

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 14, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Generals to speak on post July 13

Two forums will be held in Powers Conference Room in the Ryan Building, building 314, on July 13. Gen. John C. Coburn, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, will hold a commander's forum from 10:05-10:35 a.m., and Maj. Gen. Albert J. Madora, commander of the Operational Test and Evaluation Command, will speak from 4:10-4:45 p.m. Both talks will be carried live on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, and will feature question and answer periods. Personnel from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command can attend both sessions, and all other interested personnel are invited to watch them on Channel 3. For more information, call the TECOM Secretary of the General Staff, 410-278-1021.

Air Force under-secretary to visit

The undersecretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters will speak at the Civil Air Patrol's Tri-Wing Encampment awards banquet at the APG Recreation Center July 9 at 8 p.m. Peters is responsible for all actions of the Air Force on behalf of the secretary of the Air Force and is acting secretary in the secretary's absence.

About 275 cadets and senior members from Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia are attending the week-long encampment here, which is a prerequisite for advancement in CAP's cadet corps. The activities will culminate with a pass in review ceremony at the Fanshaw Field on July 10, 10 a.m.

BOSS meeting set for July 8

The next Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, 1:30 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. The scheduled meeting was changed due to the holiday weekend. Any single

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Fact of the Week

Using retreaded tires saves approximately 400 million gallons of motor oil each year.



Statistics provided by the Maryland Department of Environment Recycling Division. For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, 410-306-2265, of the APG Pollution Prevention Program.

Veterans rally for job security in show of support Wednesday

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Some Vietnam veterans who work at Aberdeen Proving Ground held a day-long rally on July 7 to show their displeasure with the initial decision to turn government jobs over to a civilian contractor.

The group gathered at the corner of Route 24 and Trimble Road outside the Edgewood Area of APG at 7 a.m., waving American flags and holding up signs that encouraged passing drivers to honk their horns in support. Group leader Clint Smith, an employee in the Directorate of Public Works, explained that organizers did not want people to view the rally as a protest or demonstration.

"This is a show of support for all garrison employees," Smith said. "We have been loyal employees for years and will continue to be loyal employees. Our goal is to give all employees, family members, civic organizations and veterans groups the chance to come out and show support for all the workers who stand to lose their jobs because of this contract."

For the past two years, APG Garrison has been undergoing a two-part Commercial Activities study. The first part, the Information

Services package, was won by the government in April; the protest for that decision still is under review. The second portion of the package, the Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities package, included the Directorate of Public Works and Directorate of Logistics, and elements of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment and Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization. It was won by Aberdeen Technical Services, a group of contractors and subcontractors. The appeal period for that package closes Friday, July 9. While the government cannot protest the decision, employees and unions can.

If the decision to award the contract to the contractor is upheld, as many as 558 government employees will lose their federal jobs, through early retirement, voluntary separation or reduction in force. Although the contractor has stated it will hire as many former post

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Veterans wave signs and flags as cars travel to the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground Wednesday morning.



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

Madora reaffirms TECOM future

As test structure changes, APG will keep jobs; may be site of new headquarters

By John Yaquiant
TECOM Public Affairs Office

The Operational Test and Evaluation Command (OPTEC) commander spoke at Aberdeen Proving Ground last week about some local impacts of the formation of the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC), effective Oct. 1, 1999.

Speaking on July 1, the day his promotion to two-star general became effective, Maj. Gen. Albert J. Madora emphasized that "no one moves from TECOM (the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command) to Alexandria, Virginia" (location of OPTEC Headquarters) because of the reorganization of Army testing.

"I do not expect any reductions in resources at Aberdeen" as a result of the formation of ATEC, the general added. "I think this will be good for the Army and good for Aberdeen."

Madora's remarks were delivered to about 100 attendees at a Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association luncheon at Top of the Bay.

He identified four effects on APG from the formation of ATEC: no changes in resources or

funding; no relocation of TECOM personnel; possible addition of some operational testing to the development testing being conducted by the Aberdeen Test Center; and, a test and evaluation advocate (Madora) with direct access to the Army's senior leadership.

Madora said he signed a contract on June 11 for a "fair, thorough, objective study" of the future location of ATEC headquarters. APG is among the sites being considered, Madora said, but there is no preference being shown to any one location. The study is to be completed in January 2000, with recommendations going to the Army chief of staff and vice chief of staff for a decision.

Madora emphasized that the study affects only the future location of ATEC Headquarters and has no impact on TECOM Headquarters which, he said, "isn't going anywhere."

He described TECOM mission accomplishment as "simply outstanding" and said he "would expect (the work) to continue."

"Keep doing what you're doing," he said. "That's my message to you."

Residents, officials discuss post issues

Commissary, PX closing early July 17 for Lynyrd Skynyrd concert; top military volleyball teams coming to APG July 24

By Sheila Little
APG News

Summer concerts and safety issues were the hot topics at the June 29 meeting of the Community Action Committee, held in the conference room of building 305.

APG Garrison Commander Col. Robert Spidel said the July 17 concert on post, headlined by Lynyrd Skynyrd, "is a big money-maker for the troops." The 10,000 tickets available for the concert sold out the day of the meeting, bringing in more than \$211,000.

"All that goes back into troop support," he said.

Due to increased traffic on post for the concert and anticipated parking difficulties, patrons of the APG Commissary and Main Post Exchange are urged to shop early that day, and both will close by 4 p.m. on the day of the concert.

Randy Moore, chief of the Community Recreation Division, added that tickets for the Aug. 21 "Dog Days of Summer" concert are on sale for \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Country music star Clay Walker headlines four featured artists. All three pools are now open and swimming lessons are scheduled July 12-23. Russell

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Photos by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Susan Roeder and her daughter, Gretchen, 2, stay cool on Tuesday with a dip in Shore Pool. Sunscreen is a must, said Roeder, who went to the pool with her husband, Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Roeder and their daughter, Madelyn, 3.

How hot is it?

It's not just the heat, it really is the humidity – and other factors that make up the 'wet-bulb' guide

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News
and Lena Goodman
ATC Public Affairs Office

It's not the heat, it's the humidity. Actually, it's both that have made the weather this week tough to handle.

However, APG Fire Chief Charlie Jones said the message on taking precautions during hot weather must be getting through.

"I guess the people on post must be taking the necessary precautions, because we did not take

any heat-related calls Tuesday. It's unbelievable," he said of the day when temperatures reached a record 102 degrees Fahrenheit. "We did take three mutual support calls off post."

Department personnel modified their procedures due to the hot weather, he added.

"Normally, they're required to have their full turnout gear on when they respond to a call, but we obviously didn't have them do that yesterday," Jones said. "We also did not go out and work in the heat, because we never know when we're going to

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Ultraviolet radiation and midday exercise

Protect yourself from UV with clothing, sunscreen

By Stephen P. Wengraitis
CHPPM Laser/Optical Radiation Program

It's summertime! The good news is, you don't have to stay in a cave all summer to protect yourself from ultraviolet radiation. However, those who exercise outside during the midday hours would be better off if they exercised indoors or chose another time to work out.

It is better to enjoy the sun if you are aware of the dangers of UV radiation and are educated about UV protection.

How to protect yourself

There are better times to exercise than the mid-

dle of the day! Avoid the midday sun, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun is highest in the sky and UV exposure is most intense. You will be better off if you exercise in a shaded area or indoors, or work out during the morning or late afternoon. Make sure you drink enough water when you exercise.

One way to check the intensity of UV radiation, besides the time of day, is the shadow rule. Look at the shadow you cast on the ground and make a mental picture of yourself lying next to it. If the shadow's length is greater than your height, the sun is below the half-way point in the sky, and the

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officers interested in being a BOSS member should contact Capt. Susan Diaz, 410-278-1801, or page her at 410-592-0403. BOSS will sponsor trips to Six Flags on July 14, 24 and 31. One trip will be for officers, one for AIT students and the other for everyone else. Stay tuned for details or talk to your unit BOSS representative for more information. BOSS will kick off its new beginning Aug. 2-8. Watch for flyers and advertisements. If your unit has not submitted the names of unit BOSS representatives to Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, call him at 410-278-1509.

Block leave set for band

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

Red Cross blood drive is July 13

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 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.

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.

Summer is time for safety awareness

The time between Memorial Day and Labor Day has been identified by the Army as the "101 Critical Days of Summer." During this period, more work and recreational activities take place than at any other time of the year. It also has been chosen as the time to emphasize safety, both at work and at home.

With this in mind, the deputy installation commander is designating this three-month period as the Season for Safety Awareness. The Directorate of Public Works' Housing Division will hold its Safety Day on Tuesday, July 13. The remainder of DPW will observe Safety Day on Wednesday, July 14. All divisions within DPW will address Lyme Disease, nutrition and health, and the dangers of driving under the influence.

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

CA UPDATE

Appeal period closes Friday

The appeal period for APG Garrison's Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities Commercial Activities package will close Friday, July 9. Upon closure of the appeal period, the Appeals Board has 30 days to render decisions on appeals received. The protest period for the APG Garrison Information Services CA package closed June 17, with one protest submitted. Once a decision has been rendered on the protest, a final announcement will be made.

CPAC help available

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center Receptionist Area window in the lower level of building 305 temporarily is open to better serve the needs of CPAC customers during the implementation of the Commercial Activities decisions. The window is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For details, call 410-278-1524.

Chapel service offers help

In consideration of the many impending changes expected, a work force prayer service is being held every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in both post chapels. All employees, family members and community members are welcome to attend. For information regarding services or for prayer requests, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James E. May at 410-278-4333.

CA Hotline
Q&A's and Updates!
(410) 278-9461



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

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.

Football legend to visit APG

Former Pittsburgh Steelers legend Rocky Bleier will visit the APG Commissary on Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m.-noon, as part of the 1999 "Legends Tour" promotion. Commissary patrons at APG will have an opportunity to receive a free autograph from the football legend. He also will appear at the Fort Meade Commissary from 2-4 p.m.

The 1999 "Legends Tour" is sponsored by the H.J. Heinz Company, the Minute Maid Company, Hershey Chocolate U.S.A., Hillshire Farm, Mott's, Reynolds, Welch's, Dannon, Cracker Jack, Lea & Perrins and Borden. Fifteen sports legends from the worlds of baseball, basketball, football, hockey and racing will be signing autographs at 27 base commissaries this summer in support of the tour.

Volunteers needed for concerts

Volunteers are needed for ticket sales, merchandise sales, gate workers, and food and beverage concessions at the July 17 concert by 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 the Dog Days of Summer Concert cost \$10 and are available at ITR weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. The Lynyrd Skynyrd concert has been sold out.

Education Center offers counseling

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

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

EA Thrift Shop summer hours

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

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is looking for volunteers, at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and at the main Red Cross office 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.

Boating and water safety offered

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

Give up nicotine

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

Need a lawyer?

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

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LIBRARY CORNER

Libraries offer new books on preparing resumes, job search

Considering a career change? You may want to stop by either branch of the APG Garrison Library to check out the following new career books available:

100 Best Careers in Crime Fighting, by Mary Price Lee;

Career Opportunities in Health Care, by Shelly Field;

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Changing Careers, by William Charland;

Cool Careers for Dummies, by Marty Nemko;

Cover Letters for Dummies, by Joyce Lain Kennedy;

Federal Jobs in Law Enforcement ;

Guide to Law Enforcement Careers;

Health Care Job Explosion, by Dennis V. Damp;

Job Hunting for Dummies, by Max Messmer;

Job Interviews for Dummies, by Joyce Lain Kennedy;

Job Searching Online for Dummies, by Pam Dixon;

Knock 'Em Dead 1999: The Ultimate Job-Seeker's Handbook, by Martin Yate;

Resumes for Dummies (second edition), by Joyce Lain Kennedy.

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

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

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.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association will hold country western dancing at American Legion Post 128, located in Parke Street in Aberdeen, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. No lessons will be given. Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members. Price includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

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.

SUNDAY

JULY 11

CHILD'S PLAY

The Steppingstone Museum, located at 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will host its annual Children's Games Day from noon-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, free for members and children ages 12 and under. Activities include an ice cream eating contest, turtle races, frog jumping contests (bring your own pet), story-telling, sack races and the Amateur Jousting Club. There will be a nominal fee for face

painting and sand art. For more information, call the museum at 410-939-2299. Each Saturday and Sunday in July, the museum will feature demonstrations of rural arts and crafts of the 1880-1920 period. Tour the farmhouse, Foard Blacksmith Shop, J. Edmund Bull Woodworking Shop, more farm and garden shops, a display barn with vet office and general store, and carriage barn, from 1-5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, free for members and children ages 12 and under. For more information, call 410-939-2299.

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 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



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.

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.

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.

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from July 8-14:

THURSDAY, JULY 8

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

SATURDAY, JULY 10

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

MONDAY, JULY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

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

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

MOVIES

Admission to the Post Theater is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children

ELECTION

Friday, July 9, 7 p.m.

Starring: Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon

A popular teacher at George Washington Carver High School loves making a difference in his students' lives. But he's about to put his reputation and his career on the line for a student election. (Rated R)

TWIN DRAGONS

Saturday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jackie Chan, Maggie Cheung

Twin brothers separated at birth meet again on the streets of Hong Kong. One is a famous conductor and pianist who grew up in America. The other is a Hong Kong auto mechanic and street hustler who runs afoul of local hoods. (Rated PG-13)

TRIPPIN'

Saturday, July 10, 9 p.m.

Starring: Deon Richmond, Maia Campbell

A Detroit high school senior escapes the realities of his rather ordinary life via elaborate fantasies. With the help of a beautiful woman, he learns that being honest with himself may be the key to success. (Rated R)

ENTRAPMENT

Friday, July 16, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 17, 9 p.m.

Starring: Sean Connery, Catherine Zeta-Jones

An insurance investigator poses as a master thief so she can catch the legendary thief, Robert MacDougal. As their mutual attraction and distrust grow, together they plan a heist on the eve of the new millennium. (Rated PG-13)

A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM

Saturday, July 17, 7 p.m.

Starring: Kevin Kline, Michelle Pfeiffer

In this adaptation of William Shakespeare's magical comedy, at the turn of the 19th century in Tuscany, nobles venture into the lush countryside and are bedeviled by the mischievous sprites who rule the natural world. (Rated PG-13)

SAFETY AWARENESS

Water safety

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 300 children under age 5 drown in residential swimming pools each year in the United States. The following safety tips can help improve the odds:

- Avoid swimming past your ability;
- Never swim alone or leave young children unattended;
- Make sure the pool is deep enough before diving in the the water;
- Never consume alcohol in or around water;
- Fence all home pools with a latch, out of the reach of small children;
- Learn CPR.



Using good swimming sense will ensure you and your child's summer is a safe one. Learn more about handling an emergency by contacting the APG Division of Fire and Emergency Services at 410-306-0562.

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).

MWR UPDATE

Center offers Kick Box Aerobics

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.

Amusement park open every day

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.

The snack bar serves nachos, jumbo hot dogs, sodas, chips and sno-balls. To schedule a party or 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 information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

APG Boat Docks

The AA and EA Boat Docks are open Saturdays, Sundays and



One way to judge the level of UV radiation is to look at the shadow you cast on the ground and make a mental picture of yourself lying next to it. If the shadow's length is greater than your height, the sun is below the half-way point in the sky, and the UV radiation is greatly reduced - more than 50 percent lower than the midday maximum. And remember, up to 25 percent of UV radiation can be reflected from the sand and sea at the beach, so even an umbrella may not offer protection.

Protect yourself from UV

UV, from front page

UV radiation is greatly reduced - more than 50 percent lower than the midday maximum.

Clothing and wrap-around sunglasses are the first line of defense. You can use clothing to protect yourself from UV. But if you do, make sure you drink enough water to avoid heatstroke.

If you visit the tropics, you will notice the locals wear hats, long pants and long-sleeved shirts more often than tourists. Cowboy hats may be fashionable for country music fans, but the design is no accident. They were made to protect the wearer from dust and the sun. Clothing can be one of the best defenses against UV. Clothing manufacturers are now touting UV-protective fabrics and designs.

Wear loose-fitting clothing that covers the arms and legs. Again, drink plenty of water to avoid heatstroke. Wide-brimmed hats will protect your head and neck. Sunglasses help protect your eyes; those with wraparound design will protect the eyes most effectively. Even inexpensive sunglasses will block UV radiation well.

If you can't use clothing to protect your skin, use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher. An SPF 2 sunscreen reduces UV exposure to half; SPF 4 reduces UV exposure to one-fourth; SPF 10 reduces UV exposure to one-tenth. Make sure you apply the sunscreen liberally and reapply it every couple of hours. The SPF's are based on laboratory measurements, and most people do not apply enough.

Never seek to get a tan. There are some benefits to UV exposure, but only incidental exposure is needed for your health. There is no such thing as a healthy tan. The UV light in tanning beds will damage your skin.

Keep in mind that the UV exposure is highest during the midday hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when many people choose to exercise and play. Painful effects of too much short-term UV exposure include sunburn and blistering of the skin. Too much UV exposure over a lifetime can lead to premature aging of the skin and increased risk for skin cancer and cataracts. The United Nations Environment Program has estimated that 2 million non-melanoma skin cancers and 200,000 malignant melanomas occur globally each year. Many of these could be prevented if people avoided the midday sun or better

protected themselves when outdoors.

Where does UV come from?

UV radiation comes from the sun, the sky and ground reflections. All these sources of UV can be important - don't ignore any of them! When most people think of outdoor exposure, they only remember the sun. They do not realize that the remaining sky also radiates UV, and this is the reason why people can get sunburn even if direct sunlight is blocked by the shade of a tree or awning.

Don't ignore ground reflections. If you are on a beach, the UV reflected from the sand and sea foam will increase your expo-

sure by 15-25 percent. Concrete reflects UV almost as well (10-15 percent), and fresh snow is an excellent reflector of UV (80 percent or higher). Now you know why skiers get sunburns, and their eyes can be affected by snow-blindness. Green grass reflects relatively little UV radiation.

Educate your children

Children spend a lot of time playing outdoors during the midday hours of summertime. As a result, most lifetime exposure to UV occurs during the childhood years. Set a good example and get children in the habit of protecting themselves when they go outside. Remember that children will imitate their parents' behavior!

OC&S soldiers help students in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps to change their lives

Students from the JROTC Program at Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore participated in an Outreach event on May 21, sponsored by the 16th Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

They came to Aberdeen Proving Ground to learn about the Army and put their leadership skills to the test by acting in staff and leadership positions for the first time.

The 16th Ordnance Battalion and 143d Ordnance Battalion host Outreach events two or three times per month.

Outreach is an Army-wide program designed to shed a positive light on the Army, show the civilian sector what the Army is all about, contribute to the community and recruit prospective soldiers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas plays an active role in the 16th Ordnance Battalion's Outreach Program, noting that high school and elementary school students "get to see how the Army operates."

"They love to shake the soldiers' hands," he said. "The soldiers are the model that these students want to follow."

Posadas said his battalion sponsors Royce-Williams Elementary School in Aberdeen and Frederick Douglass High School. They help the

students by conducting fund-raisers and sponsoring special events.

Lloyd Blumenfeld, Frederick Douglass High School principal, said that JROTC combined with the Outreach Program has improved the students' conduct, attendance and academics. Because of this, more students want to get into the program than they can hold.

One high school student and member of JROTC for one year said she is a different person now because of the program.

"I focus more on other people and less on myself now. I want to be the command sergeant major of the Army," said Tiarro Plato, 15, assistant S4. She said her principal talked her into joining JROTC because she had a "bad attitude" in the past.

Tiffany Mitchell, 16, first sergeant of A Company and member of JROTC, said the program has taught her discipline and changed her behavior and attitude.

"I had a bad attitude, but now I just walk away. My temper cools," she said.

The next project for the 16th Ordnance Battalion's Outreach Program is to help the Frederick Douglass High School with their JROTC Summer Camp by conducting Common Task Testing Survivability on APG.

Residents, post officials meet to discuss plans, events

CAC, from front page

Gym is closed for renovations.

Fred Wynn, manager of the Army and Air Force Exchange Services, said the jewelry and watch repair clinics at the PX are so popular, they now will take place twice per month. The next clinic is scheduled for July 20. A mattress truckload sale is scheduled for July 16-18, a fishing equipment sale is ongoing, and Wynn also announced plans for a "Meet the Manager" program, where patrons can speak directly to the manager regarding compliments and concerns.

APG Commissary spokesman Richard Nornhold Sr. noted that the commissary now accepts all major credit cards, including American Express.

APG will host the Department of Defense men's and women's volleyball teams, made up of representatives from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and the Canadian military teams, from July 24- Aug. 4, as they prepare to depart Aug. 4 for the World Military Games in Croatia. Robert Silcox, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, said a scrimmage schedule

is being prepared, and that the public should be able "to see some world-class teams play."

He also announced that the over-pressurization system at Edgewood Middle School is being worked on, and that all other Edgewood schools have met the standard. The over-pressurization system was installed in the event of an accident at the APG Chemical Agent Storage Yard, where bulk containers of mustard agent are stored.

Around the housing areas

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security announced that gate procedures and closures will remain in place. Rob Krauer, deputy provost marshal, said since the end of the school year, there has been an accident involving a car and child on a bicycle on post.

"The injuries were very minor, but the fact is that the child was not paying attention to where she was going. The driver was being very cautious, but children can come darting out of nowhere," he said.

Spidel also asked for increased speed checks in housing areas.

Marilyn Spence of the Housing Division presented a plan to decrease the number of playgrounds on post, and upgrade those remaining. The Aberdeen Area currently has 27 playgrounds, and the proposed number is 12. The Edgewood Area has 20 playgrounds; reduction to six is proposed.

"We don't have the resources to maintain 47 playgrounds," Spence said, adding that although many areas have equipment in good repair, they do not meet current safety standards. The new plan would consider the concentration and age groups of children on post and locate and maintain upgraded playgrounds in those areas.

Spidel said there is some funding for playgrounds and equipment through the U.S. Army Materiel Command. After a recent visit by AMC representatives, Spidel was told that APG "will be moved up on priority."

Lt. Col. Robert Buckingham, senior area coordinator of Hopkins Loop, voiced concerns about lead levels in and around the tower in his housing area. He was told that the Hopkins Loop playground will be divested, and that lead levels in the soil

are monitored and should not affect most residents. Hand-to-mouth contact is the most prevalent way to pick up lead in the soil. Very young children who tend to put everything in their mouths should be closely monitored to discourage hand-to-mouth contact.

Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director of public works, reminded residents that anyone occupying homes built before 1978 may have some contact with lead. He encouraged residents to consult the EPA booklet that was issued when they moved into housing.

Spidel said any units desiring to run through a housing area to collect for charity should go through the chain of command to get the okay. This was in response to a unit's charitable run in June. He added that he thought the unit's initiative was commendable, and he was happy to contribute.

Retired Col. Charles Shadle of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary said that since DPW personnel repaired the radio tower, the Coast Guard has saved eight lives in the waters around post.

Comments from neighborhood repre-

sentatives included commendations to post employees who continue to do an excellent job despite uncertainty brought on by the latest CA package results, a request to fix the pay phone at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, a request to pick up items for recycling in Grant Court, and a suggestion that instructions on how to maintain hardwood floors be issued to those who have never had them.

Residents were instructed to call 410-278-3303 for dead animal disposal, and to make note of times when speeders pass through residential areas, so the APG Police can monitor the area effectively. Speed bumps are illegal on post.

Spidel said at least one appeal has been filed in the second Commercial Activities package. More appeals are expected to be filed before the deadline on July 9. An outside panel will hear the appeals and make a ruling. Implementation may be bumped from mid-January to mid-May, 2000.

The next meeting of the Community Action Council is scheduled for Aug. 12, 9 a.m., in the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

Veterans seek support as government ponders contracting jobs

RALLY, from front page

employees as possible, there is no guarantee of employment, benefits or salary.

Smith, who has 15 years of federal service, said although he will miss his retirement by five years, he is one of the lucky ones.

"There are people out here who will miss full retirement by as little as six months," Smith said.

Chuck Zaledonis, a 51-year-old former Marine and Vietnam veteran, said he has 28 years of federal service.

"I will lose a portion of my retirement because you have to be 55 years old with 30 years of service to get full retirement," Zaledonis said. "I'm 51 at 28. I have no idea what I'll do."

Many of the workers said they are receiving resume classes and stress training, but that that was not enough to meet their needs. Zaledonis, a former mechanic, now works in a warehouse because he was injured on the job.

"I'm already getting disability from when I got hurt on the job," Zaledonis said. "I'm 51 years old. Who's gonna hire me?"

AROUND THE ARMY

Fort Greely escapes major damage following wildfire in Alaska

By Spc. Kerensa Hardy
Army News Service

FORT GREELY, Alaska (July 1, 1999) - Fort Greely soldiers and family members began returning to their homes June 15 after being forced to evacuate the area two days earlier when a wildfire tore through the post.

Residents returned to find that although the fire burned down the guard shack at the front gate, the damage to their homes and work places was minimal.

"As close as the fire came to housing, it's clearly a miracle that there was only [a small amount] of smoke damage and no fire

damage," said Sfc. Louis Dinatale, post legal NCO.

The fire came close to the housing areas and just changed direction, according to witnesses.

Upon returning, residents were greeted by military police guarding what used to be the guards' shack with a sign that read, "I will quit my post when properly relieved." The MPs handed out lollipops to the children and had constructed a stick man wearing fireman's garb to help welcome everyone back. The MPs' gestures sent a message that although it was a scary ordeal, things could have been much worse.

Most people breathed a sigh of relief when the most they had to clean was ashes from their quar-

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Fort Greely legal NCO

ters. On the drive into post, there were scorched trees and ground on both sides of the road — then it just stopped.

"The fire had no form or fashion," said Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis M. Carey, post sergeant major. "It just went everywhere and nowhere at the same time."

Only seven claims have been filed with the legal office for smoke damage, he said. The estimated amount for damages is around \$4,000 for the claims filed thus far. The fire was contained Monday, and firefighters were being released from the fire, according to Bureau of Land Management officials.

More than 600 firefighters battled the 18,000-acre fire. Retaining crews will continue with mop-up and rehabilitation along fire lines.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Spc. Kerensa Hardy is an Army journalist at the Fort Greely public affairs office.)

When the heat rises, drink water, avoid strenuous outdoor activities

HEAT, from front page
respond to a call.”

Charles Clough of ATC's Meteorology Team chief, noted that the affects of heat and humidity can be measured by a indicator known as the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Index. Because the weather has such an impact on testing, ATC monitors the weather and reports when the WBGTI reaches a level where special precautions should be taken.

Clough said the WBGTI, created by the military to reduce heat injuries during strenuous physical training programs, is “one of the best measures of heat stress to the body.” It takes into account the three mechanisms our bodies use to cool themselves — the human body itself, conduction and reradiation.

“The body is designed with a cooling system superior to animals,” he said. “Its best-known mechanism is sweating, which can be hindered by high humidity. Conduction works efficiently when outside air temperature remains below 98 degrees F and air movement over the skin remains about 5 mph.”

Reradiation, the infrared signature of the body, works “as long as the humidity in the column of air above us doesn't get too high,” he added.

The WBGTI reading uses three thermometers that rely on natural air movement.

“One measures the air temperature, one measures evaporative cooling and the third measures a metallic black globe that simulates the radiation processes of the human body,” he said. “All three temperatures are weighed by a formula and the result is a number usually between 70 and 90 during the summer.”

If that number is below 82, no extra precautions are necessary. When it is between 82 and 84.9, normal activities can continue, but you should observe anyone not accustomed or acclimated to the heat or with a known medical problem. Provide a 10-minute break each hour, and drink half a quart of water per hour.

When the level reaches 85, you should limit intense physical



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Rose Greer puts some SPF 30 sunscreen on Rosa Conley at Shore Pool on Tuesday. Temperatures reached record highs that day.

activity and limit exposure to the sun. Seek shaded areas or provide shade, provide a 15-minute break each hour and drink one quart of water per hour.

When the level reaches 88, continue the above precautions, increase the break to 30 minutes and increase your water consumption to one-and-a-half quarts per hour.

When the level reaches 90, cancel outdoor programs, and if outdoor activities must continue, ensure a 20-minute rest every half-hour. Increase water intake to two quarts per hour.

WBGTI personnel can get readings 24 hours daily through ATC's Internet site at www.atc.army.mil; select “APG weather,” then select “Current conditions.” WBGTI reports also are available at ATC's new hotline, 410-306-1307.

The WBGTI reached as high as 85 on Tuesday. The good news from the site is that a cold front is coming through, which should eliminate the need for WBGTI advisories.

Wayne Kaiser, a forecaster with the ATC Meteorology Team, said hot spells like this have happened before. Records from the late 1930s to the mid-1950s indicate highs reaching 105 degrees. Records from the past 25 years indicate highs reaching 102 degrees.

“For the past few days, we've been around the highest degrees recorded here historically,” he said. “The normal temperature for this time of the year is about 87 degrees. But July traditionally is the hottest month of the year on the average, and this is living up to its reputation. We've had a more extreme heat wave than you normally would experience.”

While a cold front dropped temperatures Wednesday and Thursday, the temperature will reach the upper 90s over the weekend.

When cooler temperatures do arrive, it will be a relief for the post's only employees who wear fur coats year-round. The four military working dogs in the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security also are affected by the heat, said Sgt. Christopher Ricciardi, a narcotics dog handler at the Military Working Dogs Section.

“We come in much earlier,” he said of the dogs, who are cooled by fans in their kennels. “We know they'll drink water. In fact, we have to watch how much they drink, because they'll keep drinking and drinking.”

“We have to get them used to the change in the weather,” he added. “But when it gets like Tuesday, we may do a mission, but no training. It's just too hot.”

SPORTS

Intramural Softball League update

The following results were reported for the Intramural Softball League for the week ending July 2:

National Division

Results

June 29
 B Co. 143rd, 11, A Co. 143rd, 6
 USMC, 14, B Co 16th, 7
 USAF, 2, SBCCOM, 0
 E Co. 16th vs. CHPPM rescheduled

July 1

All games rescheduled due to holiday

Standings

USMC	7-0
E Co 16th	6-1
B Co 143rd	4-2
SBCCOM	3-3
USAF	3-6
A Co 143rd	2-5
CHPPM	1-5
B Co 16th	1-5

Schedule

July 13
 6:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. USMC
 6:30 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. A Co. 143rd
 7:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. CHPPM
 7:30 p.m., USAF vs. E Co. 16th

July 15

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

American Division

Results

June 28
 HHC 143rd, 14, HST, 7
 HHC 16th, 11, KUSAHC, 7
 HHC 61st, 10, NCOA, 9

June 30

HST, 11, HHC 61st, 10
 HHC 16th, 18, NCOA, 17
 HHC 143rd vs. HHC 61st, rescheduled

Standings

HHC 16th	9-1
KUSAHC	8-1
HHC 143rd	6-3
NCOA	3-7
HST	2-8
HHC 61st	1-9

Schedule

July 12
 6 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HST
 7 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. NCOA
 8 p.m., HHC 61st vs. KUSAHC

July 14

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

All games scheduled for July 13-19 will be played in the Edgewood Area due to the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert.

SPORTS SHORTS

APG to host U.S. and Canadian Armed Forces volleyball teams

The U.S. and Canadian Armed Forces volleyball teams will hold camp at APG from July 24-Aug. 2 in preparation for competition in the Military World Games to be held in Zagreb, Croatia from Aug. 5-18. The teams will be practicing and scrimmaging in the APG Athletic Center throughout the duration of their stay so the gymnasium floor will be closed to open play for that time. Some of the scrimmages and games will be open to the community, so if you are a fan of great volleyball, check with the APG Athletic Center to see when matches will be open for spectators.



All Army soccer applications due

Active-duty soldiers interested in participating on the All Army Soccer Teams must submit applications to the APG Sports Office in building 3320. Female applicants must submit by July 16 and men by July 30. Candidates are advised to read AR 215-1, section 20c-4, which reviews the standards for All Army participation. For more information, contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Post-level soccer practice

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

Russell Gym closed

Russell Gym closed 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 gymnasium, contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Intramural Golf League continues play through heat

The following results were reported by the Intramural Golf League for the week ending July 1:

American Division

USMC #1 defeated CHPPM
 USAF defeated NCOA #1
 CHPPM defeated HHC 16th #1

Standings

CHPPM	6-1-0
USMC #1	5-1-0
203rd #1	3-1-2
HHC 16th #1	3-3-0
USAF	3-3-0
E Co 16th #1	2-3-0
KUSAHC #1	1-2-2
HHC 143rd	1-4-1
NCOA #1	0-6-1

Schedule

July 8
 E Co. 16th #1 vs. 203rd #1
 KUSAHC #1 vs. HHC 143rd
 USAF vs. USMC #1

National Division

E Co. 16th #2 defeated HHC 16th #3
 USMC #2 defeated 203rd #2
 HHC 16th #2 vs. KUSAHC #2 rescheduled
 A Co. 16th vs. NCOA #2 rescheduled

Standings

USMC #2	6-0-1
KUSAHC #2	4-1-1
E Co 16th #2	4-1-2
HHC 16th #2	3-2-1
HHC 16th #3	3-3-1
A Co 16th	1-5-0
NCOA #2	1-5-0
203rd #2	1-6-0

Schedule

July 8
 A Co. 16th vs. NCOA #2
 HHC 16th #2 vs. KUSAHC #2
 USMC #2 vs. 203rd #2
 HHC 16th #3 vs. E Co. 16th #2

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.

U.S. soldiers help Ethnic Albanians to rebuild their lives, reclaim possessions

By Spc. Amanda Belle Acosta
50th Public Affairs Detachment

As Ethnic Albanian refugees returned to their homes, many were missing what furniture and personal belongings they had accumulated over the years. It looks like the Army has found a way to return the lost goods to their proper homes.

Recently, patrols found abandoned buildings in a nearby Serbian town that was filled with property looted by neighboring Albanians.

"We found out the goods belonged to many Ethnic Albanians in the area. So Falcon soldiers then consolidated the furniture and odds-and-ends to an abandoned building in the neighboring town," said Capt. Jason Lerner, officer-in-charge, Headquarters Service, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, Babenhausen, Germany. "A claims process was set up by the staff judge advocate's office at Camp Bondsteel to help returning Albanians reclaim what is rightfully theirs."

The road to recovering lost property is a simple one.

"We try and make them show enough proof that it is theirs. This system can range from identifying a significant feature on the object or having two neighbors who can vouch that it is theirs," Lerner said. "When they have nothing, anything is significant to them. So we try to help as much as possible."

Claims office personnel accept Yugoslavian identification cards, passports, Macedonian IDs, refugee camp IDs or even a witness who can vouch as to who they are.

"Most Albanians had everything they owned snatched or burned when they were fleeing Kosovo," said Sgt. Edward White, claims clerk, HHS, 1st Bn., 27th FA. "Sometimes their word is all we can go by."

The struggle to find lost property is ongoing. Whatever hasn't been returned may still be in a

Serbian town.

"Civil affairs and psychological operations are doing what they can to get the Serbian town elders to cooperate with Albanian town elders," Lerner said. "If that happens, then maybe everything will be returned."

Some cases that have come across White's makeshift table are quite surprising.

"One woman came by, looking for her stove. To a translator, she said a picture of a mouth was inside of it. We brought her outside, and lo and behold, inside the bottom drawer was an X-ray of her son's mouth from the dentist," said White chuckling as he sorted more paperwork. "That was definitely enough proof we needed to give it back to her."

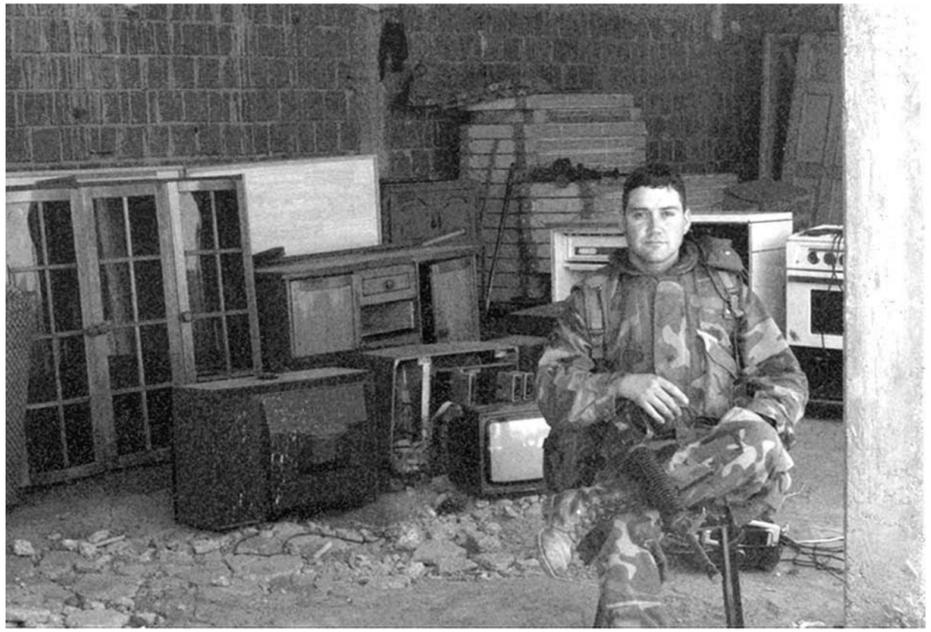
Although these soldiers have been diligently helping everyone, White said they couldn't run the shop without the aid of Albanian

translators.

"They've helped us immensely, handling everything from crowd control to personal questions," said White, as a new wave of Kosovars come to the doors trying to find anything that may belong to them. "We couldn't function without them."

As Kosovars walk around the yard sale-like area, looking for anything familiar, a man walks up to White and hands him a glass pot, saying it isn't his. White takes it and puts it in a pile of miscellaneous kitchen utensils.

"We get a lot of people who find things and bring it here, in hope that someone can reclaim it," White said. "The translators have explained that if (Ethnic Albanian) were to walk away, knowing the object they claimed wasn't theirs, then they would be no better than the Serbians who had driven them out of their



Sgt. Humberto Vasquez, Headquarters and Headquarters Service, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, Babenhausen, Germany, guards household goods that were found in towns. Kosovars wait in line to see if any of the property is theirs, in hope of rebuilding their lives.

homes.

"I feel this system has stopped an outbreak of anarchy among these people. If we weren't here, they would loot from each other's houses, looking for lost memo-

ries," White said.

As the number of household goods seems to dissipate, White is ever vigilant that this system will be here to stay.

"There is still a lot of property

unaccounted for, but as time goes by, it should be handed over to us, so the rightful owners can pick it up," White explained. "This is a continuous process that will go on until everything runs out."

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holidays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Motor boats, row boats, canoes, sail boats and windsurfers can be rented by the hour or by the day.

The AA Boat Dock is located off Old Cut Road, building 2040; the EA Boat Dock is located on Skipper's Point Road at building E-1473. For information, call 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.;
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.

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 Bay)	\$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, call ITR at 410-278-4011.

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.

The center offers supergrills (trailed charcoal grills), ice chests in assorted sizes, insulated drink coolers, camping equipment, outdoor sports and games, canoes, kayaks and boats. The center has new camping tents, sleeping cots, internal frame backpacks, stoves, lanterns, camping chairs and more!

Visit the center in building 2407 or call 410-278-4124 for details.

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 bisque-ware, 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 during business hours 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.pkdthrills.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
- Six Flags America, Largo, Md. (formerly Adventure World), age 9 and up (48 inches and taller), \$20. Early-bird special purchase available before June 25.
- Hershey Park, Hershey, Pa., adults ages 9-54, \$24, children ages 3-8, \$16.95, seniors ages 55 and older, \$17.10, meal tickets, \$8.50.
- Colonial Williamsburg, Va., open year-round, adults, \$32, children ages 6-12, \$19.
- Sesame Place, all tickets \$25 each.
- Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom, \$22.
- Ask about Dutch Wonderland Coupons!

Disney fun

Disney World Passes are available; you must order tickets and pay at least three weeks in advance.

The Four-Day Park Hopper costs \$162 for adults, \$129 for ages 3-9. The Five-Day Park Hopper costs \$187.50 for adults, \$150 for children ages 3-9. Patron can visit only the following parks: Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's MGM Studios or Disney's Animal Kingdom. You can visit multiple parks. Unused days are valid until used. Use of transportation - monorails, ferryboats and motorcoaches included.

The Six-Day All-in-One costs \$250 for adults, \$197.50 for children. The Seven-Day All-in-One costs \$272.50 for adults, \$217 for children ages 3-9. This offers the same benefits as the five-day passes plus Pleasure Island, Disney World Water Parks, Discovery Island Park and Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex. Disney World transportation.

Admission to sporting events requiring a separate charge not included. Any unused days are valid until used.

Call the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011, for details about these and other vacation specials.

'Part-time' volunteering means full-time work

For Diane Payne, APG Volunteer of the Month for July, volunteering is a way of life

By Sheila Little
APG News

Diane Payne, activities chairperson of the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club, is APG Volunteer of the Month for July.

Known for her friendliness, leadership and organizational skills, Payne has parlayed her knowledge of the area and her personal skills into the successful operation of one of the most popular reasons people join the EA-OWC.

As head of activities, Payne is in charge of coordinating the many craft classes offered by the club, and setting up a restaurant visit and tour each month. To see that things run smoothly, she makes calls, gets menus and tickets, arranges rides based on schedule and physical limitations, figures the billing for each individual, and frequently makes an advance trip to the location to check driving time and directions, parking options and fees, and luncheon possibilities.

On the day of the outing, she provides maps, serves as one of the drivers, and leads the group of vehicles to their destination.

"She does it all, doesn't she?" said Karen Chambers, a former EA-OWC president. "When I arrived here in 1996, she became my personal chauffeur.

Chambers explained that her neighbor took her on club trips and individual outings, researching future tours, showing her where to shop, and explaining the ins and outs of the local community.

The ease with which Payne arranges activities and her attention to detail makes participating in EA-OWC activities enjoyable. Members learn new crafts, find out great locations to eat and shop, and learn a lot about local history.

In planning activities, Payne said she solicits suggestions from board members, new residents, and those who have been a

part of the local community for years. She makes an effort to revisit some sites so those new to the area get a chance to experience popular spots.

Long-time club member and local resident Winsome LaComb got to know Payne in 1985, when the volunteer first moved to the area. She credited Payne with adding enthusiasm to the local group.

"When she was president in 1987, our membership shot up to over 100, with an average of about 50 very active members," she said.

LaComb added that since Payne returned to APG in 1993, membership has begun to increase again.

"She encourages members to get out and do things and be active in our group," said LaComb, adding that Payne has a quiet way of boosting the confidence of those new to the board: suggesting, advising, assisting, and taking charge when necessary, with no agenda other than seeing more people become involved in community efforts.

"She is willing to work within the comfort zone of others," added LaComb, who appreciated dictating information over the phone to the busy volunteer when she served as newsletter editor. "I know she preferred written information or e-mail."

Rosemary Kramp, who has known Payne for six years, described the volunteer as methodical and organized.

"She makes it easy for everybody who works with her because she is so organized, and is always behind the scenes getting a lot of the work done," Kramp said.

Over the years, Payne has held many board positions with the EA-OWC, including chairman of programs, scholarship, trips and tours, and newsletter, and serving as recording secretary, vice president and president.

Edgewood resident Pat Spangler worked with Payne on school projects beginning when their children were in elementary school and culminating with a high school-sponsored community fair in 1998.

"The one thing I remember most about Diane is if you ask her to do something and she agrees to do it, you can rely on it



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Diane Payne looks over maps for an upcoming trip planned by the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club.

being done," she said.

Spangler added that the end result often goes above and beyond what originally was expected, as Payne's organizational skills and attention to detail come into play.

Since beginning volunteering as a teen candy striper, Payne has "never thought of not volunteering," and admitted that she has a hard time saying no. She has

learned if you are unhappy with something, volunteering is a good way to get results.

She added that an added benefit for volunteers who move a lot is that they become a part of the community as soon as they find their volunteer niche.

"I've found that the places where I've done the most volunteering are the places I've been the happiest," she said.

While volunteering and taking care of the family, Payne often has held part-time jobs. In addition to serving as a substitute teacher, she's prepared taxes and taught chemistry at the university level. She also has taught Sunday School, and the American Red Cross, Parent-Teacher Association, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also have reaped the benefits of her time and attention. At one time, she served as the president of the EA-OWC and the Edgewood Elementary School PTA, while running a Brownie Troop and substitute teaching at the school.

"My husband suggested I get a full-time job so he would see me more," she said.

Over the 23 years she has been a part of the military, she has volunteered in schools, churches, wives clubs, and thrift shops, coordinated teen volunteers for the American Red Cross, been a den mother and Brownie troop leader, and served as a tutor in chemistry and mathematics. In Stuttgart, Germany, she received the 1992 Volunteer of the Year award for her community service. This spring, the APG community recognized her many years of active support with the Commander's Award for Public Service.

She also teaches chemistry part-time for Villa Julie College.

An Everette Road resident since 1993, she and her husband, Lt. Col. Joseph Payne are in the process of moving off post. Her husband recently was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology in the Washington, D.C., area. The couple has two children, both valedictorians who graduated from Edgewood High School. Joe Jr. is a senior at Virginia Tech, and daughter Kathryn is a sophomore at the University of Delaware.

The Paynes move into their newly purchased Abingdon home this month. From there, the volunteer will continue her community work and serve as the logistical coordinator for a family that lives or works in Washington, D. C., Virginia, Delaware, and Maryland.

To become an active part of the APG volunteer community, call Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette, 410-278-5469.

MEDCOM forms Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, offers award for spouses

By Jerry Harben
U.S. Army Medical Command

New forms of recognition are available through initiatives of U.S. Army Medical Command — one for noncommissioned officers and another for military spouses who do volunteer work.

Outstanding NCOs may be nominated for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, a MEDCOM version of an honorary society that exists in several other major Army commands. Spouses may be honored with the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award.

MEDCOM NCOs from corporal through sergeant first class - active, Reserve and National Guard - are eligible for the

SAMC. Nominees must be recommended by unit commanders, then will be screened by boards at the major subordinate commands and regional medical commands, then passed to a MEDCOM board for final selection. Nomination procedures and a sample nomination form are in MEDCOM Regulation 215-2, which has been distributed to all command sergeants major in MEDCOM.

There are no quotas or limits on the number of nominations submitted.

The regulation states members should "exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of soldiers, and

concern for families of soldiers."

Selection boards will be held every quarter, with the first expected in late September. The initial screening boards will be composed of members senior to the candidate and including at least one member of the same gender as the candidate. The final selection board will include the MEDCOM command sergeant major and at least three other command or staff sergeants major, at least one of which will be the same gender as the candidate. The final selection boards will probably be conducted by video-teleconference.

NCOs who are selected for the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club will

receive a certificate signed by the Surgeon General and the MEDCOM command sergeant major, a membership medallion for wear with the Class A uniform during SAMC official functions, and a membership card.

Members in good standing of the Sergeant Morales Club, an organization for NCOs in Europe, will be extended honorary membership in the MEDCOM SAMC. Members inducted into Sergeant Audie Murphy Clubs of other MACOMs will not have dual memberships.

The Dr. Mary E. Walker Award is a reward for Army spouses whose volunteer service contributes "significantly to the qual-

ity of life for soldiers, exemplifying personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of soldiers, and concern for families of soldiers", according to MEDCOM Regulation 215-1.

"The intent of this award is to recognize those eligible spouses whose service to our country is in the form of volunteering and is often 'behind the scenes.' Their way of life is marked by their efforts to improve their communities and enhance the overall military lifestyle," the regulation states. "Volunteer should be an active member/supporter of a unit family support group or an individual who actively supports (in a

clearly distinguishable manner) a military organization which does not have an organized family support group."

Spouses of active Army soldiers of all ranks are eligible. Nomination packets will be reviewed by the same quarterly boards that select members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, although Mary Walker nominees will not actually appear before the boards.

A certificate and medallion will be presented to those selected.

The first Dr. Mary E. Walker Awards were presented in April and May to Mary R. Scott and Donna A. Blanck, both of the Office of The Surgeon General.