

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 7, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Clinic training holiday is July 2

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe a training holiday on Friday, July 2. All clinics will be closed with the exception of the Acute Minor Illness Clinic (AMIC) which will be open from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 1-888-999-5195.

Re-Nu-It Center closed for holiday

The Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center will be closed from July 3-5 due to the Independence Day holiday. The center will reopen on Tuesday, July 6, 8 a.m.

Post Exchange open on July 4

Army and Air Force Exchange Services Manager Fred Wynn announced that the post exchange will be open on July 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Holiday hours set for weekend

Activities in the Community Recreation Division will have holiday hours over the July 4 holiday weekend:

Automotive Crafts Center: Closed July 3-5.

APG Bowling Center: Open July 3, noon-1 a.m.; closed July 4 and 5.

Aberdeen Area Library: Open July 3, 1-5 p.m.; closed July 4 and 5.

Edgewood Area Library: Closed July 3-5.

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center: Open July 3, 7 a.m.-noon; closed July 4 and 5.

Aberdeen Area Recreation Center: open July 3, noon-midnight (Snack Bar open 5-11 p.m.); closed July 4; open July 5, noon-6 p.m. (Snack Bar open 12:30-5 p.m.).

Edgewood Area Recreation Center: open July 3, noon-midnight (Snack Bar open 5-11 p.m.); closed July 4; open July 5, noon-6 p.m. (Snack Bar open 12:30-5 p.m.).

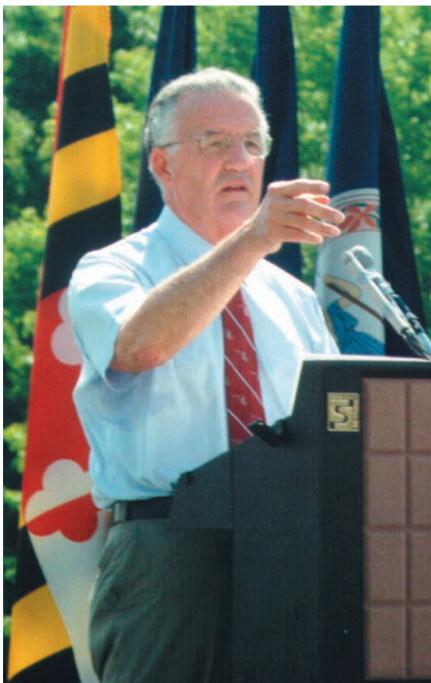
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Photos by CONRAD JOHNSON

Virginia Samuel unveils a plaque dedicating the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility to her late husband, John Samuel. Looking on at left are their daughters, Susan and Carolyn, daughter Anne, second from right, and Samuel's sister, Marjorie Becus.

APG takes big step closer to disposing of mustard stockpile



U.S. Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes discusses the importance of safely destroying APG's mustard stockpile at Saturday's groundbreaking ceremony for the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

An event Saturday not only made post history, but many hope it will pave the way to making the mustard agent stockpile history.

"My children, your children, our grandchildren...won't remember a time when people were living and working near a chemical weapons stockpile," said James L. Bacon, program manager for chemical demilitarization, at the ceremony.

The event marked the start of construction for a \$600 million facility where the 1,623 tons of bulk mustard agent in the Edgewood Area will be destroyed by the year 2004. Hot weather didn't daunt the more than 400 people in attendance, including military and government officials, politicians, citizens who have dedicated their efforts to make the plan a reality and employees and contractors who have worked closely with the project. They traveled by bus and van to the Chemical Agent Storage Yard, and sat at the site where the facility will be constructed.

Not an easy job

Lt. Col. Joseph E. Pecoraro, Project Manager for Alternative Technologies and Approaches, noted that "a lot of eyes have been on us, and more eyes will be on us in the future."

"I can see a time when the stockpile will no longer exist," he said.

Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, noted that the mission of "keeping safe

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New regimental command sergeant major takes on the 'good fight' at OC&S

By E.C. Starnes
Chief, Ordnance Corps Corporate Affairs

A light breeze rippled through the state and unit flags as the Ordnance Corps' top enlisted soldier passed on the flag of his office to his successor at Ordnance Circle. The new Ordnance Corps regimental command sergeant major later stated that he "liked a challenge, and enjoyed a good fight."

Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua Hooper, who was the sixth regimental command sergeant major, turned over the enlisted reins of the Ordnance Corps to Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers during an all-NCO review in front of Ordnance Corps Headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The commander of troops for the ceremony was Command Sgt. Maj. William Miller, command sergeant major of the 61st Ordnance Brigade. Following the exchange, Hooper retired after nearly 30 years of service.

Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson, Army chief of Ordnance, presented Hooper with the Legion of Merit, a Department of the Army

Certificate of Retirement, and a Certificate of Appreciation from President Bill Clinton. Also honored was Hooper's wife, Jan, who received a Public Service Award and a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation for her support of the local military and Ordnance Corps communities.

Jackson noted that "We use a lot of terms in the Army to describe the noncommissioned officer. Terms like the 'backbone of the Army,' and 'the commander's right arm' are two that quickly come to mind. But a good NCO, and a good command sergeant major are so much more. They have to have an instinct for the life of the soldier, a compassion for military families, a professional wealth of experiences and training, and a basic understanding of life where the rubber meets the road."

He noted that Hooper combined the best of all these traits.

"He has done the hard jobs," Jackson said, "taken care of soldiers, and been an advocate of families for the Ordnance Corps. He is a soldier who was most

happy serving with soldiers, away from the flagpole. But he was also a soldier who knew what he needed to do from the headquarters to make life better for soldiers in the field."

The general went on to praise the Hooper "team" for their support of soldiers and families in both their professional and personal lives. He also noted that the day had started early for the Hooper family, "with a 0530 morning run with about 1,000 of their best friends" as they joined in the Ordnance Center and School Run. Jackson said that Hooper's "legacy is behind you," referring to the soldiers formed in ranks as part of the ceremony.

Hooper noted that the day had finally arrived for him to hang up his uniforms and move on.

"I now become a camp follower, accompanying my wife as she goes off to school at Fort Leavenworth," he said. "She would like me to put on a corporate uniform, but right now the only uniform I plan to wear is a T-shirt, a pair of shorts, and a hat to

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Celebrating safely

July 4 holiday a good time to consider safety at home, on the water; use common sense

By Sheila Little
APG News

Safety is an issue year-round, and emphasis on outdoor activities is of special concern during the summer months. In addition to sun bathing, swimming, boating, grilling, traveling, camping, and general partying, add fireworks to the mix and Independence Day has the potential for being one of the most accident-prone dates of the year.

APG Fire Protection Specialist Andre A. Fournier reminded all Maryland residents that state law reads "it is unlawful for any person to discharge fireworks without a permit, or to possess fireworks." Fireworks include fire crackers, M-80s or cherry bombs, and bottle rockets. Sparklers are not considered fireworks, and are permitted in most counties of Maryland, including Harford County.

Fournier recommended that sparklers be used with adult supervision and "a lot of caution,"

and reminded celebrants that sparklers burn at a temperature estimate of 600-700 degrees, requiring increased cooling time. Sparklers should be placed on a non-combustible surface such as asphalt or sand or in a bucket of water until cooled for safe disposal.

He reminded weekend chefs that cooking appliances must be at least 15 feet from buildings, structures or vehicles.

"Use common sense," he said. "Most accidents occur when people get caught up in celebrating and don't pay attention."

Capt. Matt Sommer, chief of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Community Health Nursing voiced concerns about over-exposure to sun, swimming accidents, ticks and alcohol use.

"Wear sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15, preferably 30," he said.

He added that light-skinned people should be especially cau-

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Photo by SSGT. JOHN VALCEANU

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki discusses the Army's challenges for the 21st century.

New Army chief of staff shares concerns for the soldier, Army

By Sfc. Connie E. Dickey
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (June 28, 1999) - The Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said the Army faces three challenges going into the 21st century, and he plans to focus on them throughout his tenure.

"One is manning, the second is modernization, and the third is to ensure for me that everyday for the next four years I have done the best I can to take care of soldiers and families."

Shinseki spoke to news media representatives in his office at the Pentagon June 24, just three days after being sworn in as the Army's 34th Chief of Staff. He spoke of the Army's challenges, his views of the soldiers in Kosovo and Bosnia, his concerns on keeping soldiers in the Army, and on recruiting quality young people for military service.

He said what excites him and

gets him fired up everyday are young soldiers.

"I've been at this business for 34 years and the one thing I have never been disappointed in is the young soldiers that wear our uniform," he said.

The general spoke of how proud he is of the accomplishment of the Army in getting into Tirana (Albania) and outlined the unique challenges of dealing with one airfield and port and rail systems that were inadequate for the Army's mission.

"I will accept the responsibility for making sure that the great effort that was expended by the youngsters that made Task Force Hawk a success is not ignored by the apparent slowness to get there," he said and chronicled what it took to get Task Force Hawk operational; bringing in equipment, engineers, materials, security, force protection ele-

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Fact of the Week

Approximately \$4 million is generated annually by a \$1 recycling fee placed on each new tire purchased in Maryland. This money is used to fund projects to reduce, recover and recycle scrap tires.



Statistics provided by the Maryland Department of Environment's Recycling Division

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

Spiritual 'time-out' offered at APG chapels

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Health enthusiasts habitually set aside at least 30 minutes of their day to rejuvenate their bodies or battle stress with exercise. Now, the post chapels are trying to do the same for the spirit.

Because of the impending changes resulting from the Commercial Activities contract, many people may have to confront career decisions or changes. The chapel staff, preparing for the many people who may seek additional spiritual guidance during the transitional period, have set aside a specific time in the chapel for that purpose. Prayer services for the work force are being held on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.

in both chapels.

About a dozen people attended the first service in the AA chapel, which was hosted by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James E. May, who said the chapel felt obligated to provide extra support to the work force community during the transition.

"We want anyone who feels the need to know they

can come here to pray or talk with others who are going through the same thing or just have a place they can go for quiet reflection," May said. "People need to know that we are here for them."

If you need to talk to a chaplain or want more information about the services, call the APG Chapel at 410-278-4333.

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Military Personnel Division closure

On Friday, July 23, the Military Personnel Division, Adjutant Office, U.S. Army Garrison will be closed due to mandatory common task testing by the Headquarters Support Troops, APG Garrison. The Identification Card Section will remain open for business. Emergency situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Questions should be directed to Master Sgt. Clarence E. Wilson Jr., Military Personnel Division sergeant major, 410-278-5307.

Block leave set for band

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will not be available for commitments from July 6-22 because of training and summer leave. For questions regarding scheduling, call Judy Michalski, 410-278-2711.

Red Cross blood drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620. Call 410-278-2087 to make an appointment. The Red Cross needs your continued support.

Red Cross offers training courses

The Red Cross will hold an Instructor's Candidate/Instructor's Course. The Instructor's Candidate course will be held from 5:30-10:30 p.m., on July 12 and 13, and from 6-10 p.m. on July 14. The Instructor's Course will be held on July 26 and 27, from 6-10 p.m. Individuals who took the Community First Aid and Safety Course are all eligible to take this course. The cost to take this course is \$50, and is payable to the American Red Cross.

The next two Community First Aid and Safety Courses are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21, and Friday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Both classes will be held at building 2477. Cost to attend each course is \$25 and is payable by check to the Red Cross.

The Apheresis Center at APG is in need of platelet donors.

The Red Cross Summer Youth Program urgently needs volunteer supervisors who are willing to take responsibility for positions for teens 13 years of age and older. This is a win-win situation and is a very worthwhile program.

For information or the youth program, call 410-297-9125.

Discolored water is temporary

Aberdeen Area residents and employees may notice discoloration in their water after the Chapel Hill Water Treatment Plant resumed operation on June 29. The plant underwent repairs beginning in January and had not been in operation. During that period, the post purchased water from Harford County. The repairs are complete, and the Directorate of Public Works is beginning start-up procedures. During the system start-up and flushing discoloration is expected. Users will be able to clear the water by running it until the discoloration disappears.

Recruiters to visit APG July 12, 13

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command will send a "Recruit the Recruiter" team to APG July 12 and 13, with sessions at the Post Theater both days at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentations. The purpose is to brief NCOs about opportunities as recruiters, and to encourage qualified NCOs who have more than 12 months of time on station to volunteer for recruiting duty. All NCOs interested are encouraged to attend. Spouses also are welcome to attend. For more information, call (800) 223-3735, ext. 6-0234/0215, or DSN 536-0234/0215. The post point of contact is Sfc. Stanley Edwards, 410-278-ARMY.

Blue Cross rep to visit July 13

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG on July 13, 9-11:30 a.m. at building 305, room B-14, and 12:30-1:30 p.m. in building E-4420, to discuss claim problems

and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary. For information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

ACS offering German class

Army Community Service Relocation office will offer a free course in basic German for active duty military, retirees, civilians, and family members at Army Community Service, building 2754. The class will be held Wednesdays, July 7-Aug. 18, 6-7 p.m. It will be taught by an instructor from Harford Community College, and is limited to 15 participants.

The class will cover basic vocabulary, grammar and expressions of the German language. Students also will learn about German culture, history, food and customs. A videotape will show what to expect from an assignment in Germany, which is great for those on PCS orders to Germany. To register, call Marilyn Howard, Relocation Program manager, 410-278-3137.

Volunteers needed for concerts

Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, merchandise sales, gate workers, and food and beverage concessions at the July 17 concert with Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Marshall Tucker Band and Great Train Robbery, and the Aug. 21 Dog Days of Summer concert, featuring country music star Clay Walker with special guests David Ball, Chad Brock and Claudia Church. Volunteers must be 18 years old, and must attend one training session on a date to be announced.

If you are interested in volunteering for ticket or merchandise sales, call Cheryl Roark at 410-278-4124/5789 or send an email to outdoor-rec@mwr.apg.army.mil. If you are interested in volunteering for food and beverage concessions or working in the warehouse, call Chuck Hamilton at 410-278-4041/2084, or send an email to bowling@mwr.apg.army.mil.

Tickets for both shows are available at ITR weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Lynyrd Skynyrd concert begins at 7 p.m.; gates open at 5:30 p.m. (as of press time, only 100 tickets were left). Tickets for the Dog Days of Summer Concert cost \$10; gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

For details on the concerts, call the ITR Office at 410-278-4011. Tickets also are available at the APG Bowling Center, Outdoor Recreation, both post Recreation Centers, Ruggles Golf Course and the Edgewood Area's Exton Golf Course. You also can purchase tickets through Ticketmaster; call 1-800-551-SEAT or 410-481-SEAT.

EA Thrift Shop summer hours

Effective July 1, the EA Thrift Shop, located in building E-1633 at the corner of Wise and Stark Roads, will open only on Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Due to the Independence Day holiday, the store will not be open on Saturday, July 3. Consignments will be taken up to one hour prior to closing. Although only military and civilian ID card holders may consign items, everyone is welcome to stop by, peruse the inventory, and purchase merchandise. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

Education Center offers counseling

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

The Edgewood Area Army Learning Center has computers with Internet access and study material for the tests available to check out. Additional reference materials are available for myriad subject areas. The Learning Center is open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6:30

CA Hotline

Q&A's and Updates!

(410) 278-9461

Available
24 Hours
a day

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

p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Fridays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Visit Dori Lawton, education counselor, and Chris Hollingshead, Learning Center monitor, in building E-4410. For information call the center at 410-436-2166.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is still looking for volunteers. A volunteer is needed at the Logistics Office at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to assist with property and at the main Red Cross office to assist with clerical duties. For more information, call Carolyn Lerwill, 410-278-2087.

Get your TRICARE enrollment cards

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

Free depression screening offered

Sheppard Pratt at Riverside offers free depression screening Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. No appointment is necessary. Sheppard Pratt at Riverside is located in Belcamp at 1250 Brass Mill Road, Suite E. For more information, call 410-272-6100.

Scouting offers disabled children adventures

The Baltimore Area Council Boy Scouts of America would like to offer new opportunities for children with disabilities and their families to get involved in the adventures of Scouting. Army Community Service is seeking interested families to see if such a group should be started on post. Scouting gives parents the opportunity to see their children grow and interact with other children while helping parents to create the capacity for their children's accomplishments. Children can develop a sense of teamwork and belonging through one of the greatest experiences of their lives. If you have a boy at least 7 years old or in first grade, or a girl who has completed eighth grade and is at least 14 years old, call Peggy Horne at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478

AA meeting held at chapel

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

Red Cross has toll-free number

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

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RETIREE UPDATE

Korean War stamp issued

For the first time, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a sheet of 15 new collectible stamps chosen by popular vote to represent the most memorable events of the 1950s. The Korean War stamp will be among them. This new stamp, part of the "Celebrate the Century" commemorative stamp series, is the result of nationwide balloting that took place in February 1998 (the public was invited to vote on decade-specific stamp subjects honoring some of the significant people, places, and events of the 20th century). U.S. postage stamps have long been a source of learning and pride for all Americans. Through "Celebrate The Century", Americans can save the past as they look toward the future. The Korean War stamps are available now at post offices nationwide.

Refunds for North Carolina retirees

Most of the 250,000 North Carolina state, local and federal retirees have already heard the good news about certain retirement income being exempt from state taxes. In a May 1998 North Carolina Supreme Court ruling, retirees with five or more years of creditable service in a North Carolina state or local government retirement system or a federal government retirement system or a federal government retirement system before Aug. 12, 1989, are exempt from all future payments of North Carolina income tax on their retirement benefits.

The good news doesn't stop there. The court also ruled that retirees (or their beneficiaries or estate) who paid North Carolina state taxes on this retirement income for any years between 1989 and 1997 are entitled to a refund.

Claim forms for refunds were mailed to North Carolina state and local retirees in March; claim forms for federal retirees will be mailed in late July. If the refund amount on the claim form is acceptable to the claimant, only a signature is required. If the claimant wants to dispute the refund amount shown on the claim form, the instructions that accompany all claim forms will guide

claimants through the necessary procedure.

For more information, call toll-free (877)829-2273, or write to Bailey/Emory/Patton Class Counsel, PO Box 511, Raleigh, NC 27602. Court documents, forms, and other information are available on Bailey/Patton Settlement Web site (www.baileypatton.wcsr.com).

Department of Veterans Affairs

Are you leaving the service with a disability? If so, disability benefits and priority health care may be available to you for disabilities that were incurred in or aggravated by your military service.

Service-Connected Disability Compensation:

- There are monthly benefits for service-disabled veterans.
- Additional allowances for dependents.
- Special benefits are available for the seriously disabled.
- There is an offset for certain DOD payments.

Benefits for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans:

- Special adaptive housing grant
- Automobile grant
- Automobile - adaptive equipment
- Clothing allowance

Among the numerous VA benefit programs are:

- Compensation
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Education
- Loan guaranty
- Medical and dental
- Insurance
- Burial
- Survivors

VBA Help Line Numbers:

- Hot line in your state - 1-800-827-1000.
- Education benefits (Buffalo, NY) - 1-888-GI BILL 1 (1-888-442-4551) or www.va.gov/education.

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**SUNDAY
JULY 4**

VETERANS DEDICATION

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House, Erie and Conestee Streets, will host the Dedication of the Ultimate Sacrifice Veterans Memorial of Cecil and Harford Counties, at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. If you plan to attend, call 410-939-1369.

BOSS DANCE

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold an Independence Day Dance at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center from 8 a.m.-3 a.m. Cost is \$4. Contact your unit BOSS representative for details.

**TUESDAY
JULY 6**

CHORUS CONCERT

The Harford Choral Society will perform at 7 p.m. at Aberdeen Festival Park, located on Howard Street in Aberdeen. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at Aberdeen High School auditorium. For information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 410-939-6767.

**THURSDAY
JULY 8**

BOSS MEETING

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold its monthly meeting at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 1:30 p.m. If your unit does not have a BOSS representative, contact Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, 410-278-1509, as soon as possible.

**FRIDAY
JULY 9**

WOMEN VETERANS

The Maryland Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will meet on Friday, July 9, 1999, at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizen center, 7 Franklin St., Aberdeen. All WAAC, WAC, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and those serving in the Army today or honorably discharged are invited to attend. Call 410-676-9574 for more information.

**SATURDAY
JULY 10**

UNITY PICNIC

The Caribbean Connection Association and the NCO Support Group have joined together to host a UMOJA (UNITY) picnic at the APG Recreation Center Patio from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Plates can be purchased in advance for a donation of \$6. The menu consists of

Caribbean and soul-food dishes. There will be games such as dominoes, spades and "Bid Wiz." A party will be held after the event starting at 9 p.m. Snacks will be available throughout the night. For details, call Sfc. Derek St. Louis, 410-306-1503, SSgt. Floyd Jenkins, 410-278-1996, Sfc. Harvey Thomas, 410-306-1538, Sfc. Ernie Pratt, 410-306-1535, Spc. Wendy Felix, 410-273-6553, or Spc. Damian Henry 410-278-2331.

**TUESDAY
JULY 13**

ENGLISH CLASSES

The Army Community Service Relocation Office will hold a registration session for a free English class at ACS, building 2754, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. English as a Second Language will be held in the evenings from 6-8:15 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from July 20-Aug. 19. The class is for those needing a refresher course or for those with little or no English speaking and writing skills. The course is open to military personnel, APG civilians, retirees and adult family members. All sessions are taught by an instructor from Harford Community College. For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-3137.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620. Call 410-278-2087 to make an appointment. The Red Cross needs your continued support.

RESERVISTS ROCK

The U.S. Army Reserve Stage Band will perform at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Festival Park located on Howard Street in Aberdeen. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at Aberdeen High School Auditorium. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 410-939-6767.

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 14**

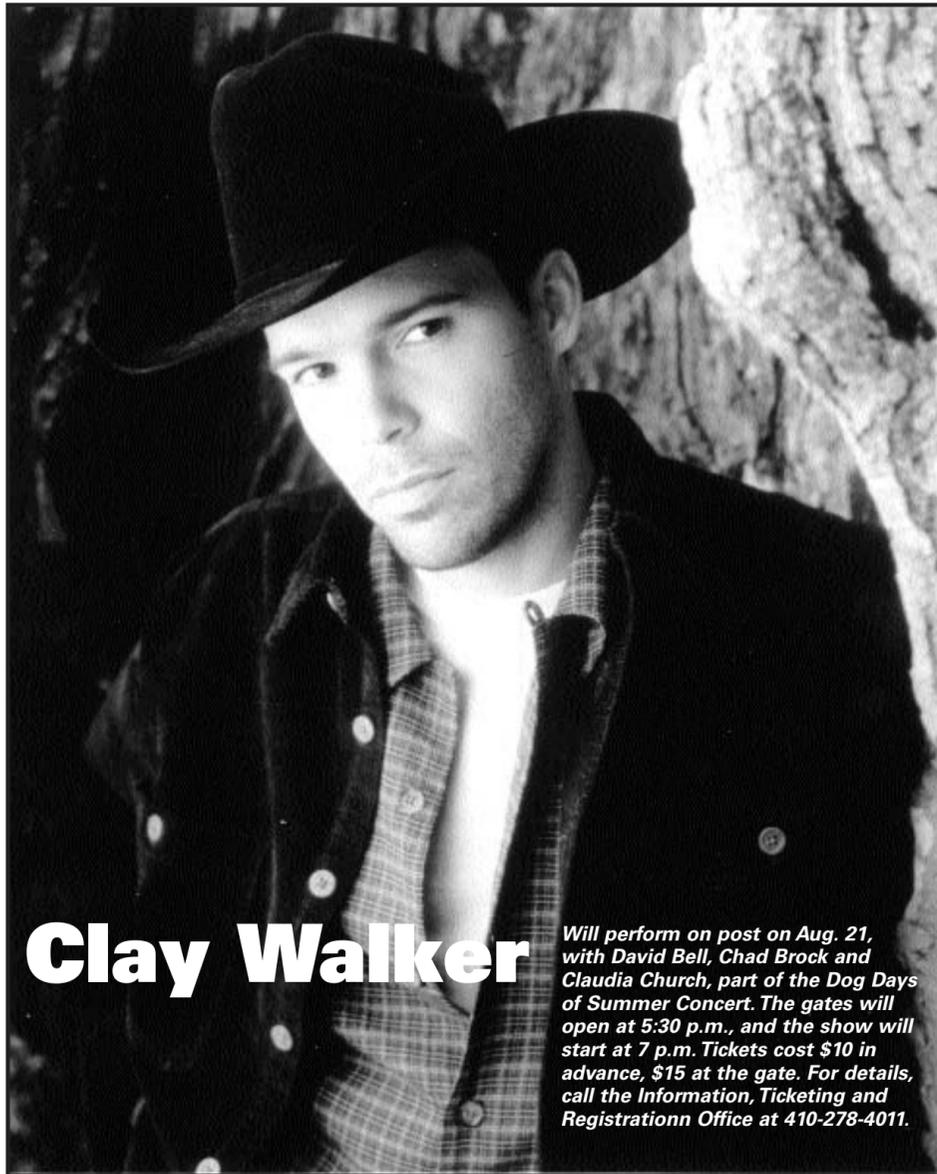
SAFETY DAY

APG Garrison is holding "Safety Day" in both areas of the installation throughout the day. Topics will include Lyme Disease, health, nutrition and driving under the influence. For more information, see next week's APG News or call Tom Vincenti, 410-306-1131.

**THURSDAY
JULY 22**

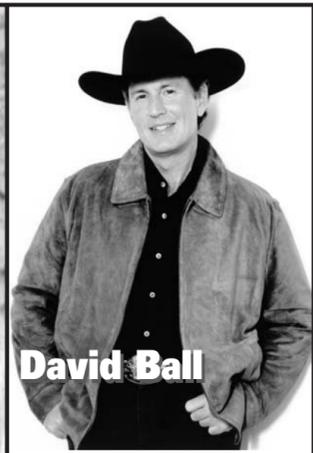
ACUPUNCTURE

The APG Committee for the



Clay Walker

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



David Bell



Chad Brock



Claudia Church

Disabled is hosting a special presentation on acupuncture and herbal therapies at 2:30 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Dr. Jerold Fleishman from Franklin Square Hospital Center will return to APG to speak about acupuncture and herbal therapies for pain management and for the treatment of injuries and disease. This presentation is open to all APG personnel. For details, call Angela Cheek at 410-278-1140 or your representative on the APG Committee for the Disabled.

**SATURDAY
JULY 24**

YOUTH PROGRAM
The Caribbean Connection Association will host a Youth Program at the APG Youth Center from 1-5 p.m. Parents who are interested in including their children, or for more information contact Sfc. Derek St. Louis, 410-306-1503, or Spc. Wendy Felix, 410-306-1551.

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 28**

WELCOME TO APG
APG will hold an orientation, 1-3 p.m., AA Recreation Center, building 3326, to welcome incoming military and civilian personnel and their families. Representatives from post activities will inform you about APG and community services and activities. For information, call 410-278-7474/4372.

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 1**

SUNDAY BRUNCH
Skip cooking and have Sunday Brunch at the Top of the Bay. Two seatings will be held: the first seating is from 10 a.m.-noon; the second seating will be from 1-3 p.m. To make reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552 before July 28. Cost for adults is \$13.95; \$6.95 for children ages 6-11; children 5 and under are free.

SAFETY AWARENESS

Vacation safety

Ready for that long-awaited vacation? A medical emergency can happen while you are traveling, so the American College of Emergency Physicians suggests you visit your doctor before leaving. Be sure to bring any medication you may need. Also bring basic first aid supplies such as bandages, pain reliever and sunscreen.



Learn more about handling an emergency by contacting the Aberdeen Proving Ground Division of Fire and Emergency Services at 410-306-0562.

MWR UPDATE

Aberdeen Fitness Center offers kick-boxing

Kick Box Aerobics is here! Experience the latest fitness craze on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center, building 320. This class will be a basic beginners class taught by a certified instructor. This is a great way to get in shape. The first class is free, and all other classes are included in the price of a Fitness Pass. The center has step aerobics, toning and tae/step, and state-of-the-art equipment and personal training. 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.

Summer hours start at park

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park is open Monday-Thursday, noon-10 p.m.; Friday, noon-midnight; Saturday, 1 p.m.-midnight; and Sunday and holidays, 1-8 p.m. . Come out and enjoy riding the go-karts, trying the batting cages or playing 18 holes of miniature golf.

Play a round of miniature golf for \$3; ages 5 and younger play for \$1. Bat from Little League to Major League speeds, or slow or fast softball, for 50 cents for 12 balls. Try the go-karts for just \$3 for five-minute ride. There is a special on July 5 for a half-price ride - \$1.50 for five minutes. Hours of operation that day will be 1-8 p.m.

The snack bar serves nachos, jumbo hot dogs, sodas, chips and sno-balls. To schedule a party or special event, call 410-278-9920.

Auto Crafts Shop extends hours

Starting July 12, the Auto Crafts Shop in building 2379 will extend the hours of operation on a trial basis, adding Monday hours so it will be open six days per week.

Swimming pools are open

Olympic, Shore and Bayside swimming pools are open! Don't forget monthly and season pool passes are now on sale at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and the EA Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. The daily

fee is still \$3 per person; monthly individual passes are \$25 and monthly family passes are \$35. The season pass for individuals is \$50, \$80 for families. Lap swimming is available at the Olympic and Bayside pools Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124, for details.

Swim lesson registration still offered

Openings are available for the Pre-School Aquatics classes, and just a few for the Youth "Learn to Swim" lessons starting in July. Registration is open to all authorized MWR patrons. Students may register at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and the EA Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Lessons will be conducted July 12-23 at both the Shore and Bayside swimming pools. Pre-School Aquatics are offered for children ages 3-5 and will be conducted from 10-10:50 a.m. A parent or guardian will be required to accompany the child in the water during lessons. "Learn to Swim" lessons will be conducted from 9-9:50 a.m. and are offered for children ages 6 and older. The fee is \$20 per student. For further information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

APG Boat Docks

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

Hunter Safety Classes

Hunter Safety classes are scheduled for the Aberdeen Area in building 5445, room 213, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Training Building:

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10, 6-10 p.m.;

See MWR UPDATE, page 9A

LEAVE DONATION

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

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

APG Red Cross awards outstanding performers

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Joseph W. Bonaccorse is a naturalized U. S. citizen who is grateful for the opportunities in this country and who doesn't miss an opportunity to give something back.

Bonaccorse, manager of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Burger King, has been an employee with Army and Air Force Exchange Service for 15 years. Since he has been at APG, he has been credited with starting an academic excellence program that rewards children's academic achievements.

"When I came here there was no strong interaction between Burger King and the community," Bonaccorse said. "But now, when teachers identify achievers they send them to Burger King with a certificate. They're using them now with greater frequency."

In recognition of his hard work and accomplishments, the APG Red Cross awarded Bonaccorse and three others commemorative plaques in a ceremony in building 2477 before the start of the May advisory council meeting.

Carolyn Lerwill, installation services specialist and co-supervisor of the APG office, and volunteer Lawrence Kaye received plaques for their support in helping to meet the community blood needs. Lerwill, who has been with the office since 1991, explained that the accomplishments of all the award recipients could not be measured or represented by a single award.

"What our people have accomplished is immeasurable," Lerwill said. "Consistently, we meet our goals due to their unselfish efforts."

Lerwill said she came to APG when the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command was first established here, "as a secretary in TECOM headquarters with nothing in my office but a phone on the floor."

Since then she has served as secretary to the director of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and an optician at the optical shop.

"I moved into Red Cross service when a friend who was leaving talked me into it," Lerwill said, "and I've been here ever since."

Kaye, a full-time volunteer, has been at APG since 1961. His career with the Red Cross spans nearly 40 years, and the 78-year-old shows no signs of slowing down.

He served as APG special services officer, before it was re-named the morale support officer, and retired in 1989 as the director for personnel and community activities. He also holds a doctorate in educa-



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Capt. Jason Pike received the Hometown Hero award from the Bel Air Chapter of the American Red Cross for his work in El Salvador during relief efforts from Hurricane Mitch.

tion and still teaches a pool operation course part-time at Harford Community College. He also teaches a swimming course at North Harford High School.

"I always have something to teach that will keep my continuity going," Kaye said, adding that his wife wants him to slow down and that he may not be back after his contract expires. When asked what he would do with all that spare time, he said he would probably write a book he's been planning, but that he would miss teaching.

"I enjoy working with the kids," Kaye said. "They laugh at jokes nobody else will."

The Red Cross Hometown Hero Award went to Capt. Jason Pike, an entomologist assigned to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. Pike received the award for work he did while serving in South America with the 61st Medical Detachment. Dr. Ed Evans, program manager of CHPPM's Entomological Sciences Program, explained that Pike served in a capacity that is unique to the Medical Corps.

"Captain Pike was assigned as a PROFIS, which is basically, someone who fills in the gaps," said Evans. "The unit needed a medical officer and Pike served in that role for seven weeks."

Col. Paul Andrews of CHPPM was there to witness the presentation, and said that the center is extremely proud of Pike's accomplishments.

"He is an expert in his field. We just wanted to be here to recognize his achievements," Andrews said.

Pike explained that his mission was a bit more complicated than traditional executive officer roles.

"My job was to survey for medically important threats from ticks, mosquitoes and flies," said Pike. "Once a nuisance was identified, we would spray pesticides, then counsel soldiers on proper cleaning techniques to avoid future threats."

Pike added that the Red Cross awarded him the honor because of the voluntary relief effort in El Salvador and because he volunteers on the Bel Air Red Cross Disaster Assistance Team.

"There are other categories for hometown hero. I was awarded for the military category," Pike said.

He explained that he has been volunteering on the disaster team for more than two years and has participated in evacuations caused by fires and natural disasters.

"I got involved with volunteering partly because I realized one of my strengths is staying calm in chaos. I thought I could use that quality to assist others," Pike said. "People don't understand that disaster conditions are not really chaotic. You can really see the best of people during disasters. Even someone who was miserly and greedy becomes helpful and caring during disasters. It's kind of amazing."

Presenting the awards were Ed Dippel, Blood Program coordinator for the Baltimore, Maryland Chapter, and Linda Banderhoff, director of the Harford County Red Cross, Bel Air Chapter.

USAEC employee wins EPA award

USAEC Public Affairs Office

James Daniel of the U.S. Army Environmental Center recently received the Environmental Protection Agency's Bronze Medal for his work with a team of key EPA and military staff in developing guidance to streamline environmental cleanup and site closeout at federal facilities across the country.

Daniel, acting chief of USAEC's Program Review and Assistance Branch, was among the 20 EPA, Army, Navy and Air Force environmental staff the EPA lauded for making "significant contributions" to the military environmental cleanup program and for their work in developing the Interim Guide on Environmental Restoration Site Closeout.

The EPA officially awarded the Bronze Medal to Daniel and the others who comprised the Environmental Site Closeout Working Group at a ceremony June 14 in Crystal City, Va.

The work group spent a year-and-a-half developing the site cleanup and closeout guidance, which the EPA cited as "the most



Photo by MIKE CAST

James Daniel of the U.S. Army Environmental Center recently received the Environmental Protection Agency's Bronze Medal.

intensive coordination effort since development of the President's Five-Point Plan for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program in the early '90s."

The EPA also commended the Air Force Base Conversion Agency, which led the work group, and representatives from the Defense Department and states of California and Illinois who participated in the effort. Environmental documents, guidance and examples are available on an Air Force Web site.

The EPA reported that the col-

laborative cleanup and closeout guidance is of "great importance" to the federal facilities cleanup program because EPA and DoD milestones for cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) are for the first time aligned and identified in one document. The EPA also reports that the guidance "breaks new ground by defining the work to be done at [federal] sites after a remedial action decision is made, the point at which most cleanup guidance has traditionally ended."

"The document has been hailed as a milestone for trying to go beyond remedy decisions," said Renee Wynn, associate director of the EPA's Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office, during the award ceremony.

She said it was "critical" that federal agencies overcome their sometimes "adversarial" roles and cooperate in efforts of this type because they aid in getting federal sites off of the National Priorities List for cleanup.

Daniel and other members of the Environmental Site Closeout Working Group also joined forces to brief senior managers for DoD, the EPA, the military departments and states and assisted with three BRAC workshops in 1998, which

trained personnel from 200 military installations on effective site closeout procedures.

Sherri W. Goodman, deputy under secretary of defense for Environmental Security, recognized the value of the guide by releasing it as a joint EPA, DoD and military service guide in January 1999. The document now is in use in the field, and final issuance was scheduled for July 1999.

(From staff reports from the USAEC Public Affairs Office.)

Retirees can get help from VA rep

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- Home loans (Roanoke, VA) - 1-800-933-5499 or 1-540-857-2135.

- Small business administration - 1-800-827-5722.

For more information about veteran services, call Donald Santos, military service coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs, Baltimore Regional Office, who is available at APG several times per month. He can assist you with applications, forms, questions and concerns. Contact the Career Focus Center, 410-278-9669, to find out when he will be at APG. When he is available, his office is in building 310, wing 3B, 410-278-2338. No appointments are necessary.

Ayers accept duties as new regimental command sergeant major at OC&S

OC&S, from front page

keep the sun out of my eyes as I cast my line to catch that big one in a nearby stream."

He thanked all in attendance for their continued support and welcomed the Ayers family to APG.

"I leave here confident that the position of Regimental Command Sergeant Major lies in good hands. Command Sergeant Major Tim Ayers and his wife, Mary, bring with them experience, dedication to the Army family, and most importantly, a strong desire to help Ordnance soldiers."

Jackson echoed Hooper's welcome to the Ayers. While he noted that they were new to the Ordnance headquarters, "they have been contributing members of Team Ordnance for some time."

Ayers noted that he eagerly accepted the challenges of his new position. As he read off a long list of issues facing the Ordnance Corps and Ordnance soldiers he

noted that he would not be taking on the challenges alone.

"It's one flag, one uniformed fight, and one destiny," he said.

He concluded by thanking those who came out to take part in the ceremony and told the crowd, "If you're not Ordnance, you should be."

Hooper and his family - wife, Jan, and son, Danny - will be moving on to Fort Leavenworth where Maj. Jan Hooper will attend the Command and General Staff College. She has been serving as inspector general for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School since January 1998.

The Ayers family come to APG from Redstone Arsenal, Ala., where he served as command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School/59th Ordnance Brigade.

Ayers entered the Army in 1971 and completed his Advanced Individual Training as a Pershing Electrical Mechanical Repairman.

He continued in support of the Pershing Missile System until the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty did away with the Pershing and he was reclassified as an ammunition specialist in 1991.

He has served in every leadership position from squad leader to command sergeant major and has had several assignments as a first sergeant and sergeant major, to include serving as the Sergeant Major for the Munitions Training Department at Redstone.

During the first six months of Operation Joint Endeavor he served as the command sergeant major for the 29th Support Group in Tazar, Hungary, where he was responsible for the personnel requirements for the reception, staging and onward movement of implementation forces into Bosnia-Hersogovina.

His military education includes the Primary Leadership Development Course the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, and the Sergeants



Photo by E. C. Starnes

Soldiers representing the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School and the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School pass in review in honor of the retirement of Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua Hooper and the assumption of the duties as Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sergeant Major by Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers.

Major Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Columbia College.

His awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, seven Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 4, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal and the Army Superior Unit Award.

He is married to the former Mary Flach. They have one son, Joshua.

The regimental command sergeant major is the principal advisor to the Chief of Ordnance on all matters pertaining to the Ordnance Corps enlisted person-

nel. He also serves as the worldwide mentor for Ordnance Corps junior enlisted soldiers and non-commissioned officers. He also

serves to promote the pride, prestige and traditions of Ordnance Corps service through the professional development of Ordnance

Observe safety during holiday fun

SAFE, from front page

tious of the sun, and hats are a good idea for everyone.

Swimming safety reminders include swimming with a buddy, not drinking while swimming, and diving only in appropriately equipped pools.

Spc. Edward Belonga, an APG preventive medicine technician, gave advice for those who pick up ticks: "Don't try to burn them off."

"Get as close to the skin as you can and remove them with tweezers," he said.

Belonga said if you prefer, the tick can be removed at the clinic. Ticks collected at the clinic are sent to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine for analysis.

Pointing out that many accidents are alcohol-

related, Sommer encouraged the use of a designated driver, and reminds those who plan on operating boats or biking that similar penalties apply.

Civilian Lt. Johnny Boyles of the APG Police Department said alcohol always is a concern during the holidays, and emphasized that those who drink should not drive.

"If you drink, have a designated driver," he said.

He added that those operating boats fall under the same laws as automobile operators, and said the Marine and Wildlife Section, which patrols the waterways, "will be out in force" during the holiday weekend.

Boyles repeated the need for caution and common sense when engaging in weekend activities.

"Our goal is for everyone to have a safe holiday

LETTERS & COMMENTARIES

Warm welcome

Baskets make new Skippers Point residents right at home, thanks to Lydia Richards

By Michael R. O'Hern

I just hate moving. Would you like to know which part I really hate? No, it's not the packing. No, it's not the actual travel to the new assignment. It's the arrival. After the craziness of the first few days, I have time to stand in front of my quarters, look around the new neighborhood and wonder who my new neighbors are.

Well, the stress of moving has been softened in Skippers Point by our new 'Welcome Wagon.' The brainchild of Lydia Richards, assistant quality of life mayor for Skippers Point, the Welcome Wagon has helped ease the moving stress for six families since beginning in May.

The welcome baskets were Ms. Richards' idea and with the help of gift certificates from the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives

Club and coupon books from AAFES, the baskets are the perfect stress-breaker for our new neighbors.

Ms. Richards has plans that the baskets will assume a holiday theme for any family moving into Skippers Point around any holiday period.

Now as Lydia gets ready to leave and move on to another duty station, her self-assumed mission as Skippers Point Welcome Wagon will continue. Those who have benefited from her stress-busting baskets will always be thankful for her kindness and those who are yet to come will also benefit.

I would personally like to thank Lydia for her persistence in pursuing her vision. The Welcome Wagon has added greatly to the quality of life in Skippers Point.



Lydia Richards shows off some of the baskets that welcome new residents to Skippers Point in the Edgewood Area.

Shopping Green: Make a difference as a consumer

By Michelle Guitard

Pollution Prevention Specialist, DSHE

The problem is solid waste and what to do with tons of it produced each year in the United States. One answer is "shopping green," something every consumer can do to avoid producing the waste in the first place.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, in 1996 each person in the United States produced an average of 4.4 pounds of solid waste a day, adding up to 208 million tons of municipal solid waste a year. Most of the waste went to one of the 3,091 landfills across the nation. The rest was incinerated, reducing the need for landfill space but creating harmful air emissions and ash for disposal. Neither landfills nor incineration

solve the long-term problem.

Shopping green means making decisions that avoid bringing things into your home or work area that will end up as waste in a landfill or incinerator. The next time you shop, ask the following questions.

Do I really need this item? If you already own or can borrow something to serve the same purpose, don't waste money or bring something else into your home or workplace when it will become waste later.

Can I minimize the amount of packaging I purchase? The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control estimates that up to one-third of all purchases are for packaging. So, when possible, save money and storage space by pur-

chasing items with no packaging. Otherwise, buy only goods that come in recycled, recyclable or reusable containers.

Am I buying more than what I need? When you purchase more than the essential quantities of products, you increase both the storage space required as well as the likelihood of having to dispose of excess later.

Is this product durable or will I have to replace it? Spending more for a better quality product will avoid having to dispose of and replace a less-durable item. Remember that disposable products that are marketed for their convenience will end up in a landfill or incinerator.

Is this product hazardous to the environment? Examine the product label. Minimize the hazard by

choosing a product with a "warning" or "caution" statement rather than one labeled "poison," which indicates a greater hazard. While this decision won't directly reduce the amount of waste you produce, it will reduce the amount of pollutants released into the environment. For example, glass cleaner in a pump spray bottle is less hazardous than the same cleaner in an aerosol container.

Can I reduce transportation waste by refusing or reusing shopping bags? Refusing a shopping bag or taking along a reusable one is an easy way to reduce the amount of waste you generate.

For more information on shopping green, contact Michelle Guitard, Orise participant, DSHE, 410-306-2265.

SPORTS

Intramural Softball League continues

The following results were reported for the Intramural Softball League for the week ending June 25.

American Division

Results

June 21

Games rained out; will be rescheduled.

June 23

HHC 16th, 12; HST, 0
HHC 143rd, 9; HHC 61st, 3
KUSAHC, 15; NCOA, 7
KUSAHC, 17; HHC 61st, 10

June 25

HHC 16th, 17; HHC 61st, 13
KUSAHC, 2; HST, 0
HHC 143rd, 28; NCOA, 14
HHC 16th, 12; HHC 143rd, 11
NCOA, 15; HST, 2

Standings

KUSAHC8-0
HHC 16th7-1
HHC 143rd5-3
NCOA3-5
HST1-7
HHC 61st0-8

Schedule

July 7

6 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st
7 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHC 143rd
8 p.m., NCOA vs. HS

July 12

6 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HST
7 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. NCOA
8 p.m., HHC 61st vs. KUSAHC
All games scheduled July 13-19 will be played in Edgewood due to the Lynard Skynard concert.

National Division

Results

June 22

A Co. 143rd, 13; USAF, 6
E Co. 16th, 13; SBCCOM, 8
B Co. 16th vs. CHPPM (Rescheduled: 8:30 p.m., July 20)
B Co. 143rd vs. USMC (Rescheduled: 8:30 p.m., June 29)

June 24

SBCCOM vs. A Co. 143rd (Rescheduled 8:30 p.m., July 8)

USMC, 11; CHPPM, 1
B Co. 16th, 24; B Co. 143rd, 16
E Co. 16th, 19; USAF, 13
E Co. 16th, 14; USAF, 6

Standings

USMC6-0
E Co. 16th6-1
B Co. 143rd3-2
SBCCOM3-2
A Co. 143rd2-4
USAF2-6
B Co. 16th1-4
CHPPM1-5

Schedule

July 6

6:30 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. E Co. 16th
6:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. SBCCOM

July 8

6:30 p.m., USAF vs. B Co. 16th
6:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. A Co. 143rd
7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. SBCCOM
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. B Co. 143rd

Tennis tourney completed; military, civilian to do battle

The APG Tennis Tournament Championships were held June 24 in the AA Recreation Center Courts.

In the Women's Division, Cynthia Hobbs of E Co. 16th defeated Jennifer Jones of the NCOA by a score of 6-0, 6-1.

Jones, a systems administrator for NCOA, has been here two months and said although she lost, she enjoyed the match because she learned from it.

"I got behind early and never recovered but it's only a loss if you don't learn something. I just

need to find people I can practice with," Jones said. "Next time I'll win."

In the Men's Senior Division, two Marines squared off for the championship and in the end Matthew Patton defeated Joseph Snyder. In the Men's Open Division, William Pierce defeated Chris Palfi, 6-3, 6-1. In the Civilian Division, the match went to three sets, but Linwood Halsey of SBCCOM defeated Charles Heinsohn of the Outdoor Recreation Division, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2.

Heinsohn said he enjoyed the

exciting match with Halsey, whom he has played before.

"Hopefully I'll be able to get in more practice time before I play again," he said.

Halsey, an electronics engineer, said his play fluctuated, but patience and a cautious offense brought about his win.

"Unforced errors hurt me in the second set," said Halsey. "I was a more more patient aggressor and I was able to overpower him in the third set."

The military and civilian champions were slated to play to see who would be the overall post champion on June 30.

SPORTS SHORTS

Players needed for post softball, volleyball

Any active-duty soldier interested in playing on the post volleyball or softball team should call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Russell Gym closes

Russell Gym closed on June 14 to be renovated into office space for the Community Recreation Division. Any patron still needing to clear out a locker must contact the APG Athletic Center at 410-278-7934. For more information concerning the closing of the gym, contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Post-level soccer practice begins

The APG Post Level Soccer Team has begun practicing in preparation for the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference Tournament scheduled for Aug. 7-8. Active duty military personnel interested in playing with the team should come to weekly practices held on Shine Field, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. For more information, call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Softball teams face off

The APG Bombers, the post-level softball team, participated in Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's First Invitational Softball Tournament last weekend. The Bombers opened the tournament with a loss to a local Recreation League Team, the Skrubbs, 16-9, then played KUSAHC and won, 10-4. Next up was a Lakehurst, N.J., team that fell to the Bombers, 20-7. In the semi-final game against another Recreation League team, the Diamondbacks, the Bombers lost, 16-4. The Diamondbacks and Skrubbs squared off in the championship game, with the Skrubbs taking the trophy, 15-11. Bombers coach Steve Czerwinski was faced with the unenviable task of playing against his own team in the KUSAHC game.

"They were short a player, so I helped them out," Czerwinski said. "It was a strange feeling because my team lost and my team won."

Shinseki discusses Army

CHIEF, from front page
ments, "a 5,000 person plus brigade combat team.

"Only this Army could have gotten in there. I don't know of any other army in the world that could have done this, given the same conditions and time line. The only way we did that was on the backs of some magnificent soldiers that did the darn-near impossible and made it happen."

But, Shinseki cautioned that the deployment of 7,000 troops into Kosovo means though the fighting has stopped, the war isn't over.

"The tough part of the mission is about to start," he said, and conceded the tensions, causes and conflicts that erupted still are there. "They have to stay evenhanded, they have to look like a professional force at all times."

He said after spending more than 15 months with troops in Bosnia, he is confident both in the training and leadership of the soldiers on the Kosovo mission.

"We have long adhered to the principle of no soldier goes into harm's way untrained ... You go through a mission rehearsal exercise and then you go and do it for real," he said.

He said soldiers who are on peacekeeping missions have told him they are glad they came. They have high job satisfaction because they believe that what they are doing is important; still, although they see it as a rewarding experience, "there is a finite number of times you can send them" on such missions.

Modernization may be part of the solution to manning and to how quickly forces can get into areas for assigned missions. Shinseki said by modernizing the force to make heavy forces more mobile and light forces more

lethal, the challenge of strategic responsiveness may be solved.

"As we look further into the future at the available leap ahead potential technologies, if they allow us to think about a different solution in the size and weight of what we have, we ought to investigate that."

He also said one challenge is to man the force to slow personnel tempo and give soldiers predictability. "We don't have a serious problem yet (on retaining mid-grade NCOs, captains and majors), but I do see some of the indications that the kids are tired, that's why I've got to get the manning problems solved."

Not only is retaining good soldiers tough, Shinseki said the recruiting challenge is also a tough one. "We've got to strike a chord in the hearts of young people. They have to see that service in the military is not only important, but meaningful."

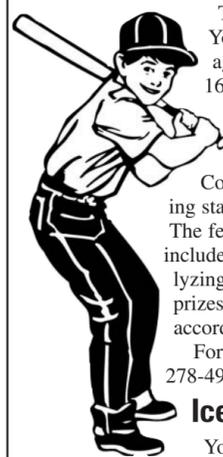
YOUTH SPORTS

Soccer registration

Get your kicks – with soccer. Youths ages 5-14 are being accepted for soccer registration. Children must be age 5 by Aug. 1, 1999, and cannot turn 15 before Aug. 1, 1999. Registration deadline is July 15. Cost is \$30 with a 10 percent discount for additional children in a family.

Practice begins Aug. 1; games begin Sept. 11. For more information, call Bill Kegley at 410-278-4995. The Youth Center also is seeking a soccer coach.

Basketball camp starts soon



The Aberdeen Area Youth Center will hold Youth Basketball Camp for girls and boys ages 9-15. The camp will be held July 12-16, 6-9 p.m., at the AA Youth Center, building 2522. Registration is limited to the first 56 youths who register. The camp will be conducted by the Cecil

Community College men's basketball coaching staff.

The fee for Youth Basketball Camp is \$20 and includes camp T-shirts, written evaluations analyzing your skills, extra individual instruction, prizes and awards. Players will be grouped according to age and ability.

For more information, call Bill Kegley at 410-278-4995. Make checks payable to IMWRF.

Ice hockey offered for youths

Youths from the post community are invited to try out for the Patriots Ice Hockey Club's 1999-2000 season on Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, Aug. 1, at Ice World in Abingdon.

Tryouts on July 31 begins with the Mites Division, from 5:15-6 p.m. for ages 7-8; and from 6-6:45 p.m. for the Squirt Division, ages 9-10.

Tryouts for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget divisions will be held Aug. 1. Tryouts for the Pee Wee Division, ages 11-12, will be held 2:45-3:30 p.m.; Bantam Division, ages 13-14, will be held 3:30-4:15 p.m.; and Midget Division, ages 15-17, will be held from 4:15-5 p.m.

The make-up date for all ages is Thursday, Aug. 12, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Cost of pre-registration is \$25 by July 16; cost for walk-ons is \$50. Full hockey equipment is required. For more information, call Tom Jendras, 410-515-0748, or P.J. Haviland, 410-515-9769.

APG's chemical stockpile to be a part of history by the year 2004

STOCKPILE, from front page
these stockpiles is not an easy task," and eliminating those stockpiles won't be easy.

"Recognize that this is a tough business, and one that also is essential to the security of our nation," he said.

The project at APG will make the installation a "pioneer" in demilitarization, he noted, adding that the successes and lessons learned at APG will have an impact not only on U.S. plans, but on the dozens of countries that have signed the Chemical Weapons Treaty.

"You are setting the standard for the rest of the countries to follow," he said.

Bacon has more of a stake in the project than most, Kern said wryly.

"I told him that I would not recommend his retirement until the stockpile is gone," Kern said, adding later that "Jim and I can look forward one day to retiring safely."

Community involvement

Reaching this point marks a "milestone" in APG's continued effort "to dispose of APG's stockpile in a safe and environmentally responsible way," said Sen. Paul Sarbanes, who noted the contributions of Sen. Barbara Mikulski, who was unable to attend, and the efforts of former Rep. Helen Bentley and Rep. Robert Ehrlich, who both attended the event.

Sarbanes noted that the project took the combined efforts of elected government officials, citizens from the community, Department

of Defense personnel, and the "tremendous contributions" of the personnel who designed the stockpile disposal plan.

"Much of the technology that will be used was developed here," he said.

Ehrlich added that the elected officials work together for the benefit of APG, a process he called "one of the easier parts of my job."

Informed citizens have played a major role in this process, he added, especially the CAC.

"Without the citizens, we are nothing," he said.

One of the citizens who worked toward demilitarization was honored at the ceremony, as his family joined Bacon in unveiling a plaque to dedicate the facility in his name. John B. Samuel, a research chemist in the Edgewood Area for more than 28 years, died in December 1996 at the age of 51. His wife, Virginia, and daughters, Anne, Susan and Carolyn, spoke about Samuel's exceptional personal life, and how much they have learned about his life-long work in the chemical field.

Anne Samuel gave special thanks to the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), because her father played trombone and made an extra effort to see military bands when they performed in the area.

"I had seen his building and the intimidating fence and guard," she said of her memories of her father's work in a high-security section of the Edgewood Area. While they knew little about his work, they knew him as the person who could give the perfect answer to any question.

Susan Samuel said that her father, if faced with the prospect of having the facility named after him, "would have spent days listing the names of others who deserved this honor more."

"It would have made my dad feel uneasy in its enormity," she said, adding that he would have been pleased.

Carolyn Samuel noted it was amazing that her father "possessed so many positive qualities simultaneously." The facility would have pleased him because it grew from an effort by people wanting to make a change.

"I'm sure my dad's response would be 'You can change things if you want,' and this is how he lived his life," she said.

Virginia Samuel thanked Dr. Steve Landry and Dr. Richard Ward, who worked with her husband, and Kathy DeWeese of the Edgewood Chemical Activity Public Affairs Office, for their efforts in organizing the ceremony.

"John was the love of my life, my dearest friend and confidant, and the dearest person I've ever known," she said. "Thank you for this lovely dedication to him, and I thank God for blessing our lives with John."

The family joined Bacon with John Samuel's sister, Marjorie Becus, in unveiling a plaque dedicating the site to Samuel. Later in the ceremony, 15 of the guests gathered to ceremonially plant a grove of red oak trees, which will be tended throughout the project. Once the work of the ABCDF is done and the facility dismantled, the plaque will be placed in the

grove as a permanent reminder of Samuel and his work.

Participating in the ceremony were Bacon, Sarbanes, Ehrlich, Kern and Pecoraro, and Maj. Gen. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG; Harford County Executive James Harkins; Dwight Burns of the Corps of Engineers; Bradley Pierce of the Industrial Operations Command; Maj. Craig Trice, commander of the Edgewood Chemical Activity; Joe Lovrich, who will manage the facility; Dr. Ted Procv, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for chemical demilitarization; Bob Rizzieri of the Corps of Engineers; John Nunn, co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Commission; and Jan. Van Prooyen, project manager for Bechtel Aberdeen, the company that will construct the facility.

Plaques also were presented to Landry; Charlie Baronian, former PM for Chem Demil; members of the CAC present - Kay and Robert Hutchinson, Linda Koplovitz, Rep. Dan Riley and Dave McMillion; and William Ekey of Edgewood High School and recent graduate Brandon Rose, for their support of the awareness program that teaches members of the community to "Shelter in Place." Other members of the commission who were unable to attend are H. Thomas Sisk, Stephen Broyles, Alvin Bowles and George Englesson, co-chair.

Also attending the ceremony were Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Joseph Brooks; Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Robert Orton; Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Walter Busbee; Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Peter

Hidalgo; Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Maryland Sen. Robert Hooper; Maryland Del. Mary-Dulany James; Maryland Del. Joanne Parrott; and Aberdeen Mayor Douglas Wilson.

Many of the speakers noted that John Samuel represents the many men and women who have worked and continue to work on eliminating the stockpile, and developing the detection and protection equipment that U.S. troops use in the field.

A part of history

Making history in the chemical

field is nothing new to APG, said Doesburg, who not only holds responsibility for the APG stockpile and the others across the country as commander of SBC-COM, but who also is commander of APG.

In the 1700s, the area featured fields and farmers, he said. Other clues to the past include a small graveyard located adjacent to the facility, where children were buried in the 1820s, apparently all killed by disease. Some of the names on the gravestones are those still held by families in the area.

But in the 1900s, the "nation looked for a place to confront the chemical threat" posed during World War I, and President Woodrow Wilson selected what

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Saturday, Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 12, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Edgewood Area

In the Edgewood area classes will be given in building E-4733 (the Deer Station) as follows:

Monday, Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m.
 Wednesday, Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.
 Saturday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Monday, Sept. 27, 6-9 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6-9 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 The cost of the class is \$5.

Call 410-278-4124 to register.

Bow Hunter seminars

Bow Hunter seminars will be conducted at the Bow Club on Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m., and Sunday, Aug. 29, 1 p.m. Call 410-278-4124 for information and registration.

Equipment Resource Center

The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center offers 20x20-foot and 20x30-foot canopies and party tents, padded folding chairs, eight-foot rectangular folding tables, and new this year, 70-inch round folding tables, to help outfit graduation parties, weddings, receptions, family reunions or any outdoor function. Reserve your equipment now to ensure availability by paying the daily fee in advance. Active-duty military and family members may reserve equipment up to 60 days in advance; all others may make reservations up to 30 days in advance. Fees are reasonable, and reservations are accepted over the telephone when paying by credit card. Visit the center in building 2407 or call 410-278-4124 for details.

ITR has Orioles tickets

Baltimore Orioles Baseball tickets are available at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office for these games:

Date	Cost	Purchase by
Aug. 5, 7:35 p.m. Section 75 LF Lower Box (Detroit)	\$20	July 13
Aug. 21, 7:05 p.m. Section 83 Lower Reserve (Chicago)	\$15	July 27
Aug. 31, 7:35 p.m. Section 354 Upper Reserve (Tampa)	\$15	July 27
Sept. 10, 7:05 p.m. Section 79 Lower Reserve (Seattle)	\$15	Aug. 3
Sept. 15, 7:05 p.m. Section 322 Upper Reserve (Oakland)	\$10	Aug. 17
Sept. 28, 7:05 p.m. Section 79 Lower Reserve (New York)	\$15	Aug. 24
Oct. 1, 7:05 p.m. Section 79 Lower Reserve (Boston)	\$15	Aug. 24

Call the Orioles to check game times and rain-out information at 410-685-9800. For details about tickets, call ITR at 410-278-4011.

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Edgewood Arts & Crafts

Woodshop Orientation: A basic woodshop orientation class will be held on Saturday July 10, at 0930-1030 in building E-4440. Cost is \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

Ceramic Class: A beginning ceramic class will be held on July 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. The shop has more than 500 molds to pour and a wide selection of bisqueware, greenware, paints and brushes for sale.

Stained Glass Class: A beginning Stained Glass class will be held Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will make a basic suncatcher using the copper foil method. This basic class teaches the skill you need to go on further to make larger projects later on. Cost is \$15 and includes supplies.

Framing Class: A beginning Matting and Framing class will be held Thursday, July 29, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 x10-inch picture to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

Custom Framing: If you would like us to do the framing for you, bring it to the experts for professional picture framing. The center offers great framing at reasonable prices, and a wide selection of mats and frames.

The center, building E-4440, is open Thursday, 1-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 410-436-2153 for details.

ITR offers amusement park tickets

Paramount's Kings Dominion will have special a discount days on Aug. 7, with tickets for only \$20. The group rate is \$19 each for groups of 15 or more. Call 410-278-4011 for details.

Call Rose, Janie or Pat for information on the following amusement park tickets:

- Kings Dominion, located in Doswell, Va.; tickets cost \$29 for ages 7 and up. Check out: www.pkdt Thrills.com or 804-876-5000.
- Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, Va., adult \$31, children ages 3-6, \$25. Check out: www.buschgardens.com or 757-253-3350.
- Six Flags Great Adventure and Wild Safari, Jackson, N.J., adults \$23.50, children \$20; two-day tickets available for \$38. Check out: www.sixflags.com

Mustard stockpile to be a thing of the past

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now is the Edgewood Area of APG as the Gunpowder Neck Reservation, later named Edgewood Arsenal. That site became known for production of chemical agents during both World War I and World War II, also turning its sights on defensive capabilities.

"What's left of that defense program is on your left," he said, gesturing to the rows of steel containers gleaming dully in the sunlight, behind three barbed wire fences in an intensely monitored compound. "It has been safely stored under watchful eyes since World War II."

At a reception following the ceremony, Doesburg noted that there are "no easy solutions to this problem," noting that this is his third dedication ceremony, the first two being at Johnston Island and Deseret Chemical Depot, Utah.

"Part of the perspective that's hard to realize is that on Johnston Island, 90 percent of the stockpile is gone," he said of the two-year-old project on the remote island in the Pacific Ocean, about 800 miles from Hawaii.

Because events happened long ago doesn't mean the danger is past when chemical weapons are involved, said Nunn, who worked with concerned citizens on the Citizens Advisory Commission, representing the group that worked with government and elected officials to find alternatives to the unpopular plan to incinerate the stockpile.

"People like John Samuel and others...found you can take hot water and sewage sludge and get rid of one of the most deadly agents in the world," he said.

He noted that mustard first was used nearly 82 years ago, on July 12, 1917, in Ypres, Belgium. Reports from the constant shelling that lasted months told of

soldiers laboring to breathe, blinded by the chemical, with massive blisters under their arms and between their legs.

"The community there is still dealing with the consequences of the mustard attack," he said, noting that in 1982, a farmer cut down a tree, sat on the stump, and was blistered by the mustard agent still harbored within the tree. "We want to be sure that 65 years from now, someone again doesn't have to deal with the consequences of mustard agent."

How it works

For Dr. Steve Landry, who became the first officer to head serve as the Product Manager for Alternative Technologies and Approaches in August 1994, the moment of truth came when he saw a videotape showing a flask of mustard agent being neutralized by hot water. As he watched a clip of that tape at the reception, he recalled those early months of the program.

"On the day I saw that reaction happen as well as it did, nine months into the program, I knew we had found what we were looking for. I knew this could work," he said. "What I didn't know is how many roadblocks we'd have to overcome, and how long it would take to get to this point."

Landry also recommended the facility be dedicated to Samuel, who worked on the project, continuing his efforts even after he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Two-and-a-half years after the project began, APG received approval to proceed with the plan, ultimately leading to the ceremony and plans to start work on the facility.

Once completed, the steel containers of mustard will be transferred to the chemical demilitarization building, where the liquid mustard will be pumped out to an



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON

Dirt is shoveled around the red oak trees that will be planted in a grove near the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, dedicated to the late John B. Samuel, an Edgewood Area research chemist. From left are: Joe Lovrich, manager of the ABCDF; Jan Van Prooyen, project manager for Bechtel Aberdeen; Bob Rizzieri of the Corps of Engineers; John Nunn, co-chair of the Citizens Advisory Commission; Maj. Craig Trice, commander of the Edgewood Chemical Activity; Lt. Col. Joseph E. Pecoraro, Project Manager for Alternative Technologies and Approaches; Dwight Burns of the Corps of

agent holding tank. The steel container will be cut in half and sprayed to bare metal with high-pressure hot water, then shipped to the Army's steel recycling facility in Rock Island, Ill.

Processing the mustard is more involved. The mustard is fed into a tank of 194-degree water and mixed, resulting in a biodegradable liquid called hydrolysate. This product is made up of water, hydrochloric acid and thiodiglycol, an organic compound found in ink. Sodium hydroxide will be added to neutralize the acid.

When testing shows it's free of mustard agent, it moves on to the biotreatment area, where the hydrolysate is added to a mixture of "ordinary sewage treatment bacteria," which "digests" the thiodiglycol to form carbon dioxide and wet solids. The water extracted from the solids is non-toxic enough to be treated at the APG wastewater treatment facility, and the dried solids will be disposed of in a permitted landfill.

Construction and design of the facility will continue to March 2002. The system will be tested until March 2003, and pilot testing will be conducted until November 2003. Full-scale operations are expected to begin in November 2003 and last through October 2004. Following the disposal of all chemical agent at the Edgewood Chemical Activity, the Army will cease operations and close the facility through November 2005.

For information on the program, check out these web sites: www-pmed.apgea.army.mil, or www.sbcom.apgea.army.mil/Storage/Edgewood; or, call the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at 410-676-6800.

Showing off the cake to celebrate the groundbreaking of the ABCDF are, from left, Joe Lovrich, manager of the facility, Bob Rizzieri of the Corps of Engineers, and Jan Van Prooyen, project manager for Bechtel Aberdeen.

Engineers; James L. Bacon, program manager for chemical demilitarization; Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG; Bradley Pierce of the Industrial Operations Command; Dr. Ted Procvic, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for chemical demilitarization; Harford County Executive James Harkins; Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; U.S. Rep. Robert Ehrlich; and U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes.

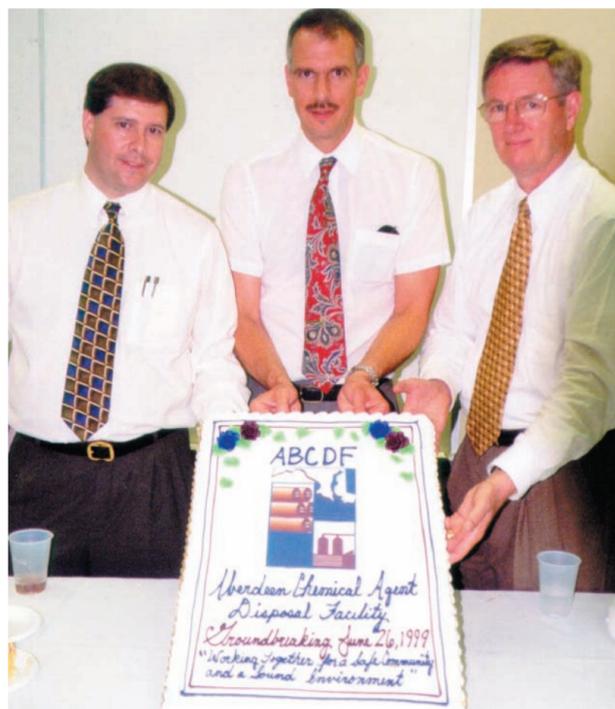


Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Ordnance soldiers have a ball

16th Ordnance Battalion holds first ball designed for soldiers, with service provided by drill sergeants

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

While the Ordnance Corps celebrated its 187th anniversary in May by observing long-standing traditions, the 16th Ordnance Battalion instituted a new tradi-

tion — a ball just for the soldiers. The hundreds of Advanced Individual Training students who make up Alpha, Bravo and Charlie companies filled the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center on May 14, as dinner was served by the drill sergeants, guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison offered advice and entertainment added a light-hearted touch. Above all, the event exposed the Army's newest members to military tradition.

"For most of the AIT students, this was the first formal military



event they have ever attended. We wanted to make it memorable," said Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, the battalion's top NCO.

Spc. Alfreda Bell, a native of New Orleans, said the event made her "realize that I am a part of a very special Army family."

"I felt honored to have the drill sergeants serve me and my fellow soldiers," she said.

Pvt. Clark Orniue, a native of Birmingham, Ala., who is enlisted in the Army Reserve, said he was honored to know "that the soldiers of the 16th Ordnance Battalion that attended this ball have made a tradition."

Pvt. Mark Granger of Savannah, Ga., said the ball opened his eyes to the Army.

"I never attended a ball before. It sure was an honor to go to the first annual soldiers ball and receive the first coin," he said.

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The cake is cut by Kolker and Posadas, with the help of Pvt. Austin Jones, the battalion's Soldier of the Month for May.



The top NCOs who participated in the Ordnance Soldiers Ball are, above right, front row, from left, 1st Sgt. Kevin Gray, Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, Sgt. Maj. Nellie Rabassa and 1st Sgt. Michael Coolidge; and, back row, from left, 1st Sgt. Wilfredo Cruz, Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, 1st Sgt. David Munro and Sfc. Eric Fitch, a special guest from Fort Bragg, and a former A Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion sergeant. Soldiers enjoy the evening and entertainment, at top and below.



New PT uniform approved

By **Tonya Johnson**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (June 28, 1999) — A new physical training uniform was approved for soldiers' use by Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, former Army Chief of Staff, on June 9.

"I think it's a great improvement. It's lighter, washes better and looks sharper," said Lt. Col. Steve Pinter, product manager for Enhanced Soldier Systems at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The new PT uniform consists of a five-piece ensemble, which includes a T-shirt, long-sleeved shirt, jacket, pants and shorts. The uniform will be issued to new soldiers in May 2000, and will be available in military clothing and sales stores in October 2000, said Master Sgt. Debra Wylie, uniform policy officer for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Since Dec. 22, 1998, selected units from Fort Drum, N.Y., Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Hood, Texas and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, spent 100 days testing four versions of the new PT uniform. The selected military bases were chosen to test how the uniforms performed under different climatic conditions.

"We asked for units that had a fair mix of male and female soldiers," said Pinter. The purpose was to make sure that both male and female soldiers had adequate input on the new PT uniforms.

After listening to many soldiers' comments, the Army decided on a uniform that is better in

wear and appearance, according to Sgt. Maj. Butch Hancock of the Training and Doctrine Command, Systems Manager - Soldiers Office at Fort Benning, Ga., which is responsible for the testing and application of anything worn, carried or consumed by soldiers in the Army.

"I think these are great uniforms. The uniforms are much better looking, and you feel better in them. Most soldiers are pleased with them," said Hancock.

The Army hasn't picked a company to make the new PT uniforms, but Pinter said contracts should be awarded in the early fall.

The new uniforms will cost almost double that of the current PT uniforms, which have been issued since 1986. The reasons for the increase in the uniform price include inflation, different material and different design.

"They shouldn't cost any more than a \$110," Hancock said. Although some soldiers may seem alarmed by the price, when compared to similar civilian outfits the cost can be anywhere from \$180 to \$200.

"Looking at the price, it seems expensive. But, when compared to Nike or Reebok suits, it actually cost less than civilian wear," said Wylie, who has heard some soldiers complain about the price.

Hancock noted that several changes have been made of the test versions to reduce the cost of the uniform. They took away the hood since, Hancock said, "that

hood was useless." Instead, even though it hasn't been officially decided, a dark blue or black watch cap will be used. Also, some of the reflective material was taken away, and the reflected pinstripe was changed.

There was speculation that there might be an increase in the clothing allowance for soldiers to help pay for the new uniform, but Hancock said that that probably won't happen.

Hancock said the T-shirts, made with Cool Max material and cotton, won't cling to the body. The new jacket and pants are water-resistant. There are zippers in the leg, and zippers underneath the arms to let heat escape.

"Having zippers under the arm is a nice feature because if soldiers take off their jackets and put them around their waist while running, then it makes it look like an undisciplined unit," Hancock added that the pants have "a good, fisher net liner," and that the shorts don't have a tight waistline like the previous shorts. Both pants and shorts are black, so they won't show dirt or stains.

Hancock said he is pleased that the new uniforms offer long-sleeved shirts.

"We needed long-sleeved shirts for a long time. It's a nice in-between garment because sometimes it's too warm for a soldier to wear a jacket, yet too cold for them to wear just a short-sleeved T-shirt."

The uniform also is easier to wash. Hancock said soldiers can

take the uniform in the shower if necessary and rinse the uniform out with soap and water. After letting it air dry for a couple of hours, the uniform should not only be dry, but free of odors.

Wylie said soldiers haven't experienced "much shrinkage or discoloration" of the uniform after multiple washings.

Hancock has tried several of the prototypes of the uniform for a couple of years and said, "if taken care of and washed properly, they should last for two- and-a-half to three years. Soldiers have to use common sense when washing these things. All they need to do is follow the laundry instructions on the tags."

The uniforms can be washed with mild detergent in warm temperature, and dried on low temperature.

Hancock added that new soldiers will receive the new PT uniform after graduation from initial entry training. But instead of wearing the new PT uniforms during training, new soldiers will be given a faster-drying version of the old standard gray Army sweatpants and sweatshirt.

Hancock, like most of his colleagues, said he feels that soldiers will enjoy wearing and working out in the new PT uniforms

"The new PT uniform looks better, and performs better than the current PT uniform," Wylie added.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Johnson is a summer college intern working with Army News Service.)

Army Home Page vandalized by hackers

By **Tonya Johnson**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (June 29, 1999) - Computer hackers altered the Army's website at www.army.mil sometime between 8 p.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.

Administrators haven't figured out who is responsible for the latest incident involving prominent government agencies. According to reports, hackers have also attacked White House, FBI and NASA web sites recently.

Pentagon workers noticed the altered Army web site early Monday morning, and repaired it within an hour. Hackers had changed the web site by putting white lettering on a black background. There were no images displayed.

Christopher Unger, web site administrator for the Army Home Page, didn't want to go into detail about what was displayed on the web site since the investigation of who did it is ongoing.

"I don't want to give them [the hackers] publicity because that's

what they're after," he said.

No one is certain yet how many times the public viewed the altered Army Home Page, but given the times the incident occurred, which was during off-peak hours, hopefully little damage was done, said Army officials.

Jim Stueve, an Army spokesman, said that no internal systems were affected, and that the hackers did not receive information to any sensitive information.

The altered web site announced that the attack "has a purpose...to settle rumors" about the loosely organized group that claimed responsibility for attacking the White House web page in May. Another hidden message that appeared in the altered page's computer code urged people who saw it to "trust very few people."

Apparently the hackers uploaded to the Army Home Page server through the vulnerable Cold Fusion Application server's "expression evaluator." This tool allows unauthorized users with some knowledge about the Cold

Fusion application server to change web pages without getting the proper authorized permission.

Unger said the Army is investigating the attack, and added that military sites are a favorite target for hackers.

"Military networks are inviting to hackers because we're a high-profile federal agency," he said.

To keep incidents like this from happening again, Unger proposed more intrusion protection hardware and software for computers, and more training for system administrators. He also is working on a web operations security checklist that has a list of what types of information shouldn't be published on publicly accessed web sites, which he worked with the Army Chief of Staff.

Unger said that the Army Chief of Staff will send out notices about the security checklist to commanders in the near future to make sure they are not providing too much information or information that hasn't yet been cleared. This will help reduce the chances

of hackers gaining important information about the Army.

"Also, in a general sense, it [web operations security checklist] gives them [Army service members] a sense of awareness about Internet security," he said.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Johnson is a college summer intern working with Army News Service.)

Hard labor Officer Basic Students support local nursing and rehabilitation center

"A few hours of sweating, painting, raking, digging and cleaning up," were the words used by 2nd Lt. Brent Grove to describe a community support project undertaken by his Ordnance Officer Basic Course Class recently.

Twenty-three members of Class 04-99, along with their tactical officer, Capt. Rob Familetti, spent their evening hours supporting the Mariner Health of Bel Air Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

"The project consisted of landscaping, painting and assembling new patio furniture for the center's residents," Grove explained. "Members of the class were very pleased with the results and the simple fact that they could give a little bit back to the civilian public that makes up this community."

2nd Lt. Pierre Spratt served as the class coordinator for the project.

Taking part in the project in addition to Familetti, Spratt and Grove were 2nd Lts. Carlos Araujo, Jeremy Bertke, Tim Bird, Chris Boyd, Darren Crail, Abdoulye Diol (from Senegal, Africa), Sharon Dixon, Tom Haas, Troy Hinkle, James Jardine, Matt Kiger, Moe Liu, Ingrid Llanes, Angela Martin, Gwen McCall, Michael Nemetz, Dan Scully, Jim Slocum, Loray Thompson, Brian Woolsey and Frank Marcotte.

Pierce is CHPPM's Secretary of the Year

By **Laura L. Ryan**
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Donna Pierce, a secretary in the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine's Laboratory Sciences Directorate, was selected as CHPPM's Secretary of the Year in a ceremony on April 21, National Professional Secretary's Day.

Her citation reads, "Ms. Pierce provided not only excellent general administrative service but also excellent technical administrative support. She input 5,562 records into the Department of Defense cholinesterase database, thereby exceeding expected completion of over ten months... assisted other Directorate of Laboratory Sciences divisions and management boards in the areas of filing and archiving of laboratory reports and administrative support. Her efforts are timely and of

highest quality."

She won a \$250 cash award, an eight-hour time off award, and a certificate of recognition.

Pierce, a secretary in the Radiologic, Classic and Clinical Chemistry Division, has been with the government for 10 years, four and a half years with CHPPM. She lives in Port Deposit with her husband, Rick, and 6-year-old son, Brian.

The following secretaries also were nominated: Tamara Dillon, Field Preventive Medicine Division; Linda Patrick, Document Management Division; Cindy Sepulveda, Office of the Chief of Staff; Betty Spurlin, Directorate of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance; Marcy Welch, Air Pollution Source Management Program; and Jean Whitsell, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

Changes in Army uniforms to take effect in September

By **Tonya Johnson**
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WASHINGTON (June 28, 1999) — Army uniforms will have upcoming changes, and soldiers will need to replace older uniforms in the future. There is a new shade in the Army green uniform, in which AG 489 replaces AG 344.

“It’s a richer, darker green, and it gives the uniform a better appearance,” said Master Sgt. Debra Wylie, uniform policy officer for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

The AG 344 shade will not be permitted for wear after Sept. 30, 1999. Female soldiers are required to have one Class A jacket, two skirts and two slacks of the new uniform, and male soldiers should have one Class A jacket and two trousers. Wylie said the uniform for females will cost \$175 and female officers must pay \$4.70 extra for the braid conversion kit for their uniform. The uniform will cost enlisted men \$165, and male officers \$175. The AG 344 and AG 489 can not be mixed and matched.

Wylie noted that the yearly clothing allowance, in which enlisted males received \$334.80 and enlisted females received \$421.20 for 1999, could help pay for the uniforms or parts of the uniforms that need to be replaced.

As far as Class B uniform changes, new changes were made in shirts, skirts and slacks for female soldiers, who now can choose between two shirt styles, a mandatory tuck-in shirt which costs \$9.65, and a new, optional overblouse which costs around \$15. Old overblouses cannot be worn after Sept. 30, 1999. The long-sleeved version of the tuck-in shirt costs \$14.45, Wylie said.

“The tuck-in shirt is long enough so that the shirt doesn’t come out of their pants. The overblouse is designed so that the shirt doesn’t come up when a female raises her arm,” she added.

Wylie said women must pur-

chase a new wrap-around neck tab with hook and pile fastener by Oct. 1, 1999.

New skirts have been designed, making the former A-line skirt unauthorized after Sept. 30, 2002. Wylie said she is pleased by the change.

“I’ve been in the Army for 19 years, and it’s the first change I’ve seen in the skirts and the trousers,” she added.

The new skirt has a back zipper, and a kick pleat, which offers a stylish design, yet allows for easier movement. The skirt also has a non-slip waist band, and has two darts on the front and back of the skirt.

“We received good feedback on the skirt. They [female soldiers] especially liked the kick pleat. In addition, the females, through surveys, wanted the skirts more tapered like the female skirts in the Marines,” Wylie said, noting that the new skirt will cost \$24.25.

Female soldiers also will see a change in their slacks, which “allow for easier alterations and look more tailored,” Wylie said. The new slacks, which cost \$28.60, will have belt loops, unlike the previous slacks. A one-inch black web belt with a one-

eighth inch yellow brass buckle must be worn with the slacks. The belt must be worn so that the tipped end is to the female’s right, the opposite of the men’s belt. The slacks, which have a mandatory purchase date of Oct. 1, 2002, can be worn without a blouse if the soldier is wearing a long- or short-sleeved overblouse.

“We’re able to offer female soldiers more sizes, especially trousers in particular,” Wylie said. The new slacks features sizes in petite, regular, tall, juniors, misses and womens.

Pregnant soldiers will see changes in the maternity uniform. She said the new uniform will provide extra comfort and looks better. The new maternity ensemble includes one long-sleeved shirt, two short-sleeved shirts, one tunic, two slacks and two skirts. The whole ensemble should cost a little over \$200. The individual prices are: tunic, \$32.95; pair of pants, \$27.95; skirt, \$12.70; short-sleeved shirt, \$19.95; and long-sleeved shirt, \$10.95.

Male soldiers will see changes in their long- and short-sleeved shirts. The new shirts have pleated pockets and a stand-up collar, and are made with heavier material, Wylie said. The short-sleeved

shirt will cost \$10.20, and the long-sleeved shirt costs \$11.45. Older shirts cannot be worn after Sept. 30, 1999.

Males and females also must replace their footwear, even though there hasn’t been a mandatory possession date set. A smooth-toe black oxford shoe will replace the previous moccasin-toe shoe. The new shoes will cost \$28.10 for women and \$31.10 for men.

Soldiers will see changes in their outerwear as well. A new unisex cardigan sweater (optional) has replaced the individual male and female black Army cardigan. The new sweaters are 50 percent acrylic/50 percent wool. They can be worn unbuttoned or buttoned indoors, but must be worn buttoned outdoors, except for pregnant soldiers. The cardigan can be worn cuffed or uncuffed, but cannot be rolled or pushed up above the wrist. The old sweaters cannot be worn after Sept. 30, 2000. The new unisex cardigan sweater costs \$39.

A new black all-weather coat, which is double breasted and belted, replaces the unbelted black all-weather coat and interim version double breasted coat. The new coat, which is required for

wear by Oct. 1, 2001, will cost \$77.45 for females and \$75.65 for males.

Hot Weather Battle Dress Uniforms will receive a new look as well. The Enhanced Hot Weather Battle Dress Uniforms will replace the current HWBDU’s. Wylie said there will not be a wear-out date for the current HWBDU’s, and stocks will be used until exhausted. Wylie said that the enhanced HWBDU is made of sturdier material and has less shrinkage when washed. Both BDU uniforms can be mixed and matched.

Wylie, Army officials from PM-Soldier from Fort Belvoir, Va., and personnel from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Logistics showed soldiers the upcoming changes to the uniform, foot gear and explained the cost of the uniforms on June 2 and 3 at Corridor 10 at the Pentagon. Soldiers were given the opportunity to fill out surveys to tell what they think about the new uniform changes.

“Most of the soldiers liked the new changes. At least 500 people participated in the surveys, if not more,” said Wylie.

Wylie said suggestions often drive improvements for Army

clothing. “We take suggestions, but it just takes time to implement. We want the soldiers looking good and feeling good,” she said.

She said after suggestions are taken, then prototypes are designed. Soldiers then must be selected to test the product. After their feedback, the information is sent to the Army Uniform Board, which approves or disapproves the changes. If the board approves change, it will make a recommendation for the Army Chief of Staff’s approval or disapproval.

Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, former Army Chief of Staff, approved the new Army uniform policy change June 9.

In general, Wylie said she likes the new uniform changes, and hopes that other soldiers will like them.

“The new changes enhance the soldiers appearance in their clothing, and the changes are major improvements in comfort, as well. We’re constantly looking to improve the Army uniform through feedback from the soldiers,” she said.

(EDITOR’S NOTE: Johnson is a summer college intern working with Army News Service.)

Ordnance students enjoy ball designed for the soldier

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“That night I realized that all soldiers are important, even us privates. I thought because I’m a private I wouldn’t have the same opportunities as an officer.

“I had butterflies in my stomach when standing at attention listening to the Army song. That’s when I knew I belonged to the best Army in the world.”

Pvt. Robert Wayne Steward of Dallas said he was honored to be in the Color Guard for the event.

“When we marched down the aisle between all of the 16th Ordnance Battalion soldiers and NCOs, I felt the true pride of being in the Color Guard, which I will remember for years and years to come,” he said. “When Command Sergeant Major Kolker called the Color Guard in for recognition, I knew we must have performed well.”

Pvt. Hector Dela Rosa of El Paso, Texas, said “it was a different experience watching the drill sergeants serving to privates. It said to the privates that we are all on the same team.”