

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 27, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Volunteer packets located around post

APG Volunteer of the Year nomination packets are available at the post libraries, Army Community Service, and the Installation Volunteer Office in building 2752. Submit nominations to the Installation Volunteer Office by Feb. 17. Volunteer service in or for the APG community between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1998, is eligible. For information call Alice Surette, installation volunteer coordinator 410-278-5469.

### RAB Meeting set

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Installation Restoration Program will meet Jan. 28, 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. Topics include the Carroll Island Study Area and the Graces Quarters Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Reminder to family housing occupants

To prevent frozen pipes and possible damage to government quarters, disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets, and keep storm windows and garages closed. During cold temperatures, allow your kitchen water faucets to drip to prevent water lines from freezing.

### Have patience with Photo Lab

The APG Photo Lab currently is understaffed due to illnesses of two staff members. Members of the office ask those who need official DA photos or other photo support to have patience and to verify appointments before arriving for photos. For information, call the Photo Lab at 410-278-3391.

### Get help with parenting issues

Get more out of parent/teen relationships through Army Community Service. Meetings will be held Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Jan. 21-Feb. 25, at ACS, building 2754. For information, call Peggy Horne, ACS Family Advocacy Program, 410-278-3784/7474. The ACS S.T.E.P. class (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) started Wednesday and will be held through Feb. 24, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at ACS. Bring a bag lunch.

### Red Cross has classes scheduled

The American Red Cross will offer an Instructor's Candidate Course on Feb. 1 in the Red Cross conference room in building 2477. The one-week class will be held Monday-Friday, 6-10 p.m. The prerequisite is certification in Community First Aid and Safety. Cost is \$50.

A Community First Aid and Safety Class will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, and Friday, March 19. The class is held from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Register soon because spaces are limited. Cost is \$25. Upon completion you

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Photo by JIM POTTIE

A crow harasses an eagle perched on a tree at APG. More than 150 eagles call the installation home, according to this year's count.

## Eagle population still soars

# Annual count reveals 'stable, growing' population of 151

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's eagle population is holding strong, according to the annual survey held earlier this month.

Post environmental personnel counted 151 birds on Jan. 10, said Jim Pottie, wildlife biologist with APG Garrison's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.

"It was cold, with a lot of ice, when we did the count," Pottie said. "That changes the dispersion of the birds. Usually, they are widely dispersed. When there's a lot of ice, they have to go where the food is."

Flying along the tree line in a Huey helicopter just after dawn, Pottie tallied the eagles with Dr. Jim Bailey, APG's wetlands biologist, Steve Wampler, environmental protection specialist in charge of APG's Chesapeake Bay Program, and Tim McNamara, director of safety, health and environment.

Pottie also added thanks to Phillips Army Airfield for providing aircraft and pilots for the survey.

The pilots flew the four men in a prescribed route, marking the location of eagles they spotted on a map. After about four hours of flying, they returned to APG to total up the numbers.

An eagle-friendly habitat generally is plentiful in water and fish and short on people and industry. APG's vast acres of undeveloped land along the Chesapeake Bay have made the installation and

surrounding area a haven for eagles. The annual count, which began nearly two decades ago, has tracked the progress of the population from just 10 eagles counted in 1982 to today's population of 151.

Ten years ago, the count at APG stood at 101 eagles. Today, the bird has rebounded from near-extinction after the pesticide DDT nearly wiped out the species by weakening eagle egg shells. A ban on DDT, a once-common pesticide, helped the eagle make the move from the "endangered" to "threatened" list in 1995.

Eagles prefer fish, which is one reason the proving ground area is so hospitable for the birds. However, their secondary food source is ducks, also common to the area, Pottie said.

Last year's count was about 138 birds, so this year's count is a good sign that the population is doing well, he added.

"The numbers are following the long-term trend line for growth, which is positive," Pottie said.

The final tally was 80 adults and 71 immature eagles, found both on APG and along the Susquehanna River.

"A new hot spot was seen just north of the railroad bridge on the Gunpowder River in the new nature area," Pottie said. "A nest was present and an adult was in the nest."

The group saw about 25 birds in that area, he added.

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# HIV-positive soldier guilty

## Squires disobeyed orders, failed to tell most partners about her medical status

By E.C. Starnes  
Ordnance Corps Corporate Affairs

An HIV-positive soldier pleaded guilty Jan. 19 to nine specifications of disobeying the orders of a superior officer, nine specifications of aggravated assault, and one specification of making a false statement to investigators.

Pfc. Gerland Squires, who has been in pre-trial confinement in the Marine Corps brig at Quantico since October 1998, entered a guilty plea during a general court-martial at APG Tuesday, to:

- nine violations of Article 90 (disobeying a superior commis-

sioned officer) by willfully disobeying the orders of her company commander to inform her partners of her HIV-positive medical status prior to engaging in sexual intercourse and to use protection when engaging in sexual intercourse.

- nine violations of Article 128 (aggravated assault) for assault with a dangerous weapon or means likely to produce death or grievous bodily harm by not informing nine sexual partners of her HIV-positive status and/or having unprotected sex, therefore putting them at risk of death or

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# APG wins award for preventing pollution

Aberdeen Proving Ground is one of the winners of the Secretary of the Army 1998 Environmental Awards.

According to an official memorandum issued from the Pentagon Dec. 29, APG won the award for Pollution Prevention in the non-industrial installation category.

Maj. Gen. David A. Whaley, the Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, notified this year's 17 winners on behalf of the Hon. Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army.

Each year, the Secretary of the Army environmental awards recognize installation, team or individual efforts in Natural

Resources Conservation, Cultural Resources Management, Environmental Quality, Pollution Prevention, Pollution Prevention Weapons System Acquisition, Recycling and Environmental Cleanup. Ten installation, three team and four individual awards – will be presented this year.

Winners are nominated to the Secretary of Defense Environmental Security Awards Competition. Army and Department of Defense award winners will be honored at Pentagon ceremonies on April 26 and April 27, respectively.

Following are the 1998 winners and honorable mentions for

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# CAC meeting offers winter weather tips for residents

By Meghan Heimbach  
APG News

Protecting your home from cold winter weather was just one topic covered at the Community Action Council Meeting on Jan. 7.

Lt. Col. Thomas P. Kuchar, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison director of public works, commented on recent problems with pipes bursting due to cold weather.

"This is a very trying time of the year," he said. "We ask you to bear with us and we will do whatever we can for everyone."

Kuchar reminded post residents to disconnect hoses outside to help reduce the risk of pipes bursting. He also suggested that housing occupants let faucets

drip on cold nights to keep water circulating to avoid freezing.

To avoid cold temperatures within the post quarters, Kuchar asked housing residents to remember to keep exterior garage doors closed over night.

Residents who experience a water line break or problems with their heating can call the service order desk at 410-306-1400 in the Aberdeen Area, 410-436-3731 in the Edgewood Area.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison commander, discussed the closing of the Edgewood Area Mobile Home Park and the Lee Court apartments, both located off post. Spidel said both will be shut down and families will be moved out by the end of

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# OC&S plans events to honor history of African-Americans

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School will sponsor and host two events during February, which is African-American/Black History Month.

On Feb. 14, OC&S will host the 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.

On Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-noon at the Post Theater, Dr. Alan

Gropman, a professor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, will discuss "Blacks in American Military History."

Admission to both events is free and all are invited. For more information, contact Sfc. Thomas Stephanic, OC&S Equal Opportunity advisor, 410-278-5598, or Sfc. Shelton Torbert, APG Garrison Equal Opportunity Advisor, 410-278-1534.

FROM THE COMMANDER

# APG remembers contributions of African-Americans

Last week, we celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the commemorative prayer breakfast, and on Monday we all enjoyed the national holiday in his honor.

These activities celebrate the ideals of Dr. King - unity, respect and equality for everyone - and realize the profound impact of his beliefs and leadership. They also lead us into African-American/Black History Month, a time when we concentrate on raising awareness about the contributions and achievements of African-Americans.

Accomplishments of great African-Americans are prominent throughout our history, and the history of the U.S. military contains a wealth of such stories.

African-Americans have served our military since the Revolutionary War, when 3,000 African-American soldiers fought for our country's independence. Nearly 180,000 African-Americans served the Union during the Civil War, several earning Medals of Honor for their sacrifices and valor.

During World War I, more than 400,000 African-American men and women served with distinction, although they remained in

segregated units. After supporting the French for 191 days on the front lines, the 36th Infantry Regiment received the French Croix de Guerre for bravery in combat. During the flu epidemic of 1918, African-American nurses became famous for serving their country and practicing their profession with great skill and determination.

The Selective Service Act of 1940 called Americans to duty during World War II. One million African-Americans answered that call. Some of these great Americans were selected for pilot training and became known as the "Tuskegee Airmen." They distinguished themselves, performing feats never before accomplished by fighter pilots. One of the most famous Tuskegee fighter pilots is the late Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., whose military success includes service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, where he flew 78 combat missions with unprecedented accomplishments.

General James became the first African-American, four-star general in the U.S. Air Force from Sept. 1, 1975, to his retirement on Feb. 1, 1978. He died 21 days later and

is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His image is on public display at the Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981, calling for equal opportunity and equal treatment for all members of the armed forces, but full segregation did not end in the military until the 1960s.

Change came through the civil rights movement and the brave efforts and sacrifices of Dr. King and others. Leaders realized America must give and practice equal opportunity for all Americans. Change is being made through the fairness, decency and respect of the great majority of American people.

More than ever before, African-Americans - like Americans of every other race - are advancing in their military careers. And, as they rise in rank and responsibility, they lead soldiers of every race, who are integrated throughout the military services of the United States of America.

We who serve our great country, military and civilian, are proud of our diversity, our



special heritages and unique traditions. But regardless of our roots, we hold one common bond. First, last, and always - we are Americans.

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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.

### 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.

### School-age children wanted

School-Age Services is looking for children enrolled in first through eighth grades to join the program. School-Age Services (SAS) is a before- and after-school program that offers a safe and fun place for children while parents are at work. The program is located in building 2522 in the Aberdeen Area, and building E-1902 in the Edgewood Area. Bus service is provided by Harford County to Aberdeen Middle and Royce-Williams Elementary schools in Aberdeen and Edgewood Elementary and Middle schools in Edgewood. The program offers activities such as sports, arts and crafts, homework assistance, computer lab, snacks and music. For more information on the SAS Program, call 410-278-4995 in the Aberdeen Area and 410-436-2862 in the Edgewood Area.

### Promotion board for NCOs

A Department of the Army Selection Board is scheduled to convene on Feb. 4 to consider soldiers for promotion to master sergeant and, review sergeant first class records for possible DA bar to reenlistment and subsequent separation under the Qualitative

Management Program (QMP). Eligibility criteria for promotion consideration to master sergeant is: all sergeants first class with a date of rank of July 31, 1996, and earlier and with a BASD between Feb. 28, 1978, and Jan. 31, 1991, (both dates inclusive). Primary Zone DOR is July 31, 1995, and earlier; secondary zone DOR is Aug. 1, 1995-July 31, 1996. Eligibility criteria for QMP consideration: All sergeants first class with a DOR of Feb. 28, 1998, and earlier and a BASD of Feb. 28, 1978, or later. NCOs who are in the zones of consideration may review their records in building 310, wing 9, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. For details, call Sgt. Henson, NCOIC, Enlisted Records, 410-278-3460.

### NAF Open Season extended

Because of delays in getting information to Nonappropriated Fund employees, NAF Open Season has been extended to Jan. 31 for employees who need more time to decide the coverage they want. Employees electing new or changing existing coverage after Dec. 31 but before Jan. 31 will have coverage effective on Feb. 1. Deductions from pay will commence on Feb. 4. Contact NAF-CPO at 410-278-5126/5127 if you have questions or want an appointment to change your medical or life insurance.

### EA Thrift Shop needs accountant

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, located in building E-1633 at the corner of Wise and Stark roads, is now interviewing applicants for the position of bookkeeper. The current bookkeeper will soon be leaving, and she would like the opportunity to interview and train the successful applicant. The shop is open Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and, provided that it does not encompass a holiday weekend, the first Saturday of the month from 10 to 2. For further information about duties and salary, call 410-676-4733 during the business hours listed.

### Send in soup labels to CDC

The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center collects 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. Your label donations may be dropped off at the AA CDC, building 2485 at the box in the front lobby or you may mail them to the AA CDC, building 2485. Call Kim Fillinger at 410-278-9950 or 410-939-5950 for more details.

### Schools seek receipts, labels

The Aberdeen Middle School and Edgewood Elementary School Parent-Teacher Associations are seeking donations of 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. Products included are: Franco American, Marie's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Swanson, V8 and Vlasic.

Mail 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).

### APG Tutorial Program volunteers needed

The post is seeking support for the APG Tutorial Program, which provides volunteer tutors to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in school. Counselors in each school select students who need help, want help and can benefit from tutorial assistance. The counselor informs the student's parents of the program. The parents contact the APG program coordinator, who selects an appropriate tutor from the list of volunteers. The tutor contacts the student's family to set up a mutually agreeable place and schedule for help. Most tutors meet with their students for an hour or two each week until the student is on track, usually within two months. No teaching experience is necessary to participate. Call Peggy Horne, Army Community Service, 410-278-7474/4372; Joyce Harris, 410-278-1417; or Bill Starke, 410-436-1712.

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## ACQUISITION UPDATE

# Market research is a way of life

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA) establishes the emphasis on market research (MR) and describing agency needs. The act prescribes a preference for the acquisition of commercial items (CIs) to satisfy agency needs and requires the MR be conducted prior to developing new specifications, and soliciting bids/proposals for contracts in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold - more than \$100,000.

The purpose of MR before is to identify available CIs or nondevelopmental items that:

- can meet requirements (item currently available that meets agency's function/performance and schedule needs);
- can be modified to meet requirements (item available that meets agency's functional/performance and schedule needs);
- could meet the requirements if the requirements were modified to a reasonable extent (challenge requirements, bring requirements in line with commercial market capabilities, can need be modified).

MR is a continuous process, which can be, performed any many points throughout the acquisition including prior to developing a performance spec or making the commerciality determination. It can even continue after the contract award.

The purpose of MR is to arrive at the most suitable approach to acquiring, distributing, and supporting supplies and services. We want to focus on business practices as much as on the attributes of the product. We need to understand how the commercial sector handles such items as warranties, maintenance, marking/packaging, buyer financing, etc.

Who performs MR? Everyone does! Ideally, contracting officers or a procurement team should partner with using/requiring activities on MR as soon as needs are forecast and as part of acquisition planning. If not possible prior to this point, contracting officers and their technical representatives should begin MR upon receipt and acceptance of the purchase request. MR continues throughout the presolicitation and solicitation phases, as new information becomes available and as more decisions are made.

MR has two parts - surveillance and investigation. Surveillance can be characterized as active and continuous participation in ones

technical profession. Investigation can be characterized as focusing on market knowledge. Potential sources of information are:

- Active membership in professional organizations such as National Council of System Engineering (NCOSE), etc.;
- GSA Advantage on-line services - <http://www.fss.gsa.gov/cgi-bin/advwel>;
- General Services Administration/Federal Supply Service - <http://www.gsa.gov/>;
- Defense Logistics Agency catalogs - <http://www.dla.mil/>;
- Dun & Bradstreet;
- Thomas Register;
- On-site inspections;
- Specialized Internet sites, such as i-Mart located at the Commercial Advocates Forum, <http://www.imart.org>; An Anthology of Commercial Terms and Conditions, <http://www.arnet.gov/References/fssciate.html>; Market Research Handbook, SD-5, <http://www.dsp.dla.mil/documents/sd-5.html>; and on-line MR Training - Federal Acquisition Institute (training - click on Special Items of Interest, FASA CI; training materials - covers CI Contracting Seminar, Making Commerciality Decisions, CI MR, etc.), <http://www.gsa.gov/training/htm>.

The extent of MR varies depending on factors such as urgency, estimated dollar value, complexity, where we are in the acquisition process, past experience and information already available.

MR is not performed for the sake of MR. It provides information to use to compare to other information. From the comparison, a decision is made. This means the extent of MR will vary. Some government agencies may have to promote "active" participation of their personnel in professional societies, upgrade their technical libraries and provide on-line access for their market researchers.

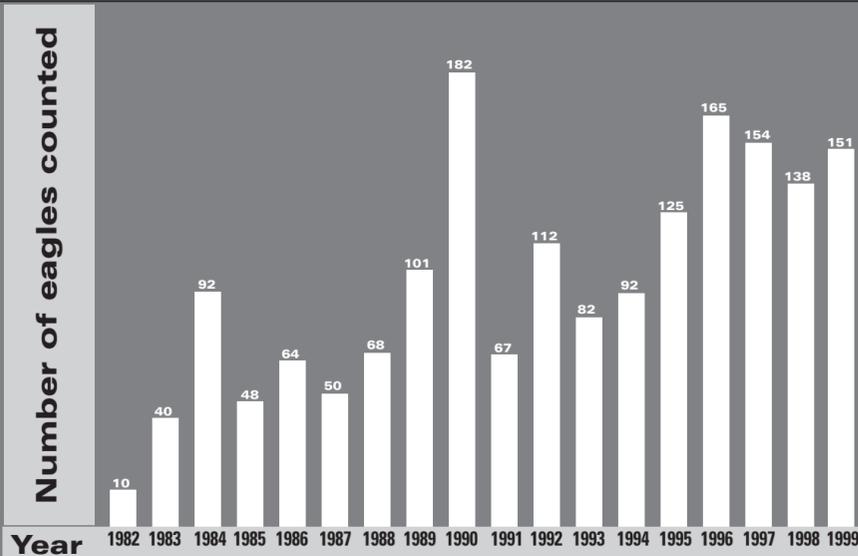
Market research is intended to reduce the paperwork burden on both the government and industry and become a part of our daily responsibility; to provide the soldier with what he needs, when he needs it and at a reasonable cost.

NOTE: Readers may e-mail suggested topics for future articles to [rmaclar@apg.emh1.apg.army.mil](mailto:rmaclar@apg.emh1.apg.army.mil).

## APG's eagle population, 1982-1999



Number of eagles counted



## Number of eagles living at APG still flying high

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"The nests were covered with snow, but generally in good repair," he said.

The all-time high for the annual count came in 1990, when a total of 182 eagles were counted, primarily due to a "quirk in the weather" that concentrated the birds in this area. The following year, the flight was cut short due to testing schedules, and the count came to 65 eagles.

"While annual counts fluctuate, stable, growing population exists," he said. "Overall, the trend is moving up."

The survey is part of a nationwide "snapshot" coordinated by the National Wildlife Federation, Pottie said. APG works with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to submit information to the national study.



Photo by DR. JIM BAILEY

Jim Pottie, Steve Wampler and Tim McNamara of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, prepare to count eagles on a chilly Sunday morning.

## Squires guilty; failed to tell partners of HIV-positive status

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grievous bodily harm.

• one violation of Article 107 (false official statement) for making a false official statement to a special agent in the Criminal Investigation Command with the intent to deceive.

Squires pled not guilty to a second charge of making a false statement. That charge was subsequently dismissed by the government.

Following acceptance of her guilty pleas, Judge (Col.) Gary Smith, found her guilty as charged with the 19 specifications. Squires then asked for an enlisted panel to be called for the sentencing phase of her court-martial. This requires that one-third of the panel be enlisted personnel. The resulting panel consisted of four enlisted members and three officers.

During the sentencing portion, the government, represented by Capt. Susan Grendahl, recited a stipulation of facts signed by Squires. She outlined actions by Squires dating from June 1997 when she first learned she was HIV-positive, through the conception of her baby in August 1997, and her admitted aggravated assaults on nine men, which included three civilians, three sol-

diers, two Navy petty officers, and one Marine. Grendahl also noted that Squires received a summarized Article 15 for violation of Wilson's order in July 1998 involving one of the men listed in the specifications.

The government rested its case without calling any witnesses at about 1:30 p.m.

The defense called in an expert witness in Dr. (Lt. Col.) Nelson L. Michael from Walter Reed Institute of Research in Rockville, Md. He testified primarily to the rate of transmission of HIV from females to males, and from males to females, noting that studies show that it is far less likely for a female to transmit the virus to males through sexual intercourse, than for males to pass the virus to women. He also noted that current testing can determine if someone is HIV-positive within three to six weeks of exposure.

Under cross examination, Michael noted that he had never treated Squires, nor talked to anyone who was involved in her medical treatment.

Squires took the stand to offer an unsworn statement during which she noted that she was not trying to hurt any of her sexual partners. She said life of alien-

ation since people learned of her medical status and the lack of support from her family and from her baby's father. She also said that the cost of her medication, which she must take three times a day, would run her \$150 a dose or \$450 a day, and that treatment for her daughter would cost about as much. She said she had learned from her experiences and wanted to go back to school to make a better life for her and her daughter. She testified her daughter has been in custody of her sister in Virginia during her pre-trial confinement.

During closing arguments, Grendahl continually referred to Squires' "reckless behavior" and her "reckless lifestyle that affected [her victims'] lives." She said that the summarized Article 15 should have been a wake-up call, but she continued her pattern of behavior.

She said that even after she knew she was being investigated, Squires continued to willfully disobey her commander's orders. Grendahl said the real tragedy in the case is Squires' daughter.

"She has shown that she cannot be trusted. She must be confined," concluded Grendahl as she called for six years of confinement, "eight months for each

violation"; total forfeiture of all pay and benefits, reduction to E-1, and a dishonorable discharge.

Squires' attorney, Capt. Charles Lozano, asked the panel to consider that his client had taken the first step to redemption by admitting her guilt.

"Her actions weren't criminal," he said, "they were reckless."

He asked that the panel's decision be six months confinement, and asked for no forfeiture of pay and allowances and no punitive discharge. He argued that if she forfeited her pay and allowances and received a punitive discharge she would not receive benefits nor the means to pay for the medication and treatment necessary for herself and her daughter.

The panel retired to deliberate at 4:30 p.m., returning at 5:50 p.m. with the verdict of three years confinement, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

Squires' sentence will be automatically appealed. She will be processed at Quantico and probably will be confined at Fort Knox, Ky. The judge gave her credit for 114 days already served to be applied to her three-year confinement.

## APG wins Army award for preventing pollution

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each award category:

### Natural Resources Conservation

Winning installation of 10,000 acres or less: U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Va. Honorable Mentions: 279th Base Support Battalion, Bamberg, Germany; Camp Gilbert C. Grafton (South Unit), North Dakota Army National Guard, N.D.; and Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Va.

Winning installation of more than 10,000 acres: Camp Ripley, Army National Guard Training Site, Minn. Honorable Mentions: Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort McCoy, Wis.; Fort Richardson, Alaska; Raystown Lake, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pa.; U.S. Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky.

Winning team: Missouri Army National Guard, Environmental Management Office, Mo. Honorable Mentions: 409th Base Support Battalion, Grafenwoehr, Germany; Brian A. Locke, Fort Bliss, Texas (individual); Gary L. Belw, Fort Carson, Colo. (individual); Jason C. Anderson, New Melones Lake Project, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Calif. (individual).

### Cultural Resources Management

Winning installation: Fort McCoy, Wis. Honorable Mentions: Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Fort Louisiana, Louisiana Army National Guard, La.; Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

Winning Individual: Dr. Laurie J. Lucking, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. Honorable Mentions: Dr. Christopher E. Hamilton, Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Worth District Cultural Resource Management Team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Texas; Maj. Michael L. Tarpley, Louisiana Army National Guard, La.

### Environmental Quality

Winning non-industrial installation: Fort Bliss, Texas. Honorable Mentions: Camp Carroll, 20th Support Group, Waegwan, Korea; Fort McCoy, Wis.; Headquarters III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas; U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Va.; U.S. Military Academy, New York; Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and 81st Regional Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, N.C.

Winning industrial installation: Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Va. Honorable Mention: Mobilization & Training Equipment Site #71, Fort Polk, Louisiana Army National Guard, La.

Winning individual: Colonel Frank Intini, Army Aviation

Support Facility #1, New York Army National Guard, Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Honorable Mentions: Franklin O. Mills, U.S. Military Academy, N.Y.; James L. Henderson, Fort Carson and Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colo.; James T. Laughlin, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Lake Sidney Lanier, Land & Water Management Section, Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ga. (team); Thomas D. Scarbath, 7th Army Training Command, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

### Pollution Prevention

Winning non-industrial installation: Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Honorable Mentions: Headquarters III Corps and Fort Hood, Texas; U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, S.C.; U.S. Military Academy, N.Y.

Winning industrial installation: Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

Winning individual: Dr. Christine Gettys Hull, Fort Polk, La. Honorable Mention: Franklin O. Mills, U.S. Military Academy, N.Y.

Pollution Prevention - Weapons Acquisition Team

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

### Recycling

Winning non-industrial installation: U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, S.C. Honorable Mentions: Fort Detrick, Md.; Fort Riley, Kan.; U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Winning industrial installation: Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

Winning individual: Douglas A. Schonberger, Fort Riley, Kan. Honorable Mentions: Bob Ackley, 415th Base Support Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany; Rebecca G. Keller, 34th Support Group, Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, Korea; Stephen J. Ransom, Iowa Department of Public Defense, Iowa Army National Guard, Iowa

### Environmental Cleanup

Winning installation: Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, Minn. Honorable Mentions: Fort Campbell, Ky.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; U.S. Military Academy, N.Y.

Winning team: Fort Wainwright Environmental Cleanup Team: Cristal A. Fosbrook, Joseph S. Malem, Therese M. Deardorff, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Honorable Mentions: Geophysical Investigation Team, U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala.; William J. Kavanagh, U.S. Military Academy, N.Y. (individual).

## Cold-weather tips important for residents

CAC, from front page

September. A notice is currently being prepared to inform residents of the closing.

Special requirements will be taken into consideration when moving the mobile homes, said Spidel. Family Housing will provide moving arrangements, which will be funded by the government since it is a government-required move.

Floyd Wynn, exchange manager for Army

and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), reported that Anthony's Pizza in the Edgewood Area is offering pizza delivery from 5-7 p.m. for the EA only. Wynn said AAFES is testing the two-hour-a-day delivery and asked for the support of the APG community.

Anne Morrison, lead support clerk for the APG Commissary, said shoppers should not take shopping carts onto the parking lot during

snowy and icy weather because it is a safety hazard.

Winter hours for the Re-Nu-It Center will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for the Aberdeen Area, building 5413, and Wednesday and Friday for the Edgewood Area, building E-5703.

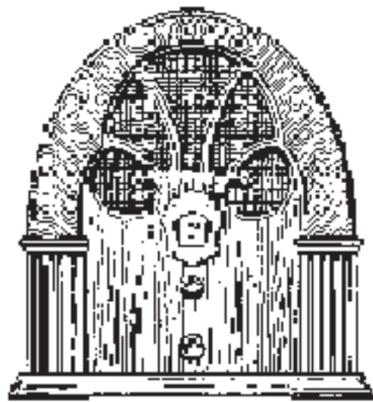
The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 9 a.m., in building E-4810, in the Edgewood Area.

## Make changes to TRICARE enrollment on or off post

Active duty service members are responsible for enrollment into TRICARE Prime. To ensure there is no disruption to you or your family's medical care, enroll today. Forms are available through the TRICARE Service Center at 1202 Technology Dr., Suite B, Aberdeen, MD 21001. They can be reached at 410-273-7649. Forms are also available at the TRICARE Liaison Office at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic located on the third

## Want the latest post news?

Listen to the **APG Report** on Monday and Friday, 7:09 a.m. on Aberdeen's WAMD radio station, 970 AM.



## Lesniak to lead stockpile disposal program

The Department of the Army announced last month that Col. Christopher F. Lesniak will become the new Project Manager for Chemical Stockpile Disposal for the Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization (PMCD). The change of charter ceremony is scheduled here on Feb. 18.

PMCD is the Army's largest-dollar-value project. The organization he leads is charged with carrying out the national mission of destroying the U.S. chemical weapons stockpiles at eight sites in the continental United States and Johnston Island in the Pacific.

"Destroying the nation's chemical weapons in full compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention treaty is a tremendous challenge," Lesniak said. "I look forward to working with an excellent team that has been assembled by my predecessor to execute this critical national mission."

He replaces Col. Edward Fisher, who has been named commander of Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Lesniak's latest assignment was as deputy

program manager for business management, Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization here.

Lesniak entered military service in October 1975, commissioned a second lieutenant, Infantry, from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. He served in Korea with the Second Infantry Division where he served on the Demilitarized Zone with the 1/17th Infantry Battalion (Mechanized), then was assigned to the nation's capital with the Third U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) followed by an assignment to Germany within the V Corps, G-4 Office.

Lesniak subsequently was transferred to Fort Ord, Calif., where he commanded HHC, 2-9 Infantry Battalion, and then served as its Battalion Operations Officer. He then was assigned as a research and development officer within the Studies and Analysis Activity, a division of the Army's Intelligence Command (INSCOM), Washington, D.C.

From there he was assigned as the chief of the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense

Command's Boeing Field Office, Seattle. He then held the position of Product Manager for the Multipurpose Individual Munitions/Short Range Anti-Tank Weapon System within the Program Executive Office, Tactical Missiles, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

A Chicago native, Lesniak received a bachelor's degree in history from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., in 1975, and earned a master's degree in general administration with a concentration in system acquisition from Central Michigan University in 1991. He has attended numerous military and civilian schools including the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster. He also is the recipient of the Army Parachutist Badge, the Expert Infantry Badge and the Ranger Tab.

He and his wife, Mary, live on APG with their children, Erik and Katie.



Presenting a check to Penny Badolato, right, NMFA's director of financial development, are, from left, Carol Mahanti, volunteer chairperson for the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop; Gerry Reno, thrift shop manager; and Fran D'Antonio, thrift shop bookkeeper.

## Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop presents check to NMFA

Officers of the National Military Family Association (NMFA) visited Aberdeen Proving Ground on Jan. 6, to accept a \$2,000 donation from the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop.

NMFA President Marilyn Sobke and Penny Badolato, director of financial development, met with Thrift Shop staff and volunteers to thank them for their support of NMFA's efforts on behalf of military families.

"As a non-profit, primarily volunteer association, we depend on the generosity of organizations like the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop to provide funding for our education and information mission," Sobke told local volunteers. "We could not provide a voice on Capitol Hill for military families without you."

NMFA's mission is to inform service members and their families about legislation that will affect their lives and to work with senior officials in the Department of Defense and Congress to ensure the needs of military families are considered in policy decisions. Information is gathered through a network of 120 field representatives on installations around the world and through NMFA members.

The association's top issues for 1999 include increasing mili-

tary pay, promoting a return to a more-equitable retirement system, and advocating for health care equal to that enjoyed by other current and retired federal employees.

Badolato stressed that the hard work and generosity of the Aberdeen Thrift Shop volunteers are well respected by NMFA, emphasizing that the association uses 95 percent of all donations in direct support of programs to enhance the quality of life for members of the uniformed services.

Founded in 1969, NMFA is celebrating 30 years of service to military families. The association's accomplishments include the creation and enhancement of the Survivor Benefit Package, implementation of dental plans for active duty family members and retirees, and protection of the commissary benefit.

Carol Mahanti, chairperson of the Aberdeen Thrift Shop, pointed out that the shop donated \$16,000 in 1998, the largest amount ever provided to groups like NMFA, the American Red Cross, and many local charitable organizations. The Thrift Shop also collects books, games, magazines, and videos to send to soldiers from APG who are serving in Bosnia.

## USAEC employees lauded for performance

Maj. Gen. David A. Whaley, assistant chief of staff for installation management, visited the U.S. Army Environmental Center Jan. 13 and presented the following awards to USAEC staff members:

William Herb, U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist liaison to USAEC, earned the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for outstanding service as acting chief of USAEC's Northern Regional Environmental Office from January to December 1998. Herb provided leadership in establishing lasting partnerships with many Defense Department regional environmental coordinators, other federal agencies, and state and local officials. Herb's commitment to the Army's military readiness and environmental stewardship missions were honored as a credit to the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Army.

Paul Josephson, Environmental Quality Division environmental engineer, received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for outstanding performance while serving as the



William Herb received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service at USAEC.

Air Quality Program Manager from April to August 1998 at the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering, Housing, Environment and Installation Logistics. Josephson distinguished himself by developing program guidance and establishing communication links with major subordinate commands. His collaborative leadership



Paul Josephson received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

style, analytical skills and technical expertise helped the command comply with the requirements of a complex and significant environmental program. Josephson's accomplishments were honored as a credit to AMC and the U.S. Army.

Service Awards were presented to several employees. Awards for 35 years of service were presented to Danny Akers, Resource

Management Division Program Budget branch chief, and Betty Wyman, Resource Management Division management analyst. An award for 30 years of service was presented to Charles Harris, Environmental Quality Division environmental protection specialist. A 25-year service award was presented to James Wood, Resource Management Division computer engineer. A 20-year award was presented to Lee Foster, Environmental Quality Division archaeologist. Awards for 15 years of service were presented to Gene Fabian, Environmental Technology Division chemist; Humberto Galarraga, Environmental Quality Division environmental scientist; Ron Jackson, Environmental Technology Division chemical engineer; and Georgette Myers, Environmental Quality Division environmental scientist.

Two employees also were promoted. Lisa Booher received a promotion to GS-11, environmental protection specialist, and Carolyn McIlwain received a promotion to GS-11, budget analyst.

## AROUND THE ARMY

**Article 32 hearing on Hale to begin March 1***Army News Service*

WASHINGTON (Jan. 14, 1999) - An Article 32 hearing to investigate allegations against retired Army Maj. Gen. David R. Hale has been scheduled to begin March 1 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Hale has been charged with 17 specifications, violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The charges allege that Hale lied to military officials, had improper relationships with the wives of four subordinate officers, and obstructed an investiga-

tion. All of the alleged misconduct occurred while Hale was on active duty, during his last three assignments prior to his retirement in February 1998.

The Article 32 hearing was originally scheduled to begin Feb. 1, but the Army announced Tuesday that it has been delayed a month upon the request of Hale's defense attorneys.

The purpose of the Article 32 investigation is to determine whether the charges are warranted by the evidence, legal officials

explain, and to make recommendations to the general court-martial convening authority, Lt. Gen. G.A. Crocker, the commanding general of I Corps and Fort Lewis.

The case against Hale was forwarded to Crocker for independent evaluation Oct. 8 by U.S. Army Forces Command. The secretary of the Army had forwarded it to the FORSCOM commander Sept. 23 for independent evaluation or referral to a subordinate general court-martial con-

vening authority.

Army legal officials said Crocker possesses the full range of disciplinary and administrative options in the Hale case — from taking no action to referring the charges to general court-martial — and will make the final determination on how to proceed.

The charges were preferred against Hale Dec. 9 by Lt. Col. Mark Henderson, an experienced judge advocate assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C.

Crocker appointed Henderson as the preliminary inquiry officer under the Manual for Courts-Martial. In that role, Henderson's task was to review the allegations and to prefer charges if he believed the available evidence

warranted charges.

According to a Fort Lewis spokesperson, Henderson reviewed investigative reports completed by the Department of Defense Inspector General's Office and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command before preferring the charges.

On Dec. 10, Crocker appointed Col. Gary J. Holland, Chief Circuit Judge from Fort Campbell, Ky., as an Article 32 investigating officer.

Hale's last assignment before retirement was as deputy inspector general of the Army. Hale retired last February after more than 30 years of service, and is a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. Hale was attached

Dec. 9 to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Lewis, and will report when necessary to Fort Lewis. As a Regular Army retiree eligible to receive retirement pay, Hale is subject to the UCMJ, and must obey military orders, Army legal officials said.

Army legal officials stressed that the charges preferred are allegations at this stage and that like any other soldier, Hale is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

*(Editor's note: Information from this article was taken from an earlier ARNEWS release by Gerry Gilmore, combined with news from I Corps Public Affairs.)*

**Army IG finds no racial bias in CID investigations**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jan. 15, 1999) - After investigating allegations of racial bias by the Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID), the Army Inspector General found that all allegations of racial bias were without merit.

The allegations were made by a civil rights organization and the attorneys for former Sergeant Major of the Army, Eugene McKinney, concerning CID's investigations of sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground and its investigation of the former Sergeant Major of the Army.

The exhaustive investigation, conducted over seven months, included sworn testimony from 88 key individuals, the review of Military Police Investigator and CID statements, CID case files, congressional correspondence, IG files, pre-trial and courts-martial transcripts, and military personnel records. Although the Inspector General found isolated instances in which CID agents did not follow standard investigative procedures, the agents' conduct was not racially motivated. Rather, the investigations were conducted in an unbiased manner.

In March 1997, four female trainees and a former soldier made allegations against the CID investigators at a press conference, sponsored by a national civil rights organization. In response to these serious allegations, the former Secretary of the Army, Togo D. West Jr., announced the Army

would thoroughly investigate these allegations.

The investigation was postponed to prevent interference with judicial proceedings related to the sexual misconduct at APG. Before that investigation could begin, similar allegations were made against the CID agents investigating the former Sergeant Major of the Army. The Army decided to commence a consolidated investigation of all allegations following the court-martial of the former Sergeant Major of the Army.

On March 16, 1998, Acting Secretary of the Army Robert M. Walker directed the Army Inspector General to investigate alleged improprieties by special agents involved in these matters.

"Submit your report to me as soon as possible, but protect the rights of all persons involved and ensure the investigation is complete and accurate," Walker instructed the Inspector General.

After a rigorous investigation, the Inspector General found that neither investigation was racially motivated. In both cases, taking care of the victims and finding the truth were of paramount concern. CID investigators vigorously investigated the sexual misconduct allegations in an attempt to find the truth. In those isolated instances where standard investigative procedures were not followed, appropriate corrective action has or will be taken.

*(From a U.S. Army news release, Army Office of Public Affairs.)*

# Program to help Army families received help from Peggy Sculley

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Peggy Sculley has served the community in many capacities during the last three years, but perhaps her greatest effort has been the time she has invested in the post's Army Family Team Building program as teacher, mentor and advisor.

Sculley and her husband, Brig. Gen. Patrick Sculley, former commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, are moving to the Washington, D.C., area for his new assignment as chief of the Army Dental Corps and assistant Army surgeon general.

A coffee to say farewell to the Sculley will be held by the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club on Thursday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., at the Gunpowder Conference Center.

As she prepared to leave APG, Sculley said her involvement with AFTB was part of a natural progression.

"I was in San Antonio in 1994, and doing lots of work with Army Community Service. I was asked if I'd be interested in this 'new program,'" she said.

Seeing it as an opportunity to help military families deal with the ever-changing military life, Sculley got involved.

That involvement was appreciated at APG, said Bernadette Kovalsick, APG



Photo by W. BEN BUNGER III

**Peggy Sculley, shown here at her Edgewood Area home, has been a strong supporter of the post's AFTB Program.**

that the AFTB bylaws were tailored for APG and standard operating procedures were set up to benefit incoming volunteers.

A frequent traveler, Sculley visited AFTB organizations at other posts and asked them about their programs.

"She'd bring back suggestions that had proved helpful at other posts, and we'd discuss and implement some of the ideas to improve our local program," said Lila Kolker, a former master trainer and core instructor for AFTB. "She believes and is very dedicated to the program."

Col. Roslyn Glantz, chief legislative liaison for the U.S. Army Materiel Command and former APG Garrison commander, described herself as a "key fan" of Peggy Sculley's.

"She's a mainstay of the volunteer program as a whole," Glantz said. "Anytime there was anything on the installation dealing with the military family, you saw Peggy. The AFTB

AFTB director, who credited Sculley with being the force behind the establishment and viability of AFTB.

"When Peggy arrived, AFTB was new to APG, and we had not made the major moves necessary to establish ourselves," Kovalsick said. "She volunteered to teach a portion of our first seminar, rearranged our classes to present well, and directed our steps in regard to administrative and protocol procedures."

Arriving in January 1996, Peggy immediately offered her services. As a master trainer, she helped by serving as an instructor and organizer, teaching some courses, and streamlining and rearranging others. As an advisor, she saw

## Upcoming AFTB Training

All classes will be held in the second floor conference room in the Family Community Building, building 2752, next to Army Community Service. In addition to classes for individuals, unit briefings are encouraged. For more information, and to register for classes, call 410-278-2857.

The two-day Level I Class will be held Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Feb. 4, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Primarily designed for those who are new military spouses, the class will cover military acronyms, military terms, customs and chain of command. Register by Jan. 27.

The two-day Level II Class will be held Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This class will be geared toward the emerging leader, and will cover family support groups and group dynamics. Register by Feb. 9.

Local Level Instructor Training for those who have completed Level I and Level II is scheduled for Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Feb. 24, 12:15 -2:30 p.m.

Program would not have gotten off the ground without her support."

She added that in addition to administrative and instructional assistance, Sculley hosted several AFTB functions in her home, and, when a paid director position was created, was key in efforts to support and hire the volunteer who was already working in that capacity.

Since the AFTB Program began here, Sculley has witnessed the development of Korean, Teen, and Spanish-led AFTB programs, and with the progression of the volunteer director to a paid position.

She said she is pleased with the program's progress and plans to stay involved by serving as a volunteer in the

main AFTB office in the nation's capital.

While many of her volunteer hours have gone to promoting AFTB, Sculley also remained involved with CHPPM's Family Support Group, advised and organized events for the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club, served as an advisor for the National Military Family Association (NMFA), and remained on the board of Fischer House, a temporary home for the families of patients being treated at military hospitals.

Sure to be missed by many at APG, Sculley said she hopes to continue her service with AFTB, NMFA and Fischer House in the Washington, D.C., area, by assisting in the legislative arena.

## AROUND THE ARMY

# Post office named for first black West Point grad

By Gary Sheftick  
Army News Service

Army representatives helped dedicate a postal station last month to the first black graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, 1st Lt. Henry O. Flipper, in his hometown of Thomasville, Ga.

Dedication of the facility, scheduled to be completed in May, was preceded by a grass-roots campaign to memorialize Flipper, according to Nancy Ross of the U.S. Postal Service's Atlanta District. She said the effort culminated with Congress passing Public Law 105-277, naming Thomasville's second post office after the 1877 West Point grad who is buried nearby.

Lt. Gen. Larry Jordan, the Army's inspector general, participated in the dedication ceremony in Thomasville Dec. 9. So did West Point instructor Col. Andre Sayles and one of his students, cadet Thurman McKenzie.

"Certainly (the spirit of) Henry Flipper lives at West Point," Sayles said. "He's part of

our daily business.... We hold him in high regard."

"As the first black graduate of West Point, he meant a lot to folks like me who went to West Point later on," said Sayles, currently the highest-ranking African-American officer on the academy faculty.

Jordan told those at the ceremony that Flipper's perseverance at West Point served as an example for him and others. He said only 55 African-Americans graduated between Flipper in 1877 and his class of 1968.

"Knowing that (Flipper) had achieved success nearly a century earlier, during a time of many more obstacles, made my own challenges seem manageable and my goal within reach," Jordan said. "Henry Flipper's classic story of refusing to be deterred from success is the essence of the American dream, and continues to inspire today."

Flipper was born in 1856 to slave parents in Thomasville and learned to read at age 8 with the

help of a slave who taught school at night in a woodshop, according to Jordan. After the Civil War, Flipper attended a number of formal schools culminating with three years at Atlanta University before he was accepted to West Point. Flipper was actually the fifth black to enter the academy. The first four had been dismissed on questionable grounds, Jordan wrote in an article he published in the June 1977 edition of Assembly magazine, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Flipper's graduation.

Jordan said that Flipper was ostracized by most of his fellow cadets. Flipper, however, maintained his dignity by staying aloof and very polite to everyone he came in contact with, Jordan said. Dedication, hard work and humility were the keys to Flipper's survival, he wrote. In the next 60 years, the only three blacks to graduate from West Point succeeded by following Flipper's advice, Jordan said.

"He was really far-sighted,"

Sayles said about Flipper. "Nobody talked to him, but he knew all those little things that happened on a daily basis would not mean much in the grand scheme of things and that's how he got by."

Every year West Point presents the Henry Flipper award, Sayles said, to a cadet who demonstrates leadership, self-discipline and perseverance in light of unusual difficulties.

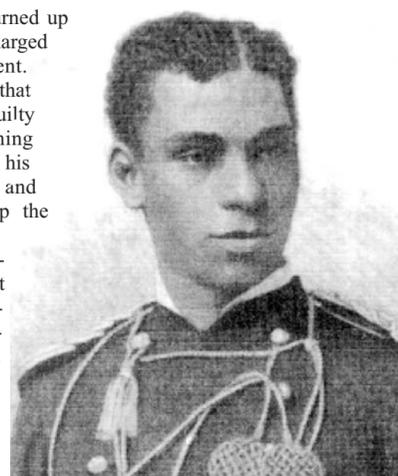
"It goes to a cadet who has tough circumstances above and beyond," Sayles said. "For example, difficulties at home ... where it looks like it's going to be almost impossible for the cadet to make it through and he goes ahead and graduates."

Less than five years after graduating from West Point and serving with distinction on the frontier with "Buffalo soldiers" of the 10th Cavalry, Flipper was court-martialed and dismissed from service. In 1881, Flipper had been assigned to act as a commissary officer at Fort Davis, Texas.

A sum of \$3,941.94 turned up missing. Flipper was charged with embezzlement. Although acquitted of that charge, he was found guilty of "conduct unbecoming an officer" for lying to his commanding officer and attempting to cover-up the missing money.

After being discharged, Flipper went on to become a successful surveyor and engineer in the Southwest. From 1893 to 1901, Flipper served as a special agent of the Department of Justice. In 1919, he was appointed an interpreter and translator for the U.S. Senate, Jordan said. From 1922-31 he served as assistant to the secretary of the interior.

Flipper maintained until his death in 1940 that he had been framed at Fort Davis due to racial animosity. He and a number of others attempted to have the case



Portrait of 1st Lt. Henry Ossian Flipper

reviewed. In December 1976, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records reviewed Flipper's case and issued an honorable discharge certificate to his descendants. Currently, an application for a presidential pardon to clear Flipper's name is being reviewed at the White House.

## AROUND THE ARMED SERVICES

# Army manages DoD's Cold War certificate program

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - (Jan. 14, 1999) - The Army is managing a Department of Defense program that recognizes service members and government civilian employees for their service during the Cold War.

Qualified military and civilian

personnel can now access the Internet address <http://sdcw.army.mil/coldwar> to obtain information on how to receive a Cold War Recognition Certificate signed by Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, according to Army Maj. Dan Gibson, chief of military awards branch, The Adjutant General

Directorate.

"The Internet address will provide applicants with information on how to apply for the Cold War Certificate. Applications will appear on the website April 5," Gibson said. "The applications will collect individual/personal data and instruct applicants on which documentation will be

needed."

Gibson cautions applicants not to send original required documents, such as DD Forms 214, (Certificate of Release/Discharge from Military Service). Photocopies only should be forwarded, he added, as any documents sent will not be returned.

The Department of the Army is designated as the executive agent for implementation and award of the CWRC. The Personnel Service Support Division, The Adjutant General Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va., is responsible for the program.

The certificate will be provided to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government employees who faithfully served the United States during the Cold War era, from Sept. 2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991, according to officials. Cohen approved issuance of the certificate in

accordance with section 1084 of the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act.

Above Cohen's signature, the certificate bears the inscription: "In recognition of your service during the period of the Cold War (2 September 1945 - 26 December 1991) in promoting peace and stability for this Nation, the people of this Nation are forever grateful."

At the end of World War II in 1945, the United States and the Soviet Union, formerly allies, became rivals for political and military influence throughout the world. This struggle erupted in several flash points over the years, to include the Korean War (1950-53), the Hungarian Revolution (1956), the Berlin Crisis (1961), the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962), and the Vietnam Conflict (1964-1975).

The Soviet Union attempted to keep up with a massive American arms build-up during the 1980s.

Soviet efforts to match the Americans, combined with a draining war in Afghanistan, would prove to "break the bank." Cracks appeared in Soviet hegemony, what former President Ronald Reagan called "the Evil Empire." The Berlin Wall fell in 1989, effectively lifting the "Iron Curtain" that the Soviets erected 28 years earlier to separate Eastern and Western Europe.

In 1991, the Soviet Union ceased to exist, ending the Cold War and Communist political control of the Russian people, which began in 1918.

## Military health: Is a chiropractor in your future?

By **Douglas J. Gillert**  
American Forces Press Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Are chiropractors in DoD's future? Well, technically, they're here now.

In what could become a normal option for beneficiaries of military health care, DoD hired civilian chiropractors to demonstrate their profession at test sites around the country, including Wilford Hall Medical Center, at Lackland Air Force Base, here.

Although the demonstration began three years ago, Wilford Hall is one of three major service hospitals that entered the test this September. The others are the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, D.C. They joined hospitals at Travis Air Force Base and Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Fla.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Each is involved in the Chiropractic Health Care Demonstration Program mandated by Congress in 1994 to find out if chiropractic medicine is feasible for the military. Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, will evaluate results of the demonstration and advise Congress by May 2000 if DoD wants to offer chiro-

practic medicine department-wide.

If patient interest here is any indicator, chiropractic care could catch on fast.

"We maxed out the patient appointment line the first month and were seeing as many as 48 patients a day," said Jim Carlson, who administers the Wilford Hall program.

At all test sites, chiropractic appointments are available to locally based active duty service members and their families, and to retirees and their families located within 40 miles of the servicing hospital. No other doctor can have treated the patients for the condition warranting their visit to the chiropractor.

At Wilford Hall, 90 percent of the patients visiting Dr. Matthew Williams are active duty service members. Since the first month, he and another chiropractor assigned here have been seeing up to 28 patients daily.

Chiropractic medicine involves manual and electronic manipulation and adjustment of the spine, Williams explained. And, because it doesn't involve the use of prescription drugs, Williams said, it's very appealing to pilots and other air crew members who make up a large part of the military population in San Antonio.

Williams said he first evaluates a new patient by taking an oral medical history. All patients

also must agree to answer surveys that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the demonstration. He defends chiropractic care as feasible for a number of ills.

"The body's structure affects all bodily functions, and the base of the structure is the spinal column," he said. "If the spinal column is out line, that's going to affect other parts of the body, from numbness in the finger tips to severe lower back pain. We try to re-establish proper structure. We don't treat symptoms, we treat causes."

The key to measuring the demonstration's success is the post-care, fourth-week survey, Williams said.

"That's where we ask two important questions: 'How successful was the first meeting?' and 'How do you feel today?'" he said.

The neck and back patient load has dropped way off at other clinics, because they're coming here," Carlson said. And, if DoD bases its decision on the surveys, chiropractic care is highly desirable among beneficiaries, he said. "It's pretty popular."

Williams suggested that anyone considering chiropractic care should give it a try. "Generally, alternative health care doesn't do any harm, and it may help," he said. "If patients have problems we can't treat, we will refer them to the proper specialist."

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# COMING UP...

## National Prayer Breakfast set for Feb. 11

On Feb. 11, the Aberdeen Proving Ground 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 West Point Military Academy, N.Y. The guest soloist will be Sandy Nook.

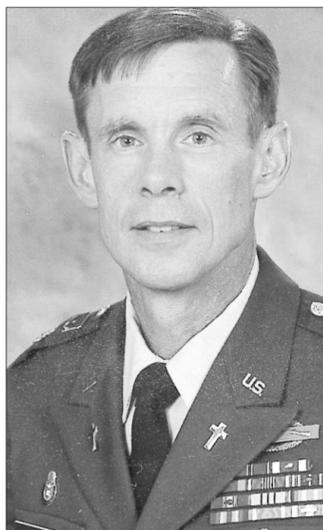
The National Prayer Breakfast is held annually throughout most government installations as a time for national reflection and prayer. In addition to seeking divine guidance upon the nation and its leaders, the breakfast also promotes a worthy theme. The speaker for this year's event will talk about the importance of values in the military environment.

McChrystal was assigned as the staff chaplain at West Point in July 1998. His career as an Army officer spans nearly 30 years and includes a wide variety of assignments. After graduating from Washington and Lee University, he was commissioned as an infantry second lieutenant in 1970. He served in Vietnam as a platoon leader, three tours at Fort Bragg with 82nd Airborne Division, and as an ROTC instructor at

the Citadel in South Carolina.

In 1982, McChrystal left active duty in order to attend the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Mo. He reentered active duty as a chaplain ordained by the Assemblies of God Church in 1985. As a chaplain he has served with the 82nd Airborne Division, Community Chaplain in Hannam Village, Korea, aviation brigade chaplain, 5th Infantry Division and post pastor, Fort Polk, chaplain observer controller, JRTC, staff chaplain, 53rd ASG, division chaplain for 1st AD, Task Force Eagle chaplain in Bosnia with Operation Joint Endeavor, and his current assignment at West Point.

Tickets are required in order to attend the breakfast. Everyone is invited to attend, but tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no charge for the tickets, but a \$2 voluntary donation will be received at the door. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants or by calling the Post Chapel at 410-278-4333.



### THURSDAY JANUARY 21 S.A.M.E. MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers, Chesapeake Post will meet from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Top of the Bay. The speaker will be Doug Richmond, Hazard Emergency Planner and Manager of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), Harford County Division of Emergency Operations. Everyone is invited to attend.

### WARRANT OFFICERS

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter will hold its monthly meeting from 4:30-6 p.m., at Yogi's All American/Quality Inn, Aberdeen. For information, call CW2 Priddy, 410-278-7363 or 410-939-7177.

### BOOK IT

A Used Book Sale will be held at the Edgewood Branch of the Harford County Public Library through Jan. 30, during library service hours. Profits will benefit the branch. The library is located at 2205 Hanson Rd. For information, call 410-612-1600.

### WALKIN' WAZI

Learn country dances at American Legion Post 128, sponsored by the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association. Intermediate Two-Step begins at 7:30 p.m., -Walkin' Wazi line dance

at 8 p.m., and beginner Two-Step at 8:30 p.m. Open dancing will be held 9 p.m.-midnight. Admission is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members; everyone is welcome.

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27 COMPUTER EXPO

The latest computer hardware and software technologies will be demonstrated at the APG Technology Expo '99 at Top of the Bay, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There is no fee to attend and all Army and DoD personnel are invited. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

### WELCOMETO APG

APG will hold an orientation from 1-3 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, to welcome incoming military and civilian personnel, retirees and their families. Call 410-278-7474/4372.

### SCHOOL VISIT

St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen is accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. The school, located in Aberdeen, will sponsor an informational session at 9 a.m. followed by classroom visitations. For information, call 410-272-1387.

### FRIDAY JANUARY 29 GRAND OPENING

The AA Recreation Center will have the grand opening of the

"Aberdeen Room" for NCOs, warrant officers and officers only at 7 p.m., with complimentary refreshments and door prizes. The room will offer games, big-screen television, and a place to relax. For more information, call 410-278-2621.

### SUNDAY JANUARY 31 SUPER BOWL BASH

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday on post at two events that will put the game on the big screen. The NCO Super Bowl Bash will be held at the AA Recreation Center starting at 6 p.m., with complimentary snacks. The Third Annual Super Bowl Bash for AIT students will be held at the Post Theater. Tickets are a \$1.50 donation and can be purchased through the first sergeants of the 16th Ordnance Battalion. There will be door prizes and giveaways throughout the game. For more information about these events, call SSgt. Wooten, 410-278-5361.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 CANCER HELP

A "Look Good ... Feel Better" program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Oncology Center at Riverside, 1200 Brass Mill Rd., Belcamp. This free program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society to help women undergoing cancer treatment to deal with the cosmetic side-effects of chemotherapy and

radiation. Each participant receives a free gift of full-size cosmetics to match fair, medium, dark skin tones. All women undergoing treatment for cancer are welcome. B. Ramsey Bane will be the trained cosmetologist leading the program. To register, call the American Cancer Society at 1-888-ACS-NEED (1-888-227-6333).

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11 PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 1999 APG National Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7-8:30 a.m. at the APG Chapel Social Hall, building 2485. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Herbert J. McChrystal, U.S. Military Academy Command Chaplain. Tickets are available through unit command sergeants major or first sergeants. A \$2 donation at the door is suggested. Get tickets by Jan. 28.

### 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. The proceeds will benefit the BIG Youth Scholarship Program. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact Jackie Pitts, 410-273-7915, or any other BIG member.

## MWR UPDATE

### BOSS meeting set

There will be a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) meeting on Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m., at the EA Recreation Center. All members and potential members are asked to attend. For information call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-4402/4056.

### Golf course Pro Shops

Check out the Early Bird Golf Sale at the Pro Shops. All windshirts are 20 percent off ticketed price, assorted irons are 15 percent off the ticketed price, all golf shirts are \$25, and all sweaters are \$30. All items are final sale. The shops are open every day, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sale ends Jan. 31.

### 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. The Shore Pool and Woodpecker Point Picnic Areas are available on a first come, first serve 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 for more information. CAPA Field is reserved through the Civilian Welfare Fund; call 410-278-4603 for details.

### EA Arts and Crafts

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

**Ceramic Pouring:** If you would like to learn to pour your own greenware rather than buy it beginning pouring class will be held 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 on Thursday, Feb. 25, 5:30-9 p.m. Cost of the class 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.

### 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 just 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 to fill in those nasty gouges you got last spring when the rocks started show. 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.

### Outdoor Recreation

The Outdoor Recreation recreational vehicle lots have spaces available and are open to all MWR patrons. The monthly fee is \$15 for items up to 20 feet in length. Vehicles over 20 feet cost an additional 75 cents per foot. Vehicles must be registered and insured. Call, 410-278-4124, or stop by building 2407.

### Aberdeen Fitness Centers

The holidays are over and it's time to get back in shape. The AA Fitness Center is the place to start. Located in building 320, the center offers a variety of programs to help you meet your goals, and certified personal trainers to work one-on-one with you. Aerobics and toning classes are held Monday-Saturday. 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 more information, call 410-278-9725/9759.

### ITR has specials

You can stay at a resort for seven days for just \$209 through the RCI space-available program. Stop by the ITR Office and pick up a voucher and a list of locations available. You must book before Jan. 31, and use the accommodations by Dec. 31.

**Ski information:** Check these web sites and phone numbers for information; [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) or [www.visitnepa.org](http://www.visitnepa.org); Ski Liberty - [www.skiliberty.com](http://www.skiliberty.com) or (717) 642-9000; Ski Roundtop - [www.ski-roundtop.com](http://www.ski-roundtop.com) or (717) 432-7000; Ski Montage - [www.ski-montage.com](http://www.ski-montage.com) or 1-800-Got-Snow or (717) 969-Snow; Seven Springs Mountain Resort...[www.7springs.com](http://www.7springs.com) or (800) 523-7777. For ski equipment rental, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

## MOVIES

### BELLY

**Friday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Earl Simmons, Nasir Jones**

Tommy and Sincere rob clubs to get quick cash. Tommy wants a bigger payoff; Sincere wants out. Friendships and relationships are put to the test when the ill-gotten gains evoke greed, jealousy, paranoia and betrayal. (Rated R)

### BABE: PIG IN THE CITY

**Saturday, Jan 23, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski**

Babe sets off on a journey that takes him to a far away city where he encounters an assortment of animals and learns how a kind heart can heal a sorry world. (Rated G)

### VERY BAD THINGS

**Saturday, Jan. 23, 9 p.m.**  
**Starring: Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz**

Laura has waited almost three decades for marriage. Against her wishes her fiancée goes off with four of his buddies to Las Vegas for his bachelor party. Laura decides that nothing will derail her perfect ceremony, not even death. (Rated R)

## WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from Jan. 21-27:

**THURSDAY, Jan. 21**  
10 a.m., 7 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast (55 min.)  
2 p.m., Senior Environmental Quality Control Committee (SEQCC), (1 hour, 18 min.)  
4 p.m., Movie Preview

**FRIDAY, Jan. 22**  
4 p.m., Movie Preview

**SATURDAY, Jan. 23**  
10 a.m., 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Commemorative Prayer

Breakfast (55 min.)  
4 p.m., Movie Preview

**MONDAY, Jan. 25**  
10 a.m., 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast (55 min.)  
2 p.m., SEQCC (1 hour, 18 min.)

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27**  
10 a.m., 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast (55 min.)  
2 p.m., SEQCC (1 hour, 18 min.)

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

## 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);  
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);  
Barbara LaGrange (Hodgkins Disease);  
Patricia LaGrange;  
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.

## Radio, TV stations to announce closings

Fourteen area radio stations and two television stations will provide information on post closings. Announcements should begin at about 5 a.m. Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name the post specifically, on these stations:

STATION	FREQUENCY	LOCATION
WAMD	AM 970	Aberdeen
WXCX	FM 103.7	Havre de Grace
WBAL	AM 1090	Baltimore
WIYY	FM 97.9	Baltimore
WPOC	FM 93.1	Baltimore
WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WNRK	AM 1260	Newark, Del.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WMAL	AM 630	Washington, D.C.
WTOP	AM 1500	Washington, D.C.
WASH	FM 97.1	Washington, D.C.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WJZ-TV	Channel 13	Baltimore

## CA UPDATE

**Do you have a question about the Commercial Activities study?**  
**Call 410-278-WIN1 (9461)**

# Holdford is chosen APG law enforcement officer of the year

By Meghan Heimbach  
APG News

Officer Joel R. Holdford is the 1998 Aberdeen Proving Ground Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Holdford was nominated for the award by his supervisor and subsequently selected by his peers.

He is the second person to receive the honor. The first was presented last year to Andreas Sexton, then a sergeant and a member of the K-9 Section, Law Enforcement Division, now a civilian police officer.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, honored Holdford on Jan. 11 at a ceremony held at the Joseph Emergency Service Center. Spidel commented that Holdford represented the excellence, spirit and dedication of the ideal law enforcement officer, and praised his support to the Special Reaction Team and APG community.

A typical day for Holdford usually is not typical at all. He may be supervising patrols at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Law Enforcement Division, or he may be helping people at Landmark Baptist Church in Elkton, where he is associate pastor. Often, he is spending time with his wife and children.

"I have two of the most stressful jobs around," said Holdford, who has been a member of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Law Enforcement Division for two years. "I have learned time management, and I am getting rather good at it."

Spreading religion and upholding the law may seem like quite different careers for one man, but he said his family, friends and co-workers are supportive.

"People at the church are very understanding, and I work with the best squad in the directorate," he said.

In his spare time, Holdford enjoys fishing and hunting, but said his wife, Roma, son, Dakota, 5, and daughter, Hanna, 20 months, come first. He said he and his wife are expecting a third addition in April, and said after that his "basketball team will be complete."

"My wife is very understanding. She knows that either of my jobs can be very demanding, especially being on the team. She is always there to help me get out the door," he said.

Holdford began working at APG two years ago after moving from Arkansas, where he began his career in law enforcement at Pine Bluff Arsenal. Shortly after moving to Maryland to help Kevin Fell, pastor of Landmark Baptist Church, he began working for the APG Law

Enforcement Division.

"Working here is unique due to the mixture of the civilian and military team," he said. "It is definitely a plus. The SRT team is half military, which works out well for me having a military background."

He served in the Army for four years, then considered how his military training could be used.

"That is when law enforcement caught my attention," he said. "So I went to work."

SSgt. Daniel Shatley, shift commander, said Holdford is excellent in his job performance.

"He is very experienced and is very knowledgeable in both the civilian and military standpoints," he said. "He has a wealth of knowledge in both fields. He is one of the best officers around here."

Joseph J. Darabasz, chief of the Law Enforcement Division, chaired the peer group that selects the top officer. Darabasz said he encouraged squad commanders to nominate the best officer from their squad for Officer of the Year, and presented the nominees to a peer group to make the selection. This year,



Photo by Lamont Harbison

**Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison commander, congratulates Officer Joel R. Holdford of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Law Enforcement Division, during a ceremony held last week, naming Holdford Officer of the Year for 1998.**

close to 100 officers were nominated.

"I have no influence on their decision, but it is amazing that in the past two years they have

picked the same officers I would have selected," he said.

"Holdford is very versatile, and has compartmentalized his life. He is amazing."