

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 28, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Volleyball players to hold clinic

The Armed Forces Volleyball Teams from the US and Canada will hold clinic for all those interested in working on advanced volleyball skills, on Thursday, July 29, 7 p.m., at the APG Athletic Center. This clinic is open to the public. Call the APG Athletic Center at 410-278-7934 by July 28 to confirm your attendance.

Military Personnel Division closure

On Friday, July 23, the Military Personnel Division, Adjutant Office, APG Garrison, will be closed due to mandatory common task testing by Headquarters Support Troops. The Identification Card Section will remain open. Emergency situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. For details, call 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.

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Fact of the Week

Trees, shrubs and ground covers can be planted around your yard and in bare areas to soak up unused fertilizers and reduce runoff. They provide oxygen, absorb pollution, block wind, sun and noise, and help reduce soil erosion. Preserve them.



Statistics provided courtesy of the Maryland Department of Agriculture

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



Lynyrd Skynyrd rocks APG

Photo by DAVE ROBERTS

Classic rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd performs at Shine Field Saturday, the band's second concert here this decade.

Show brings 10,000 fans to post, takes in \$100,000 for MWR

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Ten thousand fans rocked Aberdeen Proving Ground Saturday night, as one of America's most enduring rock and roll bands returned to APG for the second time this decade.

Lynyrd Skynyrd lit up the hot night with classic tunes and new tracks that thrilled not only fans who have followed the band for three decades, but also young fans born long

after the band formed its roots in Jacksonville, Fla., 34 years ago.

"It's amazing how many 13- to 25-year-olds are in our audience," said Rickey Medlocke, a guitarist with the band in the early '70s who returned to tour with the group four years ago after a career with the band Blackfoot. "What I attribute it to is that they're being exposed to us on TV, in movies. Lynyrd Skynyrd music is timeless. It will be here long after I'm gone."

The show began with local popular band Great Train Robbery, followed by The Marshall Tucker Band. As the sun set, Lynyrd Skynyrd took the stage, opening the performance with their hit song "What's Your Name."

Timeless classics and new hits enthralled

the crowd as they listened to songs from the band's 34-year career, from the single "Workin'," released last week from their new album "Edge of Forever," to the dramatic encore performance of "Free Bird," during the show that was the band's final performance of its tour.

In addition to great music, the band is known for a tragedy that many thought would mark the end of Lynyrd Skynyrd. In 1977, just after their album "One More for the Road" went platinum, singer Ronnie Van Zant, Steve Gaines, Cassie Gaines (Steve's sister and a back-up singer) and road manager Dean Kilpatrick were killed when the band's plane crashed into a swamp in Gillsburg, Miss. Guitarists Gary Rossington and Allen Collins,

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Video from APG Fire Department shows how to protect home, family from fire

By Sheila Little
APG News

A recently produced video by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department can demonstrate how to protect your home and family from fire.

The seven-minute video, called "Family Housing Fire Safety," airs on channel 3 beginning today, and is available for loan to organizations and individuals through the APG Fire Department.

APG Fire Chief Charlie Jones said the film was made in response to the blaze in January that destroyed one Patriot Village housing unit

and seriously damaged another.

"The intent of the film is for family fire safety," said Jones of the video, which emphasizes planning and practicing a home evacuation plan that includes an outside meeting spot, reviews common causes of fires, and offers ideas on what occupants can do to lower their fire risk.

The fire chief reminded the public that "fire safety is everybody's business," and urged everyone to review and practice safety procedures with their families on a regular basis, and update plans following a move, as the children grow, and as family size changes.

Sfc. Peter Pangelinan, whose home was destroyed in the January fire, said he thinks the emphasis on fire safety in the home is a great idea. Fortunately, the Pangelinan family emphasized fire safety. Knowing what to do in an emergency paid off.

"My wife did daycare during many of my previous assignments," he said, and added that planning and practicing what to do in the event of an emergency is a requirement for all daycare providers, and was "part of my wife's curriculum."

Although recently relocated to APG, the
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'Lock House' offers display in July

Harford and Cecil county Veterans' Memorial dedicated at museum

Those with an interest in military history can see items from the local area through the end of the month at the Susquehanna Museum in Havre de Grace.

Known as "The Lock House," the museum was the site July 4 of a memorial listing the names of the 364 Harford and Cecil County residents who died in World Wars I and II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

Harford County Council President

Gunther Hirsch, Havre de Grace Mayor Philip Barker, Maryland National Guard Adjutant General Lt. Gen. James Fretterd, many veterans' organizations and Charles McLhinney, who had a brother and cousin in World War II, participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The memorial also included a tribute to the men from the 29th National Division Armories in Bel Air and Elkton who died in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. Numerous Hollywood motion picture productions have re-enacted

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Photos by DAVE MAYOR

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ray Astor and Robert Magee show off some of the historical military artifacts on display at Havre de Grace's Susquehanna Museum, known as "The Lock House," through the end of July. The museum, left, is located on the Susquehanna River.

Center to change goal from platelet donation

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

The site where members of the community have donated life-saving platelets hundreds of times during the past two years will close at the end of this month, and will reopen Sept. 1 with a new mission.

The Aberdeen Donor Center, located next to the American Red Cross, will be the first collection site in the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region to take "double red cell" donations. This method, similar to the existing apheresis techniques, removes twice the number of red blood cells as in a whole blood donation, but returns plasma and platelets to the donor.

"We will redesign the center to function as a state-of-the-art facility focused on type 'O' and 'B' donors. The need for type 'O' and type 'B' donors continually exceeds the supply," said Don Webb, managing director of recruitment and collections for

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Authorization required for TRICARE medical care

If you or a family member require treatment when Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is closed, you can call 1-800-308-3518 for the Advice Nurse, who may instruct you to go to an emergency room. Keep in mind that this does not constitute an authorization.

If time permits, you should call the Health Care Finder at 1-888-333-4522 as soon as possible. You are required to notify the Health Care Finder within 24 hours of the emergency room visit. Authorization does not guarantee that there will be no expense for you. The expense is determined by the type of care provided and the diagnosis code

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APG plans college fair on Aug. 4

Choosing a career path is difficult enough without the added burden of choosing the right college. The Education Division at Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison can help point you in the right direction.

The 11th Annual APG College Fair will be held in the Education Center Training Facility, building 5442, on Aug. 4, 4-6 p.m.

Open to the public for its 11th year, the event will include college and university representatives prepared to discuss admission policies, degree requirements and financial aid. They also will provide catalogs and class schedules.

"The event is ideal for people who want to return to school, but don't know where to begin, people who need financial assistance, and people who have doubts about their ability to do college

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OPINION

Workers should pause, set sights on future, keep the faith

"Deliver us Lord, from every evil, grant us peace in our day - and protect us from all anxiety."

By Father John Joseph Bauer
APG Chapel

To all workers of the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of APG: The writer in Genesis has Adam's sin punished by work. "By the sweat of your brow you shall earn your bread." Yes, work then is looked upon as penalty.

But work is a necessity. It is a part of life. And, rather than a drag on life, most work can be joyful. At Mass I often pray that workers find contentment in their work.

Work is necessary for providing sustenance for the family. It provides shelter and education and health. Really and truly for the dedicated person, work is not a penalty but a good.

In certain types of work, there is, and sometimes, must be competition. Competition is one method of grading and advancement. It can and does often cause stress and even unhappiness at work. Sometimes, too, this leads to the actuality or a perception of unfairness. Again there is a stress. Sadly, this can also cause envy.

Work also, as in all walks of life, may bring friendships, but also antagonism. The former makes work enjoyable; the latter, a drudgery.

Work also entails relationship between the employed and the employer. This more often than not includes unions. And, oh what a web is woven between the three: Employers - Union - Workers.

It is human, sensible, intelligent to plan for the

future. It is sensible even though a person does not know how many years are allotted in life. Only God knows that. But it is, nevertheless, wise to set the table for the future. And possibly on that table is placed ownership of a house; children's schooling; health plan and insurance. And, oh yes, retirement.

The table then, according to plan, will have all the above, all the sensible sweet dishes of the wise person fulfilling the love and duty for oneself and family into retirement.

The unknown of course is often lurking out there in everyday life that may shatter the plans on that table of desire and success. It comes sometimes by way of sickness, or even death. It can come by way of a terrible down trend in the economy or failed investments. These are all out there and recognized as such by the wise, cautious and realistic working person.

In some instances, however, a corporation sells to another; or, it folds; or, it moves. It can be sudden, almost like at the end of this day you will be jobless. With it sometimes goes not only the paycheck but the insurance.

Only recently there was a new aspect of this here on post. Two sides bid for a contract. The U.S. government looks for a new method of saving dollars, even amidst its own reputation for waste. There is a winner and a loser.

In this case, many may be the everyday worker in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of APG. It happened with a suddenness, a devastating destructive force that crushed the normalcy of life. Energy, desire and joy of work crumbled. In the pit of the

worker's stomach there was complete emptiness. Wonderment entered the heart and the brain. "Why?" "What am I to do?" entered in. "What do I do now for my family? Where do I go; what can I do?" Schooling, mortgage, health plan - all that was so perfect has now become ashes.

This, however, is where the worker must pause. He must now cool down and set his sights again on the future by taking control of NOW. Finger-pointing blame will not help. Calmly, decisions, healthy decisions, must be made. Age and longevity ought be considered in the decision. Pessimism must be reduced as you think about what good decisions you must make. In some cases people in great numbers will continue their visual work under the new contractor. Some will have to make that decision to continue if there is the possibility of being hired here.

A suggestion to such a one would be to continue to work diligently. Who would hire a person who would slack off or work half-heartedly because he or she is hurt, feeling sorry for himself or herself, or depressed? No, the person who continues to work hard as usual would have the best recommendation.

There are supervisors who have great skills and leadership. They will have to decipher whether they would be hired as against contractors bringing in some supervisors. Here, wisely, calmly, one must plan. Are your skills marketable? Or, maybe there is age and enjoyable retirement and benefits waiting. For some, this could be a blessing. You do know there are people who continue to work hard right into old age and the grave, and never think of retiring and enjoying a new phase of life. For some, this is now a

great chance to enjoy life with spouse, to step out of regimented life, to see the sights and sounds of God's creation. Think about that.

There are those with benefits accumulated. They can manage. There are those less fortunate, but with youth on their side and skills to go on. A good idea is to get over the shock. Stay away from the talk of others which is a bitter, hopeless, "poor me," planless.

You must try to overcome anxiety. A good way is to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Make the Holy Spirit a part of your planning. Consider all options. Sit down with those in the "know" who are wise and can advise you with decisions. Also, rid yourself of pessimism. Don't carry your burdens home to worry a family or wife. But on the other hand, sit down with your spouse as your planning unfolds.

Begin planning now. Do not save everything for the last minute.

Above all, keep the faith. In your life, I am sure, you have met with trials and obstacles and you became stronger in faith and character.

While the decision will ultimately be yours, during these months sit down with those who may help, including someone that can help by counseling. You are an important, worthwhile, valuable person. You will overcome adversity. You can and you must do it.

I have great confidence in you. I have been saying Masses regularly for you. I really believe when all is done you will manage and you will be a better, a greater person.

God bless you always.

God bless your family.

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RAB meeting set for July 29

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting July 29, 7-9:45, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Lauderick Creek Study Area. Meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For details, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Blue Cross rep to visit Aug. 10

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG on Tuesday, Aug. 10. The representative will be available from 9-11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14, and in the Edgewood Area, building E-4420, 12:30-1:30 p.m., to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Try summer events with PWOC

Protestant Women of the Chapel invites women in the military community for fellowship this summer. Sessions will be held Thursdays, 9:15-11 a.m. The topic for this summer is "Understanding and Improving Relationships." All active-duty military personnel, family members, retirees and civilian personnel are welcome to attend. The PWOC will use videos of well-known speakers Florence Littaur and Kay Arthur. Child care will be provided. The date, location and subject of each session are:

July 22, Panty Hose, Personalities and Difficult People;

Aug. 12, Silver Boxes: A true story of encouraging words;

Aug. 26, Kay Arthur's personal story.

All presentations will be held at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. For details or for information about Monday night meetings held by the PWOC, call 410-297-8757 or 410-676-0604.

Sign up for Bible adventure

The APG Chapel is taking kids on a rain forest expedition with Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure from Aug. 2-6, 6-8 p.m. each day.

CA UPDATE

Aberdeen Test Center will implement its Most Efficient Organization (MEO). Gen. John G. Coburn, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, made the decision on July 6 to allow ATC to implement its MEO rather than re-competing the requirement as an unrestricted solicitation. On July 27, there will be a meeting for the entire ATC work force to discuss MEO implementation.

The appeal period for APG Garrison's Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities CA package closed Friday, July 9. Five appeals were received. The Appeals Board is scheduled to meet and render a decision on the appeals within the next 30 days.

The protest period for APG Garrison's Information Services CA package closed June 17 with one protest submitted. AMC has been reviewing the facts surrounding the protest and is expected to render a decision by Aug. 6.

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

Children will dig into Bible learning they can see, hear, touch and even taste! Organizers said that unique crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs and healthy treats are just a few of the Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure activities that show children that the Bible is the map and Jesus is the treasure. Children also will enjoy hands-on Bible adventures and daily video visits from Chadder Chipmunk%. Kids will participate in hands-on missions project called "Operation Kid-to-Kid."

Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure is great fun for children of all ages; even teens will enjoy signing on as "Clue Crew Leaders" who help younger children. For registration or more information, call 410-278-4333.

Blood drive scheduled for Aug. 10

The next post blood drive will be held Aug. 10, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Red Cross officials said that at this time of year, blood supplies are low. For an appointment, call 410-278-2087.

Stroke victims can get help

The Cerebrovascular (Stroke) Clinic in the Department of Neurology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center is available. Patients, particularly those with a stroke event in the past year, can be assessed for possible post stroke depression, social situational concerns, stroke education, rehabilitation needs, and stroke prevention treatment. No referral is required. For more information or for an appointment, call 202-782-1661.

Freestate Challenge offers alternative

The Maryland National Guard offers an alternative education program for area high school dropouts between ages 16-18. Freestate Challenge, coordinated through the Maryland National Guard and Maryland's Partners in Prevention program, is a free, 22-week, military-oriented resident program at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The next class begins Aug. 15 and ends on Jan. 22, 2000.

Freestate Challenge places a strong emphasis on commitment, concentration and concerted effort. A primary program objective is to prepare enrollees for the high school diploma equivalency examination. To qualify, participants must be drug free, not in the juvenile justice system and a high-school dropout. The resident portion of the program is followed by an intensive year-long mentoring phase to

adjust to the world of work and follow-on education.

For more information on Freestate Challenge, contact Michael Bryant, recruiting and placement director, 1-800-820-6692 or visit your local Maryland National Guard Armory.

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, is open 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 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. 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

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.

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THURSDAY JULY 22 ACUPUNCTURE

The APG Committee for the Disabled is hosting a presentation on acupuncture and herbal therapies at 2:30 p.m. at Top of the Bay, with Dr. Jerold Fleishman from Franklin Square Hospital Center. He will discuss therapies for pain management and treatment of injuries and disease. This presentation is open to all APG personnel. For details, call Angela Cheek, 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.

FRIDAY JULY 23 BALLROOM DANCING

The 16th Ordnance Battalion is sponsoring a dance at the APG Recreation Center from 7 p.m.-midnight. Tango, cha-cha, samba, line dancing and rock and roll are some of the types of music that will be featured. Free dance lessons, door prizes and finger food will be available. Admission is free; donations will be accepted with all proceeds going to the Army Community Service Food Voucher Program. For more information, contact Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, 410-278-8595/4494.

SISTERS DANCE

Sisters Striving For Success, Inc. will hold a dance at VFW Post 6054 in Perryman from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Admission is \$4 for members of Sisters Striving For Success, Inc. and \$5 for non-members.

SATURDAY JULY 24 COUNTRY DANCING

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association is sponsoring a dance from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members. The price includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

FOOTBALL LEGEND

Former Pittsburgh Steelers legend Rocky Bleier will visit the APG Commissary from 10 a.m.-noon as part of the 1999 "Legends Tour" promotion. Commissary patrons will have an opportunity to receive a free autograph from the football legend. He also will



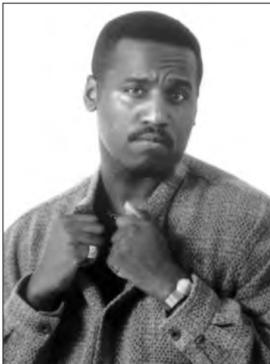
Sheila "Strawberry" Gaskins



Ricky "The Real Deal" Shackelford



Eric Lyden



Howard "G"

Four comedians slated for July 29 show on post

Everyone is invited for an evening of comedy at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, as Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) hosts the "BOSS Comedy Show and Dance" on Thursday, July 29, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. The show will feature: comedian and actor Howard "G," who has appeared on HBO's Def Comedy Jam and Showtime at the Apollo, as well as the television drama "Homicide"; comedians Sheila "Strawberry" Gaskins of Baltimore, a veteran of other military installation, college, university and club comedy shows around the nation; and comedians Eric Lyden and Ricky "The Real Deal" Shackelford. Tickets for the event will cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; see your unit BOSS representative or call Sgt. Kevin Gordon, 410-278-5605.

appear from 2-4 p.m. at the Fort Meade Commissary.

MONDAY JULY 26 BIBLE SCHOOL

St. James A.M.E. Church, located on 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will hold a week-long Vacation Bible School, 6:15 p.m.-9 p.m. each night. The program will offer Bible classes, arts and crafts, music and refreshments. Classes will be provided for all age groups. Admission is free. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 410-939-2266.

WEDNESDAY JULY 28 RETIREMENT CEREMONY

APG will hold a retirement ceremony at 10 a.m. at Ordnance Circle, hosted by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM. Retiring civilian and military personnel who will be honored are Sfc. Keith F. Brown, OC&S; Sfc. Daniel A. McMeeken, OC&S; Cecil D. Hassell, SBCCOM; Norman Bradfield, SBCCOM; and Louise M. Whiteside, CPOC Northeast Region. The entire post community is invited to attend the ceremony.

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VIRGINIA JOB FAIR

The Noncommissioned Officers Association will sponsor a job fair at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, Va., from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All services, military personnel, veterans, officer and enlisted are invited to attend. An NCOA mini-resume

will be required for admittance and can be obtained from your nearest NCOA representative, at the fair, or off the NCOA web site at www.ncoausa.org. For more information, call 210-653-6161.

WELCOMETO 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.

TUESDAY AUGUST 24 EQUALITY DAY

In recognition of Women's Equality Day, the APG Equal Opportunity Office and the Federal Women's Program Committee will sponsor the Annual Women's Equality Day Awards Ceremony, at 9 a.m. at the Top of the Bay Main Ballroom. Women's Equality Day was established by Public Law in 1974 in recognition of the ratification of the 19th Amendment on Aug. 26, 1920. This awards program is designed to recognize those individuals and organizations exemplary in their support of the goals and objectives of the Federal Women's Program.

SATURDAY AUGUST 28 IT'S SHOWTIME

ShowTime at the Apollo in Aberdeen will be held at Aberdeen High School from 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$4 for children ages 12 and under, \$5 at the door, and \$7 for adults, \$8 at the door. T-shirts and refreshments will be sold. Auditions for the show will be held Aug. 7 at Aberdeen Middle School from noon-4 p.m. The group is seeking "amateur" performers (adults and children) - singers, dancers, poets, comedians or other talents. To purchase tickets or schedule an appointment to perform, contact Selena Watson, 410-273-0071, or Linda Ruff, 410-273-7587.

MOVIES

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

NOTTING HILL

Friday, July 23, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 24, 7 p.m.

Starring: Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant

Anna Scott is the world's most famous movie star. William Thacker owns a travel bookstore. When Anna and William's paths cross in the neighborhood of Notting Hill, romance is the last thing on their minds. (Rated PG-13)

THE MATRIX

Saturday, July 24, 9 p.m.

Starring: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne

In a universe run by computers, human beings are used as batteries for bio-electrical energy to fuel the artificial intelligence known as the Matrix. The Matrix has created a virtual reality to make its inhabitants think they are living happy, creative, productive lives. (Rated R)

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from July 22-28:

THURSDAY, July 22

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety (10 min.)

FRIDAY, July 23

9 a.m., Army Newswatch (30 min.)

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Introduction to Terrorism (15 min.)

SATURDAY, July 24

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety (10 min.)

SUNDAY, July 25

9 a.m., Army Newswatch (30 min.)

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Introduction to Terrorism (15 min.)

MONDAY, July 26

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety (10 min.)

TUESDAY, July 27

9 a.m., Army Newswatch (30 min.)

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Introduction to Terrorism (15 min.)

WEDNESDAY, July 28

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Family Housing Fire Safety (10 min.)

For more information, contact Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1152.

SAFETY AWARENESS

Emergency care for children

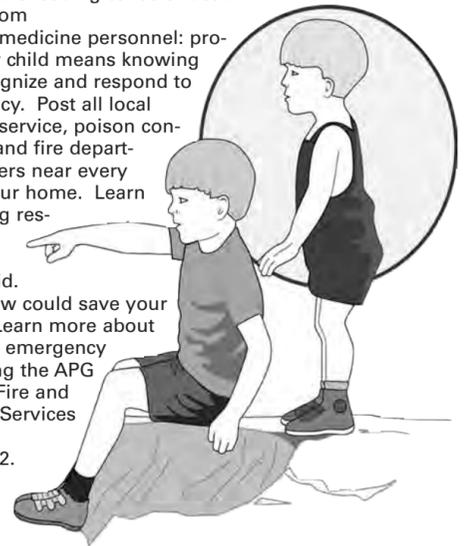
Did you know that after children reach their 1st birthday, injuries are the leading cause of death?

Take a tip from

emergency medicine personnel: protecting your child means knowing how to recognize and respond to an emergency. Post all local emergency service, poison control, police and fire department numbers near every phone in your home. Learn CPR, choking rescue procedures, and basic first aid.

Planning now could save your child's life. Learn more about handling an emergency by contacting the APG Division of Fire and Emergency Services at

410-306-0562.



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.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts

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 make larger projects. 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.

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 ride the go-karts, try the batting cages or play 18 holes of miniature golf. Play 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, hot dogs, sodas, chips and sno-balls. To schedule an event, call 410-278-9920.

Swimming pools are open

Olympic, Shore and Bayside swimming pools are open! Monthly and season pool passes are 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 \$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 Olympic and Bayside pools Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124, for details.

APG Boat Docks

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

Aberdeen Area

Hunter Safety classes are scheduled at 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

Hunter Safety 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.

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);
- Stephen Howard (Bone Marrow Transplant);
- 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;
- Mary Pettway;
- 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);
- Willie Williams.

Lopez wins CHPPM's Joseph Lovell Award

By Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. Mary S. Lopez received the 1998 Joseph Lovell Award at a ceremony June 16.

Named for the first Army Surgeon General, a vigorous supporter of preventive medicine, the Joseph Lovell Award is unique to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

This award recognizes one civilian or military scientist, engineer, health professional or technician employed by CHPPM who has demonstrated exceptional initiative, creativity, innovative ability, and professional excellence in his/her occupational field.

Lopez was cited for exceptional achievements and contributions in the field of preventive medicine, specifically in ergonomics. Her award noted that she has the passion and scrupulous integrity that illuminates the qualities of vision, talent, and learning embodied in the award.

Lopez' vision of ergonomics as a critical preventive health tool is helping to transform the military culture from one of "let's tough it out (and frequently accept lifetime

disabilities as a consequence)" to one where soldiers and civilian employees have the knowledge and skills necessary to correct ergonomic problems at their level. This has led to the development of innovative tools, products and programs.

As chair of the Department of Defense Ergonomics Working Group, this vision focused the group's activities and led to DoD issuing the first federal agency policy mandate on ergonomics as part of the Occupational Health and Safety Program.

Her achievements include emphasis on testing products and evaluating programs; coordination and staffing; and commitment to enhancing quality of life for all workers.

Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons, CHPPM commander, opened the ceremony. Donna Doganiero, director, Occupational Health Sciences, recognized the previous recipients.

Curtis Bowling, assistant deputy under secretary of defense (Force Protection) was the keynote speaker.

"Clearly, Lieutenant Colonel Lopez has put in place so many



Lt. Col. Mary S. Lopez

tools to reduce worker injuries and illnesses in support of the secretary of defense's goal of zero accidents, occupational illnesses, and fires," Bowling said. "As a result, Lieutenant Colonel Lopez has educated soldiers, civilians, managers and senior officials on the importance of preventive care."

He added that, according to Secretary Cohen's 1999 Annual Report to the President and the Congress, "taking care of people is a top priority to DoD and a key element of ensuring readiness."

"I salute Lieutenant Colonel Lopez for her inspiring commitment to military readiness and

protection of all DOD employees," he said.

Lopez, CHPPM's program manager for ergonomics, holds a Ph.D. in industrial engineering (human factors/ergonomics) from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas; a master's degree from Baylor University, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from San Jose State University, Calif.

Her military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. She holds the "A" Proficiency Designator, the Army Medical Department's highest award for professional excellence, and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Her appointments include chair, DoD Ergonomics Working Group; and adjunct assistant professor of preventive medicine and biometrics, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

Her occupational therapy internship was at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and her health administration residency was at Brooke Army Medical Center.

National Guard unit to receive Black Hawk helicopters

The 104th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) of the Maryland Army National Guard has been selected by the Army to receive updated Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. The Black Hawk will replace the Vietnam vintage UH-1V Hueys that 104th now operates in the medical evacuation role.

The unit received its first UH-60 in May and will begin a gradual phase-out of the older UH-1 during the upcoming year. Equipped as an air ambulance, the UH-60 offers significant improvement over the Huey. With two engines, each capable of producing more than 1,500 horsepower, the Black Hawk can carry almost twice the load of the Huey and cruise more than 40 knots faster.

"We are very pleased to receive the Black Hawk," said Maj. Marla Harding, commander of the 104th. "The improved capabilities will allow us to more-effectively accomplish our mission."

Harding, along with Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lisa Lane, is undergoing transition training to the new aircraft at the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Ala. When they return to Maryland, they will join Warrant Officers Steve Jones, Glenn Ernest, Ed Hadaway and Gary Miller, who completed training in the Black Hawk earlier in the year. Four additional pilots from Maryland are scheduled to attend the course during 1999.

The 104th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) was activated by the National Guard in November 1995. The unit has the dual mission of providing battlefield evacuation during time of conflict and aiding Maryland in disaster relief. The unit is based in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, and flies out of Weide Army Airfield.

MRICD offers training to West Point cadet

In its continuing association with the U.S. Military Academy, this summer the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense welcomed West Point Cadet Adrian "Bucky" Burleigh for a three-week internship in one of its research laboratories.

A chemistry major at West Point, Burleigh selected the institute from among a number of organizations offering summer research projects for cadets.

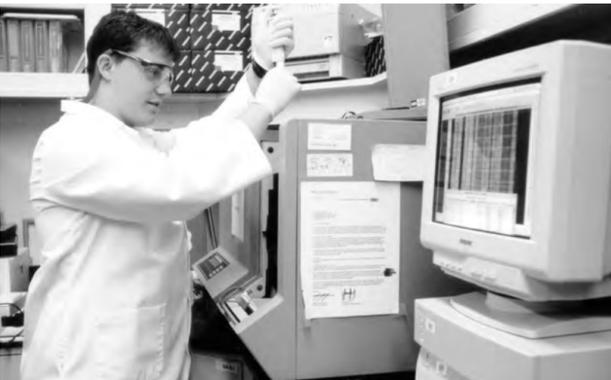
Burleigh worked with Dr. John Schlager of MRICD's Applied Pharmacology Branch, who is studying the effects of the chemical warfare agent sulfur mustard on gene expression in cells.

At MRICD, Burleigh said he

was able to apply some of the terminology from his course work at the academy.

"I isolated RNA from cultured cells, cleaned it up, and then sequenced the RNA (as cloned cDNA)," said Burleigh of the techniques he learned in Schlager's laboratory.

In addition, Burleigh learned molecular biology techniques needed for the isolation, cloning and sequence identification from a DNA library produced from the RNA isolated from human keratinocyte cells exposed to sulfur mustard. Once he had a sequence separated, Burleigh learned to identify the sequence by matching it to a known gene sequence archived in the National Institute



During his summer project at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, West Point Cadet Adrian "Bucky" Burleigh uses an automated DNA sequencer.

of Health's National Center for Biotechnology Information database, which is searchable over the Internet.

Upon graduation from West Point next spring, Burleigh, a native of Duluth, Minn., is consid-

ering the combat service support area of the Army. He'll have the opportunity this summer to see what such an assignment would be like when he spends a few weeks with a Combat Service Support finance unit in Korea.

FEW chapter to present annual scholarship

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) presents its annual Scholarship for Working Women. The woman selected for this honor will receive a \$300 scholarship for college expenses. Only one scholarship will be awarded.

To qualify for this scholarship, you must be a female federal employee working in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County who currently is pursuing college-level studies.

Each candidate must prepare a short essay, not to exceed one typewritten page, summarizing her educational plans and explaining how this scholarship would be used; and, provide her name,

home and work addresses and phone numbers, current supervisor's name and phone number (to confirm federal employment) and name of her educational institution.

Submit applications by Aug. 13 to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Dr., Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

The Chapter's executive and scholarship committee members will review the essays. The scholarship winner will be announced at the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony on Aug. 24. For questions or details on the essay, call Veronica Brown, 410-278-7692.

Young pilots earn wings during Civil Air Patrol training

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Five members of the Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing were awarded solo flight wings Saturday, after a week-long flight encampment at Harford County Air Park.

Cadets Steven Long, 19, Vance Chapman, 18, Christian Polyak, 17, Crystal Schneider, 17, and Justin Brown, 16, took turns taking off, landing, and navigating the skies over northern Harford County in three single-engine Cessnas.

Civil Air Patrol Col. Robert Ayers said the encampment was for senior cadets who have

reached officer level.

"Cadets accepted to this encampment undergo a screening process that ensures they are mentally sharp and physically able to handle the program," Ayers said. "We only choose five or six out of several dozen applicants from all over the state."

Ayers, who holds a doctorate in chemistry, and does research for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said he has been running the flight encampment for the last nine years.

"Graduates from this program usually go on to obtain their private licenses," Ayers said. "Out of five pilots last year, three now

have their private pilot license and two are in the U.S. Air Force Academy."

Susan Morrison, a flight instructor and captain with CAP's New York wing at Fort Drum, said she has been volunteering her time to teach cadets to fly since 1978.

"These cadets have five orientation flights before they come here," Morrison said. "Last Saturday, we taught them how to start the engine and today they're taking off and landing by themselves."

Cadet Long, who, like most applicants, wants to fly for the Air Force, said he has been accepted to the Air Force Academy's preparatory program in Roswell, N.M.

"After two years there, hopefully, I'll go to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado," Long said.

A cadet second lieutenant from Hagerstown, Md., Long said the program has made his dreams come true.

"It gives me the chance to do things other kids don't get a chance to do," Long said.

Cadet Schneider, from the Bowie, Md., composite squadron, flew to Hagerstown on Saturday, to perform an aircraft inspection, supervised by flight standardization officer, Capt. Elmer Mooring.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life," Schneider said. "I flew solo at night and landed behind two A-10s."

Mooring, who teaches aerospace education at Mount Airy squadron in Frederick, Md., is the founder of the glider encampment that will be held in August.

"The mid-Atlantic Soaring association will sponsor a CAP encampment at Fort Detrick, Md. the first week of August," Mooring said. "It's a simpler program that's less demanding and lets cadets get the feel of flying."

Schneider's parents, Don and Karen, sat with the rest of the fam-



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Civil Air Patrol cadets pose for a photo after receiving their solo wings and certificates. Pictured from left are Crystal "Attitude" Schneider, Justin "Mag Switch" Brown, Christian "Downbase" Polyak, Vance "Rudders" Chapman, and Steven "Wanderer" Long.

ily members and guests as their daughter received her solo wings. Karen Schneider said they were excited when they learned Crystal would be flying.

"I told her if she wanted to fly, this is the place to learn how," Don said.

Cadets Chapman and Polyak credited their fathers for encouraging their dreams to fly.

"My father travels extensively and all the trips I've made into airplane cockpits over the years got me interested in flying," Chapman said. "My first solo flight was awesome. It was a mixture of feeling totally alone and realizing you've got to get everything right at the same time."

Polyak, who has a summer job at the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) at Phillips Army Airfield, said he has always been interested in aviation.

"I started going to squadron meetings two years ago and I've been going ever since," Polyak said.

Polyak's father, Stephen, who works for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, said he is amazed at

what his son has achieved in two years.

"I'm definitely very proud. It's an incredible accomplishment," he said.

CAP Maj. Jackie Fries, base commander for the solo flight encampment, said the program does a lot more than just give teenagers a place to hang out.

"Our pilots consistently back up the operations of the Air Force, National Guard and Coast Guard," Fries said. "Pilots from 35 states assisted in damage assessments and search and rescue during the

Missouri floods in '93 and during forest fires in Florida and Long Island last year."

Fries said that CAP squadrons from New York and Massachusetts were assisting in the Coast Guards search and rescue operation for John F. Kennedy Jr.'s aircraft, that day near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Fries, who retired from teaching after 31 years, has been volunteering to train CAP cadets in radio operations and communication since 1973.

"The best part about volunteering," Fries said, "is seeing people get on the right track. Bad kids get most of the attention so many people know nothing about CAP."

Ayers thanked Fries for being the "key to bringing the whole program together," and Fries thanked her assistants Morrison and Mooring, as well as the families and friends who gathered at the short ceremony, for supporting the program.

After all the cadets received their awards, Long thanked the instructors on behalf of his fellow students.

"We want to thank the staff for giving us the knowledge we need to obtain our goals and dreams," Long said.

Civil Air Patrol squadron meetings for this area are on Monday at 7 p.m. at APG in building 5443. For information, call 410-278-3991.



Civil Air Patrol cadet Steven Long, from Hagerstown checks the oil level in a Cessna 172 airplane during pre-flight checks at the Harford County Air Park. Long and four other CAP cadets earned their solo wings during the Solo Flight Encampment July 10-17.

Discover educational options at Aug. 4 college fair

FAIR, from front page

work and need a little push to get started," said Dori Lawton, an education specialist of the APG Education Center, and the organizer of the college fair.

The institutions participating are Cecil Community College, Central Michigan University, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Coppin State College, Catonsville Community College, Dundalk Community College, Essex Community College, Essex Community College, Florida Institute of Technology, Harford Community College, Morgan State University, R.E.T.S Technical Training Center, Towson University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland College Park, University of Maryland University College and the Veterans Administration.

New this year is a Financial Aid Workshop, Lawton added.

"Getting into college is easy and so is paying for it, if you know all the facts," she said.

Service members are eligible for tuition assistance (75 percent of tuition is paid, to a cap of \$187.50 per semester hour). What about the other 25 percent, plus books, child care and other related costs?

Lawton noted that service members, and family members and civilians, are eligible to apply for four basic types of financial assistance: loans, work study, grants and scholarships. Only loans have to be paid back. Figuring out what to apply for and what forms to use can be confusing, and you must be aware of scams and dubious processing fees.

To find out about the above and the latest tax credits, state tuition programs and education IRA's, plan to attend the workshop during the college fair. In addition to an overview of all the financial aid programs, participants will be given a bibliography of helpful references and websites.

Also planned for the event are Myers Briggs Type Indicator session, door prizes and refreshments. For more information and to register for the workshop, call

the Education Center at 410-278-3515 or 410-436-2166.

Anyone interested in pursuing an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree is invited to attend.

For further information call 410-278-3515 or check out the website <http://www.army.mil/garrison/milpo/apged/Education.htm>.



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

Col. Andrew G. Ellis, commander of Aberdeen Test Center, signs a memorandum of agreement with Neil Schultz, executive director of VTEC, to formalize a working relationship between the two organizations in fire testing.

ATC forms partnership for combustion testing

By Lena Goodman
ATC Public Affairs Office

Aberdeen Test Center recently signed a two-year Memorandum of Agreement with VTEC Laboratories Inc. at ATC Headquarters.

In August 1998, ATC appointed VTEC to conduct a market research survey on national fire testing to determine the best way for ATC and VTEC to join forces to benefit future customers; to find the market niches for fire testing and determine the ones most beneficial to ATC; and, to determine the 10 largest fire testing entities and the amount of revenue spent annually.

Based on the market survey results, ATC's niche are large and full-size fire testing, which is the basis for expanded operations at the Intermediate Fire Laboratory and the Fire Safety Test Enclosure, and continued use of outdoor test facility real estate and assets.

"There is approximately \$17 million spent annually in commercial fire testing," said James Fasig, ATC's technical director. "VTEC and ATC formalized their relationship through this long-term agreement to benefit the military and provide a transfer of fire protection technologies."

VTEC Laboratories Inc. is a commercial testing and research laboratory located in New York specializing in fire, flammability and combustion toxicity technology.

The partnership agreement signifies a working relationship that permits both parties to combine their technical strengths and achieve efficiencies in manpower, equipment, instrumentation and facilities.

"We are excited about using this technology exchange in the testing process," said ATC commander, Col. Andrew G. Ellis. "ATC's unique facilities will serve as an excellent asset for VTEC. They

intend to bring work to ATC.

"This is a great opportunity for us to work together," Ellis added.

Neil Schultz, executive director of VTEC said, his organization has developed and tested many types of products and materials for military and commercial applications.

"The new partnership means we can use ATC facilities to reduce our backlog. Having access to ATC's unique facilities also means we can offer our customers a wider range of services," he said.

The agreement is effective for two years with the possibility to extend to five.

"Forming a partnership with the Army opens the door to new and future capabilities, which definitely benefits the customer," Schultz said.

Practicing fire escape protects families during emergencies

FIRE, from front page

family planned two fire escape routes and an outside meeting point that proved useful on the night of Jan. 2, 1999. Pangelinan said his 16-year-old son discovered the fire, awakened the five sleeping residents, and used the family's "worst-case evacuation route" through a bedroom window to get everyone to safety.

"It worked out perfectly," he said.

Pangelinan expressed gratitude on behalf of his family for the outpouring of community support and kindness that followed the fire.

"There is no way in the world that I could ever thank the APG community enough for all they did," he said.

Pangelinan urged every post resident to keep a copy of their household inventory in an alternate location and to carry renter's insurance. Neither family affected by the blaze was insured, and both had a hard time coming up with a list of destroyed items.

"Unfortunately, you learn through experience," said the now-insured Pangelinan.

Marilyn Spence, an engineering technician with the Family Housing Management Division, said the "Handbook for Family Housing Occupants" issued to post residents includes tips concerning fire prevention.

According to the handbook, military personnel are responsible for the elimination of fire hazards in their quarters, and the book offers many suggestions on how to make your home as safe as possible.

"Good housekeeping, care, and cleanliness are synonymous with good fire prevention," the booklet states.

Suggestions include eliminating unnecessary combustibles, monthly vacuuming and testing of smoke detectors, and cleaning kitchen filters.

Common causes of fires include those caused by space heaters, over-crowded electrical outlets, and using a higher wattage bulb than listed on the light fixture.

"Unattended cooking is our largest cause of fires," Spence added, urging residents never to leave a stove while preparing a meal, and asking them to review post fire safety procedures and prevention ideas with all family members.

Fire safety can be seasonal, such as special requirements for summer. For example, the video covers outdoor grilling safety. Residents are cautioned to grill at least 15 feet away from homes and vehicles, never to spray lighter fluid on hot coals, and never grill on balconies. Rules prohibit burning trash or leaves in residential areas, and do not allow occupants to possess or use fireworks.

Winter safety rules limit inside use of live Christmas trees to four weeks, prohibit candles on the tree, do not allow residents to staple or nail electrical wiring to the housing unit, and limit the length of extension cords to eight feet. Tree lights should be off if the home is unoccupied.

Spence said although residents must remain vigilant, they can rest easier knowing that if they need the APG Fire Department, they will get "a quick, efficient response."

To contact the Fire Department in an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergency matters, residents in the Aberdeen Area should call 410-306-0572, and those in the Edgewood Area should call 410-436-4451.

To see the video, see the channel 3 WAPG schedule for times. Call the APG Fire Department, 410-306-0501 for information on how to check out a copy of the video.



Authorization required in TRICARE network

TRICARE, from front page

and you may have to make an up-front payment. A true emergency is loss of life, limb or eyesight. If you have a true emergency, call 911.

If you have been issued a referral for specialty services by your primary care manager, an authorization always is necessary. Never assume that your referral has been authorized unless you have spoken to a Health Care Finder who has assigned you an authorization number.

The Health Care Finder will offer you names of providers in your prime network. If you have a provider in mind, ask the Health Care Finder if that provider is in the TRICARE Prime Network.

When asked what type of health care you have, you always should reply "TRICARE Prime." If you respond simply "TRICARE," you may be headed for expense under another TRICARE plan. TRICARE Standard and Extra beneficiaries have different copayments for services.

LIBRARY CORNER

Libraries offer new fiction

The Garrison Library has new books available. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check them out.

Back to the Moon, by Homer H. Hickman;

Broke Heart Blues, by Joyce Carol Oates;

Carnal Innocence, by Nora Brooks;

Cheaters, by Eric Jerome Dickey;

Italian Fever, by Valerie Martin;

Loose Lips, by Rita Mae Brown;

McNally's Dilemma, by Lawrence Sanders;

PSI/Net, by Billy Dee Williams;

Vulcan's Heart, by Josepha Sherman.

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard. It 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 Branch Library is located at building E-4405 on Austin Road. It is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30

a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; it is closed Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Enjoy brunch on the bay during special event on Aug. 1

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

The community can rise and shine in style on Aug. 1, with the second brunch of the year planned at Top of the Bay.

Doris Reitzle, manager of the facility that once was the Aberdeen Proving Ground Officer's Club, said the success of the May 9 Mother's Day brunch led to scheduling another specialty brunch.

"The Mother's Day brunch was very well attended," she said, noting that more than 380 people participated in the event.

The menu will be similar to the Mother's Day event, with an omelet

station, breakfast items, carved beef, smoked turkey breast, shrimp scampi, baked chicken with dressing, fish in caper sauce, assorted vegetables, pasta, red-skinned potatoes and rice. A continental breakfast station, salads, desserts and beverages, including champagne and Bloody Marys, will round out the meal.

"We plan to rearrange stations to eliminate bottlenecks, and take advance reservations with credit cards," Reitzle said, noting that they also will have an additional 30 minutes between the morning and afternoon seatings to allow time to prepare for the second wave of guests.

Those interested in using the credit card pre-payment option can call

Top of the Bay at 410-278-3062/2552. Cost will be \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6-11, and free for children under age 6. The first seating will be from 10 a.m.-noon, and the second from 1-3 p.m.

"We already have had some people make reservations, and we're hoping for another good turnout," Reitzle said.

While brunch may become a quarterly event, lunch is served weekdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Main Ballroom. The menu includes sandwiches served to order, chili, soup, and a vegetable bar. Call for details or send an e-mail message to top-of-bay@mwr.apg.army.mil or catering@mwr.apg.army.mil.

Volleyball elite coming to APG

U.S., Canadian teams to prepare for 1999 Military World Games

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. and Canadian Armed Forces Volleyball teams will hold camp at APG from July 24-Aug. 2 to prepare for the Military World Games to be held in Zagreb, Croatia from Aug. 5-18.

The Department of Defense Armed Forces Sports Council selected APG to host the athletes for the event which is second only to the Olympics in nation participation.

The teams will practice and scrimmage at the APG Athletic Center throughout their stay and the gymnasium floor will be closed for play throughout. Spectators and fans may check

with the center to see which matches will be open to spectators.

The teams will hold a volleyball clinic on Thursday, July 29, 7 p.m. Those interested in advancing their skills, may call the APG Athletic Center at 410-278-7934 by July 28 to confirm their attendance. The clinic is open to the public.

The U.S. contingent will consist of approximately 350 athletes, coaches and other officials from all branches who will gather on APG to receive their uniforms before departing for the games.

A send-off ceremony for the athletes will be held in the Post Theater on Aug. 4, 10:30 p.m.

GEICO launches military service awards program

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The GEICO Military Service Awards program has begun its annual search for enlisted members who perform outstanding service to the military or civilian community. The program, in its 12th season, is sponsored by the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation.

Jim Keller, from GEICO's Aberdeen office located at 106 N. Philadelphia Blvd., said he would like to see the installation more involved in the selection process.

"We've never had anyone nominated from

this area," Keller said.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker said he will announce plans to nominate soldiers from the installation at a senior NCO meeting on July 22.

"People who want to nominate someone need to contact me to put together packets," Kolker said. "We have well-deserving people out there who I'd like to see recognized."

The program honors one enlisted member from each of the five military services and one from the selected Reserve component for outstanding service to the community. Each

installation may nominate enlisted personnel who meet the criteria in one of the fields recognized by the awards, by Nov. 1. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award, a commemorative plaque and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the awards ceremony on April 24, 2000.

The award categories are drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire safety and fire prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention.

For information contact Keller, 410-273-6004, or Kolker, 410 278-1509.



Photo by RAY ASTOR

Sgt. Maj. Bill Ward of the National Guard, wearing a vintage World War II Army uniform, salutes as the 229th Army Band performs July 4 at the dedication of the Veterans' Memorial at the Susquehanna Museum in Havre de Grace.

Lock House is site of military history display

LOCK HOUSE, from front page

the famous D-Day invasion; but perhaps the most realistic version was portrayed in the 1998 movie "Saving Private Ryan," said Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ray Astor.

"The Tydings family donated the World War I uniform of the late Senator Millard Tydings to the museum," he said, noting that Tydings was a lieutenant colonel in the 29th Division during World War I.

The Harford and Cecil County Veterans' Memorial will be available for public view at the museum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., until the end of July, then will be on permanent

display at American Legion Post 47, on Legion Circle in Havre de Grace, beginning in August.

Directions:

To get to the museum from Aberdeen Proving Ground, take Route 40 east to Havre de Grace and turn right at the light on Otsego Street (at the McDonald's). Turn left on Juniata Street, take the third right on Erie Street, then take the third left on Conestogo Street. The museum is located along the Susquehanna River.

For more information about the museum, call 410-939-5780.

(Marguerite Towson contributed to this article.)

Military who retire after October 1998 authorized American flags

By Sfc. Connie E. Dickey
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (July 15, 1999) - Soldiers will soon get an American flag upon retirement.

Congress authorized the flags in the FY99 Defense Authorization Act and directed service secretaries to present a U.S. flag to service members upon retirement from the military, but it did not allocate funds for payment of the flags.

All soldiers who have retired since Oct. 1, 1998, will be eligible to receive a flag, according to an Army spokesman, since that was the effective date of the Defense Authorization Act.

Last October, the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps directed local commands to distribute the flags and pay for the flags from their operating budgets, but the Army took no action.

Several weeks ago, complaints

from many retirees began arriving at the Department of the Army through messages to the sergeant major of the Army and other Army officials.

Gary Smith, chief of Army Retirement Services, said he has talked with Lt. Gen. David Ohle, deputy chief of staff for personnel, and a draft policy is in the works.

"We would like for the transition points to take the responsibility of distributing the flags at local commands," Smith said, but no final decision has been made yet on who will be directed to do that. He said he hopes to have the policy ready for approval by mid-August.

"We'll take into consideration the people who have not gotten flags so far," Army spokesman, Lt. Col. Guy Shields, said. He said in the meantime, retirees should make it known to retirement services they want a flag.



Photos by DAVE MAYOR

Pets available at post facility

Two of the many animals available for adoption at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Veterinary Treatment Facility are this 2-year-old calico cat and this 5-month-old shepherd mix. The staff at the facility described both as sweet and playful. Other pets available include puppies and kittens. Call the facility at 410-278-3911 for details.

SPORTS

E Co. 16th sweeps B Co. 143rd in double-header

SPORTS SHORTS



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

"We are the mighty Echo!" roared the players of E Co. 16th after their second win over B Co. 143rd last week.

Their first win came an hour earlier in the top of a double-header in a July 15 game that bore little resemblance to the second.

In the first game, B Co. 143rd hung tough against a hyped-up E Co. 16th who, along with their fans, were talking victory before the first pitch was thrown. Coach Rafael Rabassa-Valdez said this team was one of the best he has coached in his 22 years in the Army.

"We are number one in the Commander's Cup race and we are the best company in the Ordnance Center and

B Co. 143rd pitcher Brett Carlson tosses "high heat" to an E Co. 16th batter during game one.

School," Rabassa-Valdez said.

B Co. 143rd lost the first game 9-8, a close game highlighted by a pair of back-to-back homers in the fifth inning by T'mara Hall and Brian Fahsholtz.

Hall said that playing on the predominantly male team helps improve her game.

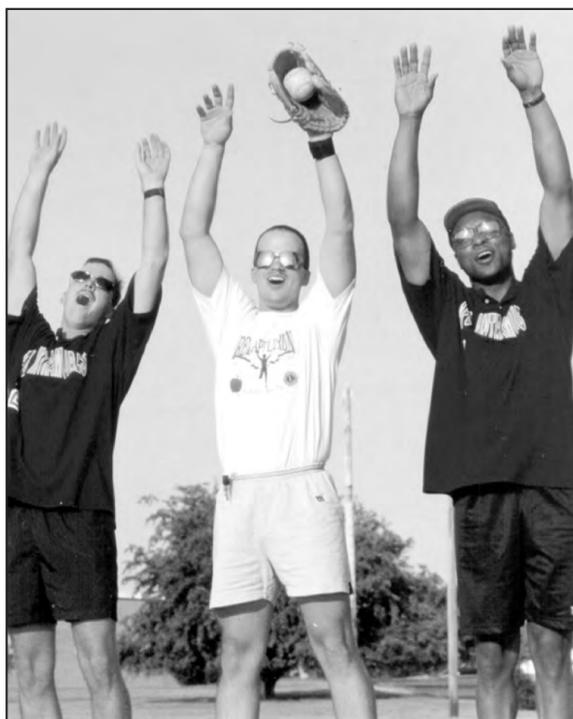
"When you play with guys, you have to play harder," she said.

After the close loss, B Co. 143rd coach Andre Young tried to pump his team back up.

"Pay attention to your defense and don't let balls get by you," Young said. "We can beat these guys."

Unfortunately for B Co., nearly everything E Co. hit got by, over, around and under his players, and E Co. 16th secured a decisive 14-1 victory to maintain a comfortable hold on second place in the division.

"It was still a good effort," Young said. "As long as they give 110 percent, I have no complaint at all."



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

E Co. 16th spectators cheer their team on with a miniature version of "the wave" during the double-header make up games with B Co. 143rd on July 15.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

The following results were reported for the Intramural Softball League for the week ending July 16:

American Division

Results

July 12

HHC 16th, 15, HST, 0
HHC 143rd, 14, NCOA, 13
HHC 61st, 15, KUSAHC, 14

July 14

HST, 15, HHC 61st, 6
HHC 143rd, 0, HHC 16th, 0
KUSAHC, 16, NCOA, 15

Standings

HHC 16th11-1-1
KUSAHC10-3-0
HHC 143rd8-4-1
NCOA4-9-0
HST3-10-0
HHC 61st2-11-0

Schedule

July 26

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

July 28

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

National Division

Results

July 13

B Co. 16th, 11, A Co. 143rd, 10
B Co. 143rd, 13, CHPPM, 0
E Co. 16th, 14, USAF, 6
USMC vs. SBCCOM (Rescheduled)

July 15

CHPPM, 11, USAF, 10
E Co. 16th, 14, B Co. 143, 1
SBCCOM, 19, B Co. 16th, 6
USMC .vs. A Co. 143rd (Rescheduled)

Standings

USMC11-0
E Co. 16th10-1-0
SBCCOM7-4-0

B Co. 143rd5-7-0
A Co. 143rd4-7-0
B Co. 16th3-8-0
CHPPM3-9-0
USAF3-10-0

Schedule

July 27

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

July 29

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

Round one of golf complete

The first round of the Intramural Golf Championship Tournament took place July 15 at Plumb Point Golf Course. In this first round, E Co. 16th lost to HHC 16th and 203rd lost in a playoff to CHPPM.

The second round will be played July 22 and will see both of the above losing teams playing the two Marine Corps Teams. The championship will be held the following Thursday, July 29, at Ruggles Golf Course.

Volleyball team plays at Quantico

The APG post-level volleyball team participated in a Washington Area Military Athletic Conference round-robin tournament on July 17 at Quantico. The team started the day with a win over Annapolis, but then lost to Fort Meade and Quantico. The team plays again on July 31 at Fort Meade for the league championship.

Show up for soccer practice at Shine Field

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 Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. For more information contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Soccer applications due

Active-duty soldiers interested in participating on the men's All Army Soccer Team must submit an application to the APG Sports Office in building 3320 by July 30. Candidates should 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.

PATS ON THE BACK

NCOs receive Good Conduct Medal Clasps

Two noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command recently received Good Conduct Medal Clasps. Sfc. Donald E. Jones received his seventh award, and Sgt. Darrell L. Powell received his third award.

104th Medical Company completes training

The citizen soldiers of the 104th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) of the Maryland Army National Guard completed their 15-day annual training period last month. The unit conducted training and provided support for Operation Blue Crab, a multi-service exercise with the Navy held at APG.

Highlights of the two-week training included conducting the Combat Life Saver's Course for the Civil Air Patrol, and deploying nine members of the unit to El Salvador, where they took part in Operation New Hope, which provides engineering assistance for replacing roads and bridges to hurricane-stricken El Salvador. Ten soldiers completed training to qualify as bus drivers and 11 completed training as drivers for the Army's High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle, better known as the "Humvee."

"We are pleased at the amount and quality of training we have accomplished," said Capt. Michael Condon, acting commander for the 104th. "This prepares the unit to better complete its military mission of medical evacuation and also assist the citizens of Maryland in times of natural disaster."

The 104th Medical Company is headquartered at the Edgewood Area of APG.

Changing of the guard at TROA

Col. Orville Hughes recently passed the gavel to Lt. Ed Kreiner, as Kreiner assumed leadership of the Susquehanna Chapter of The Retired Officers Association. TROA, the largest military officer association in the nation, works to preserve the entitlements and benefits of all members of the unified services. Kreiner, who is retired from the U.S. Navy, was installed as president at a recent dinner in Aberdeen. Other officers installed were the vice-president, Lt. Col. Monroe Manning; the treasurer, Lt. Col. Tom Moxley; and Hughes as vice president for programs. Hughes recognized the retiring board members with words of praise and a decoy wall piece. Kreiner spoke of the need to revitalize the community's awareness of the sacrifices that have been made by dedicated soldiers in pursuit of ensuring this nation and the populous the right of freedom.

Platelet donor center changing mission to new red-cell technology

DONOR, from front page

the Red Cross region. "We wanted to focus on a need in the community that wasn't being met. This has not been implemented anywhere else in the region. It's cutting-edge technology to actually create an O and B donor center with apheresis technology."

Aberdeen Proving Ground's center was selected as the first site because of the success of the platelet program, he said. Platelets are used for patients undergoing cancer treatment and organ donation.

"There's a nationwide change in the way we do apheresis, and a reduction in the number of sites we have," he said, noting that a new platelet collection device that is "twice as efficient" as traditional machines has enabled the region to produce the number of platelets needed at fewer collection sites.

The APG center did "an excellent job," he said, collecting 583 units of platelets in 1997, and 683 units in 1998, although the center was open fewer hours.

"That's a 17 percent increase," he said. "That's just tremendous support."

Apheresis is the separation of blood components, such as plasma, platelets and red blood cells. The need for red blood cells, particularly those from type O and B donors, is particularly acute, Webb said. Red cells, which carry oxygen in the blood, are used to treat anemia, sickle cell, and "anything that affects how the oxygen is carried in the blood," and in trauma cases where patients lose a lot of blood. Type O blood is popular because it can be given to any patient.

For those who donate whole blood every 56 days, he said there is no reason to switch to the double-red donation. But the Red Cross plans to recruit those who donate less often — maybe once or twice a year — for the double-red donations.

"The infrequent donors, who don't have the time to come in every 56 days, can do just as much with fewer visits," he said. "If you're a 56-day donor, you don't have to change that. But if you have trouble scheduling, or only want to get 'stuck' once a year, it's a tremendous opportunity to give twice as much in one visit. You double the impact of your donation."

While whole-blood donors must wait 56 days between donations, double-red donors must wait twice as long - 112 days.

"We do use a smaller needle, so it's more comfortable, and we return your plasma, platelets and a saline solution to your body, so you actually may feel better than you do after a whole-blood donation," Webb said, adding that the process takes 45 to 90 minutes, while platelet donation generally takes two or three hours.

He said the center also will accept whole blood donations, which he said should not have an impact on installation- and unit-sponsored blood drives, which have been very successful.

"Units will get credit for those who donate at center," he said.

The Aberdeen Donor Center will be open for platelet donations on Friday, July 23, Monday, July

26, and Friday, July 30. When it reopens Sept. 1, the center "probably will be consistent" with the current hours, Webb said.

"We're going to start two days per week until production expands," he added.

The switch from platelet donation to double-red blood cells is not popular with some long-time platelet donors. William Pringle, who works at the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, drove to Johns Hopkins every three weeks for eight years before the APG site opened, and has continued to donate at the APG site.

"For the years I've been donating platelets, and in essence, they have said 'We really don't need you,'" Pringle said.

He has donated platelets for the past decade, beginning at the Johns Hopkins Hemapheresis Center, because he felt that he is helping people.

"I didn't start because of any individual who needed them, as many people do. I just realized there is a need for these," he said. "At Hopkins, they would tell you that your platelets went to a 50-year-old male, or a child with cancer. You got the feeling there was a real person who needs these. There was a direct connection between me lying on one bed and a patient lying somewhere else."

Platelet donation is available at the Johns Hopkins Hemapheresis Center, located at 550 North Broadway in Baltimore. Lois Hoffer, coordinator for the Johns Hopkins Bone Marrow Center, said many APG personnel are regular donors at the center.

"Our feeling is that everybody needs platelets, regardless of where they donate them," she said.

In general terms, a platelet donation can provide about one cup of platelets, she said. If platelets were removed from a whole blood donation, only about a tablespoon may be the result.

The center is open Tuesday-Friday, 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 410-955-TIME (8463) for an appointment or more information.

Platelet donation also is available through the Red Cross at two locations in the area:

- Mount Hope, 4700 Mt. Hope Dr., Baltimore; 410-764-4623. Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

- White Marsh Donation Center, 8114 Sandpiper Circle, Suite 203/204; 410-933-1889. Open Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Those who want to try the double-red cell donation can call for an appointment after Sept. 1, at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or call directly to the center at 410-297-9125/9128.

The technology for double-red cell donation was piloted in four Red Cross regions across the country. APG is the first production site for the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region, which tested the process at the Columbia and Lutherville/Towson sites.

"We're going to do more telerecruiting to support this effort," he said.

AROUND THE ARMY

Caldera directs review board to examine Hale's retirement status

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (July 14, 1999) — Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera has directed the appointment of an Army grade-determination review board to consider whether Maj. Gen. David Hale should retain his current retired grade.

Hale was court-martialed in March of this year and found guilty of seven specifications of conduct unbecoming an officer and one specification of lying to the Department of Defense deputy inspector general.

Lt. Gen. George Crocker, commanding general of I Corps and Fort Lewis, took action on the case as the general court-martial convening authority on July 8, 1999.

Hale's sentence, as approved, was to be rep-

rimanded, to forfeit \$12,000 in retirement pay, and to be fined \$10,000. Hale's conviction resulted from an investigation into allegations that he had engaged in improper relationships with wives of subordinate officers.

Under federal law, a court-martial cannot reduce a commissioned officer's grade. However, federal law authorizes service secretaries to review an officer's records to determine the highest grade in which the officer served satisfactorily for retirement purposes and to direct a lower retired grade if appropriate.

When there is evidence of misconduct during a commissioned officer's active-duty career, a service secretary can convene a grade-determination review board. The board

consists of at least three senior officers. The grade-determination review board reviews the officer's service records and any other evidence relevant to the grade determination. The officer considered does not appear before the board, but is afforded the opportunity to review all matters that will be considered by the board and may submit matters for the board's consideration.

The review board will advise Caldera of the highest grade in which Hale served satisfactorily. The secretary will then make the final determination of whether Hale should be reduced in rank.

(From a Department of the Army news release)

Two soldiers awarded Purple Hearts following injuries in Kosovo

By Cpl. Christopher DeHart

Army News Service

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo (July 20, 1999) — After being injured during night patrols in the city of Ferizaj, Kosovo, two soldiers were awarded Purple Hearts July 14 by Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SSgt. Roderick Morgan and SSgt. Aaron Quinn, both squad leaders with Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, received the awards during a ceremony in the city square of Ferizaj.

Morgan was on patrol in the city during the early morning hours of July 13 when his squad came under fire. He was knocked unconscious when a bullet struck his Kevlar helmet. Shrapnel from the helmet caused ligament damage to his right hand and he was also treated for a fractured hand, according to a physicians assistant.

Quinn was hit in the head and stabbed while searching a house. He was treated for a cut approximately two inches across his right cheek and he received stitches, said 2nd Lt. Dan Heidenreich, a physician's assistant with the 2nd Battalion of the 505th.

Morgan said his squad members were performing a mounted patrol in Ferizaj when at 2:50 a.m., July 13, they were attacked.

"I started taking fire from my right front. After I heard two shots, as I turned, (something) struck my kevlar. It just snapped my head back and I heard a loud popping sound. Then I blacked out," he said.

Morgan was given first aid immediately by a squad medic, Pvt. Colin Britton, and taken to the trauma team maintained in Ferizaj by the 2nd Battalion of the 505th. He said not more than 10 minutes later other members of his unit started taking fire about two blocks from where he was shot. This lasted for approximately 10 to 15 seconds, he added.

Quinn said that on the night of July 5, he was covering an area report-

ed to have a lot of activity not far from the city square in Ferizaj. He was going through a dark house suspected of having people hiding inside and was attacked while rounding a corner.

"An individual, somebody, punched me in my right eye and tried to take my weapon from me. When they couldn't get my weapon away from me, the individual tried to stick a knife in my face. I was slashed across my right cheek and started to fall backwards. I managed to fire off two shots as I fell but I don't know if they hit anyone," he said.

Brig. Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, commander, Task Force Falcon, recognized the efforts of Morgan and Quinn in performing their duty.

"I think they're heroes. They are out on the beat in the middle of it all, (putting their lives on the line). They could have taken the easy way out and called someone else in but they did what they were supposed to do," he said.

"When we hear a shot, we ride to the sound of the guns. When we go to investigate, however, sometimes we get caught in the middle of harm's way but it's part of our job here," Craddock added.

Quinn said he just thanks God he is alive but this is part of his job. He likes what he does and what he has to do in Kosovo, but advises anyone else out there to pay attention to their training and keep their head up.

Morgan said it was a great honor to receive the Purple Heart and carry on what is a family tradition for him. He is the fourth person in his family to receive it.

Quinn has returned to duty since being treated. Morgan has headed home from the forward area for orthopedic treatment in the states, but said he is saddened at having to leave his soldiers from Bravo Company to perform their duty without him.

(Editor's note: Cpl. Christopher DeHart is a journalist with Task Force Falcon in Kosovo.)

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Listen to the **APG Report** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:08 a.m. and 4:08 p.m., on Aberdeen's **WAMD** radio station, 970 AM.



Army Entertainment gears up for 1999 Battle of Bands

The world finals of the 1999 Army Battle of Bands is set for Sept. 6-12 at Fort Eustis, Va., according to Army Entertainment officials at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

Cordell Hall is the Battle of Bands competition director. "The message went out May 31," he said referring to the official message sent to major Army commands announcing the event, rules and instructions.

This is the ninth year for the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation program that gives soldiers who play for their own recreational pleasure in off-duty "garage bands" a chance to show their stuff.

The competition is fierce as there is money at stake, as much as \$8,000 for the community that sponsors the "best in show" band. The prize money goes into the MWR fund to support Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) and soldier entertainment programs at the winning installations.

Last year's winners, K-Liente, a nine-member salsa band from Fort Hood, Texas, beat out eight other bands from



K-Liente, a nine-member salsa band from Fort Hood, Texas, that won the 1998 Battle of Bands, performs during the competition. The band beat eight other bands from around the Army and took home \$10,200 for their BOSS and entertainment programs.

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Bands compete in five categories of musical style: jazz, Latin, rhythm and blues, country and rock. The competition rules state that no more than 50 percent of any band can be musicians from official Army bands or choruses. At least 50 percent each band must be active duty military.

Each band will have opportunities to

perform at Fort Eustis in two evening concerts that will be open to the public. Performance times are limited to not less than nine and not more than 15 minutes per band.

Soldiers who are selected to participate in this event are on official duty status while at Fort Eustis and must maintain military appearance in accordance with AR 670-1. CFSC funds lodging, travel and meals only for official Battle of Bands participants.

The judges are volunteers from the music industry not affiliation with any competitors or installations. Judges

who look for musical ability, stage presence, presentation, and interpretation. Exceptional musicians will be considered for temporary duty with the Army Entertainment soldier showband USA Express.

Major Army commands must submit videotapes of the bands they are nominating for the finals by or before July 31. For additional information, contact local MWR officials or e-mail Cordell Hall at hallc@hoffman-cfsc.army.mil.

NCOES changes to teach NCOs skills at right time

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. (July 7, 1999) - Input from a first-of-its-kind survey of soldiers is propelling updates in the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, to possibly include a new Senior NCO Course to fill a perceived training gap between sergeant first class and sergeant major ranks.

The changes reflect the fact that more junior NCOs are performing tasks that used to be the responsibility of higher-grade sergeants.

The trend surfaced in spring of 1997 at a "Future Leader Development of NCOs Workshop" attended by senior enlisted representatives from all major commands. The sergeants were formed into focus groups to review combat leader tasks common to all NCOs, as well as appropriateness of training delivered at the various NCO levels.

"They said we need to fix our task list so it incorporates all the things they're required to do — survive, lead and take care of soldiers on the battlefield," said Steve Ball, NCO branch training technician for Training and Doctrine Command's Deputy Chief of Staff for Training.

"Another thing they said is we've got to do something to fill the gap in our NCOES professional development between platoon sergeant (sergeant first class) and promotion to sergeant major. They estimated there was an eight-to-nine-year gap in professional development training, [which is] missing [in the present] system."

The workshop touched off a process that included a survey of sergeants of all grades throughout the Army.

"I think what's best about this work is we went and asked soldiers in the field what they are doing," said Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, command sergeant major for Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "The more senior we get, we're sometimes removed from where the rubber meets the road."

The survey was put together by a firm under contract to the Army Research Institute. Each soldier taking the survey received a disk which contained the list of common tasks keyed to the individual's rank.

"We sent the survey to 19,000 'muddy boots' soldiers and their supervisors in the active and reserve components," Ball said. "We had a phenomenal 65 percent return from active soldiers, 25 percent from the U.S. Army Reserve and 24 percent from the National Guard."

A separate survey was sent to supervisors for them to identify which tasks needed the most training emphasis.

Groups of NCOs and training developers also visited combat training centers at Fort Polk, La.; Fort Irwin, Calif.; and Hohenfels, Germany. There they

watched NCOs performing combat leadership skills under battlefield conditions.

"Observer controllers said that the soldiers learned their skills to do tasks before they were taught them in school," said Sgt. Maj. Gary Dahl, chief, course development division, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. "They learned them on the job or in some kind of professional development in the unit."

Armed with survey results and other input, a panel reviewed the 887 common tasks to determine their relevancy. A small number of tasks were dropped, and analysts realized that many of the tasks were actually subsets of larger tasks, according to Ball.

For instance, "camouflage a fighting position" is part of "construct a fighting position."

A revised list of 553 common tasks was then presented to a Critical Task Selection Board of sergeants major, who cut it further to 310 tasks they considered critical and common to all enlisted soldiers.

"Based on our experience and what the survey told us, we aligned the tasks with the skill level we thought appropriate," Pritchett said. "You will find some of these common tasks will be incorporated in the schools."

However, survey input noted some tasks are best taught in the unit, along with refresher training on high priority skills taught in school. All tasks on the new list will be included in new Soldiers Manuals of Common Tasks — SMs 21-1 and 21-4 — under development. NCOs are tested yearly on the skills.

The manuals reflect the fact that junior NCOs have picked up jobs formerly done higher in the NCO chain. In the old common task manual, sergeants had 33 tasks to master. They now have 111.

The survey and analysis process took 18 months to complete. The findings are being used to redesign common core training. The revised common core will be the first two weeks of new Basic NCO and Advanced NCO Courses scheduled to begin Oct. 1, 2000. TRADOC schools will update the military occupational specialty portion of BNCOC and ANCOC.

The common core will also be a Total Army Training Course, according to Dahl. That means the training will be the same for active and reserve component NCOs. Seven reserve leadership battalions aligned with the Sergeants Major Academy will teach the two-week course several times a year.

"Fort Polk is 30 to 35 miles away from a Louisiana Guard facility called Camp Ball," Dahl said. "That location teaches the two-week course about eight times a year. A soldier at Fort Polk could go there for his two-week training before he goes to his MOS proponent school for

ANCOC or BNCOC."

The advantages are that the Army saves money on reduced temporary duty costs, and the soldier spends less time away from the unit and family.

Dahl said procedures haven't been fully developed by Personnel Command, but soldiers will eventually have that option.

A new 30-day Primary Leadership Development Course, the first step in NCO development, will be on line in October 2002.

"We found a lot of our sergeants running squads, without the training to prepare them," Ball said. "The new PLDC will correct that."

A new course for the Sergeants Major Academy will be developed by August 2001. This fall, another sergeants major workshop will be held to identify, review and analyze knowledge and tasks required of sergeants major.

"After that I'll design the course based on the tasks and competencies and the skills that we want a sergeant major to have," Dahl said.

Some tasks now taught in the Sergeants Major Academy will be dropped and added to lower level courses. One possibility is a proposed Senior NCO Course.

"One of the things that also came out of the workshop was we're training the sergeants major too late," Dahl said. "An average NCO goes to ANCOC about their 11th year. They don't come to the Sergeants Major Academy until their 20th or 21st year."

Currently the only training available to master sergeants are the First Sergeant and Battle Staff NCO Courses, which only a small percentage attend, Dahl said.

"What we're looking at is leveraging some of the tasks that are trained in the Sergeants Major Course and moving them down for master sergeants," he said.

The course will be mandatory for all sergeants first class selected for promotion to master sergeant. According to Dahl, in addition to tasks from the Sergeants Major Course, it could include all of the First Sergeant Course and parts of the Battle Staff NCO Course.

Branch schools will also add MOS-specific tasks.

"A master sergeant in any MOS is a manager of a system within that MOS," Dahl said. "He's managing a system and leading soldiers at the same time."

The earliest the course would begin is 2003.

"I have the information to design the course," Dahl said. "It's just a matter of getting the resources to start that project."

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Lynyrd Skynyrd draws 10,000 for concert

LYNYRD, from front page

bassist Leon Wilkerson and keyboardist Billy Powell were seriously injured but survived and fully recovered.

The just-released "Street Survivors" soon became the band's second platinum-selling album, and some surviving members formed a new group, The Rossington-Collins Band. Compilation albums from Lynyrd Skynyrd were released over the next decade, with the band reuniting in 1987 with Johnny Van Zant, brother of singer Ronnie Van Zant, on vocals, for a tour 10 years after the anniversary of the plane crash. Since then, the band has toured and released albums, including "Lynyrd Skynyrd Lyve," a double CD of newly recorded Skynyrd classics and recent hits.

Money for MWR

The band that created classic songs such as "Simple Man," "That Smell," "Sweet Home Alabama" and "What's Your Name" also brought a windfall to the post's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund, which netted more than \$100,000 from the concert.

That money translated into some tangible items for MWR facilities, said Randy Moore, chief of the Community Recreation Division.

"It really was a tremendous success. There were little to no incidents, and the crowd was great," he said. "As for the profits, we turned them into capitol purchases for soldiers, for the golf course, APG Bowling Center, Chesapeake Challenge, Arts and Crafts Center and Recreation Centers and Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center.

"Some of the stuff isn't flashy, but it's necessary, like the benches at Chesapeake Challenge that were requested by our patrons," he said.

Also on the list were updates for the APG Bowling Center, new kitchen equipment for the Recreation Center Snack Bars, a new kiln for the Arts and Crafts Center, golf course maintenance equipment, and framed party canopies at Outdoor Recreation.

In addition to the 10,000 paid ticket-holders, the volunteers, stage crew, post personnel working at the event and those with promotional tickets brought the crowd to close to 11,000.

"We could not have done this without the tremendous support from the garrison staff, the army of 170 volunteers who worked the event, and the support from the Ordnance Center and School and the Marine Corps Detachment," Moore said. "The soldiers and Marines basically built the stage and venue over a three-day period. They also worked the event as



roadies. They were very professional, and really did a fantastic job."

Volunteers who simply expected free admission to the concert may have been surprised by the amount of work required to make this event a success. Among the hard workers were personnel from the 16th Ordnance Battalion, Marine Corps Detachment and U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, who manned the food and beverage tents. MWR split the profits with the three organizations 80/20, with 80 percent going to the units, a total of \$12,778.

"What better people to benefit from this than soldiers?" Moore said. "That money went right back to the units. We wanted some dedicated, professional folks for this project, and we got them. It let us have a lot more tents for food and beverages."

The support from the entire garrison staff "was fantastic," he said, including personnel from the Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Logistics and Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

"They always do a great job for us, and I appreciate their efforts," Moore said.

He added that what impressed him were the number of volunteers from APG Garrison, much of which was under study under the Commercial Activities Study. Many functions in the garrison may be contracted following the initial decision for the contract, but that did not deter volunteers.

"A lot of people volunteered whose jobs were under study and



whose jobs were contracted, who came out and worked diligently," Moore said. "I think that says a lot for the quality and commitment from government employees."

Moore also thanked the sponsors for the event, including Baltimore's classic rock station, WOCT 104.3 and the post's media partner for the concert.

"They promoted this show and were instrumental in our sellout," he said. "Their support was phenomenal. We look forward to working with them again."

He also thanked the other sponsors: 1-800-CallATT; Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Havre de Grace; Frito-Lay; Chesapeake Publishing and Printing; Homestead Publishing; and Miller Lite.

A well-behaved crowd

Robert Krauer, deputy provost marshal, said there were few incidents at the event, at which 55 APG police officers worked.



The crowd cheers before the Lynyrd Skynyrd performance begins, above. At left, Gary Rossington performs, while Johnny Van Zant, right, sings vocals. Below left, a member of Harford County local favorite Great Train Robbery plays during the opening of the concert. The Marshall Tucker Band, at bottom, played before Lynyrd Skynyrd took the stage.



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"We allowed the people to have fun, and they did. There were some instances of fights and other minor acts of misconduct, that were corrected on the spot," he said, noting that there were no arrests made. "For the most part, it was a well-behaved crowd. Our main concern was their safety because of the heat, which could have marred their attendance at this festivity."

People already were lined up at the gates at 4:30 p.m., and raced for prime locations near the stage

when gates opened an hour later. APG Police later used a hose to spray down hot concert-goers.

One civilian APG police officer received minor injuries after the concert when a driver failed to obey traffic directions and hit him. That driver fled, but the police have the tag number and Krauer said they will find and prosecute the driver.

While diehard fans were impressed, those who weren't as familiar with the band were won over by the show. APG Garrison

Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker said the event, his first rock concert, left a good impression on him.

"All you saw was this sea of heads, and I was really impressed when everyone lit their lighters at the end," he said. "It was a great success, and everyone had a great time. To the MWR folks, the volunteers, the garrison staff and the soldiers and Marines who worked before, during and after, my hat's off to all those backstage folks who made it happen."

The band performed at APG in 1992, the first major rock concert held on post. Also coming up is the annual Dog Days of Summer concert on Aug. 21, featuring country music star Clay Walker, with David Ball, Chad Brock and Claudia Church. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. For tickets, call the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office at 410-278-4011, or call TicketMaster at 1-800-551-SEAT (7328).