to the Feb.

20 game against Walter Reed, at 1 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center.

Unlike the men's team, the women's team is open to both military and civilian personnel, including family members. The team is seeking new players and interested players should call the Sports Office, 410-278-4497, to join the team, or stop by practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., at Russell Gym.

The Lady Bombers started the season in December facing still-undefeated Fort Meade, with a 67-48 loss for APG. But team effort took over, and led to wins over Fort Belvoir, 69-45, and Fort Myers, 59-21.

"We have players with a lot of individual talent," said Evelyn Williams, an NCO at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, who has played on basketball teams throughout her seven-year Army career. "We are realizing that if we play as a team, we can really give these teams a run for their money."

Strong efforts this season have come from Robbie Powell of APG

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Photo by STEVE FEARS

Members of APG's post basketball team, known as the "Lady Bombers," include, front row, from left, Evelyn Williams and Ophelia Begay; and, back row, from left, Tara Mattison, Heidi Dudley, Tawana Perkins, Tracy Williams, Sara Chatman and Donna Dorsey, with coach Melroy Simmonds. Not pictured are players Robbie Powell and Shantell Blair.

Top volunteer: Patricia Libby dedicated to EA Thrift Shop

By Sheila Little
APG News

Patricia Libby, chairperson for the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, is the APG volunteer for February.

Thrift shop advisor Denise Doesburg, who nominated Libby, described her as "wonderful."

"She's very dedicated to the jobs that she does, not only for the thrift shop, but for the other tasks that she takes on," Doesburg said.

When the family arrived at APG from an assignment at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 18 months ago, Libby brought more than 18 years of volunteer experience with her. She has made a practice of volunteering in thrift shops, schools, and churches wherever the family is stationed.

As chairperson for the Edgewood Area shop, Libby runs the board meetings, is in charge of disbursements, answers correspondence, plans special shop activities, coordinates announcements, arranges job interviews for paid employees and deals with the public throughout the year.

Deborah Pellissier, who handled the same volunteer position last year, said being the chair takes someone who is willing to try their best to make everyone happy.

"You serve as the 'go between' for the community and the volunteers," she said, adding that Libby does a great job because she is "well organized, articulate and has a great sense of humor."

Tina Cohen, thrift shop manager, said that working with Libby has been a pleasure.

"She possesses 'chutzpah,' and uses it when necessary," said Cohen. "Her experience as a former assistant manager, bookkeeper, and chairman for other military thrift stores

has been to our benefit."

Libby volunteers not only for the thrift shop, but serves as the recording secretary for the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club. She is a reading mentor and school book mom for St. Joan of Arc, sits on the board of the American Red Cross, and is a church special activities director for St. Joan of Arc.

Her employment background is equally diverse. Possessing a master's degree in French, Libby served in army ordnance for two years and was the religious education director for a military chapel in Germany. In addition, Libby has been an employee of other thrift shops, serving as a bookkeeper and an assistant manager.

Her current occupation is done via email, from her computer at home. As a 'wordsmith,' she converts information received into readable text, and returns it electronically. It is the kind of employment that she has been pursuing, as it allows her the freedom to work around her family and volunteer schedule.

"The satisfaction that I get from helping, and the sense of 'giving back to the community' is part of why I volunteer," Libby said.

She added that in addition to altruistic benefits, there are other tangible advantages that remain unknown or unavailable to those who cannot find the time to give to the community. As an example, she said volunteering at the thrift shop is a great way to be among the first to spot incoming bargains.

The Libby family resides on Plumb Point Loop while Col. Ned Libby serves as the project manager for chemical demilitarization. The couple has three children. Alison, 21,



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Patricia Libby does some copying at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop.

is a student at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Adrien, 17, is a senior at Aberdeen High School. Bill, 7, is a second grader at St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen.

The public is invited to check out the bargains available at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop. The shop is open on Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and on the first Saturday of the month if it is not a holiday weekend, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

To find out more about volunteering at the shop, call 410-676-4733 during shop business hours.

Nominate volunteers for top recognition

Volunteer of the Year nominations are due Feb. 17. Address all nominations to:

Alice Surette
Installation Volunteer Office
Building 2752, room 202
APG, MD 21005

Judging for Volunteer of the Year will be held Feb. 24, and winners will be announced April 22, during Volunteer Recognition Week.

For details about volunteering at APG, call 410-278-5469.

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Pre-register for summer program

The Child Development Center and Youth Services are accepting pre-registration for the full-day summer program, which will operate for eight weeks from June 28 through Aug. 20. Children enrolled in grades 1-9 are eligible for the program.

Pre-registration forms are available at both Youth Centers and Child Development Centers. The AA CDC is located in building 2485; the EA CDC is located in building E-1901. The AA Youth Center is located in building 2522; the EA Youth Center is located in building E-1902. The CDC and Youth Center priority for care policy is in effect for the summer program. Patrons on this list who turn down a position (when it is offered) will be removed from this list. Activities planned include swimming, sports, skating, movies and field trips. For questions, call Rita Wilkins, director, School-Age Services, 410-278-2572

Recruiting team seeks volunteers

Are you one of APG's finest NCO's? Can you perform with little or no supervision? The U.S. Army Recruiting Command's Recruit The Recruiter Team is looking for top NCOs from sergeant through sergeant first class who are looking for one of the Army's most challenging and rewarding jobs. If you qualify, volunteer and receive an assignment, you will receive extra pay, incentive awards, assignment preference, career enhancement and job satisfaction. Recruiters help build tomorrow's Army. For a telephone interview regarding qualifications or to ask about recruiting duty, call your Recruit The Recruiter Team representative at 1-800-223-3735, then dial extension 60215, 60105, 60234, 60210 or 60231. You can also use DSN 536- (and last four of any extension). Feel free to browse the website at www.goarmy.com/recruiter.

Get answers on health care plan

A claim representative of the Government Employees Hospital Association (GEHA) Health Plan will visit APG on Feb. 17, arranged by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. The representative will be available to answer questions and assist with claim problems in building 305, room B-14, 10 a.m.-noon. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, and Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, APG CPAC.

Family Child Care training set

Family Child Care training will be conducted the week of March 15-19. Interviews will be held on March 8, 9 and 11. Applicants interested in providing home-based child care, especially in the

Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply. For applications, call 410-278-8720. Bring a professionally trained provider in a warm home environment offers many benefits: free training in a marketable occupation; credit transfers to Army installations world-wide; free use of toy lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, child psychology, CPR, tax assistance); participation in the National CDA credential program; participation in the USDA food program; and self employment. For more information, call Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720 or Kathy Reese, 410-436-2692/3355.

EAOWC to donate funds

The Edgewood Area Officers Wives Club will donate funds to services and charities this spring. If your group or organization is interested in receiving a donation, provide a request in writing by Feb. 28, to Deborah Pellissier, EAOWC Services and Charities, 4842 Austin Rd., Gunpowder, MD 21010. Be as specific as possible in stating the purpose for which the funds will be used, and include the name, title, address and phone number of a contact person.

EAOWC offers scholarships

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is pleased to once again offer a \$1,000 youth scholarship on behalf of the USPA and IRA Educational Foundation. The EAOWC also will offer three additional \$500 scholarships: two to high school seniors and one to a currently enrolled full-time college student. To be eligible for the awards, one must be the child of an active-duty, retired or deceased service member, who will be attending college during the 1999-2000 school year. Applications may be obtained at all high schools in Harford County, the EA Thrift Shop, the EA Library, or by calling Evelyn Atchison, 410-297-8558.

The EAOWC will also donate \$500 for a spouse scholarship which will be given to a spouse of active duty, retired, or deceased military members. Applications also will be available at the EA Thrift Shop, the EA Library, and through Evelyn Atchison.

Applications for students and spouse scholarships must be received by April 2. Winners will be notified by early May.

MCSC to offer scholarships

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club (MCSC) will award three higher education scholarships this spring. A \$1,000 college education scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who is the child of an active duty, retired, or deceased service member or DoD civilian. A scholarship from the USPA&IRA educational foundation will give \$1,000 to a service member's child who is entering or continuing education in an undergraduate college program.

The recipient will be determined by the MCSC. The club also will award \$500 to a military spouse entering or continuing a college education. Applications are available in the Aberdeen Area library, Post Office and Thrift Shop, and through the local high school guidance office. For more information, contact Ellen May, MCSC scholarship chairperson, 410-297-8387. Application deadline is April 1. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early May.

Red Cross has classes scheduled

A Community First Aid and Safety Class will be held March 19, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Register soon because spaces are limited. Cost is \$25. Upon completion you will be certified in first aid for three years and community CPR for one year.

A baby-sitting class will be held Feb. 13 and 20, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Those who complete the class will be placed on a list for baby-sitting for the post, with permission from parents. Cost is \$10 for all ID card holders, with scholarships donated by the post thrift shops.

For information about classes, call Carolyn Lerwill at 410-278-2087. Course fees are payable by check to the American Red Cross.

Send in soup labels to CDC, schools

The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, Aberdeen Middle School and Edgewood Elementary School collect Campbell's Soup labels to redeem for equipment to be used by children enrolled at the center.

Eligible products include: Campbell's bean products; chunky, condensed, Home Cookin' and Healthy Request soups; Campbell's tomato juices; Franco-American gravies, SpaghettiO's; Pace Picante; Pepperidge Farm products; V8 juices; Swanson products; and Prego spaghetti sauces.

The schools also are collecting Klein's Supermarket receipts and Campbell's labels. Klein's is running a "Computers Plus for Schools" program through May 25. Pink register receipts are issued to all customers. The small portion with the total cost of groceries is needed, so the schools can redeem receipts for free computers, audio-visual equipment, software, books and sports equipment.

Label donations may be dropped off at the AA CDC, building 2485 at the box in the front lobby mailed to the AA CDC, building 2485. Call Kim Fillingier at 410-278-9950 or 410-939-5950 for more details.

For the schools, send labels and receipts by June 1 to Aberdeen Middle School, ATTN: PTA, 111 Mount Royal Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001 (call Rose Ann Spieles, 410-272-6308, for details); or Edgewood Elementary School, ATTN: PTA, 2100 Cedar Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040 (call Kathy Shrontz for details, 410-612-0444).

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POLICE BRIEF

The following Police Brief is provided by the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

The statistics for January are:

- Crimes against persons: 14
- Crimes against property: 16
- Driving while intoxicated: 3
- Traffic accidents: 27
- Narcotics: 3

When you see a police car...

Most people have experienced the "oh no" feeling after seeing a police car in the rear view mirror. Most people hit the brakes, even if they were not speeding. Personal physical reactions and experiences can influence perceptions of traffic enforcement, and often prevent people from realizing its true benefits.

Traffic enforcement is the most recognizable and universal police function. Because of the punitive consequences attached to traffic enforcement, many of us do not have an appreciation for the positive benefits. Additionally, "myths" can result from misconceptions about the goals and motivations of traffic enforcement.

One of the biggest myths is that "traffic problems are not that big a deal." The fact is that the average American is more likely to be involved in a traffic crash than be a victim of a crime.

These U.S. statistics from the Crime/Crash Clock established by the U.S. Department of Transportation provide an interesting perspective:

- One murder every 24 minutes.
- One aggravated assault every 29 seconds.
- One violent crime every 18 seconds.
- One crime every two seconds.
- One property crime every three minutes.
- One fatality every 13 minutes.
- One injury every nine seconds.
- One crash every five seconds.
- One property damage every seven seconds.

Additionally, when you see a vehicle pulled over, remember that the law enforcement officer may be doing more than writing a traffic citation. The officer may be apprehending a felon, child molester, murder or removing weapons and drugs from our installation.

Scouts win awards at annual Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Troop 924 held its annual Pinewood Derby on Jan. 23 at building 2413.

The day began with den races, with the "Pack Race" as the finale. All day there were hot dogs, pretzels and drinks.

The Nice Dreams Car Club brought three cars for the Scouts to look at. John Hudson, Howard Pepper and Duane DeBruler from Warrant Officer Basic Class 3-99 volunteered time to register the cars and be line judges.

Timothy Goodwin was Pinewood Derby 99 coordinator and Buck Tanner Sr. was race coordinator with two of his daughters, Melissa and Maria, helping to run the racing brackets. George Burdess, cubmaster, presented the awards.

The den which sold the most popcorn during the fundraiser last fall got the honor of putting caramel and popcorn all over Burdess - one of the highlights

of the day.

Pack winners were Buck Tanner, first place; Tre' Ross, second place; and Jessie Atchison, third place.

The Best of Show Award went to Tre' Ross, Most Original went to Patrick Maul and Best Scout Theme was won by Guillermo Lopez.

The winners for the Den Race are:
 Webelos I: Erik Lesniak, first place.

Webelos II: Buck Tanner, first place; J.J. Buckingham, second place; and Daniel Ellis, third place.

Tigers: Tre' Ross, first place; Nicholas Martinez, second place; and Andy McCuistion, third place.

Wolf Den: Daniel Mong, first place; Stevie Settle, second place; and Zachary Malone, third place.

Bear Den 3: Charles Wilson, first place; Brandon Ejem, second place; and Robert Evans, third place.

Bear Den 4: Guillermo Lopez, first place; Michael Carter, second place; and Andy Goodwin, third place.

Coming up the evening of Feb. 11 is the Blue and Gold Banquet at the Aberdeen Area Chapel, 6 p.m. The Order of the Arrow will preside over the ceremony that will cross the Webelos II to Boy Scouts.



Cubmaster George Burdess gets a "topping" of caramel from the top fundraising den.



Cubmaster George Burdess poses with Webelos II winners, from left, Daniel Ellis, third place, J.J. Buckingham, second place, and Buck Tanner, first place.



Top left, Cubmaster George Burdess poses with Bear Den 3 winners Robert Evans, third place, Brandon Ejem, second place, and Charles Wilson, first place. Above left, Burdess poses with Bear Den 4 winners, from left, Andy Goodwin, third place, Michael Carter, second place, and Guillermo Lopez, first place. Above right, Lila Kolker presents the first-place trophy for Webelos I to Erik Lesniak.



Cubmaster George Burdess poses with Tigers winners Andy McCuistion, third place, Nicholas Martinez, second place, and Tre' Ross, first place.

Aberdeen Proving Ground 1998 blood drive results

Organization	Drives held	Units collected	Lives saved
143rd Ordnance Battalion	11	1,009	3027
16th Ordnance Battalion	6	750	2250
Aberdeen Recreation Center	6	514	1542
Edgewood Area Chapel	6	504	1512
Marine Corps Detachment	6	301	903
Noncommissioned Officer Academy	6	182	546
Army Research Laboratory	6	157	471
Aberdeen Test Center	1	72	216
203rd Military Intelligence Battalion	3	67	201
Air Force Detachment	4	66	198
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic	1	27	81
APG Garrison	1	26	78
Totals	57	3,675	11,025

*1998 had an increase of 1,501 units

Post shows support at blood drives

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success not just to the groups which have held drives in the past, but to APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, and former APG Garrison Commander Col. Roslyn Glantz, and is working with APG Garrison Commander Col. Robert Spidel.

"They have been extremely helpful in introducing us to the right people on post, and to the organizations with the large number of members," he said. "They really involved themselves, and the result is evident."

This month will offer three more opportunities to donate on post. On Feb. 16, HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion will hold a blood drive at the Edgewood Area's Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140.

On Feb. 18, the Marine Corps Detachment will hold its drive at the Aberdeen Area's Russell Gymnasium, building 3330. Aberdeen Test Center will hold its drive on Feb. 19 in building 400.

For information on upcoming blood drives or to register, call the APG Red Cross Station at 410-278-2087, or 1-800-GIVE-BLOOD.

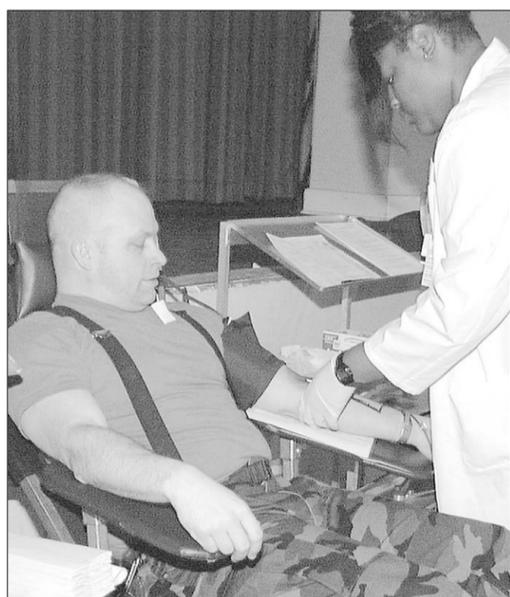


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Master Sgt. Bernice Dill watches as Red Cross worker Antoinette Terry places the needle in for his donation. Tuesday's donation placed Dill within one donation of the two-gallon mark.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES '99

TEMPER TANTRUMS

Keeping Your Cool

Just when life with your child seems to be getting easier—he is sleeping through the night and is becoming more independent—the much-talked-about "terrible twos" appear. While tantrums can occur at any age, they frequently begin around eighteen months. In fact, tantrums are a predictable part of growing up, and are an effective way to let loose emotions and vent frustrations.

Unfortunately for you, however, the timing of tantrums is frequently unpredictable. They can be brought on by saying "no" to taking a second toy to the babysitter's or by insisting that the car seat be buckled before driving to the store. Most parents agree, however, that the majority of tantrums erupt at the most inopportune times—just before you leave for your caregiver's or in the checkout line at the grocery store. And of course your frustration level is likely to match your child's.

While you may not be able to totally eliminate tantrums from your child's daily routine, it helps to try and identify the situations which are most likely to trigger them.

Track The Tantrum Threshold

- Sensitize yourself to your child's special needs. Monitor peak temper-tantrum times and situations. Is your child "driving" on empty? Do you need to provide more health snacks throughout the day to fill up the energy tank? Children are food grazers by nature and need more than three meals a day. Cranky kids are often hungry kids.
- Is your child getting enough rest? Just like adults, some kids thrive on eight hours of sleep, others need twelve. Has anything changed the sleeping routine, such as a new crying baby in the house or a visit from the grandparents? Most kids do better with a regular schedule.



One way to ease your child's tantrum is to hold him in a "mummy" style position.

- Has your time away from home changed? Have you been away on more business or pleasure trips? Perhaps your child needs some extra time and attention from you. In general, try to determine what might precipitate tantrum behavior. If you can identify the causes, you might be able to cut down on the number of outbursts. For example, you can eliminate common causes of morning tantrums by helping your child choose clothes and a breakfast menu the night before.

When Tantrums Strike

Despite your best efforts to prevent them, a certain number of tantrums are an inevitable part of growing up. Here's some advice for weathering the storm:

- Ignore tantrums whenever possible. When there's no audience, there's no need to perform. Let your child scream to his or her heart's content. It may be the child's way of letting off steam. It is important, however, not to ignore your child. Ask yourself if you are indeed being fair and realistic. Are you expecting four-year-old behavior from your two-year-old?
 - Remove your child from a public forum. If you don't have to hold back feelings of embarrassment or inadequacy, you will keep your cool much longer.
 - Distract your child by doing or saying something silly. Kids' attention spans are short and if you start singing a favorite ditty, your child might soon join in.
 - Don't worry about breath-holding. Your child will start breathing before any damage can be done.
 - Hold your child, mummy-style, rocking and singing to him or her calmly to show you still love your child. Whisper something loving or funny.
- Above all, it is important to remember that tantrums are never fatal for either your child or you. They are, in fact, a vital and natural part of life.

Get free tax assistance and filing from post center

Legal Assistance Office

If you need help in filing your income tax return, or want to file your return electronically for free, the Installation Tax Assistance Program can help.

The program, directed by the Office of the Chief Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, provides free tax assistance this year to qualifying military members, retirees and dependents.

A Taxpayer Assistance Center has been established in wing 4A, building 310, down the hall from the Legal Assistance Office, and is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Military units have appointed trained personnel to assist military members with tax return preparation.

Through a joint effort by the Office of the Chief Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate, the Internal Revenue Service, and Maryland's Comptroller of the Treasury Revenue Administration Division, a week of comprehensive training has been provided for unit tax advisors under the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The advisors have been trained in federal and Maryland income tax return preparation. An examination at the end of the course certifies each unit tax advisor as a VITA income tax preparer. Military members who desire assistance in preparing and filing income tax

returns should contact their advisor (see list below). Persons who do not have an advisor and retirees and their family members may make an appointment for free tax assistance by calling 410-278-3397.

Unit tax advisors are designated in each company-sized unit to assist soldiers in preparing federal and Maryland income tax returns. The advisors can set up self-help instructional classes with proper coordination or can prepare individual returns for soldiers using VITA materials.

Tax issues and returns beyond the scope of the VITA program will be referred to the Taxpayer Assistance Center or a paid tax preparer.

Gather all of the information needed to file an accurate return, including W-2 statements, Form 1099s, Social Security numbers for all dependents, child care expenses and provider identification, and Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRA) information. If you think you should itemize deductions, you will need a mortgage interest statement, alimony information and information such as medical receipts, rental reports, investment state-

ments and charitable contribution receipts. Your unit tax advisor cannot help you prepare a return unless you bring the needed docu-

mentation. Failure to produce these documents can lead to an inaccurate tax return and IRS penalties.

Tax forms can be obtained at the library, the post office, from your unit tax advisor, or at the Taxpayer Assistance Center.

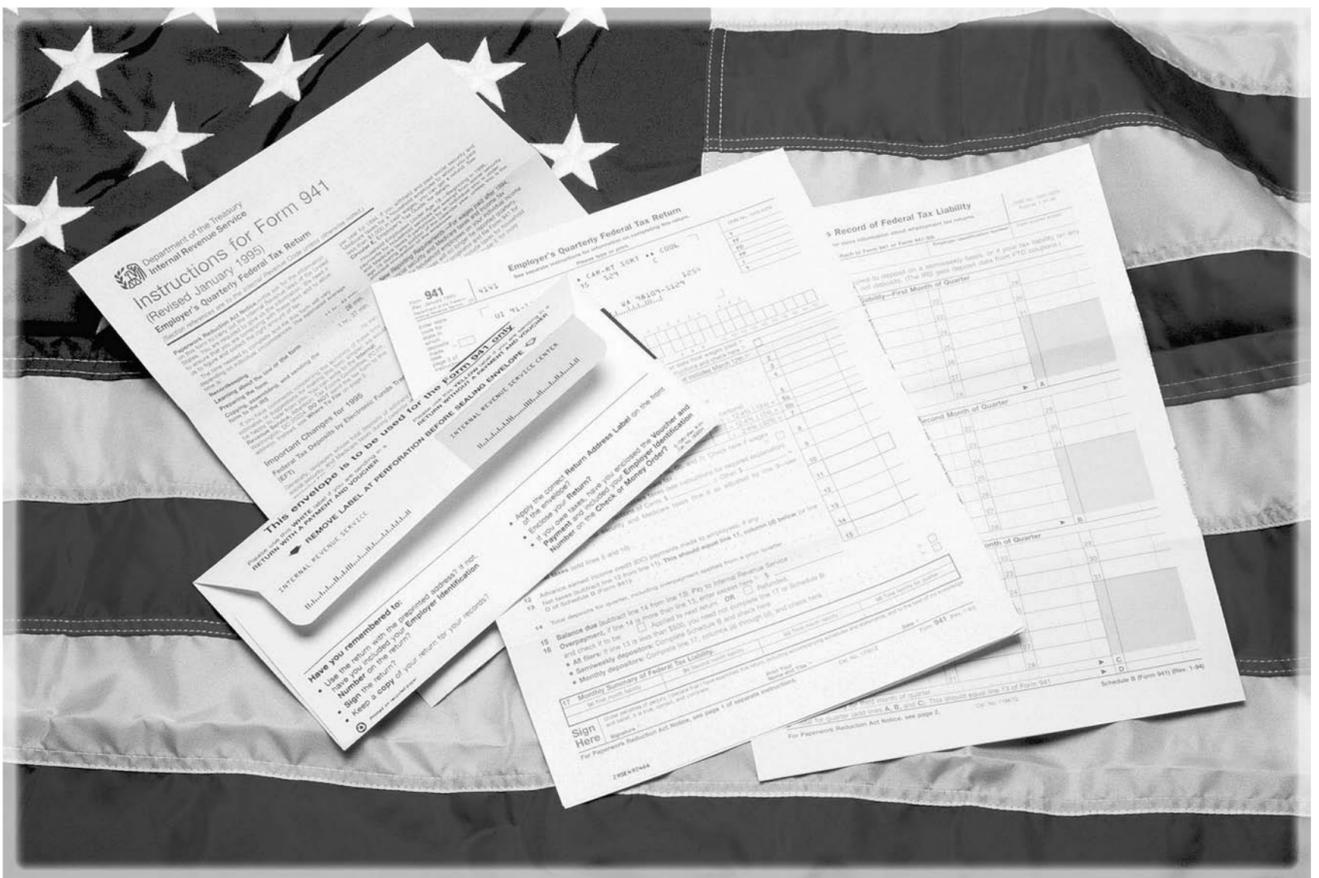
Free electronic filing is also available through most unit tax advisors and the Taxpayer Assistance Center. If you are due

a refund and qualify for the tax assistance program, you can have your tax return electronically filed. The advisor will schedule appointments for electronic filing after careful review of each return.

Electronic filing will enable you to receive your refund by check or direct deposit into your bank account rather than having it mailed. The average return time

is approximately three weeks for a check mailed to you and seven to 10 days for deposit into your checking or savings account.

For further information and assistance with tax preparation and/or electronic filing, contact your unit tax advisor on the list to the left, or call the Taxpayer Assistance Center, at building 310, wing 4A, 410-278-3397/1583.



1999 appointed unit tax advisors

The following unit tax advisors can provide free tax help to active duty military personnel and their dependents:

143d Ord Bn, A Co
SSG BENJAMIN L. CONNOR
410-436-4443

143d Ord Bn, B Co
SFC WILLIAM COLLINS
410-436-4212
2LT MICHAEL POTTRATZ
410-436-4212

143d Ord Bn, HHC
SFC JOHNNIE GATLIN
410-278-4848
SSGT ANTHONY D. MASON
410-436-5339

16th Ord Bn, A Co
1LT JASON LODGE
410-278-8732

16th Ord Bn, B Co
1LT MARTIN MCLAUGHLIN
410-278-5445

16th Ord Bn, C Co
1LT KARL BRUECKNER
410-278-5455

16th Ord Bn, E Co
SPC CHARLOTTE OTORUBIO
410-278-3979

16th Ord Bn, HHC
SFC HARRY B. ANDERSON
410-278-4422
1LT MARTIN A. GRIFFITH
410-278-8594
SSG PATRICK MCGRATTAN
410-306-1526
SFC LAWRENCE D. SMITH
410-278-2553

16th Ord Bn, MSD
SSG CHARLES GILLIAM
410-278-9886

16th Ord Bn, TSED
SFC CARL LAKSHMANAN
410-278-3444

203d MI Bn
CPT MARK J. STAUD
410-306-7800

389th Army Band
SGT KEITH D. CALMES
410-278-8769
SGT JANINE STILLWELL
410-278-8769

520th TAML
SSG ALFONSO CLEMMINGS
410-436-7268

61st Ord Bde, HHC
SSG LEROY BENNETT
410-306-5770
SSG LEONARD FARLOW
410-278-2957
SGT BANGURA KHA-BENNEH
410-278-5041
SSG DARRUN E. MURPHY
410-306-3010

61st Ord Bde, HQ
CW3 RICHARD L. KRAUSE
410-278-3170

AMSAA
SFC LUIS M. EMMANUELLI
410-278-8735

ARL, WMRD
LTC VERNON TAYLOR
410-306-0663

CHPPM
1LT TANYA KITTELL
410-436-5476

DENTAC
SPC CAROL HARDIE
410-278-1795

KUSAHC
SGT ANDREW J. IGNATZ
410-278-1870
SSG RANDY G. RIGGS
410-278-1958

MRICD
CPT JAMES DAVIDSON
410-436-2463

NCOA, ANCOC
SFC WILLIAM BUTTRAM
410-306-4108

NCOA, BNCOC
SFC OFELIA WEBB
410-278-3920

TEU
1LT CHRISTIAN HILL
410-436-1882

USAF
SSG JERRY L. CARPENDER
410-278-9882

APG Garrison, DLES (MP)
SFC WAYNE D. GREENLEAF
410-306-0562

APG Garrison, HST
SSG FIDEL DIAZ
410-278-2104
SSG RICHARD GUTIERREZ
410-278-7358

APG Garrison, HST/ATC
SGT JESSE M. SCHMIDT
410-278-5605

USMC
GY SGT K.R. BROWNING
410-278-9261
SSGT RICKY A. COOLONG
410-278-2831
SGT MICKEY E. GIBSON
410-278-8559
SSG TODD I. MASON
410-278-0606

Volunteer, Edgewood
DENISE DOESBURG
410-436-6092/3044

Volunteer, Tax Center
MICHAEL R. O'HERN
410-278-3397

Volunteer, Tax Center
Chief Warrant Officer 3 (Ret.)
HOWARD SWINK
410-278-3397

Access answers to W-2 questions

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Jan. 26, 1999) - The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is providing information to assist soldiers, other service members, Department of Defense civilians and military retirees to get answers to questions about their 1998 Federal Wage and Tax Statements (W-2s).

Service members and DoD civilians should receive their W-2 forms by Jan. 29, DFAS officials said.

Service members who have not received their W-2s by then or who need corrections to their W-2s, should contact their local finance offices, according to DFAS officials.

If the local finance offices cannot help with W-2 concerns, officials said, service members can contact:

Army — (active-duty and reserve), 1-888-729-2769 (PAYARMY);

Navy — (active-duty and reserve), 1-800-346-3374;

Air Force — (active-duty and reserve), 1-800-433-0461;

Marines — (active-duty and reserve), 1-800-449-3327.

DoD civilians who have not received their W-2s

by Jan. 29, or have other W-2 concerns, should contact their local customer service representative.

Military retirees who do not receive Internal Revenue Service Form 1099R (Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, etc.) should call 1-800-321-1080. Due to the anticipated high volume of requests from retirees who may have relocated during 1998, retirees may experience delays before customer service personnel can respond to incoming calls.

Annuity holders, such as survivors of deceased service members, who do not receive IRS Form 1099R (Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, etc.) can request a form through an automated system at 1-800-435-3396.

Additional tax information for all DFAS customers is available on the agency's website under "What's news?" at "www.dfas.mil."

DFAS provides pay services for 2.5-million active-duty and reserve military members, 747,000 DoD civilian employees, and 2.2-million military retirees and annuitants, according to officials.

For more information, contact Cathy Ferguson at (703) 607-2716.

(Editor's note: Information provided by a Defense Finance and Accounting Service news release.)

AROUND THE ARMY

Plans for WW II Memorial progressing with Hollywood help

By James Darcy
MDW News Service

The National Battle Monuments Commission has raised \$38 million of the \$100 million needed for the construction of a national World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., said retired Air Force Col. Michael Conley, spokesman for the World War II Memorial campaign.

Recent public support by actor Tom Hanks, who played an Army captain in the World War II film *Saving Private Ryan*, has helped renew interest in the project, Conley said. At his acceptance speech for Best Actor at the 25th annual People's Choice Awards Jan. 11, Hanks appealed for donations to the memorial fund.

"The way Hanks got involved was in a phone conversation with our national chairmen [former Sen. Bob Dole and Federal Express CEO Frederick Smith]. As a result of Hanks' role in *Saving Private Ryan*, they reached out to him and said, 'We're embarked in an effort to commemorate the generation you portrayed.' He basically said, 'I'm your man,'" Conley explained.

Public Law 103-32, which President Clinton signed in May of 1993 to authorize the ABMC to build the memorial, stipulated that all funds must come from private donations, Conley said.

Present plans call for the memorial to be centered around

the Rainbow Pool at the end of the Reflecting Pool in the capital's Mall area. The memorial would honor not only those Americans who fought and died in the war, but also everyone who made sacrifices at home to support the war effort, Conley said.

ABMC hopes to break ground on Veteran's Day in 2000, with the completed memorial to be dedicated on Veteran's Day of 2002, Conley said.

Although the memorial project has received increased support lately, it has been more than 11 years since the effort was begun, and the project has met with some opposition, Conley said.

"It all started in 1987 with a World War II veteran named Roger Durbin," he explained.

Durbin was at a gathering of constituents of Ohio Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, and he asked her why there was no national memorial to World War II veterans.

Conley said Kaptur thought the famous "Iwo Jima" memorial in Arlington, Va., was a World War II memorial, but Durbin explained that it actually commemorates Marine veterans of all wars.

Kaptur took up the cause and soon introduced legislation to authorize the World War II memorial in the capital. Similar legislation was introduced in 1989, 1991 and 1993, but according to Conley, support was slow in coming.



Artwork courtesy American Battle Monuments Commission

A watercolor of the planned World War II Memorial shows one of the monumental arches that leads to the sunken plaza around the Rainbow Pool.

"It wasn't that people were opposed to the idea; there was just a lack of awareness that there wasn't already one - again, most people think of the Iwo Jima memorial," he said.

After the legislation was signed into law, the first step was to choose a site, Conley said. "The whole site and design process is governed by the Common Works Act of 1996, which gives primary authority to The Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Park Service," he explained.

The location was chosen,

among other reasons, because "it's probably the most prominent site remaining in America for a National Memorial," Conley said. "When the site was selected and approved - it's all done in public hearings before those commissions - there were no strenuous objections," Conley said. However, "there were those that were opposed to anything at all being built on that site" because of its prominence and concerns that it would disrupt the composition of the Mall area, he said.

A national design competition followed, where over 400 professional architects submitted

entries.

"It wasn't necessarily a design that was selected as much as it was that an architect was selected based on the design," since it was anticipated that the final design would go through many changes, Conley said.

Friedrich St. Florian was named as project designer in a White House ceremony in early 1997. St. Florian is an architect based in Providence, R.I., and a former dean of the Rhode Island School of Design.

"His original design was significantly different than the design concept we have today," Conley

said. The original plan called for two large, semicircular berms and 50 tall columns to "embrace the pool area."

However, opposition to the design developed before the plans were submitted for approval from the various governing committees. "The opposition thought the design concept was too large and overpowering for that site," Conley said.

The governing committees agreed, rejecting the columns and berms, but approving other design and landscape elements.

The memorial will feature a lowered plaza surrounding the Rainbow Pool, a parapet wall with stone and metal adornments, and two monumental-size arches at either end. The design is intended not to interfere with the view from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial.

Also incorporated will be a "torch of freedom," as well as fountains and waterfalls.

Despite having finalized the general form of the memorial, many of the content details have yet to be worked out, such as the placement and nature of incorporated sculptures and inscriptions, Conley said.

The public can get more information about the project or make donations by calling (800) 639-4992, or by visiting the official web site at <http://wwiimemorial.com>.

Budget proposal features better pay, retirement for military

BUDGET, from front page

Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis J. Reimer. "This budget also calls for the largest pay raise our soldiers have received in 15 years, a 50-percent retirement for all soldiers, and pay table initiatives.

"It is important for our soldiers to know their daily sacrifices are recognized and these compensation-related initiatives are a big step in the right direction."

The president's budget provides funding for increased commitment to combat readiness and modernization, according to senior Army budget officials. The Army's portion of the budget would support 480,000 active-duty soldiers, 350,000 Guardsmen, 205,000 Army reservists, and 217,000 Department of the Army civilians.

The Army would use much of the proposed FY '00 budget to fund quality of life, or "people programs," officials said. This includes pay raises of 4.4 percent for all soldiers and civilian employees, the cancellation of the 1986-enacted, "Redux"-40-percent military retirement system, barracks modernization and family housing improvements, the promotion of efforts to privatize family housing in the continental U.S., and the renovation of instal-

lation infrastructure.

The 4.4 percent pay raises, which exceed anticipated civilian-sector pay hikes and estimated inflation rates, would take effect Jan. 1, 2000, officials said.

For some time, senior DoD and Army officials have told Congressional leaders that pay, benefits and overall quality of life for service members, to include soldiers, has been slipping in recent years. The proposed budget helps to alleviate those concerns, officials said.

"There is the psychological aspect. [Service members] have to be impacted by seeing the Secretary [of Defense], the service secretaries, all of the Joint Chiefs [of Staff] and the chairman standing up [before Congress] ... that is very positive. Then, to see the president of the administration deliver on that..." said a senior Army budget official.

To address soldiers' concerns about pay, the proposed budget, in addition to providing an across-the-board 4.4 percent pay raise, also contains money for incremental pay raises for some junior enlisted soldiers, career officers and noncommissioned officers.

The incremental pay raises were mostly proposed to accomplish a change in the purpose of

service member pay tables to reward performance over length of service, according to DoD compensation officials. They said in current military pay tables, on a percentage basis, gears officer pay 37 percent on promotion and 63 percent for longevity. Enlisted service member pay is currently geared 47 percent on promotion, and 53 percent for longevity.

If approved, this added pay, to be distributed in amounts of 0.1 to

5.5 percent to some junior enlisted soldiers and mid-career NCOs and officers, would take effect July 1, 2000. Overall, the pay proposal would represent the biggest service member pay raise since 1982.

Soldiers have voiced displeasure about the so-called "Redux" retirement system, which pays service members 40-percent of base pay after 20 years' service. Under Army budget proposals,

"Redux" would be cancelled, and the previous 50-percent retirement system for 20 years' service would be restored for all soldiers, according to the senior Army budget official.

The increased funding, according to the senior Army budget official, would also improve readiness by enabling the Army to provide more troop training time, and to fund continuing research, development and procurement of

new equipment, and harnessing new technology to enhance modernization efforts.

The proposed Army budget would be used to upgrade existing hardware such as the M1 Abrams tank, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and more, according to the senior Army budget official. Money would also be used for test and evaluation of the Comanche helicopter and the Crusader self-propelled artillery system.

March 16-17 is TECOM Test Technology Symposium

New and emerging testing technologies from across DOD's Major Range and Test Facility Base (MRTFB) will be unveiled at the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command annual meeting of testers on March 16 and 17.

An outstanding agenda will feature speakers from the numerous Army, Navy and Air Force test agencies across the country. This year's symposium, the 12th in a continuing series sponsored by TECOM will be held at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Md. This new site provides facilities for the business meetings, as well as dining and sleeping rooms, at one location.

This year's theme, "Enabling Technologies for Affordable Testing," is designed to "showcase" emerging technologies in the testing community that are making testing more affordable to developers. In addition to sessions relating to military testing activities, a session has been assigned for presentations by industry describing their advancements in testing.

The opening day (March 16) will feature the latest testing policy coming out of the Pentagon with three keynote speakers. John Gehrig, DoD's deputy director, Operational Test and Evaluation (Resources and Administration), will lead off, followed by Rich Lockhart, deputy director for Systems Assessment, Test Systems Engineering and Evaluation. The Hon. Walt Hollis, deputy undersecretary of the Army for Operations Research, will deliver the keynote speech.

These conferences are important in creating liaisons between testers across the country (and also internationally) and are always well received by attendees. Organizers said attendees at last year's symposium, TTS '98, gave it the highest marks ever on evaluation sheets, and attributed the success to the diversity of topics and top-notch speakers from the top ranks of the Pentagon, MRTFB, Army battle-labs, the industrial sector, and the international testing community.

Speakers from each of these sectors cover a variety of topics from sub-miniature telemetry transmitters on artillery rounds to creation of synthesized battlefield environments. The objective is to spread the word on the latest advancements leading to a more responsive and affordable test and evaluation process.

Previous symposia have consisted mainly of speakers from military testing activities with a few representatives from industry and academia. TTS '99 will have a session devoted to what industry is doing to implement simulation-based acquisition strategies for more affordable testing. Last year's feature presentation on Chrysler's success in computer-aided design/manufacture/testing of their Intrepid automobile was a symposium highlight.

Another change is the moving of the symposium from the Johns Hopkins Kossiakoff Center to a "first class" hotel and conference center at Turf Valley. This will permit the conferees to stay at the conference site and enjoy the amenities offered. The facility offers the

business accommodations, along with 173 deluxe hotel rooms, an excellent restaurant, tennis courts and three golf courses. It is convenient to BWI Airport (20 minutes) and Washington (50 minutes).

As in previous years, TECOM will present their Advanced Planning Briefings for Industry (APBI) in conjunction with TTS '99 at the same site. The APBI will be on March 15, the day preceding TTS '99. These briefings are provided by contract representatives from all of TECOM's test agencies who identify their planned contract requirements, affording a sort of "heads up" alert to prospective bidders. Many attendees to the APBI stay over for the Technology Symposium.

Conferees are required register with TRI-S Incorporated (support contractor) indicating their attendance and payments for food service on the days attended. Conferees staying at Turf Valley must make their own reservations with them by calling 1-800-666-TURF. They are offering a "Strictly Business Meeting Package" at a rate of \$119/day (plus tax) which includes room, breakfast juices and pastries, conference breaks, and hot lunch. (Regular room rate is \$114).

Learn more about TTS '99, including electronic registration, by visiting TECOM's web site at www.tecom.army.mil, and selecting the events link. You may also contact John Schnell in TECOM at 410-278-1478.

vent testing and instrumentation exchange, said Kersey Jones, ATC's materials team chief and Ziegler's boss at ATC.

"Last year ATC and ARL signed a formal cooperative agreement, which helps ATC and ARL get essential work done when there's a surge in demand for services that ATC or ARL can't meet," Jones said.

ATC Commander Col. Andrew E. Ellis said ATC's collaboration with ARL means better customer service all around.

"There's a lot of talent at both organizations," he said. "Working together and supporting each other is what it's all about."

ATC and ARL partnership still growing strong

By Lena Goodman

ATC Public Affairs Office

When Aberdeen Test Center materials engineer Wayne Ziegler arrived for work at the Army Research Laboratory last week, he added one more link to a long chain of cooperative initiatives between ATC and ARL.

During Ziegler's six-month detail at ARL's Processing and Properties Branch, he will work with ARL personnel to analyze and determine the cause of three recent component failures on Apache and Blackhawk helicopters.

"We have taken advantage of the specialized expertise available at ATC and together

with our own in-house capabilities, have mobilized an effective metallurgical investigative team to combat the sudden surge of failures," said Victor K. Champagne, Ziegler's team leader at ARL. "Without him, it would be difficult to meet the Army's critical deadlines at this time."

ARL responds quickly when a structural component on an Army system fails, Champagne said, to find the cause of failure and correct the problem.

Such work is just one example of how ATC and ARL have worked together informally for years in areas such as mechanical testing, sol-

Chamber scholarship named for general

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce offers a series of 10 scholarships to qualified Harford County high school seniors, one of which is named in memory of a retired general.

The Maj. Gen. John G. Appel Leadership Scholarship acknowledges the growth, guidance, and influence that Appel, who died in 1995, had during his tenure with the chamber from 1975-1994.

Appel started his military career at the former Edgewood Arsenal in 1941, where he met his wife, the former Jane Delgar. At the conclusion of a 34-year military career, they retired in the area in 1975, and he joined the Harford County Chamber of Commerce. Within six months he became president of the chamber and saw membership jump from 30 to 70. Now the largest chamber in the state, membership numbers 1,200.

Appel was the driving force behind the establishment of a Military Affairs Committee for the chamber after observing the

close bond generated by such a committee in Anniston, Ala., in 1978. He chaired the committee for 10 years.

He began the chamber newsletter, then called "The Spokesman," and was key in promoting Military Appreciation Week, observed the week before Armed Forces Day each May. In 1994, he and his wife moved to Virginia.

Applications are available at area high school guidance offices, at the chamber office in Bel Air or by calling Upper Chesapeake Healthlink at 1-800-515-0044.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills.

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The Vocational/Technical Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is pursuing post secondary education in a vocational or technical field. The Teacher Education Scholarship will be awarded to a student interested in

a teaching career. The Returning Adult Scholarship will be awarded to someone who has been out of school for a minimum of three years and is planning to pursue post secondary education. The William H. Amoss Political Science/Paralegal Scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who is planning to attend Harford Community College to pursue a degree in political science or the paralegal field. This scholarship includes a paid internship. The Harford Leadership Academy is a co-sponsor.

The other scholarships will award two years of full tuition to seniors who maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average at HCC, and are the result of a partnership between local businesses, the chamber and Harford Community College Foundation, Inc.

The Business Scholarship and paid internship is sponsored in part by the Harford Financial Group and will be awarded to a student pursuing business at HCC.

exchange earnings."

In fiscal year 1997, AAFES earned \$337 million from retail, mail order and concession sales. Of that total, the Army and Air Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs received 69 percent, or \$233 million. The remaining 31 percent went to the AAFES capital improvement programs to build new facilities or renovate existing ones.

Over the past 10 years, AAFES

payments to MWR have totaled more than \$2 billion. The Army and Air Force spent this money on quality of life improvements for soldiers, airmen and their families, including arts and craft centers, recreational areas, youth centers, athletic equipment, child development centers, automotive skill centers and unit functions.

AAFES operates more than 10,500 retail, food, vending and service facilities worldwide. The

mission of providing quality merchandise and services to customers at uniformly low prices and generating reasonable earnings to support Army and Air Force MWR programs has guided AAFES throughout its history.

AAFES 1998 year-end results will be available this spring.

AAFES also seeks ways to improve services, such as the addition of fresh flowers available at the APG Post Exchange.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AIT student enjoyed time at APG

(The following letter was received via email from a former Advanced Individual Training student at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School.)

To the editor:

My name is Ernest Botello and I am a specialist in the Oklahoma Army National Guard. I did my AIT in APG from 2 January through 26 March as a 63J. I am just emailing you to tell you thanks for the valuable training in APG that I learned and the wonderful memories that I have of APG. I was in 16th Ordnance, Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon. I will never forget the AIT instructors or the drill sergeants I had as my leaders who told me not to give up and that AIT would not last forever. I feel as though they did a great job in teaching and training me to be a successful soldier. I carry the great memories of APG with me forever.

Ernest Botello

DLES thanks thrift shops for support

To the editor:

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, Law Enforcement Division, Crime Prevention Section, wishes to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the Thrift Shops located on the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

Each of the Thrift Shops made donations to support the Installation's Crime Prevention Program.

The Crime Prevention Program is dedicated to educating and assisting the community in being a safe place to live and work. This education is done through programs such as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog, Operation I.D., Bicycle Rodeos, Residential Home Surveys, and general education presentations.

Unfortunately, budgeting constraints have limited the Crime Prevention Section's ability to purchase many items vital to the success of some of the programs. The Thrift Shops recognize this shortcoming and continue to support the program as they have in the past years. They deserve everyone's thanks and appreciation.

DLES Crime Prevention Section

OC&S plans speaker, Gospel Night; special meal planned

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the Postwar World," for Imprint Publications; "Black Warriors from Lexington to the Persian Gulf," a series for The Washington Times; "The Tuskegee Airmen," for Air Force Magazine; and, "Blacks in the Military," for The National Interest.

He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1986, following an assignment as the Deputy Director of Air Force Plans for Planning Integration. A Vietnam veteran, Gropman also has taught at the National War College and was an associate dean of faculty. In addition to his role as a department chairman at ICAF, he is also the book review editor for "Air Power History."

Before joining the faculty at ICAF, Gropman worked as a senior principle analyst and program manager for the SYSCON Corporation in Washington, D.C., specializing in warfare simulation.

He is a well-known and respected lecturer with appearances at the National War College, Smithsonian, Air University, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, University of Maryland, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Australian College of Defence and Strategic Studies, and the Royal New Zealand Air Command and Staff College.

Gospel Night also scheduled

Coming up on Sunday will be

the OC&S 26th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Post Theater. More than 30 entertainers and gospel choirs will perform at this event, which is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Sfc. Thomas Stephanic, OC&S Equal Opportunity advisor, 410-278-5598; Sfc. James Davis, NCO Academy Equal Opportunity advisor, 410-278-7381; Sfc. Herbert Johnson, TECOM Equal Opportunity advisor, 410-278-1053; Sfc. Shelton Torbert, AMC Equal Opportunity advisor, 410-278-1534.

Dining facilities plan special meal

The annual Black History Month Meal is scheduled for Feb. 16, 5:30-7 p.m., at the post's three dining facilities.

The standard meal rate of \$3 applies to officers and enlisted members in the rank of sergeant and above and their guests, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests.

The discount meal rate of \$2.45 applies to enlisted personnel who are private through specialist/corporal, their families, and nonprofit youth groups permitted to eat in the dining facility.

On the menu will be old-fashioned bean soup, barbecued spareribs, fried and baked chicken, fried catfish, roast beef, pulled pork, blackeyed peas and ham hocks, greens with ham hocks, corn bread and a variety of side dishes, salads, desserts and beverages.

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Intramural basketball update

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C CO 16th	5-4
B CO 16th	4-5
E CO 16th	2-6
USAF	1-8

National Division games coming up are:

Feb. 11

6 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. C Co. 16th
7 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. USMC
8 p.m., USAF vs. A Co. 16th

Feb. 16

C Co. 16th vs. E Co. 16th
USMC vs. USAF

A Co. 16th vs. B Co. 16th

Feb. 18

USMC vs. B Co. 16th
C Co. 16th vs. A Co. 16th
USAF vs. E Co. 16th

American Division

Results

Feb. 1

NCOA, 38	KUSAHC, 25
HHC 16th, 62	HHC 143rd, 39
HHC 61st, 31	HST, 25

Feb. 3

KUSAHC, 44	HHC 143rd, 32
HHC 16th, 46	HST, 33
NCOA, 35	HHC 61st, 31

Standings

HHC 61st	.7-1
KUSAHC	.5-3
NCOA	.5-3
HHC 16th	.4-4
HST	.2-6
HHC 143rd	.1-7

Schedule

Feb. 17
6 p.m., HHC 61st vs. KUSAHC

7 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th

8 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HST

Hoyle Division

Results

Feb. 1

HHC 143rd, 62	MRICD, 38
B Co. 143rd, 41	SCBCOM, 26
A Co. 143rd, 36	520th, 27

Feb. 3

MRICD, 53	SCBCOM, 37
HHC 143rd, 40	520th, 19
B Co. 143rd, 38	A Co. 143rd, 34

Standings

HHC 143rd	.7-1
B Co. 143rd	.6-2
A Co. 143rd	.4-3
MRICD	.4-3
SCBCOM	.1-6
520th	.0-7

Hoyle Division games coming up are:

Feb. 17

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

Lady Bombers represent APG in basketball

Bombers, from front page

Garrison's Headquarters Support Troop, Tara Mattison of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Tracy Williams of the Marine Corps Detachment, and Sara Chatman, who asked to play on APG's team since there is no military installation near her at the University of Delaware, where she is in the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

"The team is diverse" says Chatman. "We all blend for the most part, and that's a really positive aspect of the team".

The team is rounded out by several civilians: Tawana Perkins, a military family member; Donna Dorsey of the APG Billeting Office; and Shantell Blair, who works for Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The newest members both come from the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory. Both Heidi Dudley and Ophelia Begay were interested in joining in November, but travel duty kept them from playing. However, they joined the team for a game, and Dudley said they hope to continue.

"I like basketball, and enjoy getting a

chance to play more," said Dudley, who also plays on the 520th TAML team, which has mostly male players. "Most of my assignments have been for training, so this is my first chance to play on an organizational team."

So far, 1999 has been less kind to the team, including two losses to Quantico and still-undefeated Andrews Air Force Base, but Simmonds said he and the team remain undaunted. In the Jan. 30 one-point loss to Quantico, 52-51, Sara Chatman led all scorers with 20 points and Donna Dorsey added 16, but it was not enough to take the win, Simmonds said. The game was tied at the half, and the lead changed hands many times in the second half.

"APG had the chance to score a few times in the last seconds of the game, but the shots didn't fall and we walked away with a disappointing loss," Simmonds said. "That was a game we should have won. Practice will help with that."

Another help were scrimmage games last weekend, as the Lady Bombers faced an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team called

the Maryland Sparks on Sunday.

"We have a lot to gain from scrimmage games and the tournament play in this weekend's Capitol Classic in D.C.," he said. "With team effort, we are going to make APG proud."

Even more help will come from fan support, said Marni Allison, APG sports director, who hopes to see more people at the games.

"Our next home conference game will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center against Walter Reed," she said. "We would love to see fans from APG pack the place."

Powell, who played basketball in Germany, said she would love to see the level of support teams received in Germany.

"In Germany, it may have been a 20-mile trip to the game, but the gym was packed," she said. "We're a team of good, competitive players. I would like to see more fans support us."

For more information about joining the team, or for a schedule of games, call the APG Sports Office, 410-278-4497.

(Nicole Falcone and Marni Allison contributed to this article.)

SPORTS SHORTS

Attention, fitness enthusiasts

The AA and EA Fitness Centers are looking for energetic, enthusiastic individuals with an interest in fitness to join the team. Receive training in helping others exercise and become fit. For more information, please contact Gwyn Dolzine, 410-278-9725.

Sign up for All Army Track and Field Team

Any active duty soldier interested in participating on the All Army Track and Field Team needs to submit an application to the Sports and Fitness Office in building 3320 by Feb. 11. Candidates are advised to read AR 215-1, section 20c-4, which reviews the standards for All Army participation and time requirements for track and field events. Applications can be picked up at the Sports Office or from any APG gymnasium. For more information, call Marni Allison, 410-278-4497.

Coaching positions open

The APG Sports Program is accepting applications for post-level coaches in softball, volleyball and soccer. APG's post-level teams participate in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference and play in round-robin tournament format on week-ends only. Once coaches are selected for each sport, player recruitment will take place. Applications for coaching are available in all gymnasiums and the APG Sports Office. For more information, contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

World Military Games coming up

The 1999 CISM World Military Games will take place Aug. 6-18 in Zagreb, Croatia. Applications are being accepted for the following sports: judo, canoe, marathon, diving, kayak, team handball, cycling, rowing, fencing, orienteering and swimming. All other team sports are selected from the Armed Forces Championships. Active duty military interested must submit an application to the APG Sports Office by Feb. 19. Those selected must have a current passport. For more information, call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497/9816.

Intramural racquetball tournament set

Register for the intramural racquetball tournament by Feb. 12. An organizational meeting will be held Feb 18, 2 p.m., at the APG Athletic Center for all military participants. The winners of this tournament will play the winners of the Civilian Racquetball Tournament for the title of Post Racquetball Champion.

Civilian racquetball tournament scheduled

The APG Sports Office is sponsoring a civilian racquetball tournament to coincide with this year's military intramural racquetball tournament. The tournament will be held in the APG Athletic Center Feb. 22-March 3. Games will be held in the evening, and may be scheduled at Hoyle Gym if necessary. The civilian champions will play the champions of the intramural tournament for the title of Post Racquetball Champion. Register by Feb. 12 at the APG Athletic Center or Hoyle Gym, or call the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7933/7934.

Interested in indoor soccer?

Anyone age 30 and older who is interested in playing indoor soccer on a league can call SSgt. Ken Whipple, 410-278-4525/6025, at HHC, 16th Ordnance Battalion. The league is open to anyone interested, military or civilian.

Soldiers needed for summer concert tour

Soldiers should apply by March 1 for the road crew of the 1999 Army Dog Days of Summer Concert Tour.

"We need a minimum of eight soldiers," said Jennifer Wicks, concert tour coordinator. "Some will need a commercial driver's license to drive the 18-wheelers and we want others who have technical experience with audio and lighting systems."

This assignment is not a 179-day sham, contrary to what some commanders and senior NCOs might think, said Mark Nixon, a former soldier and now chief technician who worked with the U.S. Army Soldier Show while on active duty in the early '90s.

"This is serious business and hard work," Nixon said. "During the concert season that runs from June to October, soldiers on the technical crew drive three 18-wheelers more than 12,000 miles, handle 52 tons of equipment including more than 11,000 feet of cable, 75 road cases and 615 pieces of stage platform and scaffolding."

The Dog Days of Summer Army Concert Tour

started in the continental United States five years ago in response to MWR customer surveys that said soldiers wanted top name entertainment at affordable prices on their installations. By contracting with a prominent promoter who has worked with chart-toppers such as Trisha Yearwood and Garth Brooks, the Army brings popular artists like Marc Chesnutt and Clay Walker to a dozen installations a year.

The cost is offset by commercial sponsorship from corporations like Miller Brewing Company, AT&T, and VISA and local media sponsors.

Active duty soldiers interested must submit an application which includes a resume of technical experience with references; DA Form 2a/2-1 outlining their military background; an official DA photo; and a letter of release from their commander. Send to:

Army Entertainment, ATTN: Jennifer Wicks
P.O. Box 439
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

For details, call Wicks at (703) 806-5062 (DSN 761) or e-mail wicksj@hoffman-cfsc.army.mil.

COMING UP...

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11 PRAYER BREAKFAST

The APG National Prayer Breakfast will be held in the social hall of the APG Chapel at 7 a.m. This year's guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Scott McChrystal, Staff Chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The guest soloist will be Sandy Nook. For details, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12 STREET ATTITUDE

Learn country dancing at Aberdeen American Legion Post 128, located on Parke Street. Intermediate West Coast Swing begins at 8 p.m., Street Attitude line dance at 8 p.m., and beginner West Coast Swing at 8:30 p.m. Open dancing from 8 p.m.-midnight. Admission is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members; every-

one is welcome. The dance is sponsored by the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

St. James A.M.E. Church School, 617 Green St., Havre de Grace, celebrates Black History Month with African-American Storyteller Tunki Baku, noon-3 p.m. All ages are welcome; admission is free.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17 HEALTH PLAN VISIT

A claim representative of the Government Employees Hospital Association (GEHA) Health Plan will visit APG, arranged by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, in building 305, room B-14, 10 a.m.-noon. No appointment is necessary. For details, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20 BIG AWARDS, DANCE

The Susquehanna Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG) will present its first Awards Dinner Dance at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Chesapeake in Aberdeen. Proceeds will benefit the BIG Youth Scholarship Program. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call Jackie Pitts, 410-273-7915, or any BIG member.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21 WEDDING RENEWAL

The Roman Catholic congregations of the post chapels will hold a Mass of Renewal at the Bayou Restaurant on Pulaski Highway in Havre de Grace for those wishing to renew their marriage vows. The mass will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. Entree choices are veal, prime rib and rockfish. The cost is \$20 per couple for parishioners, and

\$20 per person for guests. Make checks payable to the Chaplain's Fund. For more information and reservations, call Connie Richardson, 410-676-0179, or the Edgewood Area Chapel, 410-436-4109, by Feb. 17.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26 JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS), will co-host a Job Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Spates Hall, NCO Club, Fort Myer, Va. More than 60 companies with full or part-time positions have been invited. Job seekers can talk to representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others. The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members,

retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552/3279.

TUESDAY MARCH 2 ONE CHURCH

The Harford County Drug/Alcohol Impact Program (DAIP) will sponsor a One Church - One Addict Team Training. Training will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Harford County Administrative building, 2nd Floor conference room, 220 S. Main St., Bel Air, Md. This training will help to develop a Congregational Team Ministry to support members in the process of recovery. It will help Team Members gain an understanding of alcohol and other drug addictions. Training is free and beverages and desserts will be provided. Feel free to bring a "brown bag dinner." For more information or to register, call the DAIP at 410-638-3333.

MONDAY MARCH 8 FCC INTERVIEWS

Interviews for Family Child Care training are being held through March 11, for training to be held March 15-19. Applicants interested in providing home-based child care, especially in the Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply. Call 410-278-8720.

TUESDAY MARCH 16 TEAM TRAINING

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TUESDAY MARCH 22 BINGO FOR HEALTH

The Harford County Drug/Alcohol Impact Program will sponsor a "Healthiness is Yelling BINGO" senior citizen education program, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Ave., Bel Air. Cost to play bingo is \$2 per person. Reservations are required. Prizes, blood pressure screenings, health exhibits, medication reviews by pharmacists, and lunch is included. Call 410-638-3333 to save a seat.

FRIDAY MAY 7 DUCKS UNLIMITED

The 18th Annual Decoy Wildlife Art and Sportsman Festival will be held at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Havre de Grace High and Middle Schools, 6-9 p.m. The Decoy Festival offers a unique insight into the fascinating world of decoy carving and collecting. Cost of admission is \$5 per day or \$8 for a weekend pass. Free parking and shuttle bus transportation are available, as is handicap accessibility. Tour buses are welcome. The event will continue Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 410-939-3739.

MWR UPDATE

Sign up for Polar Bear Run

Register for the annual Polar Bear 10K Road Race and 5K Fun Run scheduled for Feb. 27. Registration costs \$10 through Feb. 12, and \$12 Feb. 13-19. Race-day registration is \$15. The race will start at 9 a.m. at the APG Athletic Center. Entry forms are available in all APG gymnasiums. Long-sleeved T-shirts will be given to all registered 10K runners and medals will be awarded to the top racers in each age group.

The 5K Fun Run is free and registration is not required. There will be no awards in this event and T-shirts will be available for purchase. For more information, call Donna Coyne, race coordinator, 410-278-7934.

Get fit

The Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center located in building 320 is a full-service facility. For one small fee, you can workout in a pleasant, helpful, friendly environment. The center has several types of cardiovascular equipment, free weights and aerobic and toning classes, plus certified instructors and both aerobic and personal trainers. 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 further information call 410-278-9725/9759.

BOSS meeting scheduled

There will be a BOSS meeting (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) on Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center. All BOSS members and potential members are requested to attend this organizational meeting. For information call Ralph Cuomo at 410-278-4402/4056.

Apply for boat club

The Spesutie Island Boat Club is accepting applications for the 1999 season. Membership is open to those authorized to participate in APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. You must provide proof of insurance for your boat and registration. Cost of keeping a boat is \$9.50 a foot for mooring, \$6.50 per foot for lot storage, and \$6 per foot ramp access. For applications, stop by building 36 or call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4402.

Make reservations now

Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations from APG organizations for the 1999 picnic season. Maryland Boulevard and Skipper's Point may be reserved now for organizational day picnics and parties. Shore Pool and Woodpecker Point Picnic Areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. On-post organizations have reservation priority through Feb. 14. Off-post organizations and groups may make reservations beginning Feb. 16. Call 410-278-4124. CAPA Field is reserved through the Civilian Welfare Fund; call 410-278-4603.

Outdoor Recreation space

The Outdoor Recreation AA and EA RV Storage lots have spaces available and are open to all MWR patrons. Access to the lots is available 24 hours per day. The monthly fee is \$12 for items up to 20 feet in length. Vehicles over 20 feet cost an additional 60 cents per foot. Vehicles must be registered and insured. Contact the Equipment Resource Center, 410-278-4124, or stop by building 2407 for information.

EA Arts and Crafts

Porcelain Doll Class: A beginning Porcelain Doll Class will be held on Feb. 12, 19 and 26, 9:30 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$30 and pre registration is required.

Ceramic Pouring: Learn to pour your own greenware on Saturday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. Registration is required.

Framing Class: Matting and Framing for Beginners will be held Feb. 25, 5:30-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus approximately \$40 for supplies. Students must bring an 8x10-inch photo or piece of artwork to frame. Registration is required.

Custom Framing: The center provides custom framing. For prices and information bring your piece in for an estimate. Stop by Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 410-436-2153 or visit building E-4440.

AA Framing Shop

Basic Framing Classes: Learn the basics of framing by attending a class at the AA Arts and Crafts Center. Bring an 8x10-inch picture and take home the finished product. Classes are held the first Saturday of each month. Class fee is \$15 plus supplies.

Custom Framing: If you don't want to do it yourself, the center offers professional custom framing. Bring your piece to the center for a free consultation.

Custom Engraving: Custom plaque-making and engraving is available at the Arts and Crafts Center. Choose from the display of plaques and finishing touches and create a memento that comes from the heart. For more information, call 410-278-4207, or stop by building 2407.

ITR has specials

Hop around Disney: The ITR Office has new Walt Disney World prices. Four-Day Park Hopper: \$162 per adult; \$129 per child, ages 3-9 years. Five-Day Park Hopper: \$187.50 per adult; \$150 per child, ages 3-9 years. Park Hopper passes allow patrons to move back and forth between Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's MGM Studios or Disney's Animal Kingdom parks only. Any unused days are valid until used. Six-day All-In-One: \$250 per adult; \$197.50 per child, ages 3-9 years. Seven-day All-In-One: \$272.50 per adult; \$217 per child, ages 3-9 years. All-In-One passes offer the same benefits as the Four and Five-Day Park Hopper passes plus Pleasure Island, Disney World Water Parks, Discovery Island Park & Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex. Admission to sporting events requiring a separate charge are not included. Seven-Day All-In-One passes are special ordered, and patrons are asked to pay two weeks in advance. Disney provided transportation are monorails, ferryboats and motorcoaches. For more information, call Rose Bailey or Janie Waiters at 410-278-4011.

Apple Vacations has many other destination points! For more information, call Angelika Williams or Tracy Brown at Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 410-273-1184.

Recreation Facilities: The ITR Office receives calls daily on Armed Forces Recreation Centers. Here is a list of recreation facilities: The Shades of Green (Walt Disney World) 288 Rooms

Reservations 407-824-3600; Hale Koa Hotel (Waikiki Beach/Oahu, HI) 815 Rooms

Reservations 1-800-367-6027; Dragon Hill Lodge (Seoul, Korea) 299 Rooms. Visit the Army's web site at

www.armymwr.com for additional information about the AFRCs and other Army morale, welfare and recreations programs. For Army or Navy Lodging call 1-800-Go-Army-1, or 1-800-Navy-Inn.

Hit the slopes

The ITR Office has ski lift tickets for Roundtop, Liberty, Camelback, and Montage ski resorts. For more information, call Rose Bailey or Janie Waiters at 410-278-4011. Ski Liberty or Roundtop: 5-10 p.m., \$22; mid week eight-hour (non-holiday), \$27.50; weekend/holiday eight-hour, \$38; Learn To Ski, ages 8 and up, Sunday-Friday, non-holiday, \$32. Camelback: night, \$19; mid-week \$27; weekend/holiday \$42. Montage: night, \$16.50; mid-week \$23.50; weekend/holiday \$31; Learn To Ski, ages 11 and up, \$31. The ITR staff has received many calls for ski reports. For ski equipment/rental information call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 410-278-4124.

Ski Colorado

Carlson Wagonlit Travel can help you plan a ski trip in Colorado. Ski down the slopes of Keystone, Breckenridge, Summit County, Vail, or Beaver Creek. Visit during low season, April 1-10; or high season, Feb. 10-March 31. Three and seven night trips are available. Vacations include: round-trip air to Denver; hotel accommodations; rental car; and air and hotel taxes. For more information on US Airways Vacations, call Tracy Brown or Angelika Williams at 410-273-1184.

Valentine's vacation

Apple Vacations and Carlson Wagonlit Travel wants to send you and your sweetheart to Punta Cana. For seven nights beach lovers can enjoy an all-inclusive getaway for unbelievably low prices starting at \$898 per person! Punta Cana is a watersport lover's playground. Surrounded by the clear turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. Offer is good through April 30. Non-stop flights are available from BWI and Philadelphia. (Prices are per person based on double occupancy, and include round-trip non-stop airfare; seven nights hotel accommodations, airport transfers, hotel taxes, and gratuities. U.S. and foreign departure taxes and airport fees are not included.) If seven nights are too long try the three and four night getaways from Philadelphia or BWI for as low as \$678.

Rent ski equipment

The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center has head-shaped skis and conventional skis for rental. Shaped skis are the latest revolution in the ski industry. Outdoor Recreation also offers conventional skis in sizes 100 to 200 cm. Skis, boots and poles are available separately or as a package at reasonable rates. Get a complete package of skis, boots and poles for \$14 per day. The center's rental policy allows you to pick up skis on Friday after 3 p.m. and return them by noon on Sunday for a one-day charge. The center also gives 25 percent off all ski equipment rented for four or more days. Snowboards, size 125, 143, 151, and 159, are available for \$15 per day (boots not included). Whether you are a skier or shredder, you'll appreciate bibs (pants) and car ski racks for \$5 a day. The center ski tuning shop is now in operation. Have your skis hot waxed, edges sharpened, and p-texed. Visit the Equipment Resource Center for an update on the latest conditions at nearby ski areas. Call 410-278-4124/5789 for hours and details.

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled from Feb. 11-17 on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3:

THURSDAY, Feb. 11
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

FRIDAY, Feb. 12
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Two Minute Report - Arctic Training in Alaska

MONDAY, Feb. 15
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

TUESDAY, Feb. 16
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Two Minute Report - Arctic Training in Alaska

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

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

MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed Feb. 12-13 for the 26th Annual Will Davis Gospel Night scheduled for Feb. 14.

LEAVE DONATION

These employees are eligible to receive donations through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
Lena Blethen;
John Boyle (surgery);
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
Alberta Brown (mother ill);
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
Linda Brown (diabetic);
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
Cara Coe (maternity);
Dawn Crouse (surgery);
Tamara Dawson (maternity);
Dennis Green;
Herman Hensley;
Gordon Herron (Wife has cancer)
Joseph Hill (heart problems);
Judy Hunt (arthopathy);
Eldon Jerome James (lung cancer and brain tumor);
Marcia Johnson (Down's Syndrome child requires surgery);
Mary Johnson (surgery);
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
Beverly King (caring for husband);
Barbara LaGrange (Hodgkins Disease);
Patricia LaGrange;
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
Lesley Parker (daughter has seizures);
Cathleen (Higgins) Perry;
Jack Pollitt (caring for wife);
Churon Ringgold;
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
John Sheppard (colon cancer);
Rita Sluder (mother has cancer);
Walter Taylor (auto accident);
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
Deborah Tredway (car accident);
Joseph Walker (Wife has cancer)
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
Kenneth Weathers (medical);
Frank Winters (surgery).

For information about donating annual leave; call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or send a fax to 410-278-8839.

Just another soldier...

Harford County World War II veteran recalls the teamwork that got him through combat

By Mike Cast
USAEC Public Affairs Office

When Jim Smith recalls the Battle of the Bulge, his thoughts turn to heavy artillery barrages and “horrendous” weather combat troops endured during one of the worst winters on record in central Europe.

“The ground was too frozen to dig a foxhole,” he said. “You had to be chipping, chipping, chipping.”

Smith, who experienced World War II as a paratrooper with the 17th Airborne Division’s 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), visited Edgewood Elementary School in December to describe life as a paratrooper to students during a “Military Appreciation Day” sponsored by the school. He is used to interacting with students, having spent 30 years working for the Harford County school system as a coach, assistant principal and supervisor of school transportation before retiring in 1980. His daughter, Allyn Watson, is principal of Edgewood Elementary School.

Smith emphasizes that he was “just another soldier doing his job” and downplayed his role in the war. But, like most World War II veterans, he is justifiably proud of his service and has vivid memories.

“You had to volunteer for the paratroops,” he said, recalling how he enlisted on July 1, 1943, not long after graduating from high school in a Philadelphia suburb. After basic training, his four weeks of jump school at Fort Benning, Ga., included four daytime jumps and one night jump, earning his Airborne

wings. Jump-school attendees had to pay close attention to their tasks, and had a strong motivation.

“We packed our own chutes, and we jumped with the chutes we packed,” he explained.

Jump school was followed by training at Fort Bragg, N.C., maneuvers in Tennessee and brief tour of duty near Boston. In August 1944, Smith’s unit was shipped from New England to Liverpool, England, and then to Salisbury. They were in Salisbury in December 1944 when the Germans began the “breakthrough” offensive in the Ardennes Forest that became known as the Battle of the Bulge.

“Around the 20th of December, they sent us in to fill a gap in the line,” Smith recalled. “It was such a quick move, we didn’t even have time to get the proper winter equipment. We didn’t have good equipment for our feet or overcoats. The weather was horrendous. We lost a lot of guys with frozen feet. People were losing toenails because of freezing feet.”

The 17th Airborne Division joined in the fight to help the 101st Airborne break free of the German encirclement of Bastogne, Smith said.

“We made an initial attack on January 4th,” he said. “Unfortunately, we ran into a lot of Panzers. They surrounded most of my company, and they captured many in the company. I think we were down to about 30 men at one point.”

The 513th PIR saw action in the Ardennes Forest until February 1945, when the unit was relieved by

replacements and sent to Nancy, France, to get fresh troops and supplies.

The following month, on March 24, the 17th Airborne Division joined with the British 6th Airborne Division for a jump across the Rhine River at Wesel, Germany, where the Rhine flows northward into the Netherlands. The objective was to seal off some key bridges across canals in this area and along the river. The “Varsity Campaign,” as it was called, involved airborne troops jumping from C-46 aircraft and landing in gliders towed by C-47s. A smoke-screen had been laid down to shield the planes from anti-aircraft fire, Smith said, but the wind had blown it away, allowing the Germans a clear view of the incoming aircraft.

“The Germans had been forewarned we were coming in that area, and there were heavy concentrations of anti-aircraft fire,” Smith recalled. “The Germans had sent out a radio broadcast beforehand that said, ‘Your chutes don’t have to open because you will be walking down on flak.’”

The C-46 aircraft in which his unit rode to the drop zone were vulnerable, Smith said, because their fuel tanks were not protected by armor, as was the case with the C-47s pulling the gliders. Several of the planes went down in flames, in some cases before the airborne troops inside could jump out.

“We lost 24 men who went down with their aircraft,” Smith said. “The worst thing was seeing the plane near you go down with your buddies.”

The glider troops didn’t have an easy time of it either, Smith said, because of the small size of the fields and pastures in which they were forced to land.

“That area of Germany was predominantly small dairy farms, where there might be five to eight acres before you hit a fence,” he said. “So when the gliders came into the pastures, they had no running room and flipped over on fences.”

While Smith’s plane was peppered with anti-aircraft shell fragments, the troops inside were hooked up and ready to bail out, with Smith in the rear as the platoon sergeant. An inexperienced lieutenant ahead of him froze in the door and delayed the remaining paratroopers until a more seasoned veteran behind him shoved him out, Smith recalled. The delay caused Smith to miss the drop zone by a few miles.

He also had difficulty getting free of the plane because it was beginning to roll back and forth when he reached the door. He managed to clear the C-46, but after his chute opened he realized he was coming down too fast because it had holes in it. He pulled the cord on his reserve parachute at the last minute, but still hit the ground hard enough to jar his left knee and wrist.

“I hobbled into a wooded area, and then the British came in, so I got hooked up with a British artillery unit,” he said. “I helped them unload some ammo packages, but I wasn’t doing my unit any good, so I had to find my way back to them.”

His unit was very successful in that operation, he added, taking “all of its objectives within 24 hours” of assembling on the ground.

The grimness of war was sometimes relieved by “humorous” situations, Smith said. He recalled one

such encounter with some dispirited German troops who were eager to surrender to someone.

“We faced some tough Panzer troops at the Battle of the Bulge, but the troops we encountered by this time were not Germany’s finest. You still ran into some that were hostile diehards, but late in the war the Germans were also using young boys and old men who really didn’t have that much fight in them.

“I remember going down this wooded area that had a path in it, sort of a logging trail. I was going down this trail when I heard a noise behind me. I turned around, and there were 15 or 20 Germans coming down the path with their hands up, yelling ‘Nicht schiessen!, Nicht schiessen!’ (Don’t shoot!). They already had their hands up, and when I yelled

‘Haende hoch!’ (Hands up!), they held them up even higher.”

Seeing the lack of fighting spirit in these troops, Smith allowed them to proceed to an area where military police were rounding up prisoners.

“I thought about it later,” he said with a chuckle, “and I thought, ‘I should follow these guys with my rifle, and I’ll look like Sergeant York.’”

He also recalled the chaos that ensued at the university town of Muenster, another German locale where his unit pulled wartime duty, when animals in the local zoo broke down the fence and escaped into the city. Some of the men in his platoon were surprised to run into elephants and other exotic animals on city streets.

“Sometimes you see some of the humorous things in combat situations, and not just the anguish of it,” he said.

Following occupation duty in the Duesseldorf area, Smith’s unit was relieved and sent back to the area of Nancy, France. The 17th Airborne Division was deactivated shortly after that, and Smith returned to the United States to resume life as a civilian and enter college. He attended Temple University from 1946 until 1950, where he majored in physical education and played football for four years.

He said he received “a break” after college when he learned Harford County needed a coach at North Harford High School. He coached soccer, basketball and boys’ varsity softball there for five years, then went to Aberdeen High School in 1955 to become football coach. He coached football for four years and then began coaching basketball and track teams.

For his coaching career, which spanned 1950 to 1970, he was inducted into the Maryland Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1995.

He was assistant principal at Edgewood Junior High School (now Edgewood Middle School) for five-and-a-half years, and supervised transportation in the Bel Air and Fallston school areas from 1975 until retirement in 1980.

The spirit of teamwork that guided his coaching career is linked to the ethic that guided him through the war years.

“The big thing I realized in combat, the one thing that kept me going, was the fact that you didn’t want to let a guy next to you down,” Smith said. “I really think it comes back to teamwork. We were a team, and we had to help each other.”

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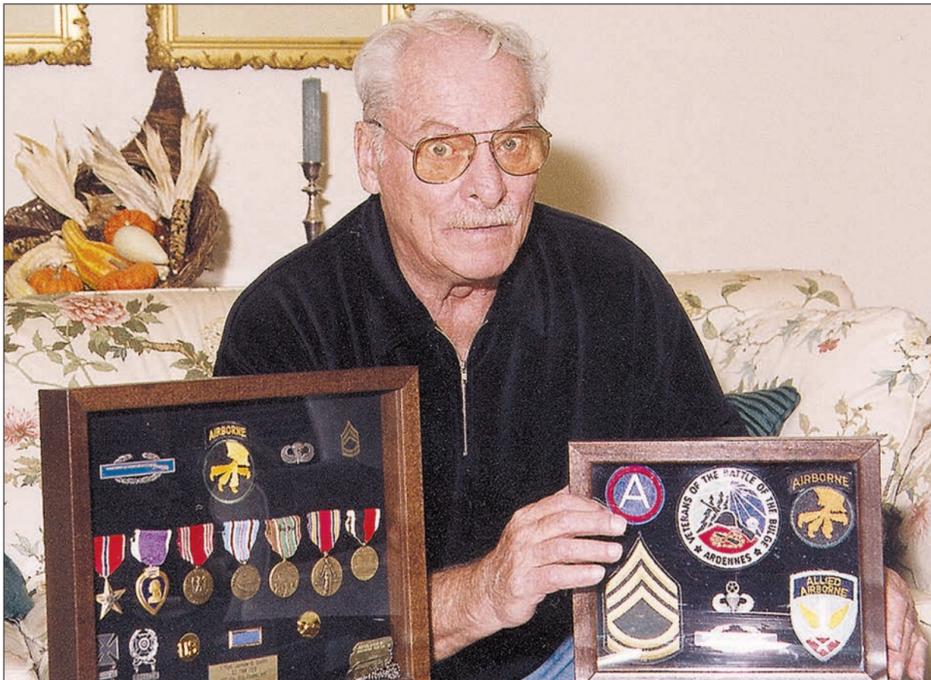


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Jim Smith displays some of the insignias he garnered as a veteran of combat in World War II.