

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 23, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Garrison closed June 30

APG Garrison will be closed for normal business on Wednesday, June 30, as it observes Organization Day. Emergency requests for operational support will be handled at the Operations Center, 410-278-4500.

Monthly RAB meeting scheduled

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Installation Restoration Program will meet Thursday, June 24, 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and local citizens are invited. For information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Volunteers needed for two concerts

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

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

Tickets for both shows are available at ITR weekdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Lynyrd

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Garrison employees hear from contractor

Appeals process extended until July 9

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison personnel learned more about the organization that won the initial decision for the garrison's Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities portion of the Commercial Activities proposal during briefings held June 10.

Tom Reth, program manager for Aberdeen Technical Services, a joint venture between DynCorp and Roy F. Weston, said he could not discuss specific numbers of jobs that would be available. He did add, however, that "experience shows that 90 percent or more of the ATS work force will be filled by current garrison employees."

"We understand and support

the right of first refusal, and only when we can't find someone from the current work force will we hire someone from the outside," Reth told hundreds of garrison employees during a morning briefing at the Edgewood Area Conference Center. "I can't tell you how many yet, but it's a good number. We expect to see a lot more than 90 percent."

The plan is contingent on the appeals process, which has been extended to July 9. While the government cannot appeal, employees and the unions can. No details were available as of press time about the status of any appeals on behalf of the government work force.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, noted that

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A fitting tribute

Employee who was devoted to chemical issues to be honored at groundbreaking ceremony

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

A project that has been in the works for decades will begin officially on June 26, with the groundbreaking for the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

While this is a major milestone in the elimination of the nation's chemical stockpile, it also will be a chance to remember a long-time government employee who devoted his career to investigating alternatives to incineration to destroy the stockpile, and championed the cause of handling chemical agents safely.

John B. Samuel was a research chemist at the Edgewood Research, Development and Engineering Center, U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, now the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. His 28-year federal career ended with his death from prostate cancer on Dec. 26, 1996.

The ceremony will begin at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility (building E-4516) at 9:30 a.m., where transportation will be provided to the ceremony site adjacent to the stockpile in the restricted Bush River Area. Afterward, a reception will follow at the CDTF.

"I know John would be thankful that this is finally happening," said

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John B. Samuel

BOSS Program update

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program, known as "BOSS," has meetings and events coming up this month.

The next BOSS meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, 1 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326 (across from the new APG Athletic Center).

A car wash fund-raiser will be held on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Wal-Mart on Route 40. Everyone is

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APG represented in the Boston Marathon

By Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground was well-represented in the latest Boston Marathon. John Sullivan, a physicist with the Army Research Laboratory, and Leonard Morgan Sr., of Aberdeen Test Center, supported and encouraged each other while preparing for the annual event.

Both men train throughout the year on the APG track, around post and throughout the back roads of Harford County.

Sullivan, who has been running for 31 years, said that this year's race "was a mixed race for me, but I was proud to be there."

He said the many miles running both uphill and down can be especially tiring, but "this is the one that counts," so he participates in the race each year.

Running up to 60 miles each week, he also does strength train-

ing to increase his overall fitness. Sullivan said he got involved in running because he was interested in remaining fit, "needed something to do after work," and did not have to fit running into the schedule of others. He observes that many running enthusiasts become involved as adults because, once out of school, they find it difficult to balance a work schedule and family time, and still have time to consistently participate in a team activity.

Running was the perfect answer for Sullivan, who takes advantage of the many miles of lightly traveled roads and updated track and fitness facilities on post to train for the Boston Marathon, the only marathon he runs each year.

Sullivan described the Boston race as "a great event, because you have so much crowd support." See MARATHON, page 8

KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY

Young readers plan for summer

They pick the books and get credit for reading

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The annual Summer Reading program begins next week at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Library, in its eighth year at APG.

Public service librarian Tina Pinnix Broome said the program, which runs from June 23-Aug. 25, encourages children to maintain or improve their reading skills during the long summer vacation.

"We give all participants packets that explain the goals and requirements for completion," Pinnix Broome said. "The program involves reading on set levels. The amount of books they have to read depends on what grade they're in."

To receive a certificate of completion, Broome explained, children in primary schools must read at least 20 books, middle schoolers must read 10 or more and

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Tanasia Brown, 6, who attends Bakerfield Elementary School, looks through the book "Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss" in the APG Garrison Library. Brown said she likes to read and hopes to participate in the Summer Reading Program at the library.

Youth Center gives gift of security

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A scripture in the Old Testament's Book of Isaiah reads: "... and a child shall lead them." Recently, a group of children led the local volunteer com-

munity in a project to enhance the lives of children in need.

As part of the Promise Passport Initiative created by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center for Child and Youth Services, children at

the Edgewood Area Youth Center worked together on a plan to design and create a quilt for a seriously ill child in a local hospital, known as "Project Linus."

Renee Main, site supervisor for school-age services at the youth center, said the Project Linus goals were perfectly suited to the Promise Passport requirements handed down by the Department of Defense.

"The president directed that children take on community service projects," Main said. "So the Department of Defense designed a plan to document the number of hours children spend in volunteer service."

Main explained that children enrolled at the Edgewood and Aberdeen area youth centers participate in a citizenship project every month. The center staff keeps track of the hours each child serves and awards certificates when specific amounts are reached.

"Fifty hours gets you a Presidential certificate," Main said.

After she discussed making See YOUTH, page 11



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Heather Davies, Jessica Lang and Nasia Sutton show off the quilt they helped to create for Project Linus at the Edgewood Area Youth Center.



Fact of the Week

Marylanders generate more than six pounds of trash per person per day.



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

Statistics provided courtesy of the Maryland Department of the Environment, Recycling Division.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Runners who meet on post weekly to polish their style and improve their times complete a warm-up lap before beginning speed work.

APG invites public comment on plan to clean up groundwater

Aberdeen Proving Ground opened a 45-day public comment period on June 9 for a proposed plan to clean up groundwater in a portion of its Aberdeen Area. APG is proposing to relocate and upgrade an existing treatment plant.

The proposed plan addresses groundwater near the Harford County production wells. Low levels of an industrial solvent called trichloroethylene or TCE and other similar chemicals, metals and explosive compounds have been detected in the groundwater. The existing treatment plant, along with the county treatment system, ensures the water supplied to county users complies with drinking water standards.

Two county wells currently are connected to the existing treatment plant; the proposed upgrade would

connect all eight.

"We built the existing plant in 1993 as an interim measure while we continued our sampling and studies," said Naren Desai, APG's project manager. "We now are proposing a long-term strategy to ensure the drinking water supply remains safe. We looked at several alternatives and believe that relocating and upgrading the existing plant is the best solution. However, we welcome the public's ideas and comments."

Desai said the proposed action will cost about \$4.2 million over 30 years.

APG invites interested community members to provide input during the comment period. Citizens can request a fact sheet that includes a comment form

to be returned to APG, submit written comments, and attend a public meeting.

To request a copy of the fact sheet, citizens may call APG's Environmental Information Line at 410-272-8842 or (800) APG-9998. The public meeting will be held Tuesday, June 29, with a poster session starting at 6:30 p.m. and formal presentations starting at 7:15 p.m., at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 W. Franklin St., Aberdeen. The public also can review the proposed plan and comment through APG's Web Site at <http://www.apg.army.mil>.

The public comment period ends July 23. Written comments must be postmarked by July 23 and can be sent to Ken Stachiw, Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment, ATTN: STEAP-SH-ER, Aberdeen

Proving Ground, MD, 21010; or, Steve Hirsh, Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street (3HS50), Philadelphia, PA 19103; or, John Fairbank, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD 21224.

The Army may modify its preferred alternative, or select a new alternative, based on public comments. APG will summarize and respond to the written comments received during the comment period as part of its record of decision.

Community members may review copies of the Proposed Plan and other reports at information repositories located at the Edgewood and Aberdeen branches of Harford County Library and Miller Library at Washington College in Kent County.

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Skynyrd concert begins at 7 p.m.; gates open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the Dog Days of Summer Concert cost \$10; gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

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

Public meeting scheduled June 29

The Installation Restoration Program will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 29, at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street, to discuss the cleanup of groundwater at the Western Boundary Study Area. The poster session starts at 6:30 p.m. and a formal presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Summer Program openings available

Middle school students still have spaces left. If you need child care from 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for your young teen, we have the program and place. The Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522, on Bayside Drive has the following weeks and spaces available: June 28-July 2, 10 spaces; July 6-9, 12 spaces; July 19-23, seven spaces; July 26-30, two spaces; Aug. 2-6, four spaces; Aug. 9-13, six spaces; and Aug. 16-20, two spaces.

The first to register will get the spaces. Call Steve Strong or Wayne Doyel for more information, 410-278-4995.

EA Thrift Shop summer hours

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

Apply for Officer Candidate School

Applications are being accepted for the next board and must be received by June 21 at U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Headquarters, ATTN: AMSTE-RP-P. This date is firm. Applicants will be scheduled to appear before the OCS board convened at Fort Meade. For details, call Barb Tarczynski, 410-278-1172, or Connie Garcia, 410-278-1175.

Sheriff's office has job openings

The Army Community Service Career Focus Center is sponsoring an employer showcase on Thursday, June 24, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3325, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will feature the Harford County Sheriff's Department, which is recruiting for positions, including deputy sheriff recruit, correctional officer recruit, records clerk and temporary security guard. To register, call Del Roberts or Don DelGavio at the Career Focus Center, 410-278-9669.

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.

Block leave set for band

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

Pediatric Clinic summer hours

The Pediatric Clinic will not have evening hours on Monday beginning in June. For more information, call SSgt. Michael Jackson, 410-278-1717/1777.

Garrison plans sports events

As in the past, there will be sports competitions held during the APG Garrison Organizational Day, which still is scheduled for June 30 at CAPA Field in the Edgewood Area. Competitions will be volleyball, softball, horseshoes, golf and a hole-in-one contest. For information or to register for events, contact Tommy Vincenti, co-ed volleyball, 410-306-1131; Ralph Cuomo, co-ed softball, 410-278-4056; Joe Sims, horseshoes, 410-278-4993; Gene Harris, golf, 410-436-2213; and Bob Silcox, hole-in-one contest, 410-278-5494. Entry deadline for softball, volleyball and golf is June 19.

Buy savings bonds throughout June

The post's U.S. Savings Bond Campaign will be held through June 30, and offers military and civilian personnel a chance to diversify their savings plan with government-backed bonds. Campaign coordinators met Tuesday and will be distributing information on how as little as \$5 can be deducted from your paycheck to purchase bonds. For more information about the campaign, or to find out who your representative is, call Vicki Singleton, APG's campaign coordinator, 410-278-0764.

Recruiters to visit APG July 12, 13

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

Aberdeen Library closed through June 20

The Harford County Public Library Aberdeen Branch is closed through June 20 for renovation. Materials checked out from the Aberdeen Branch and due back to the library between May 19 and

June 20 will be exempt from fines and may be returned to any branch or to the Aberdeen Branch after June 20.

The library's Board of Trustees encourages library customers to visit the system's other eight branches while Aberdeen is closed. For more information and branch service hours, call 410-638-INFO.

Harford County Public Library's catalog, on-line databases and other information can be accessed from the library's Web site at www.harf.lib.md.us. Text only computer access to the Harford County Knowledge Network and the library's catalog may be reached by dialing 410-638-5669.

Boating and water safety offered

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

FEGLI Open Season runs until June 30

Materials for FEGLI Open Season, which started April 24 and continues through June 30, have been received in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center for distribution to activities. Information also is available at the Office of Personnel Management web site, www.opm.gov/insure/life/feqli99/index.htm. The 1999 FEGLI Open Enrollment brochure and form is available on the web site. FEGLI 99 Open Enrollment Period Election forms downloaded from this web site have four pages employees must complete. Completed forms should be submitted to: APG CPAC, ATTN: STEAP-CP-P/FEGLI OS, building 305, room B-15. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is still looking for a few good volunteers. A volunteer is needed at the Logistics Office at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to assist with property and at the main office of the Red Cross to assist with clerical duties. Youth volunteers will be needed soon to fill numerous positions on APG. 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.

Pizza delivery offered in EA

Anthony's Pizza in the Edgewood Area delivers to homes and barracks on post (Edgewood Area only) Monday-Friday, 5-7 p.m. To place an order, call 410-671-6198.

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.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Legal advice on getting married in Maryland

By Michael K. Millard
Client Services Division

Question: What do I have to do to get married in Maryland?

Answer: Generally, you must be 18 or older to be married in Maryland. Persons who are 16 or 17 may marry with the consent of a parent or guardian affirming the individual's age, or by providing a certificate from a licensed physician that the woman to be married is pregnant or has given birth to a child. Persons under the age of 16 may marry only with the consent of a parent or guardian and a certificate from a licensed physician as described above.

A marriage license is required to be married in Maryland. One of the parties to be married (both in Cecil County) must appear before the county clerk in the county in which the marriage is to be performed, and provide under oath the information necessary for the clerk to complete the application. The county clerk in Harford County is located on the first floor of the Harford County Circuit Court House, 20 W. Courtland Street, Bel Air. The applicant must pay the \$40 fee for the license, which authorizes a marriage within the next six months.

The county clerk normally may not provide the marriage license until at least 48 hours after the application is made. This creates a two-day waiting period to get married in

Maryland. However, a Maryland judge, for good cause shown (e.g., soldier pending deployment) may waive the 48-hour waiting period between issuance of a marriage license and the ceremony for a member of the Armed Forces or for a resident of Maryland.

A marriage ceremony may be performed in Maryland by any clerk or designated deputy clerk of the county circuit court, or by any official of a religious order. Civil ceremonies are conducted at the Harford County Court House, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. The fee for the civil ceremony at the courthouse is \$25. For information on having a wedding at a Post Chapel, contact the Chapel Center at 410-278-4333, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Legally Speaking covers legal assistance and claims issues important to the APG community. If you have a question in these areas, address it to:

Office of the Chief Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate
 ATTN: AMSTE-JA (Legally Speaking)
 Building 310
 APG, MD 21005

All inquiries will be answered. Questions with broad applicability may be answered and published in a later edition.

(Attorney Michael K. Millard is chief of the Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.)

SATURDAY JUNE 19 DECOYARD SALE

The fifth annual Havre De Grace Yard Sale will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., to benefit the Decoy Museum. The sale will take place on the grounds of the museum and the Bayou Condominium at the corner of Market and Giles streets. There will be no clothing for sale, but it will offer toys, dolls, used books, electronics, and a variety of duck-themed items. For more information, call 410-939-3739 or visit the website at www.decoymuseum.com.

SURPLUS SALE

The EA Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m.-noon for sales for patrons of the EA yard sale. Surplus yard sale items will be accepted for donation; no consignments will be taken. Consignments may be made up to one hour prior to closing on Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month.

BENEFIT CONCERT

The Aberdeen Chamber Orchestra will hold a summer benefit concert at 7 p.m. at the Havre de Grace High School auditorium. The program will feature classical music, soloists, hymns, patriotic, gospel and popular music and "sing-along" selections. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 12-18, \$3 for children under age 12. For details, call 410-272-5640.

THURSDAY JUNE 24 RAB MEETING

The Restoration Advisory Board for the Installation Restoration Program will meet from 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and local citizens are invited. For information, call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

SATURDAY JUNE 26 COMMUNITY FIRST AID

The American Red Cross will hold a Community First Aid and CPR class from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at building 2477. Cost is \$25 and is payable by check to the American Red Cross. Students will be certified for three years in First Aid and one year in Community CPR. Call Carolyn Lerwill, 410-278-2087.

TUESDAY JUNE 29 HOW SWEET IT IS

The Sweet Adelines will perform at 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Festival Park located on Howard Street, Aberdeen. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Aberdeen High School auditorium. For details, call 410-939-6767.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Installation Restoration Program will hold a public

meeting at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street to discuss the cleanup of groundwater at the Western Boundary Study Area. The poster session starts at 6:30 p.m. and a formal presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m. For details, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998

WEDNESDAY JUNE 30 ORGANIZATION DAY

The 8th annual APG Garrison Organization Day will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at CAPA Field. Games and entertainment will be provided for the whole family. For tickets, call 410-278-3000 (see page 8 for the complete list of those selling tickets). Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12. All tenants should be aware that APG Garrison will be closed for Organizational Day. Emergency requests for operational support will be handled at the Operations Center, 410-278-4500.

TUESDAY JULY 6 CHORUS CONCERT

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

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from June 17-23:

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

9 a.m., 3 p.m., Movie Previews

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Terrorist Threatcon Implementation (20 min.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

9 a.m., 3 p.m., Movie Previews

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Saving Cowboys (10 min.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

9 a.m., 3 p.m., Movie Previews

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Terrorist Threatcon Implementation (20 min.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Saving Cowboys (10 min.)

MONDAY, JUNE 21

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Terrorist Threatcon Implementation (20 min.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Saving Cowboys (10 min.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

11 a.m., 7 p.m., Terrorist Threatcon Implementation (20 min.)

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

SAFETY AWARENESS

STROKES

Each year 500,000 Americans suffer the paralyzing effects of stroke. But what most people don't know is that early diagnosis and treatment can dramatically improve recovery for stroke victims.

There are things that you can do to prevent a stroke from occurring:

- Stop smoking;
- Control your blood pressure and cholesterol levels;
- Maintain a healthy diet;
- Exercise regularly;
- Monitor your blood sugar if you are diabetic.

In spite of their sudden occurrence, strokes do not have to be debilitating or deadly. Learn to manage the risk factors, heed the warning signs and respond quickly to ensure that your golden years are active and carefree.

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



MOVIES

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

GO

Friday, June 18, 7 p.m.

Starring: Katie Holmes, Sarah Polley

A couple of days before the Christmas holidays, a group of friends get involved in bad deals, car wrecks, shootings, serious partying, a Las Vegas wedding, casual sex and a police sting. **(Rated R)**

NEVER BEEN KISSED

Saturday, June 19, 7 p.m.

Starring: Drew Barrymore, David Arquette

Josie is an aspiring journalist at the Chicago Sun Times. Her first assignment is going undercover at a local high school, where she had such a miserable time years before. **(Rated PG-13)**

LIFE

Saturday, June 19, 9 p.m.

Starring: Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence

Ray and Claude are two men who are wrongly convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in Mississippi. Over the course of 60 years, their humorous way of looking at life prevails. They never lose hope that one day they will walk outside the prison walls as free men. **(Rated R)**

THE MUMMY

Friday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 26, 7 p.m.

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz

In 1925, an expedition of treasure-seeking explorers in the Sahara Desert stumble upon an ancient tomb and unwittingly set loose a 3,000-year-old legacy of terror. **(Rated PG-13)**

IDLE HANDS

Saturday, June 26, 9 p.m.

Starring: Devon Sawa, Seth Green

Anton wakes up Halloween morning to discover that his right hand has developed a bloodthirsty mind of its own. **(Rated R)**

MWR UPDATE

Chesapeake Challenge specials for weekend

What's available at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park? Plenty, with some special offers coming up.

MOM AND DAD: Don't forget this weekend for the Fathers/Mothers Day Special for half off on a round of golf. That's only \$1.50 each. Challenge your kids to see who will have bragging rights.

GO-KARTS: You also can ride the go-karts for \$3 for five minutes; drivers must be 54 inches or taller, and two-seaters are available.

BATTING CAGES: Bat in the cages for 50 cents for 12 balls. There's baseball from Little League speed to Major League, four softball cages with slow pitch and one with fast pitch.

FOOD AND FUN: The park also has an arcade room with video and pinball machines. If you get hungry, the snack bar serves nachos, jumbo hot dogs, chips, sodas and sno-balls in assorted flavors.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL: Watch for the special on July 5, when the go-karts will be half-priced, just \$1.50 for five minutes. You must use the tickets that day, and there will be no refunds.

CONTACT: If you want to schedule a party, outing or group event, call Chesapeake Challenge at 410-278-9920 to set something up.

Bingo offered in both areas

Super Bingo will be held June 19 at the EA's Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140. There are six \$100 games, seven \$500 games and one \$600 game. Earlybirds start at 6:30 p.m. with Super Bingo following at 7 p.m.. The snack bar will be open before, during, and after bingo. For more information, call 410 436-2713.

Bingo is held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. There are six \$500 games and a progressive jackpot this week at \$3# and \$2,300. Sunday has earlybirds at 2:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 3 p.m. There are eight \$500 games and a progressive jackpot at 50# and \$2,000. We had a lucky winner this week so it's time to start over. For more information, call 410-278-2621

Aberdeen Fitness Center offers kick-boxing

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

Stained glass: A beginning stained glass class will be held on Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will make a basic suncatcher using the copper foil method.

Custom framing: For professional framing, bring it to the experts for advice and great savings.

Framing: A beginning matting and framing class will be held on Thursday, June 24, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8x10-inch picture to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

For information on the above classes call 410-436-2153 on Thursday, 1-9 p.m., or Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or stop by building E-4440 during hours in operation.

Auto Crafts Shop extends hours

Due to popular demand, the Auto Crafts Shop in building 2379 will extend the hours of operation on a trial basis. The shop will operate six days a week instead of the five it operates now. Monday will be added to the schedule. The proposed hours will be in the afternoon and evening. This change will take place the week of July 12.

Swimming pools are open

Olympic and Bayside swimming pools are open! Don't forget monthly and season pool passes are now on sale at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and the EA Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Shore Pool opens on June 19. The daily fee is still \$3 per person; monthly individual passes are \$25 and monthly family passes are \$35. The season pass for individuals is \$50, \$80 for families. Lap swimming is available at the Olympic and Bayside pools Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124, for details.

Swim lesson registration still offered

Openings are available for the Pre-School Aquatics classes, and just a few for the Youth "Learn to Swim" lessons starting in July. Registration is open to all authorized MWR patrons. Students may register at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and the EA Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210.

Lessons will be conducted July 12-23 at both the Shore and Bayside swimming pools. Pre-School Aquatics are offered for children ages 3-5 and will be conducted from 10-10:50 a.m. A parent or guardian will be required to accompany the child in the water during lessons. "Learn to Swim" lessons will be conducted from 9-9:50 a.m. and are offered for children ages 6 and older. The fee is \$20 per student. For further information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

APG Boat Docks

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

Hunter Safety Classes

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

Monday, June 21, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.;

Friday, June 25, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.;

Sunday, June 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.;

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.

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

Monday, Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 27, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27, 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The cost of the class is \$5.

Call 410-278-4124 to register.

How does humor affect your health?

By **Judy Harris**
CHPPM health educator

It is pretty well-known now that humor has a positive effect on health. Many researchers have documented such benefits as the secretion of endorphins, reduction in stress hormones, improved immune function, reduced pain perception, increased blood flow, and exercise of the muscles in the face and torso during laughter.

According to Dr. William Fry, associate clinical professor in psychiatry at Stanford University, laughter stimulates both the musculoskeletal and nervous systems.

His research has also demonstrated an increase in immunoglobulin in the blood and an increase in white blood cell activity during exposure to humor.

Tucson, Ariz., social worker David Jacobson states that people who laugh frequently have lower-than-average blood pressures.

Other studies reveal that most people think that they have an above-average sense of humor. However, laughter decreases with age. I suspect that many of us are better at applying humor to our patients, clients, co-workers, and families than we are at using it for ourselves. Do you know how many times a day you laugh? Do you consciously make time for fun?

Catherine Ripplinger Fenwick, a Canadian psychologist who writes and speaks extensively about humor, has developed a quiz for determining one's Laughter Quotient, or L.Q. It is reproduced at the right, with the

HCC at APG offers classes

Harford Community College at APG offers credit classes in business administration, business management, criminal justice and general studies. Selected computer courses also support the needs of the government work force.

Classes are held during lunch and in the early evening for the 15-week semester and two seven-week terms. Students primarily are military members, government employees and family members; however, enrollment is open to the entire HCC community.

Military personnel and their dependents stationed at a military installation in Harford County are considered Harford County residents.

Services include admission information and application processing; academic skills assessment, available daily; academic advising by appointment and walk-in when possible; on-line credit/non-credit registration, schedule changes and payment for courses held on APG and HCC; textbook sales for APG classes; financial aid information; veterans information; Weekend College and details on the Higher Education and Applied Technology (HEAT) Center; and military evaluations and details on agreements with other educational institutions for military and family members.

The HCC office is located in building 3146, room 11, 410-272-2338. The office is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and alternate Fridays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

author's permission. Use it to find your L.Q.

How did you do? Whether your L.Q. is high or low, you may want to explore more ways to use humor in your health care practice, work setting, or personal life. There is evidence that similarity in sense of humor strengthens relationships. Here are some web sites that contain useful articles, ideas, jokes, and links:

- <http://saskweb.com/healinghumor/index.html>: Catherine Fenwick's site.

- <http://www.intop.net/~jrdunn/index.html>: Humor & Health Institute site - fact sheet, articles, cartoons, Journal subscription information.

- <http://www-medlib.med.utah.edu/mla98/pub.html>: Reference list of publications on the value of humor.

- <http://www.rtpnet.org/~caha-ha/>: Carolina Health and Humor Association site - ideas, jokes, articles, links.

- <http://www.flash.net/~djacob/humor.html>: Guidelines for appropriate use of humor, articles.

(*Judy Harris is the health educator at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.*)

What is your L.Q.? (Laughter Quotient)

Circle the number that is most true for you.

	almost never	seldom	sometimes	often	always
1. I hear myself laughing out loud.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I am a fun person to be with.	1	2	3	4	5
3. My sense of humor helps me to get along with others.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I play spontaneously.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I feel O.K. about acting silly in appropriate situations.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I regularly plan times for playing and laughing.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I can laugh at my own mistakes.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I make the best of bad situations.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I use humor to help others feel better.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I avoid using humor that makes others feel uncomfortable.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I avoid sarcastic and negative humor.	1	2	3	4	5
12. I can see something positive in most situations.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I take time out for holidays.	1	2	3	4	5
14. My family and friends support my need for fun.	1	2	3	4	5
15. When I feel stressed, my sense of humor keeps things in perspective.	1	2	3	4	5
16. I feel comfortable laughing at work.	1	2	3	4	5
17. I allow myself to play first and work later.	1	2	3	4	5
18. My sense of humor is one of my best qualities.	1	2	3	4	5
19. I believe laughing contributes to my sense of well-being.	1	2	3	4	5
20. The more I laugh the better I feel.	1	2	3	4	5

Add your total score: _____

75-100 – High L.Q. You're doing fine, keep it up. Read some humor books, such as Ms. Fenwick's.

50-75 – Average L.Q. Pretty good, but could be better. Do some humor exercises.

25-50 – Low L.Q. Look over the questionnaire and see what you need to do to get more laughter into your life.

From Catherine R. Fenwick,
Humor and Healing, St. Peter's
Press, Muenster, SK, Canada.



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

Children from the William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School's Hot Spot Program pose in front of TECOM Headquarters with teachers and TECOM soldiers.

Hot Spot kids get a TECOM welcome to proving ground

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Americans are searching for ways to become involved in children's lives. The national sense of urgency to have a positive impact on children has not been lost on the post community, and the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command are doing their part.

Led by TECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II, personnel from TECOM Headquarters welcomed children from the William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School for a tour of TECOM and selected sites on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Walker said the children are part of the Maryland's Hot Spot Program, designed by the state to enrich the lives of children in high-crime areas.

"We try to be positive role models by volunteering to help show the kids what you can achieve by staying in school and working hard," Walker explained. "We mentor by helping them with their homework, tutoring, taking trips or just spending some quality time with them."

After he visited the school a few times, Walker said, he thought a trip to APG would be a nice treat for the children.

When the 32 children and four teachers from the school got off the bus at TECOM Headquarters, they were met by Walker; Capt. Ronald Crosby and David Dalton, civil law attorneys with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; Patricia Sharpless of the Protocol Office; and SSgt. Ginny Thomas and Spc. Tara Mattison of the TECOM Secretary of the General Staff.

The lively group was escorted to the second floor where they paused for cookies and juice before starting the tour.

Art teacher Bonnie Magee was one of five teachers who accompanied the children to APG. She said the children reside in the Edgewater Village community, which has been designated a "Hot Spot" for crime incidents by local law enforcement agencies.

"This program is funded as part of the governor's initiative to provide a positive, mentoring environment for at-risk children," Magee explained.

A child eligible for the program must live in a designated "Hot Spot" area; be recommended for the program by a teacher; and have the parent or guardian's permission to participate.

"An advantage is that enrollment applies to every child in a family," Magee said. "That's a good thing, because most families have more than one child and a lot of these kids are latchkey kids."

Magee said volunteers apply for positions in the after-school program, held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

"During those hours we concentrate on homework and other activities that help develop things like social skills and manners," Magee said.

Grant money also enables them to take the children on field trips such as this one, she added.

While the rest of the class snacked, Isaiah Sibert and Montez Lacy presented Walker with a T-



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II escorts children and teachers from the Hot Spot Program through the tanks at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

shirt to thank him.

"Thank you for inviting us here and coming to our school and teaching us," Lacy told Walker, who knelt on the floor between the two boys.

After the snack, the children and teachers moved across the hall into the Powers Conference Room for a short movie and a chat with Col. Thomas W. Resau, TECOM chief of staff.

Resau greeted the children, who listened as he explained the roles test and evaluation play in the Army mission.

"How many of you ride sleighs?" he asked the students. "If you ride sleighs, we rode it first to check it out. We test things like clothes, food, guns, planes, helicopters and rockets."

Resau told the children to listen to those who try to help them in their work.

"We want to tell you whatever it is you need to understand to be successful in school," Resau said.

After a short question-and-answer session in which they asked a wide array of questions, ranging from "Do you stay here overnight?" and "How did you get to be a colonel?" to "Do you jump out of high stuff?" Resau bid good-bye to the children, fondly recalling his early fatherhood years.

"It was a real joy talking to you today," he told the kids. "I have two kids and I brought them around to show them what the Army was at about your age too."

With that, Resau turned the children back over to Walker, who took them down the hall to meet Tina Everett, secretary to the TECOM commanding general, Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine.

Everett told the children she volunteers in a reading program for adults who never really learned how to read.

"Some grown-ups have to pretend they can read so others won't know," Everett said. "Think of all the things you read every day that you would miss if you couldn't read."

Everett suggested the children use books, magazines or even comics to practice their reading skills. To underscore the point, she handed out a reading exercise for everyone.

Walker took the children to his office, where he explained that most of the items hanging on the

walls were from his 26 years in the Army. He gave each child a thank-you letter signed by him that read: "Happy to have you here. Stay in school, keep up the good work and remember, you are our future."

The tour included a trip to the fire station, and to the police station where they met McGruff the Crime Dog, a trip to see the military working dogs, and a visit to the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, where they saw tanks and other military equipment.

Magee and teachers Joyce Wiest and Tracey Gay agreed that the children would always appreciate their time at TECOM.

"They really appreciate the care and interest that Command Sergeant Major Walker and his people have shown for them," Wiest said.

Walker said his interest lies in doing what it takes to add positive things to children's lives.

"In light of what we've experienced in American schools the last few months, it's essential that we all do something," Walker said.

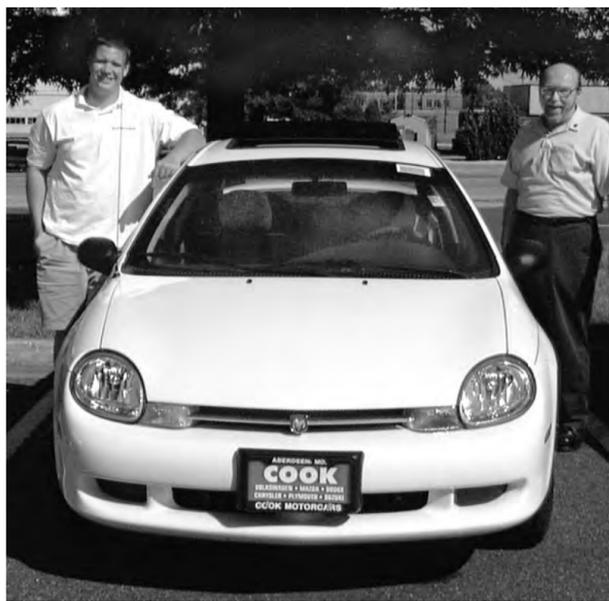


Photo by DAVE MAYOR

Taking a drive for a good cause

Christopher Mitchell, left, a volunteer for the APG Youth Sports Program, who works at the APG go-kart track, stands with retiree Charles D. Jones after Jones took a test drive of a Dodge Neon at the Post Exchange parking lot Friday. For each car driven, Cook Motorcars donated \$5 to APG Youth Sports Program. The event, which continued Saturday, raised more than \$750. Test drivers also received coupons from Burger King and tickets to the Post Theater, courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

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Intramural Golf League reports statistics

The following results were reported by the APG Intramural Sports Office for the week ending June 10:

American Division

Results

- E Co 16th #1 defeated NCOA #1
- USAF defeated HHC 143rd
- 203rd #1 defeated HHC 16th #1
- USMC #1 defeated KUSAHC #1

Standings

- USMC #13-0
- CHPPM3-0
- 203rd #13-0-1
- HHC 16th #12-1
- KUSAHC #11-2-1
- E Co 16th #11-2

- USAF1-3
- HHC 143rd1-3
- NCOA #10-4

Schedule

June 17

- CHPPM vs. NCOA #1
- 203rd #1 vs. HHC 143rd
- HHC 16th #1 vs. USMC #1
- E Co 16th #1 vs. USAF

National Division

Results

- HHC 16th #3 defeated A Co 16th
- HHC 16th #2 defeated 203rd #2
- USMC #2 defeated NCOA #2
- E Co 16th #2 tied KUSAHC #2

Standings

- USMC #23-0-1
- KUSAHC #23-0-1
- HHC 16th #22-1-1
- HHC 16th #32-1-1
- E Co 16th #21-1-2
- A Co 16th1-3-0
- 203rd #21-3-0
- NCOA #20-4-0

Schedule

June 17

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

Intramural Softball League continues

The following results were reported for the Intramural Softball League for the week ending June 11:

American Division

Results

June 7

- HHC 16th, 11; HST, 1
- KUSAHC, 16; HHC 61st, 5
- HHC 143rd, 12; NCOA, 1

June 9

- HST, 19; HHC 61st, 4
- HHC 16th, 15; HHC 143rd, 14
- KUSAHC, 10; NCOA, 9

Standings

- HHC 16th3-0
- KUSAHC3-0
- NCOA1-2
- HST1-2
- HHC 143rd1-2
- HHC 61st0-3

Schedule

June 21

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

June 23

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

National Division

Results

June 8

- B Co. 143rd, 20; CHPPM, 6
- E Co. 16th, 19; A Co. 16th, 0
- USMC, 16; SBCCOM, 4
- USAF, 18; B Co. 16th, 1

June 10

- USMC, 19; A Co. 143rd, 4
- E Co. 16th, 12; B Co. 16th, 5
- SBCCOM, 14; CHPPM, 4
- B Co. 143rd, 12; USAF, 0

Standings

- B Co. 143rd3-0
- E Co. 16th3-0
- USMC3-0
- SBCCOM2-1
- USAF1-2
- CHPPM0-3
- A Co. 143rd0-3
- B Co. 16th0-3

Schedule

June 22

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

June 24

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

Softball team wins in WAMAC tournament

The Post-Level Softball Team wound up with a 4-1 record after a round-robin tournament in Lakehurst, N.J., on June 12.

The first game was against Walter Reed Army Medical Center, which beat the APG team the last time they met. APG lost 6-3 but prevailed the rest of the day, beating Fort Detrick, 10-8; Lakehurst, 10-9; and Annapolis, 10-9.

Fort Belvoir was a no-show, giving APG a forfeit win.

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

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Post-level soccer coach, players needed

The APG Sports Program is accepting applications for a post-level co-ed soccer coach. The post team will participate in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference and will play games in round-robin tournament format on weekends only. The first scheduled weekend of competition is Aug. 7-8. Anyone interested in coaching the team must contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497 by July 1. Interested players should sign-up at APG Athletic Center or Hoyle Gym. Team try-outs will be held in early July.

Play for post teams

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

Intramural Track Meet postponed

The Intramural Track Meet scheduled for June 26 has been postponed; the date will be announced soon. For information on this schedule change, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-7934.

Tennis tourney starts next week

The Intramural Tennis Tournament is being held through June 24 in both the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas. Play will be held in the Men's Open, Men's Senior (34-39), Men's Masters (40 and over) and a Women's Open categories.

Civilians can compete in tennis

The Intramural Sports Office is holding the open tennis tournament in conjunction with the Intramural Tennis Tournament through June 24, for all family members of active duty military, retirees and their family members, and civilian employees of APG who are age 18 or older.

The intramural winners and the open winners will compete for the Post Tennis Championship on June 30.

Want the latest post news?

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.



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Boating under the influence of alcohol is dangerous

By Susie Ashby
Installation Safety Division

Boating under the influence of alcohol – BUI – is illegal. That said, while 76 million people enjoy boating on America's waterways each year, many are not aware of the real, life-threatening dangers associated with consuming alcohol and boating.

To help reduce the incidents of BUI, the U.S. Coast Guard has initiated a nationwide campaign to warn Americans about the dangers of alcohol consumption and boating.

More than 800 Americans die each year from boating accidents, and more than 50 percent of all fatalities on the water are alcohol-related. Many experts believe this figure underestimates the true extent of the problem, as only 10 percent of alcohol-related incidents are reported.

What causes accidents?

While boating under the influence of alcohol is a major problem itself, there are several other important factors that compound the BUI issue. These are:

- boater's fatigue;
- boaters not wearing life jackets, also known as Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs);
- the misperception that a designated driver makes everyone safe

General lack of boater safety training boater's fatigue is a documented phenomenon in which the combination of sun, wind, vibration and water motion approximately triples the effects of alcohol. As a result, a person with a blood alcohol content of merely .035 percent, one drink, can experience impaired judgment, and if the boater has been taking prescription medication, the results can be even more disastrous.

The incidence of boater's fatigue is most common in the peak months from May to September, when the sun shines the brightest and the waters are most crowded. Not surprisingly, approximately 70 percent of all boating accidents occur during this period.

Personal floatation devices, the simple, affordable and accessible life saving devices familiar to everybody, are still not being worn by many boaters. When an accident occurs and a boater is thrown into the water, if he or she is not wearing a PFD, the likelihood of a drowning is great – particularly if that person has been injured in the fall, has been drinking, the water is cold, or the person lacks the skills or strength to stay afloat.

Of note, three-fourths of all fatalities on the water involve people who do not wear their PFDs. By doing something as simple as using a PFD at all times when boating, many accidental deaths can be prevented. Keep in mind, when on the water

remember the U.S. Coast Guard's motto: "Life Jackets: They float, you don't."

BUI accidents are not always the result of operator error. Drowning passengers account for many BUI injuries. Fatalities can result from water skiing, kayaking, or simply falling off the boat. So while designating a driver appears on the surface to be good solution, it does not ensure everyone on the boat is safe.

General lack of boater safety training is a major factor in the number of injuries and fatalities occurring on the water. Of all boating accidents, 80 percent are attributable to boaters who lack the adequate safety skills and knowledge. The Coast Guard strongly advises boaters to take a boating safety class to help ensure the well-being of all boaters.

Physical effects of intoxication

Drinking alcohol produces certain physiological responses that directly affect the safety of everyone around the water. Consuming alcohol can result in:

- diminished judgment, motor skills, peripheral vision, balance, and the ability to process information;
- slowed reaction and reflexive response time;
- reduced depth perception, night vision and focus;
- an inner ear disturbance, which can make it impossible for someone suddenly immersed in water to distinguish up from down;
- an accelerated onset of hypothermia, if a person has been consuming alcohol and is immersed in water

Lack of consumer awareness regarding the dangers involved with BUI stands as one of the greatest obstacles to solving the BUI problem. While laws regarding boating under the influence of alcohol are in place, they are often not well known among the general boating public.



Further, enforcement is difficult.

In addition, some people still do not as yet consider the combination of alcohol consumption and boating irresponsible behavior. That misperception can be deadly.

Boating under the influence of alcohol is a problem that affects everyone in the boating community. By educating the public about the dangers of BUI, encouraging people to wear PFD's, and encouraging proper boater safety training, the Coast Guard hopes to make the waters even safer for everyone.

KUSAHC wins pre-season tournament

The APG Intramural Softball Pre-Season Tournament was held May 25-June 1 in both areas of the post, with KUSAHC taking first place.

Eleven units participated in the double-elimination tournament. The semi-finals and final game were held on June 1 at Shine Sports Field at the Aberdeen Area.

In the semi-finals KUSAHC defeated B Co. 16th, 17-7, and HHC 16th defeated E Co. 16th, 12-11, earning the right to play KUSAHC in the finals. KUSAHC dominated the final game, defeating HHC 16th 15-11 to take home the trophy.

Steven E. Czerwinski of MRICD explained that this is the third consecutive year MRICD

has teamed with KUSAHC and won the tournament.

"We don't have enough players to field a team, so we combine with Kirk," Czerwinski said. "We take softball pretty seriously and we've been practicing since March."

The win raised the expectations of an already confident team that is looking to take it all this year. Czerwinski said the team members felt certain they would take the tournament and win the season since their first practice.

"Because of the veterans on the team and the quality of the new players, we felt confident and comfortable that we would win," Czerwinski said. "This year, we are the team to beat."

Diamond shines in golf tourney win at military event

The APG Military Golf Tournament was held June 12 at Ruggles Golf Course. Twenty-three golfers competed in three flights of competition.

The A flight saw an incredibly tight match, with Greg Diamond of HHC 61st taking the championship by one stroke over Steve Carbone. Diamond shot an 82, Carbone an 83, and right behind with an 84 was Tom Resau.

David Gogue, of the U.S. Coast Guard, took home the award for closest to the pin.

Diamond, a training NCO in

the brigade S-3, has been in the Army 16 years and has played golf for 12 of them. Although with a wife and three children he doesn't get out as often as he'd like, he said he plays with a group of friends some Sundays.

"I pretty much win most of the time," Diamond admitted.

In the ladies flight, Karen Barnes of E Co. 16th inched past Cindy Bedell by one shot to take first place.

In the B flight, Jeff McClelland and James Branson tied for first place, each shooting an 85.

SPORTS

MRICD snatches volleyball victory from 520th

The APG Intramural Volleyball Post-Season Tournament was played May 22 and 23 at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area.

The tournament started at 8 a.m. Saturday and by noon Sunday, the eight-team contest was down to two teams. MRICD and 520th met in the championship. 520th won the first match, but had to beat MRICD twice to win because MRICD had never lost in the tournament.

In the second match, MRICD took control and won the championship, 15-6 and 15-3. After the game, Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, presented trophies and awards to both teams. Trophies also were presented to the first and second place teams from the regular season in both divisions. The Aberdeen Division trophy went to USMC

and E Co 16th received second place. The Edgewood Division trophy went to MRICD with 520th receiving second place.

The scores for all games in tournament are:

Round 1:

MRICD defeated HHC 143rd, 15-3, 15-5
E Co. 16th defeated HHC 16th, 15-10, 15-9

A Co. 143rd defeated 520th TAML, 15-8, 16-14

NCOA defeated USMC, 15-5, 15-1

Round 2:

520th defeated USMC, 15-0, 15-2
HHC 16th defeated HHC 143rd, 15-11, 15-9

A Co. 143rd defeated NCOA, 9-15, 15-7, 15-11

MRICD defeated E Co. 16th, 13-15, 15-9, 15-11

Round 3:

520th defeated E Co. 16th, 15-2, 15-9
HHC 16th defeated NCOA, 15-12, 15-2
MRICD defeated A Co. 16th, 15-9, 8-15, 15-9

Round 4:

520th defeated HHC 16th, 15-6, 15-11

Semi-final

520th defeated A Co. 143rd, 15-7, 7-15, 15-5

Championship

MRICD defeated 520th, 9-15, 15-8, 9-15; 15-6, 15-11

Runners go the distance for fun, exercise, awards

MARATHON, from frontpage

port," and added that many of the thousands of spectators along the route make an effort to personalize their shouts of encouragement. This year, Sullivan wore a shirt with an American flag depicted on the front.

"I got a lot of 'Go USA,'" he said.

Sullivan had an impressive race this year, finishing the marathon in just over three hours. The 53-year-old was 23rd out of 1,098 participants in his age category.

Morgan, a retired Air Force master sergeant, has been running for 19 years, but took up marathon racing less than five years ago. He has completed 25 marathons.

A fitness buff, he commutes to work via bicycle, a round-trip of 19 miles, and "runs hard" every other day, for an average of 30 miles each week.

Describing the Boston race as "a mean marathon" because of the downhill runs and the four hill climbs late in the event, Morgan said the race is "hard on your quads."

The April 19 race was his third marathon this year. The 62-year-old, known to many as "Sarge," ran 33 races of varying lengths last year, and won in his age category 14 times.

Brad Roberts, an electronics engineer for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and an avid runner, said both men defy the odds in that they have improved their running times despite being older when they began serious racing.

"I've run the Boston Marathon 12 times," Roberts said. "But for the most part I was in my 20's or early 30's when I did it."

He ran the Boston Marathon with Sullivan in 1992.

"Both men are an inspiration, and extremely unusual in their achievements," he said, adding that Sullivan ran his first marathon in under three hours at age 50.

Roberts has competed in 25 marathons, but now is encouraging his children's sporting talents and has served as a soccer team coach. Still running, he logs up to 20 miles per week.

Encouraged by Sullivan and Morgan, Roberts said he hopes to get back to marathon running someday. Meanwhile, he is working on re-starting the local marathon called "The Last Train to Boston" because it used to be the last qualifying race before the Boston Marathon deadline.

"The local marathon ran for 19 years," said Roberts, who was in charge of the race for the last nine years. He said the event that was run on post in the Edgewood Area was last run in 1995.

Describing the local marathon as "an ideal race for spectators," because it is a series of loops affording lots of viewing opportunities, Roberts said the race will take place on Feb. 26 next year, in time for the March 1 deadline for Boston Marathon qualifiers.

Diane Wilson, wife of Maj. David Wilson of the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, a resident of Plumb Point Loop and mother of two, became interested in marathon racing three years ago.

Living on post at Fort Meade, she explained that her husband

planted the seed by asking her to run the Army 10-Miler with him. After enjoying that race, and with a father and brother who run marathons, Wilson jokingly suggested a marathon to Navy wife and running partner Anne Parker. She and Parker completed the Philadelphia Marathon last fall, and hope to qualify for the Boston Marathon in 2000 with a good time in their second Philadelphia race in November. She will be joined in the race by her husband, brother, sister-in-law, Parker and Morgan.

Wilson, who admitted that she "hates track work," said Sullivan takes charge of weekly speed sessions at the APG track.

At the Tuesday practices, the athletes, referred to as "the psycho runners" by those less-motivated, are coached and encouraged in exercises meant to increase their running speed.

"I've improved my racing time and all of my personal records," said Wilson, who attributed her success to Sullivan's coaching.

Due to the speed work, she said, "I've knocked four minutes off my 10n miler."

She added that both men are dedicated, eager to share their knowledge, and inspire those around them to "keep at it."

Henry Russell, a post air traffic controller, has been participating in the APG track sessions since learning about the group last year. He credited his improved running times to the coaching and practice received at the track.

Although not interested in marathons, Russell runs local races of shorter distances "about once a month." He said that with the addition of the track sessions, "I'm definitely stronger at the end of races."

ATC employee Bill Sangtinetto has participated with the group each week since 1991. Describing Sullivan and Morgan as men with "a lot of experience in running and speed work," he said the sessions also are helpful because of the encouragement and ideas they share.

"John has a different scenario each week," Sangtinetto said of Sullivan, adding that Sullivan picks events and ties those into runs. As an example, Sangtinetto mentioned a "blue moon run," which was converted into numerical meaning by Sullivan, who then led in the appropriate number of laps or track distances.

Sangtinetto added that both Sullivan and Morgan "show you what you can rise to" when it comes to desire, practice and perseverance.

Donna Lewis, vice-principal at Edgewood Elementary School, has been running with the Tuesday group for several years. She said she looks forward to the socialization and camaraderie of the track participants, whose running levels and race interests vary.

Referring to Sullivan and Morgan as "my buddies," she said the two are much admired for their dedication and expertise.

"We share tidbits we've gathered from running magazines and other sources," she said.

Lewis said she also appreciates the added incentive of a regular practice.

"If you run intervals one to two times a week, you are pretty much guaranteed a good racing performance overall," she said.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

APG runners pose at the track before beginning an afternoon practice session. Shown are, front row, from left, Diane Wilson, Leonard Morgan Jr., John Sullivan and Donna Lewis; and, back row, Bill Sangtinetto, Mike Trott, Henry Russell and Geoff Sauerborn.

Geoffrey Sauerborn, who runs "basically 5 and 10-K's," has been attending the sessions for a little over a year. He credited Sullivan with coming up with "inventive and crazy themes" for the group out of news, technology or sports. As they work through the themes, Sauerborn estimates they run, with warm-up and recovery, four to eight miles in an hour-long session or longer. While he has done a lot of running on his own, Sauerborn said participants tend to push themselves more when with a group, which increases speed and stamina.

Through his excellent time in the 1999 Boston Marathon, Sullivan already has qualified for

next year's 26.2 mile race.

The oldest consecutively-run marathon in the world, the 104th Boston Marathon will take place on April 19, 2000. Sullivan is looking forward to more local company next year, as Morgan and Wilson make bids to qualify in the upcoming months.

Runners do not need to run marathons to practice with the local running enthusiasts. All are eager to offer encouragement and share their enthusiasm each Tuesday evening at 4:45 p.m.

For marathon information, visit www.bostonmarathon.org. For local racing information, visit http://members.tripod.com/~RAS_AC_WEB.

APG Garrison plans June 30 Organization Day

The APG Garrison will hold its annual Organization Day on June 30 at CAPA Field in the Edgewood Area.

The garrison will be closed for the day or will be limited to services for emergencies only. All tenants and customers should plan to obtain any necessary support for that day prior to June 30. Organizations needing operational support in the event of an emergency should call 410-278-4500.

Activities for employees and their families include golf, softball, horseshoes and volleyball tournaments, clowns, face painting, gyros, caterpillar, moonwalk, bingo, magic show, DJ, jujitsu demonstration and other entertainment. There also will be a wildlife display from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Sparky the Fire Dog, plus plenty of good food.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under age 6. After June 25, tickets will cost \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the following points of contact:

Adjutant Office, Inez Matthews, 410-278-3000;
BTT/CA, Farrell Dreisbach, 410-278-7406;
Chaplain Activity Office, SSgt. Anthony Harris, 410-278-4333;
Office of the Commander, Spc. Agustin Taveras, 410-278-1514;
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Rose Hill, 410-278-1404;
Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Chris Lockhart, 410-278-4011;
Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, Cheryl Rickey, 410-306-0561, or Pat Easter, 410-436-2650;
Directorate of Information Management, Peter Andrews, 410-278-2268, Rita Miller, 410-278-3473, or Joyce Mauldin, 410-278-4696;
Directorate of Logistics, Bill Taylor, 410-436-8496, Mary Spence, 410-436-4495, Nancy Coleman-Jones, 410-278-2378, Liz Payne, 410-306-1614, or James Robinson, 410-278-2154;
Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, Skip Glascock, 410-278-2711;
Directorate of Public Works, Tom Vincenti, 410-306-1131;
Directorate of Resource Management, Ann Gibney, 410-278-0937;
Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Barbara Coakley, 410-278-2860, or Karen Jobs, 410-436-4429;
Headquarters Company, Inez Matthews, 410-278-3000;
Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, Chris Vazquez, 410-278-4556;
AMC Acquisition Center, Cathy Starkey, 410-278-0836, or Betty Gehr, 410-278-0882;
AMC Personnel Detachment, Michelle Watters, 410-436-8187;
Dental Clinic, Mary Smith, 410-278-1794;
Defense Military Pay Office, Michelle Manning, 410-278-7039;
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Sfc. Eric Harris, 410-278-1887, or Tina Nierwienski, 410-278-1934.

Demil facility to be named for long-time EA employee

SAMUEL, from front page

his wife, Virginia, of the construction of the \$300 million facility called the "ABCDEF," which will dispose of the 1,623 tons of mustard agent stored in the Edgewood Area. "But he never wanted to be the center of attention. That's what made him such a good research chemist. If he was here, he probably would say, 'No, you should dedicate it to someone else.'

"I just wish he could be here. That's the tragedy of it all; he never got to see this happen."

"I think he'd be embarrassed," agreed their daughter, Carolyn, 19, a student at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

Carolyn drew the picture of her father, which appears on the front page of the paper, from a photo taken before he was married. Ironically, the finished product looks more like he looked in his 40's.

She noted that she has a better understanding of the plans to destroy the stockpile since plans were made to name the facility in her father's honor.

"He never really told us about it," she said. "He just said it's about making chemicals non-toxic. But now I understand how important that is."

While Samuel might be overwhelmed by all the attention, his wife noted that her husband "was a very special man," and is happy that more people will discover that fact.

"I'm just thrilled more people are finding out what an exceptional human being he was," she said. "He had a presence that was kind. He was just such a good person."

Work and family were separate for Samuel, said his wife, and she never visited his office, located in a high-security area of the installation, until two months after his death, when his co-workers planned a memorial service in his honor.

The Edgewood Area was the home of Samuel's professional career for nearly three decades, including a tour on active duty



Photos courtesy the Samuel family

John Samuel poses for a Father's Day photo in June 1996 with his daughters, Anne, Carolyn and Susan.

that nearly sent him to Vietnam, but placed him back at what then was Edgewood Arsenal, in Company B for 18 months, then returning to his civilian job in February 1972.

"He never considered changing jobs," Ginny said. "His goal was to do the best he could where he was."

He started work at the Edgewood Area in 1968, shortly after receiving a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the College of William and Mary in Williams-

"He continued to work, even after he was diagnosed with cancer. A lot of people would have been feeling sorry for themselves, not continuing to work on a research project."

- Dr. Steve Landry, who worked with the late John Samuel, and suggested the new facility to destroy the mustard stockpile be dedicated in his honor

burg, Va. It was there that he met Virginia Poindexter, then a student at Longwood College. By the second date, Ginny said she knew "there was something about him." From that point on, the two were inseparable.

"When he started working at Edgewood, he would drive to Virginia every weekend to see me," she said. "He put 30,000 miles on the car in one year. Our girls would say 'No way. Dad's too sensible to do that.'"

They married, moved to Bel Air and started a family. Their oldest daughter, Anne, graduated from the University of Richmond and is preparing to seek a graduate degree in art history from the University of Delaware. Susan, who graduated from the University of Richmond, then received a master's degree from Loyola

University, graduating with a 4.0 average. She now is a math teacher at Loyola High School. Carolyn, the youngest, a National Merit Scholar, graduated from Bel Air High School with a 4.1 average and currently is attending the University of Richmond.

His sister, Marjorie Becus of Loveland, Ohio, also is planning to attend the dedication ceremony.

An active member of the Bel Air community, he assisted with the Bel Air soccer and tennis pro-

grams and was an active member of the Bel Air High School band boosters. For more than 27 years, he was active in the Bel Air United Methodist Church, where he and his family were members. He assisted the church's Neighbors in Need Program by delivering meals to the elderly. Each Christmas, he and his family adopted a needy family to assist.

A dedicated researcher

Professionally, Samuel investigated alternatives to incineration to destroy the stockpile of bulk mustard agent, and studied and co-wrote test plans associated with compatibility of weapon propellant and chemical agents, in response to Congressional concerns about storage stability of chemical weapons at other stockpile sites.

He worked on ERDEC's Decontamination/Demilitarization Team, with about a dozen government employees who were part of the effort to investigate alternatives to incineration of the mustard agent stockpile. That team was part of the Research and Technology Directorate's input to the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization's vast Alternative Technologies Program, tasked with finding a suitable alternative.

It was that work that led to his selection for having the facility named in his honor, said Dr. Steve Landry, a retired lieutenant colonel who served as the Product Manager for Alternative Technologies and Approaches from 1994 to February 1997.

"I think John Samuel showed a tremendous amount of dedication," said Landry, who now works for Stone and Webster Engineering, and suggested Samuel's name for the facility. "He continued to work, even after he was diagnosed with cancer. A lot of people would have been feeling sorry for themselves, not continuing to work on a research project."

"It showed a tremendous dedication to Army chemical and biological defense, and dedication to the Army's chemical stockpile disposal program," added Landry, who also worked with Samuel for six months in 1977 at what then was the Chemical Systems Laboratory. "John worked on the program that led to this facility."

His co-workers noted that he would be happy to see a project that was so important to him reach this point.



John Samuel and his wife, Virginia, pose for a photo at their church in Bel Air at Thanksgiving 1996. Despite his illness, his family and friends note that he remained positive and did not focus on himself, but on others.

"The fact that the research that was done in the lab is translating to a real application in the real world would be very satisfying for him," said Ann Butrow, a research chemist who worked with Samuel for 14 years.

However, she agreed that he would be the last person to seek credit for the accomplishment.

"Deep inside I think he'd be very proud, but he shied away from the public recognition of his accomplishments," she said. "I think he'd bow his head and be a little embarrassed, but hopefully he'd be smiling inside."

Personally, she said she considered him "a calming influence."

"As a co-worker, he was a mentor, an advisor, a friend. Not only did he give me professional guidance and help me solve technical problems, but on a personal level he used his insight from raising his own three daughters to help with issues arising from my relationship with my own two sisters," she said.

He also was helpful when she moved to Harford County with her husband, David.

"He seemed to know a lot about everything," she said. "He was just a great guy all around."

Michael Parker, SBCCOM's civilian deputy, said he considered Samuel "an outstanding chemist."

"He also was an exceptional person to work with, mentoring new people, working in what today we'd call a team environment," said Parker, who served with Samuel during the Vietnam

War in Company B at Edgewood Arsenal. "He was exceptional in taking science from the bench to development of technology, to a product."

His legacy lives on in those who benefited from the mentoring and advice he provided to the next generation of scientists.

"He always found time, no matter what his professional load was, to help other people to do things that help you to grow personally and professionally," he said.

Another part of his legacy is the equipment in the field on which Samuel worked, equipment that protects soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines.

"In that context, he's still with us," he said.

He agreed that Samuel would be honored that the facility will bear his name, "but I think his response would be that there were other people who made contributions to this effort who also deserve recognition."

The weekend date for the groundbreaking was requested by community members active in stockpile disposal planning. All employees are invited; however reservations are required for security and transportation by close of business today (June 17).

Call the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office for reservations, 410-676-6800.

For more information about the event, contact Kathy DeWeese, Edgewood Chemical Activity, 410-436-5253.

MRICD honored by Harford County Public Schools

The Harford County Public School Office of Special Education sponsored its annual Employer Appreciation and Student Recognition Breakfast at Harford Community College on May 13.

Among those recognized with awards of appreciation was Lynn King, a secretary in the Research Operations Division of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

Col. James S. Little, commander of MRICD, also accepted certificates for his Chemical Casualty Care Division and Logistics Branch. Through contracts with the institute, students in the Work Experience Program for Students with Special Needs are

employed by these offices to provide clerical and equipment maintenance support for the Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course and to provide landscaping support for MRICD buildings.

King supervises Ryan Leborys, a senior at Havre de Grace High School. Ryan was a guest speaker at the breakfast, as was Angela Cheek, Aberdeen Proving Ground disability coordinator.

Ryan gave a PowerPoint presentation describing his duties in the Research Operations Division. It was a presentation he had given previously when the superintendent of schools, principals, and Work Experience Program coordinators visited the institute last

fall. At MRICD, Ryan has picked up and distributed the mail, assisted the library staff in reshelving books and journals, typed travel vouchers, training forms, and draft correspondence, filed safety inspection reports, copied and shredded documents, helped to set up and take down the institute's traveling display unit, and maintained an access database of requests from foreign nationals for MRICD reprints of scientific articles. From time to time Ryan also assisted with watering and weeding flower beds.

His presentation also described the software packages he has learned to use since March 1998, when he started working at the institute.

Garrison, ATC personnel ask CA questions

CA, from front page

getting the contractor to talk to the work force quickly was important to keep the flow of communication open.

"If we waited for the appeals and protest period to end to do this, it could be several months," he told the hundreds of employees who attended the afternoon session at the Post Theater. "That's a long time to wait in a period of uncertainty."

Speakers at the briefings featured Bob Rosencranz, senior vice president of Range and Logistics Services for DynCorp, the company for which Reth also works. Headquartered in Reston, Va., the company has \$1.2 billion in annual revenue and 18,000 employee/owners, and 52 years of experience in government contracting, he said.

"We don't make anything. Our only product is high-quality technical services," he said.

He added that the company was interested in a "transparent" change to the contract, with as little disruption to service provided as possible.

Pat McCann, president of Roy F. Weston, also spoke, commending APG for getting the information to the work force. With 2,000 employees in 60 offices and \$200 million in annual gross revenue, he said his 57-year-old environmental services company has provided services to APG since 1976.

Five of the seven subcontractors currently have contracts with organizations at APG: General Physics, SAIC, Horne Engineering, EDSI, and Potomac Research International, Inc. The other two companies, the Cube Corporation and Aramark, do not have contracts at APG.

Reth said that while he plans to bring approximately 16 outside employees into the upper management levels for the new organization, the plan is to first hire supervisory personnel from the current work force, then hire as many non-supervisory personnel as possible from the garrison. He noted that while the garrison will provide a list of employees available for hire under the right of first refusal, personnel must apply for jobs.

"We want you to apply, we're going to interview you and we're going to hire many of you," he said, adding that everyone who applies will be interviewed. The time frame for that process is about 60 days before the date that will be set for full performance of the contract.

He also vowed that ATS will help employees who do not find work in the new organization to find work elsewhere, in part through a job fair.

CA Update

The biggest update is that the appeals period for

the Installation Operation/Community Activities package has been extended to July 9.

In the Information Services portion of the CA package, which the government won in April, the appeals period closed May 12 with one appeal submitted. The Appeals Board, which has no APG personnel on it, has determined that the decision to retain the work in-house stands. A final decision will be announced pending the outcome of the protest period.

The Receptionist Area window in the lower level of building 305 opened Monday and temporarily will remain reopen to serve the needs of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center customers during the implementation of CA decisions. The window will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; for questions, call 410-278-1524.

Q&A

The CA Hotline has received the following questions:

Q: When I attended the Reduction in Force Information Forum on June 2, I thought all employees would receive a new list of job titles and grades that were to be abolished. Will a list be available in the future?

A: As opposed to listing the jobs to be abolished, we listed the jobs to be retained. This list has been given to the directors as part of the Residual Efficient Organization, which now is available in each directorate for employee review. If you wish to review the REO, contact your supervisor or director.

Q: I read an article in the Federal Times which said that any time a Voluntary Early Retirement Award or Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VERA/VSIP) was opened in one competitive area all employees in the geographical area were also eligible. Will VERA/VSIP be extended to other commands such as U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command to save jobs at APG Garrison? If this is so, how will the garrison VERA/VSIP affect non-GAPG employees?

A: Non-garrison employees will not be eligible to apply for VERA/VSIP under the authority granted to all employees in Competitive Area 5 (Garrison). If it is determined that there is a need to expand the VSIP program beyond Competitive Area 5, the procedures will be provided to all tenants at that time.

Q: I believe the same article said that either the VERA or VSIP was an entitlement-is this true?

A: VSIP is a management tool used to avoid a reduction-in-force (RIF). Management has the right to determine who will receive VSIP and who will not. VERA is an entitlement BUT only under the scope of the factors identified in the VERA authori-

What about those numbers?

Q: I heard the contractor only won the bid by \$500,000 and \$200,000; this is a lot less than 10 percent of \$129 million. I think you guys are lying to us. Are you saying the contractor only won the bid by less than 1 percent? Check your figures! Obey your own rules!

A: The following are the figures from the cost comparison:

\$107,842,296	Contractor's submitted bid
+4,150,185	Contract administration (added)
+8,261,395	One-time conversion costs (added)
-539,212	Federal income tax (deducted)

\$119,714,664	Adjusted cost of contractor bid
+9,845,306	Minimum conversion differential (10% of government personnel cost added)

\$129,559,970	Adjusted total cost of contract bid
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\$130,062,726	Total government in-house cost
-129,559,970	Adjusted total cost of contract bid (from above)

\$502,756 Difference between government and contract bids

ty. In other words, once VERA is approved by the Department of Defense, only employees filling the scope of the factors identified in the request may be made offers. Those offers may be limited by the announced opening and closing dates and receipt of a specified number of applications. For example, VERA is announced in a window opening on May 1 and closing May 30 and two GS-201 positions are identified as abolishments in the announcement. If two GS-201 employees apply for VERA during the window, both are entitled to VERA and management would have to approve VERA. If three GS-201 employees apply during the window, only two employees are entitled. In this case, the leave service computation date would be used to determine which two employees would be approved.

Q: It has just been brought to my attention that even the winners of the Aberdeen Test Center's first CA study may be rolled into the second CA study. ATC Commander Col. Andrew Ellis said they are going to reopen the bid for CA1. What concerns me is I thought we won CA1. On what grounds may upper management or the powers governing make such a move? We proved ourselves with our Most

Efficient Organization (MEO); why, in the case of a federal win, can the winners be rolled into the next pending CA study or reopen the bid again? If that's the case, why does a CA study come to be in the first place? Rolling the winners into the next CA study has such a severe undermining effect on the morale of all the employees involved. We proved our real value and worthiness with our MEO. I must stress how this erodes morale and almost completely erases the team process that we have worked together under difficult times to achieve.

A: To clarify the status of ATC's first study, on April 6, 1998, the colonel informed the employees whose positions are under study that the only contractor proposal received was unacceptable. As a result, he had requested the U.S. Army Materiel Command's approval to implement the government's MEO. On May 18, AMC denied ATC's request to implement the MEO based on AR 5-20, Chapter 4, Section II, which states "Determination that there are no available commercial sources will be made only if there is no acceptable response to an unrestricted solicitation for the activity being studied." ATC's original Request for Proposal was a restricted competition limited to small businesses. Since it did not result in an

acceptable bidder, the government was not able to compare the cost of the MEO bid with a competing contractor's bid. ATC now is working to determine the best approach for ATC given this decision-proceed with an unrestricted solicitation or combine CA1 with CA2.

To answer your question as to why a CA study is conducted, all government agencies are required by OMB Circular A-76 to identify and study contractible functions to determine if it is more cost effective to perform the functions in-house or by contract. Although these studies are very stressful for the work force, ATC chose to do them because they give the employees an opportunity to compete for the work. The less desirable alternative would be to identify functions to divest and abolish all the associated positions, since ATC would no longer perform those functions. With a CA study, if the government wins, the work would still be performed at ATC by the MEO.

For questions regarding the CA Study, call the CA Hotline at 410-278-9461 or check out the APG web page at www.apg.army.mil.

Be prepared

After initial decision in CA study, employees must think about the future

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

If you're an employee of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison, you should be thinking about your career, and preparing a "soft landing" plan in case you are affected by the Reduction in Force slated for early next year.

While 875 government employees will remain in the garrison, the current number of employees is 1,300. That means many employees face early retirement, a government career change, leaving government service or a change in grade and duties.

"If you wait until the last minute, your preparation is not going to be done properly," said Del Roberts, who joined the Army Community Service Career Focus

Center as the employment assistance manager on May 24.

The center, a long-time benefit primarily used by military personnel and their families, is prepared to help civilian employees prepare resumes, seek government positions here and at other installations, and use the Internet to expand their job search.

"We really are able to help," Roberts said. "We do this all the time for the soldiers."

He noted that anxiety and fear can keep people from pursuing the steps that can help their careers.

"For some people, it's uncharted territory. It's hard to tell people not to worry. But if they will consider this a challenge rather than an obstacle, this could be a

positive change for them," he said.

The task does not have to be a big burden, said Roberts, a "survivor" of several career and job changes.

"You have to do one thing at a time, otherwise it can be intimidating, overwhelming," he said. "Make a plan and if you can't do that, see us and we will help you make a plan."

He recommended that employees do the following:

- Have a current resume. Many examples are available at the Career Focus Center, and software can make the formatting simple.

- Gather documentation and certification of training, whether work-related or not. This includes non-credit adult education classes. "Even non-credit courses can

help you get a job," Roberts said.

- If you have access to a computer at home, set aside time to search for jobs. If you don't, make time to go to the Career Focus Center.

- Use the resources available. The Career Focus Center has books on subjects that can help you fine-tune your job search, seek new career fields and discover educational opportunities.

- Start participating. "Getting over the shock of the decision can take time, but it will help if you're actively doing something that will help you," Roberts said.

Roberts compared the task of doing a job search and preparing a resume to doing your taxes.

"To do it properly, you have to organize and bring your materials with you,"

he said. "Ultimately, you're selling yourself in one or two pages. The affected employee is central to this process. The level of planning and work contributed by them will have a significant impact on their success."

The Career Focus Center is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and is closed on the Friday that is the garrison's regular day off. Appointments usually are not necessary, but if you need information call 410-278-9669. The center is located in building 2752, room 213; to get there, from the Route 22 gate, take Aberdeen Boulevard to the second light and turn left on Rodman Road. Turn left at the end of the road; the Career Focus Center is in the second building on your left, on the second floor.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Civilian employees retire from APG

Nelson L. Adams, MRICD, 38 years
Ralph C. Akens, ARL, 26 years
Concetta R. Anaclerio, SBCCOM, 35 years
Robert A. Bangledorf Sr., MRICD, 35 years
Johnnie R. Barker, CHPPM, 45 years
Richard D. Craig, TECOM, 36 years
Frank A. Dagostin, SBCCOM, 36 years
James T. Dehn, ARL, 30 years
John E. Dottellis, FMIG, 32 years
Joan E. Gordon, TECOM, 34 years
Clinton E. Hollandsworth, ARL, 38 years
Donald R. Jeanblanc, TECOM, 32 years
Gloria J. Jones, ARL, 31 years
Lionel Katzoff, SBCCOM, 35 years
Kenneth R. Mills, MRICD, 34 years
Douglas C. Nelson, CHPPM, 30 years
Frank A. Phillips, TECOM, 33 years
George Richard Price, ARL, 36 years
Robert B. Rudasill, DOL, 34 years
James E. Ryan, SBCCOM, 41 years
Polly A. Scott, PMCD, 39 years
Frederick H. Strubber, OC&S, 39 years
Frances E. Taylor, AMSAA, 12 years
Brenda K. Thein, ARL, 35 years
Joseph P. Williams, KUSAHC, 42 years

MdNG personnel receive awards

Capt. Michael Condon, SSgt. David Sherwood and SSgt. Donald Claxton, members of the 104th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) were awarded the Reserve Component Achievement Award on Dec. 13, 1998 by Capt. Marla Harding, the unit commander.

Harding, in making the presentation, announced that the unit members received the award for honorable completion of four years service in a reserve component of the U.S. Army. "These soldiers have contributed significantly to the 104th Medical Company's readiness level," Harding said.

Pfc. Luther Gorham of Baltimore recently was awarded the Army Achievement Medal as a result of his distinction as an honor graduate of the Avionics Repair Course at Ft. Eustis, Va.

Gorham, a member of the 104th Medical Company, attended the course for six weeks.

Following his return to the unit, he was assigned to the Aircraft Components Repair Section as an avionics repair specialist. He has been a member of the 104th Medical Company since 1995.

The award was presented by Capt. Marla Harding, commander of the 104th Medical Company. Harding said, "We are proud of Pfc. Gorham's accomplishment. It is an example of the dedication and hard work that members of the Maryland National Guard exhibit in fulfilling their military obligation while maintaining their civilian careers."

The 104th Medical Company, headquartered in Edgewood, provides aeromedical evacuation of injured and wounded during times of state or national emergencies. The unit recently was designated as the first Medical Evacuation unit in Maryland to receive the Army's updated UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

OC&S Library available

The Ordnance Center and School Library, located on the ground floor of Simpson Hall, building 3071, has been open since January. The library was closed for a short period of time when the previous librarian, Tracy Landfried, accepted another position on post.

The new librarian, Lenora Haughton, moved here from Virginia where she was a Training and Doctrine Command intern. The library also will be adding a new staff member, Emma Morrisette. Lesley Parker, who has filled in as a temporary library clerk, will be accepting another position. Her last day was June 14.

The library's collection includes books, periodicals and interactive CD-ROMs on topics including military history, the American Civil War, military science, weapons, vehicles and education. It also has Department of the Army, Department of Defense, U.S. Army Materiel Command, OC&S, Aberdeen Proving Ground and TRADOC

publications. A small computer lab with Internet access is also available.

New titles at the library include:

- Microsoft Office 97
- Professional 6 in 1
- Teach Yourself Windows 98 VISUALLY

- The Gourman Report - Undergraduate Programs
- United States Army Posture Statement FY00

- Automotive Engine Performance - Tuneup, Testing, and Service
- Our Rifles

- Notes on Military Explosives GETTYSBURG From the OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE WAR OF REBELLION (CD-ROM)

- THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE WAR OF REBELLION (CD-ROM)

- ANTIETAM From the OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE WAR OF REBELLION (CD-ROM)

The library is open Monday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Call 410-278-5615 for more information.

Young readers plan for summer program

READING, from front page
high schoolers must read a minimum of five.

"Five might not sound like a lot, but it is when you consider the length of books on that reading level and that a lot of kids that age also have summer jobs," she said.

This year's packets contains an activity book from the APG Fire Department, pencils, bookmarks, certificates from the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program, and log sheets.

"The children use the log sheets to keep track of the books they read and they discuss the books with the librarians," Pinnix Broome said. "The library staff does not choose the books for the children, but when entire families participate we ask the parents to help with real small children."

She added that pre-kindergarten children are read to by volunteers.

"So far, we have a story-time volunteer for two days, June 23 and July 7," she said. "We will

announce more dates as more people volunteer."

The reading program dates for the Edgewood Area library have not been announced.

Participants are on an honor program, meaning they can come in whenever they want to read or check out books to read at home. At the end of the program, all participants are given a certificate of completion and coupons from area merchants.

"Some parents want their kids to get ahead on reading requirements for the next school year, and some steer their children in certain directions," Pinnix Broome said. "We tell parents that we let the children pick whatever they want to read hoping that they'll read what interests them and learn from it. All they have to do is finish their reading requirements by August 25."

Nearly 30 children and adults completed the Summer Reading Program at APG last year.

Library Corner

The APG Garrison Library has new children's books for your reading pleasure.

Animorphs series, by K.A. Applegate;

Baby Bird's First Nest, by Frank Asch;

The Cat Barked! by Lydia Monks;

Cry of the Cat, by R.L. Stine;

Fighting for the Forest, by Gloria Rand;

Next Stop, Grand Central, by Maira Kalman;

The Strange Adventures of Blue Dog, by Jean Van Leeuwen;

Swine Lake, by James Marshall;

Wind Child, by Shirley Rousseau Murphy.

The AA Library 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 EA Branch Library, 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.

Spouse clubs present donations, scholarships for spring season

By Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground and surrounding schools and charitable organizations are benefiting from the recent donations of the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club and the Military and Civilian Spouses Club.

With a cumulative charitable disbursement of \$7,080, both clubs credited great community support for another year of successful fund-raising.

The EA-OWC and the MCSC gave donations to local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, local public and private schools, the Army Distaff Foundation, family support groups, a ministry team, and the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center in Bel Air.

The EA-OWC also gave to a fund for the APG families whose homes were gutted by fire last December, the Community Life Mayoral Program, APG soldier recognition, the Edgewood Area Child Development Center, Army Community Service, and the Maryland National Guard Challenge Academy.

Additional organizations receiving funds included the Maryland Defense Force, Harford Hospice, and a special needs camp for children of military personnel. EA-OWC charitable donations this spring totaled \$4,480.

The MCSC gave funds to Fisher House, a temporary home for the families of patients of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Army Emergency Relief, the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, and a ladies auxiliary associated with a veterans home in southern Maryland. The spring charitable donation total for MCSC was \$2,600.

In addition, both clubs awarded scholarships. The MCSC awarded scholarships to four high school seniors for \$1,000, \$500, and two for \$750. It also determined the winner of a \$1,000 USPA&IRA scholarship.

C. Milton Wright graduate Christopher Pajunas, son of Ron and Barbara Pajunas, received the MCSC \$1,000 scholarship, and will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in biology. Kristen Chiasson, daughter of retired Lt. Col. Lou and Gayle Chiasson, and a graduate of Bel Air High School, will study engineering at Virginia Tech with \$750 received from MCSC. Andrea McDonough, daughter of John and Linda McDonough and a graduate of Edgewood High School, received \$750. She will major in theater and communications at Lycoming College. Aberdeen High graduate Raj Mahanti, son of Lt. Col. Bijoy and Carol Mahanti, will attend Harford Community College with the \$500 he was awarded.

The \$1,000 USPA&IRA scholarship was awarded to Alexander Jordan, son of Lt. Col. Robert and

Candice Jordan. Alex is currently studying mathematics at Reed College in Oregon.

The EA-OWC determined the recipient of a \$1,000 USPA&IRA scholarship, and awarded \$500 each to a full-time college student, a military spouse who is continuing her education, and two high school students.

The USPA&IRA scholarship went to Chiasson, who also was awarded funds by the MCSC. The college student scholarship was awarded to Kathryn Payne, a biology major at the University of Delaware and the daughter of Lt. Col. Joseph and



EA-OWC \$500 scholarship winners include military spouse recipient Terese Snyders and student Raj Mahanti. Not pictured are the college student winner Kathryn Payne, high school winner Adrien Libby, and the \$1,000 USPA&IRA recipient Kristen Chiasson.



Photos by SHEILA LITTLE

MCSC scholarship recipients include, from left, Raj Mahanti, \$500; Kristen Chiasson, \$750; Christopher Pajunas, \$1,000; and Andrea McDonough, \$750. Not pictured is Alexander Jordan, winner of the \$1,000 USPA&IRA scholarship.

Diane Payne. The military spouse scholarship went to Terese Snyders, wife of Marine SSgt. Joseph Snyders, who is majoring in management studies at the University of Maryland. Aberdeen High School graduate Adrien Libby, daughter of Col. Ned and Patricia Libby, will attend the Coast Guard Academy with \$500 from the EA-OWC.

Mahanti, also a recipient of an MCSC scholarship, received the other EA-OWC high school student scholarship.

The charitable donations and scholarship total for the EA-OWC and the MCSC this year is \$12,080.

The spouse clubs schedule no functions during the summer, but will hold welcoming events when the school year begins. Contact Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508, for EA-OWC information, and Amy Carlson, 410-273-0525, for information about MCSC.

EA Youth Center gives gift of security to children in need

YOUTH, from front page
a quilt with the children, Main said, she found the website for Project Linus while she was looking up quilts on the Internet.

Project Linus is a non-profit volunteer organization that donates handmade security blankets and quilts to children's hospitals or pediatric wards for seriously ill or traumatized children.

Named after the blanket-toting character from the "Peanut" comic strip, the project was conceived in 1995 by a Colorado woman who read an article about a little girl who kept a security blanket to help her through her chemotherapy treatments.

Since then, nearly 200 chapters across the country have delivered 50,000 blankets since the projects' inception.

The volunteer representative from the Baltimore Chapter of Project Linus was invited to the center to receive the quilt from the children.

Jill Malcolm of Forest Hill, who arrived at the center accompanied by her two young children, said she coordinates deliveries of quilts and blankets for the entire state.

"We pick up the quilts and deliver them to volunteer coordinators at hospitals," Malcolm said. "We've had 75 deliveries since January to the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins and Mount Washington's pediatrics centers."

Malcolm explained that as word of the project has spread

over the years, offers by volunteer groups have increased dramatically.

"We get knits, crochets, quilts and blankets. It's amazing. Every month I give away every blanket we receive," she said.

Although they are delighted to accept quilts from any organization, Malcolm said the most helpful groups are those with children involved.

Main said that children in the Aberdeen Area school-age program also made a quilt for Project Linus as part of their Promise Passport commitment.

"Site supervisor, Gail Weinstein showed them how to use fabric paints to create squares then fill them with decorations," Main said.

"Their other community activities have included visiting nursing homes and decorating grocery bags with recycling messages for Earth Day," she added.

Main singled out three young ladies who were key players in assembling Edgewood's quilt after it was finished.

"Nasia Sutton, Jessica Lang and Heather Davies were a great help in sewing the quilt together," Main said.

All three girls, who attend Edgewood Elementary School, said they enjoyed helping with the quilt and would like to make another one.

"Miss Renee showed me how to do the stitches," said Sutton, 7. "The best part about it is I know how to sew now."

Lang, an 11-year-old who also volunteers with Davies on the "Meals on Wheels" program, said she appreciated the learning aspect of the project and she since has completed a pillow and a larger quilt.

Davies, 10, said she is an avid volunteer who enjoys community projects.

"I helped make 500 valentines for a Valentines Day project and then I helped deliver them," Davies said. "I would really enjoy doing it again."

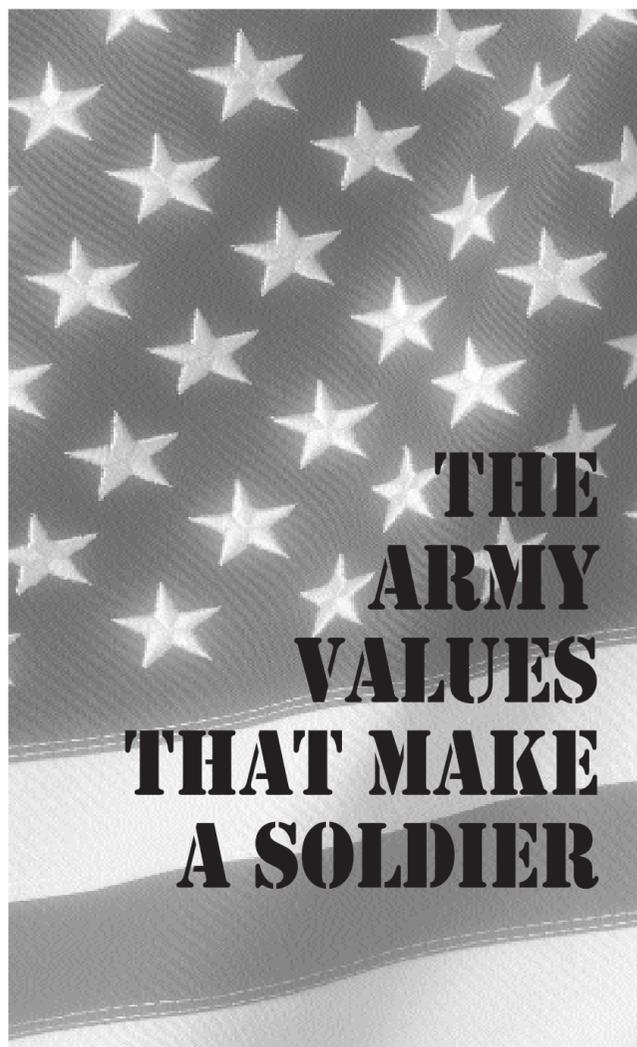
When asked what they would say to a child who received the quilt they worked on, Sutton piped "I would tell them I hope it makes you feel better."

Main, who has worked at the center since it opened seven years ago, said she thinks Promise Passport projects help children to appreciate people who are less fortunate than they are.

"They learn that you don't have to get paid for everything you do," Main said. "And it instills community pride."

The quilt since has been delivered to the Johns Hopkins Children's House in Baltimore, a residential home provided by the Grant-A-Wish Foundation for children undergoing treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Malcolm said the Edgewood Area quilt was officially recognized as the 100th one delivered to Johns Hopkins through Project Linus.



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Loyalty
Duty
Respect
Selfless-Service
Honor
Integrity
Personal Courage

Army Values

LOYALTY

Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other soldiers

Army Values

DUTY

Fulfill your obligations

Army Values

RESPECT

Treat people as they should be treated

Selfless Army Values

SERVICE

Put the welfare of the nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own

Army Values

HONOR

Live up to all the Army values

Army Values

INTEGRITY

Do what's right, legally and morally

Personal Army Values

PERSONAL COURAGE

Face fear, danger, or adversity

Preserving the past

Historians celebrate unearthing of relics from Old Baltimore

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Preservation Week in May was celebrated by the staff of the Cultural and Natural Resource Visitor/Learning Center with more enthusiasm than usual.

David Blick, the Cultural Resource Program manager in the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said the staff and personnel are excited over the "Old Baltimore" artifacts that have been unearthed at Aberdeen Proving Ground and are on display in the Victorian House, building 5650.

"We try to put some of what we find on display to encourage interest," Blick explained. "Old Baltimore is our biggest find and we're very excited about it."

Thomas W. Davis, an archaeologist with Goodwin and Associates, said what makes the find unique is its location, the condition of the artifacts and the pleasure of seeing something that they believed existed become a reality.

"Since the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Army has wanted to investigate the Old Baltimore site," Davis explained. "Once we got the funding and found the old boundaries, we went out to the survey area and began digging."

They dug holes in 14 acres, opening up 40 square meters of earth when they discovered the tavern house of James Phillips, a wealthy Baltimore landowner in the mid-17th century.

Davis said Phillips was in the top 10 percent of the economic elite in 1683 and was so essential to the region that when he died, the county seat moved.

"The best part is matching



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Sameena Nooruddin of the Victoria House staff, stands next to a wooden sash window dating from the 1920s. The windows were popular in buildings on post and many have lasted more than 50 years. Below, she displays a piece of horse tack that is part of the Old Baltimore find. The silver medallion, bit and bridle date back to the early 17th century.

materials to known individuals," Davis said. "For the upper bay region, this was one of the earliest settlements."

Of the 17,000 artifacts unearthed, officials said 90 percent of them date to the late 1600s. Ninety percent of the pottery and most of the house furnishings have European origin and the type of artifacts found indicate that Phillips grew tobacco and had a lot of livestock.

Norma Wagner, a professional archeologist and editor of the Harford County Archaeological Society newsletter, said some of their members are historians who knew there were Old Baltimore artifacts at APG.

"We've been waiting for years to see the Old Baltimore pieces. It's nice that the proving ground is actually collecting and sharing," Wagner said.

Davis said the area for the dig was located along the Bush River in a field full of unexploded ordnance. Along with cultural resources personnel, the group was joined by Aberdeen Test Center explosive ordnance disposal personnel.

"I've been working here since 1992 so I'm familiar with ordnance issues. You have to know



the difference between a cultural pit and a bomb crater," he said.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel G. Coates, of 1/158th Cavalry, 29th Aviation Brigade, and president of the Harford County Archaeological Society, said he plans to maintain interest in preservation that has swelled since the Old Baltimore find.

"We plan to open an Indian museum in Bel Air where we'll put in an existing collection of Indian artifacts and include hands-on type activities for chil-

dren," Coates said.

The Victorian House also contains numerous pieces detailing the cultural and natural history of the region, to include the architectural heritage display and a collection of mounted animals donated to the center by the widow of a local taxidermist.

To view the artifacts from the site of Old Baltimore or to learn more about preservation efforts at APG, call David Blick at 410-278-6756.

DoD's top research director to address high-performance computing workshop, set for June 28-July 1

An impressive slate of speakers led by Dr. Hans Mark, the Department of Defense's director for defense research and engineering, will visit Aberdeen Proving Ground to assist in a High-Performance Computing Workshop June 28-July 1.

Mark will share his views on more-effective applications of high-performance computing. He will be joined by other national leaders in the computer and testing fields who will participate in the workshop. In addition to featured speakers, the agenda includes papers from HPC organizations, test centers and ranges across national major range and test facility base.

Sponsors are working on this second annual workshop on HPC which will address real-time computer applications to solve urgent problems. The workshop is hosted by the International Test and Evaluation Association's (ITEA) Francis Scott Key Chapter in partnership with DoD's High Performance Computer Modernization Office, the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

Organizers said last year's inaugural workshop established a vital link between the HPC community and the testers in the field. The success of the initial meeting prompted a follow-on session to continue expansion and utilization of information age technologies.

The site for the 1999 workshop will be the Richlin Ballroom/Comfort Inn in Edgewood. Work sessions will feature papers on computer technology for signal

and image processing, high-level architecture applied to distributed simulation for force modeling, data acquisition and smart instrumentation, and synthetic environments.

This year's theme, "High Performance Computing for Real Time Applications," is designed to bring the latest computer science to the user in the field. Army, Air Force and Navy users will describe their computer applications which are making the test and evaluation job more efficient and effective. They also will have the opportunity to seek solutions to "real world" problems related to their test projects. Among these user agencies are the testers who require advanced computer technology to support "Virtual Proving Ground" methods.

The 1998 workshop brought together key people from the HPC and testing communities who shared ideas and laid the cornerstone for a bridge linking these communities. Appropriately, the logo for the workshop uses a suspension bridge (similar to the Susquehanna River bridge) with the sponsoring agencies linked around it. The '99 Workshop will further build and strengthen this bridge by stressing real-time high performance computing applications.

The formal program will be supported by one-day tutorials at Harford County's Higher Education and Applied Technology (HEAT) Center in Aberdeen.

For workshop information, contact Jeff Highland at TECOM, 410-278-1269, or visit the web site at <http://vt-gate.apg.army.mil/itea>.