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Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 12, is plastic, glass and metal. Put appropriate items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Focus on fitness set for May 19

Celebrate National Employees Health and Fitness Day, May 19 at both post Health and Fitness Centers.

Events at the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center will feature a three-mile fun run and two-mile walk to begin at 11:30 a.m. Medical professionals from Franklin Square Hospital and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be available answer questions.

Cholesterol screenings (\$8 fee) and free blood pressure checks also will be offered. A massage therapist and aerobics class demonstrations will be available. For one day only, renew or purchase a membership for six months or one year and receive a 20 percent discount. Advance sign-up for therapist and screenings are required.

The Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center will host a two-mile fun run, door prizes and a massage therapist. Free health screenings will include cholesterol screening by the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

For details on events, call 410-278-9725/9759.

Asian-Pacific luncheon is May 25

APG will sponsor the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month luncheon on May 25 at Top of the Bay. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Legacy." Tickets cost \$7.50 and are available from Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534; Sfc. Thomas Stephanie, 410-278-5598; Sfc. Herbert Johnson, 410-278-1053; Sfc. (P) James Davis, 410-278-7381; Gurdev Buttar, 410-278-4121; or Dr. Ming Shih, 410-436-1722.

ACS parenting classes coming up

A parenting class for parents of teens will be held Thursday evenings beginning May 13 through June 24, 6:30-8 p.m. "Learn to Communicate More Effectively as a Family" will be presented at Army Community Service, building 2754. Parenting classes for parents of school age children will be held on Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., from May 12-June 23. "Encourage your child to make responsible choices" will be presented at ACS. For details, call Peggy Horne, 410-278-4372/7474.

DVQ reservations transferred

Responsibility for reservations at Aberdeen and Edgewood DVQ's has been transferred to the Swan Creek Inn Billing Office. Direct all inquiries regarding availability of DVQ or reservations to the Swan Creek Inn reservations clerk or front desk manager at 410-278-5148/5149.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is still looking for a few good volunteers. A volunteer is needed at the Logistics Office at [See Post SHORTS, page 2](#)

Lessons from history

Gray, rainy day evokes historical reminder of Antietam's tragic toll

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The National Park Services' Civil War battlefield at Antietam lies in western Maryland, on the West Virginia border between Sharpsburg and Harper's Ferry.

Now a tranquil national park, Antietam is the site at which more Americans died in a single day than on any other day in history. It is the site, historians say, where the Union could have won the war much sooner; where six generals died on the same day; and where people still regard with amazement the tremendous loss of life.

This site was the destination for Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Headquarters Support Troops staff ride on April 23. Led by Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison comman-

der, and Maj. Earl J. Teeter, HST commander, two charter buses and one van departed APG before sunrise and arrived in Turner Gap shortly after 8 a.m.

Teeter, who also arranged a trip to Gettysburg last year, said the battlefield visits are designed to foster a sense of interest in the significance of Civil War battles in his soldiers.

"The staff ride is an integral part of our Army Values training program. Its purpose is to give the soldiers a sense of our lineage," Teeter said. "It's especially important to me that they come back with a newfound sense of who we are and where we've come from."

The group dismounted first in the parking lot of the Old South Mountain Inn for a brief [See ANTIETAM, page 14](#)



SSgt. James Gilbertson of the 389th Army Band looks at the headstones that mark the graves of the soldiers who died at Antietam.

Three POWs released

Army News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (May 3, 1999) — After 32 days of captivity in Yugoslavia, three 1st Infantry Division soldiers arrived back in Germany Sunday to a huge crowd of cheering supporters.

The three former prisoners of war disembarked from a C-9 "Nightingale" medevac aircraft at Ramstein Air Base late Sunday afternoon. They were escorted down the plane's ramp by the 1st Infantry Division commander, Maj. Gen. David Grange, as a screaming crowd waved small U.S. flags.

Earlier that day, the POWs had been released from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, into the hands of a religious delegation headed by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and U.S. Congressman Rod Blagojevich, a Serbian-American from Illinois. The group traveled overland from Belgrade into Croatia and then [See POW, page 4](#)

APG honors top volunteers

Value of service nearly \$1.5 million

By Sheila Little
APG News

The community gathered at Top of the Bay April 22 to honor the many volunteers who donate their time and expertise to Aberdeen Proving Ground each week, at the ninth annual APG Volunteer of the Year Recognition Ceremony.

The host for the evening, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U. S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and APG, said he was glad to have the opportunity to "recognize great people who have done great things."

He said more than 1,500 volunteers contributed more than 125,000 hours to APG and the surrounding community and schools, saving the post nearly \$1.5 million.

"They reach out and touch the children, the sick, and those in need," he said, noting that their



Photo by RALPH BROTH

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBC-COM, is presented a check for \$1,498,128, representing the value of the time donated by APG volunteers. Presenting the check are Carol Mahanti of the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, and Paula Meredith of the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop.

willingness to contribute "is the reason a lot of our services are still open today.

"The military family is noted for their strong commitment to their family and their community," he added, and concluded by reading a poem about how the

"Everyone came together to recognize a segment of our population that shies away from accepting personal credit," she said. "I am pleased to be a member of a community that acknowledges the donations of the volunteer."

The featured speaker of the evening was Bernadette Kovalsick, 1998 Volunteer of the Year in the retiree category.

"As a community, we are truly blessed," said Kovalsick as she surveyed the room of volunteers. She congratulated active duty volunteers for acting as mentors, and noted the contributions of retirees by noting "each day you volunteer, it gets brighter and brighter for the rest of us."

She described family members who donate their time to the community as "an incredible group of people," and thanked civilians for providing the stability for the community and "setting the standard" for volunteers.

As she described volunteers in the youth category as "our great-
[See VOLUNTEERS, page 3](#)

Wilson retires before crowd of 1,200 in Va.

By Bobbie Galford
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (April 29, 1999) — In a well-known role of teacher, mentor, leader and friend, Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson used his final moments as commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command April 26 to address his grandchildren in his retirement speech. He highlighted and underscored the history of the U.S. Army, the importance of dedicated service and the significance of freedom in America.

Lt. Gen. James M. Link, former AMC deputy commander, assumed command of AMC following Wilson's retirement, since the Senate had not yet confirmed the nomination of Lt. Gen. (P) John G. Coburn. Coburn, Army deputy chief of staff for logistics, was nominated by President Clinton to serve as AMC commanding general; he takes command on May 14. Wilson commanded AMC since March 1996. [See WILSON, page 4](#)

Ordnance flame burns bright after 187 years

By Lt. Col. J. Donald Hogge and Donna Trageser
U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School

Soldiers, airmen and Marines fill Fanshaw Field, as colors and streamers blow in the breeze as a bugler sounds each command. That will be the scene on Fanshaw Field on May 14, 2 p.m., as the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps celebrates its 187th anniversary of providing "Service to the line, on the line, on time."

Army Chief of Ordnance Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson is hosting this event. Brig. Gen. Russell A. Eggers, deputy commanding general for mobilization and training, will serve as commander of troops as the 61st Ordnance Brigade from Aberdeen Proving Ground and the 59th Ordnance Brigade from Redstone Arsenal, Ala., form up in front of the Ordnance Bomb and the state flags on the field. Music will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

The Anniversary Review is the major public celebration of the Corps' birthday. Ordnance Week activities will kick off at the Ordnance [See ORDNANCE, page 14](#)

Celebrate Armed Forces Day with parade, 5K run

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Harford County community will team up once again for the annual Armed Forces Day celebration on May 22.

The event will feature music, a parade, a fun run, antique military vehicles, a flea market and other community-oriented activities.

The Armed Forces Day celebration will begin at 9 a.m. with a 5-kilometer Fun Run, starting at the APG Athletic Center. To register for the run, which is free, call Darlene Ostroski, 410-272-1600. Race-day registration will be held from 8-8:45 a.m.

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., those with an interest in history should [See AFD, page 7](#)

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Summer concert scheduled

Lynyrd Skynyrd will perform on post July 17 at Shine Sports Field, the band's second performance here this decade. For story and ticket information, [see page 7.](#)

Post to collect data on possible radiation using Aerial Measurement System

By George Mercer
TECOM Public Affairs Office

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Installation Restoration Program will use a helicopter-transported Aerial Measurement System to characterize possible radiation emissions on post in a series of flyovers starting May 10.

John Paul, an environmental protection specialist in the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said the system is a cost-effective, quick way of collecting data to allow the

IRP to characterize and assess potential radiological contamination.

"The AMS provides two specific benefits to APG," Paul said. "First, it gives us the ability to survey the entire study area with no gaps in coverage. We wouldn't be able to achieve that result with any other system.

"It also measures the full spectrum of gamma radiation, allowing us to determine which radionuclides are present at the surface," he said.

Paul said the AMS will be flown at an altitude of 150 feet to provide the required detector sensitivity.

"The data we take from this survey will allow us to determine if there are any previously unidentified sources of radiological contamination and may be used in other analyses," Paul said.

The overflight will be conducted by the Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, and Bechtel Nevada's Remote Sensing Laboratory.

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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.

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.

HCC Summer 1999 schedule

The Harford Community College APG Summer Session starts on June 1, 1999. Many classes are available on Main Campus as well as those offered at APG. Summer/Fall schedules are now available in the APG office located in building 3146, next to the Army Education Center. Register early. For more information, call 410-272-2338.

June-July 1999

ENG 101, English Composition, 6-8:50 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, building 5442

CJ 207, Criminal Investigation, 6-8:50 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, building 5442

SPCH 101, Speech Fundamentals, 6-8:50 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, building 5442

ENG 209, Technical Writing, 6-8:50 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, building 5442

CIS 102, Intro Information Sciences, 6-8:50 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, building 3145

Speak for yourself

The HARCO Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Giovanni's Restaurant, at 7 p.m. Giovanni's Restaurant is located on 2101 Pulaski Highway (Route 40), Edgewood. This is a world-wide program devoted exclusively to training in better speaking, listening, evaluating and leadership skills. For more information, call 410-272-5128 or 410-679-8453. Upcoming meetings will be held May 6 and 20, and June 3 and 17.

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.

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.

Get info on Blue Cross plan

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG on Tuesday, May 11, 9-11:30 a.m. in

building 305, room B-14 (lower level), and building E-4420, 12:30-1:30 p.m., to discuss claims problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

Boothby Hill Road closed May 19

Boothby Hill Road, between Aberdeen Boulevard and Bel Air Street, will be closed to traffic on Wednesday, May 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., to conduct a spill exercise. Motorists are advised to choose alternate routes during that period.

Change in EA badge section

Effective May 4, the Badge/ID Section of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security in the Edgewood Area, building E-4420, room 109, will be open on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays. For more information, call Edward Davis, 410-278-3821.

Female softball players, coaches

A group is trying to organize a female softball league for all active duty, civilian employees and active-duty dependents ages 16 and older. Those interested in playing or coaching can contact the Sports Office at 410-278-4497, or Carmen Hammond, 410-278-1810. Active duty unit will receive Commander's Cup points for participation.

Community yard sales planned

The Community Life Mayoral Program will sponsor Community Yard Sales in housing areas in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas during June. The Aberdeen Area yard sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Loop. All family housing residents are invited to participate. The rain date is Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13. The Edgewood Area yard sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Participating housing areas include Lee Court, Mobile Home Park, Everett Road, Scully Road, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive and Austin Road.

Yard sales can be held weekends between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Signs announcing the sale may be erected in the vicinity on the day of the sale. They may not be affixed to traffic signs, utility poles, trees, lamp poles or fences; they should be placed on wooden stakes and placed in the ground. Residents must remove signs and police the area. Advertise for a yard sale on bulletin boards at the PX, Commissary, Shoppette (contact manager for approval), or off-post publications.

Send in soup labels to CDC, schools

The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, Aberdeen Middle School and Edgewood Elementary School collect Campbell's Soup labels to redeem for equipment to be used by children enrolled at the center. Eligible products include: Campbell's bean products; chunky, condensed, Home Cookin' and Healthy Request soups; Campbell's tomato juices; Franco-American gravies, SpaghettiO's; Pace Picante; Pepperidge Farm products; V8 juices; Swanson products; and Prego spaghetti sauces. The schools are collecting Klein's Supermarket receipts and Campbell's labels. Klein's is running a "Computers Plus for Schools" program through May 25. Pink register receipts are issued to all customers. The small portion with the total cost of groceries is needed, so the schools can redeem receipts for free computers, audio-visual equipment, software, books and sports equipment.

Drop off labels at the AA CDC, building 2485, at the box in the lobby. Call Kim Fillingner at 410-278-9950 or 410-939-5950 for details. For schools, send labels and receipts by June 1 to Aberdeen Middle School, ATTN: PTA, 111 Mount Royal Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001 (call Rose Ann Spieles, 410-272-6308); or Edgewood Elementary School, ATTN: PTA, 2100 Cedar Dr., Edgewood, MD 21040 (call Kathy Shrontz, 410-612-0444).

CA UPATE

Important dates for those affected by CA

In the latest news, to prepare for the proposed reduction-in-force (RIF) resulting from the CA Study, the garrison has established cutoff dates for actions that affect employees' retention standing. All APG Garrison employees should be aware of the following dates:

- May 14, cutoff for receipt of employee updates/corrections to Official Personnel File; **and**, cutoff for receipt of appraisals in the Civilian Personnel Operations Center;
- May 23, cutoff for permanent personnel actions;
- May 24, personnel action freeze begins.

Due to the personnel action freeze, only temporary actions may be processed. Career ladder promotions will be processed on a temporary basis during the freeze and will require the supervisor to submit a request to make the promotion permanent after the proposed RIF effective date. Any request to fill a position on a permanent basis during the freeze must be approved by the commander and the RIF team.

To review your Official Personnel File, call 410-278-1524. For any other questions regarding the above actions, call Lora Winkowski at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-8836.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison is nearing the end of the evaluation stage of the Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities package of the Commercial Activities Study. The many variables involved in the evaluation process make it difficult to pinpoint an exact date this far in advance (there may not be an actual date until one or two days before the announcement!), but as the end of the evaluation process nears, the CA Team will narrow the timeframe as best we can.

The current projected timeframe for the announcement is May 17-28. Stay tuned - we will update and refine the dates each week, right there in the CA Update.

Q: If you do not take a Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) when it is offered, but after receiving a reduction-in-force (RIF) notice that you have lost your job or been downgraded, but do not want to accept that, can you take a VERA then or do you have to wait until you're 62? Can you still take it if you don't like a "reasonable job offer"? If you can't take the VERA if you lose your job, do you get Discontinued Service Retirement instead? Are they equal in benefits?

A: Current DoD policy does not permit VERA if you are in receipt of a RIF notice. You may be eligible for Discontinued Service Retirement (DSR) provided you have not been offered a position within two grades of your current position (reasonable offer). DSR and VERA both allow employees to retire if they meet early eligibility requirements, e.g. 50 years of age with 20 years service or 25 years of service at any age. DSR is considered to be an involuntary action and cannot be accompanied by Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP). VERA is voluntary and may be accompanied by VSIP.

Q: If I apply to the Priority Placement Program (PPP), can I specify that there is a specific organization I do not want to work for? (I worked for a tenant on post a few years ago that I would refuse to ever work with again because of difficulty with specific supervisors.) If I cannot specify that I do not want to work with that organization, and end up with an offer over there, what happens if I refuse that offer? Do I get penalized for not wanting to work for them?

A: Registration in PPP requires you to designate areas by installation as a minimum. You cannot designate preference within an installation. If you decline a position while you are in receipt of a RIF notice, your entitlement to severance pay will be terminated if the offer is within two grades of your current grade.

For CA updates, call the CA Hotline at 410-278-9461

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RETIREE UPDATE

Retiree Update

Don Santos, military service coordinator, Veterans Administration, Regional Office, Baltimore, is at APG several times a month. He can assist you with paperwork and/or questions on veterans issues and benefits. His office is located in building 310 wing 3B, 410-278-2388. No appointment is necessary.

VA Disability Compensation

Monetary benefits, called disability compensation, are paid to veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service. The service of the veteran must have been terminated through separation or discharge under conditions that were other than dishonorable. Disability compensation varies with the degree of disability and the number of dependents, and is paid monthly. The benefits are not subject to federal or state income tax. The payment of military retirement pay, disability severance pay and separation incentive payments known as SSB and VSI (Special Separation Benefits and Voluntary Separation Incentives) also affects the amount of VA compensation paid.

Burial restrictions pass House

H.R. 70, the Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, recently passed the House by a vote of 428-2. The

bill is designed to ensure that only veterans, who qualify under the strict criteria, are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. The bill would modify existing Army regulations and eliminate waivers entirely. The bill now moves to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee for consideration. Last year an identical bill passed the House but was not acted upon by the Senate.

Replacing military records

If discharge or separation papers are lost, duplicate copies may be obtained by contacting the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Specify that a duplicate separation document or discharge is needed. The veteran's full name should be printed or typed so that it can be read clearly, but the request also must contain the signature of the veteran or the signature of the next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. Include branch of service, service number or Social Security number and exact or appropriate dates and years of service. Use Standard Form 180, "Request Pertaining to Military Records", available from VA offices or at the VA forms web site (<http://www.va.gov/forms>). It is not necessary to request a duplicate copy of a veteran's discharge or separation papers solely for the purpose of filing a claim for VA benefits. If complete information about the veteran's service is furnished on the appli-

cation, VA will obtain verification of service from the National Personnel Records Center or the service department concerned. In a medical emergency, information from a veteran's records may be obtained by phoning the appropriate service: Army, (314) 538-4261; Air Force, (314) 538-4243; Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, (314) 538-4141. The nationwide toll-free number for the Department of Veterans Affairs is 1-800-827-1000; hearing impaired-TDD 1-800-829-4833.

Subvention agreement urged

Recently, the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees held a joint hearing to consider issues. One issue receiving attention was that of VA Subvention. Subvention is the concept that Medicare should reimburse VA hospitals for providing additional care to older Medicare-eligible veterans, including military retirees, for non-service connected illnesses or injuries. The committees were strongly urged by a spokesman for The Retired Officers Association (TROA) to agree on the design of a test for VA Subvention as soon as possible.

Commissary use doubles

The last Congress doubled the number of annual visits Reservists, National Guard, and gray-area retirees (younger than 60) can

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Simmons accepts CHPPM command

By Laura L. Ryan
CHPPM Public Affairs Office

Col. Dennis J. Fringeli passed command responsibility for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine to Brig. Gen. Bettye H. Simmons on April 22. Simmons is the third general officer to command the center since its redesignation on Aug. 1, 1994.

The ceremony was held at the Edgewood Area's McBride Parade Field and featured the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command, hosted the ceremony. He thanked Fringeli, who had served as interim commander for the past four months, saying Fringeli had "exceeded his demand in every respect and moved the organization forward."

He then congratulated Simmons on her new command.

"She's a proven leader who did a magnificent job as FORSCOM surgeon," he remarked.

Fringeli, who is retiring, began by recognizing his wife and thanking her for her support. He then acknowledged the officers and soldiers participating in the ceremony and the 389th Army Band.

"When I took command on December 1 from

Brigadier General (Patrick D.) Sculley, I knew it was going to be for a short period of time," he said. "General Blanck, I want to thank you for giving me one last opportunity to be all that I can be by entrusting me with this command.

"As I stated when I took command, if I am to be successful it will be because of our work force comprising military, civilians and professional associates," he said. "My leadership style is to always hold to the principle to trust the people. I put the people first and they saw to it that we accomplished the mission."

"We are not what I consider a 'Hooah' organization, but more of a 'Dooah' organization. We are committed to our vision of being a world-class center of excellence for achieving and maintaining a fit, healthy, and ready force," he said. "It is the people here that make a difference to the Army and our nation. I want to say to them today, you made it a real honor to be your commander."

He also introduced Simmons and asked "that you give your support to her in meeting the challenges ahead and doing what we do best, which is protecting our soldiers from recognized health threats in order for them to perform their missions."

Simmons is a native of San Antonio, Texas. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from

Incarnate Word College and a master's degree in nursing from the University of Texas. She entered active duty in 1971 through the Army Student Nurse Program. She is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

She was appointed chief, Army Nurse Corps in December 1995 and still retains that position. Her last assignment was command surgeon, U.S. Army Forces Command. Previous assignments include deputy installation commander for Fort Sam Houston, Texas; deputy commander, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School; chief nurse, Army Medical Command, and designated consultant to The Surgeon General for Nursing Administration.

"It is my privilege to have the opportunity to lead THE organization that has the AMEDD (Army Medical Department) lead on revitalizing environmental and occupational health and evolving health promotion and preventive medicine within our great Army," she said.

"My closing thought is to ask you to remember the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and civilian personnel deployed around the world in support of our great nation and ask that you say a special prayer that God's power will protect them and his presence watch over them," she said.



Photo by W. BEN BUNGER III

Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck hands the guidon of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine to Brig. Gen. Bettye H. Simmons during the ceremony April 22.

APG highlights contributions of volunteers

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est resource," she urged community residents to continue to encourage the efforts of young volunteers.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, commander of APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, served as master of ceremonies, and recognized U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 13-04, represented by Col. (Ret.) Charles M. Shadle, for donating more than 4,000 hours in the past year to the post boating safety program. The organization was presented with a plaque for its efforts in promoting safety through instruction and practice.

He also read the names of the 24 community organizations which submitted volunteer hours donated. They are: American Red Cross, Army Community Service, Army Family Team Building, Aberdeen High School, Boy Scouts of America, Chapel Activities, the post Child Development Centers, the Community Recreation Division, Community Life Mayoral Program, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Installation Volunteer Office, Military and Civilian Spouses Club, Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club, Roye-Williams Elementary School, the



Photos by RALPH BROTH

Bernadette Kovalsick talks about service to the community to the audience at the April 22 ceremony to honor APG's volunteers.

post Thrift Shops, AA and EA Youth Services, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School and the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

Volunteer of the Year winners were announced in five categories: military, family member,

retiree, civilian and youth.

Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, nominated by OC&S and Roye-Williams Elementary School, was announced as the military volunteer of the year. A soldier who said he has donated time at other posts, Posadas said APG is the first place he was stationed that made an effort to recognize the efforts of active duty military.

"It makes me want to volunteer even more," he said, adding that he hopes the recognition will encourage other soldiers.

His son Christian, 24, a private first class stationed in Korea, is anticipating an upcoming APG assignment.

"He's already looking forward to helping me in the community," said his father. Consciously spreading the volunteer spirit, Posadas added that when he volunteers in the APG community, his younger son Patrick, 8, "is always with me."

Also nominated were SSgt. Howard Byerley, SSgt. Robert Egem, Lt. Col. Robert English,

Spc. Robel Fink, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Timothy Goodwin, Sfc. Joey Henry, SSgt. Pat Nyberg, Sgt. Melroy Simmons, Sfc. Harry Shuron, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joe Wurm and Sfc. Victor Volpi.

Renee Swanson was named the winner in the family member category. Nominated by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the American Red Cross, Swanson was one of 19 family members nominated.

Swanson, honored in part for managing an early-morning volunteer stint before reporting to her full-time job, said she was pleased to be recognized "because my daughter realizes that it's important to help others, and she is encouraged to follow in my footsteps."

"I know that what I do makes a difference and I believe in my heart that I am doing the right thing," she added.

Also nominated were Concetta Beardsley, Amy Carlson, Alice Galleos, Maggie Hardy, Lisa Haskett, Barbara Layton, Carol Mahanti, Paula Meredith, Mary Nieves, Anne Nolan, Marlene Powell, Debbie Pellissier, Sandy Rodrigues, Anneliese Rogers, Evelyn Rosebrock, Victoria Romero, Florencio Seganday and Paul Smith.

In the retiree category, Maj. (Ret.) Howard Beardsley won, nominated by Boy Scout Troop 429. Beardsley was one of five nominees.

Beardsley was honored for his contributions to Boy Scout Troop 429 and Troop 169. Also recognized for his work in the local schools, Beardsley said he was "honored and very surprised" to receive the award. Aware of the contributions of others in the room, Beardsley said he "wasn't expecting" to be so honored.

All those nominated in the category were former military personnel, and included SSgt. (Ret.) Sandra Burdick, Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Sylvester Lee, Sfc. (Ret.) Michael O'Hern, and Sfc. (Ret.) Terry Perkins.

Civilian honors went to Aberdeen Youth Center volunteer



Maj. (Ret.) Howard Beardsley
Volunteer of the Year
Retiree Category



Renee Swanson
Volunteer of the Year
Family Member Category



Terri Jenkins
Volunteer of the Year
Civilian Category



Christina Kovalsick
Volunteer of the Year
Youth Category

Terri Jenkins. As a coach of girls basketball, soccer, baseball and softball, she has been an active volunteer at the center for four years. Jenkins said it was great to "get something extra for doing what I really enjoy."

Thanking the youth center staff, headed by sports coordinator Bill Kegley, Jenkins acknowledged their support, saying, "I couldn't do what I do without them," and added that her husband often volunteers as her assistant.

Also nominated in the civilian category was chapel volunteer Cathy Day.

Christina Kovalsick, 11, was named the APG Youth Volunteer of the Year. The Post Chapel nominated her for her work with younger children who attend the chapel and recognized the additional hours she donates to Army Family Team Building and Edgewood Elementary School.

Proving that children often follow in the footsteps of their parents, Christina is the daughter of previous winner Bernadette Kovalsick. Admitting that the recognition is nice, Christina said she finds volunteering "fun," and truly enjoys "giving back to the community."

The youngest volunteer so honored, Christina has been volunteering since age 7. Although unable to qualify for the free parking pass issued to more mature honorees, Christina also received a certificate, plaque, Commander's Coin, savings bond and gift certificate.

The other youth nominees were Micah Baham, Daniel



Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas
Volunteer of the Year
Military Category

Layman, Victoria Robago, Megan Spieles and Jerome Wing.

After the volunteers were recognized, Doesburg accepted a check on behalf of APG for \$1,498,128, the amount the community saved through volunteer contributions.

Spidel concluded his remarks for the evening by thanking singer Erica Martinez, an Aberdeen High School student, and the APG Cheerleaders, led by Lucinda McDowell. He acknowledged cadets from the Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy for serving as ushers, and thanked the APG Commissary, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Recreation Center, Civilian Welfare Fund, Six Flags and Circuit City for their donations.

A post-sponsored reception was held following the program.

To become a post volunteer, call Alice Surette, 410-278-5469.



At top, the APG Youth Services cheerleaders perform; above, Erica Martinez performs a song at the ceremony.

KUSAHC enhances benefit for TRICARE Prime enrollees

Effective May 1, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will enhance the TRICARE Prime benefit for Prime enrollees at APG.

Beginning in May, TRICARE Prime enrollees who experience an urgent medical problem may call 1-888-999-5195 for an urgent care appointment, Monday-Saturday and 410-278-1725 on Sunday and avoid long waits for medical attention. Hours for the Acute Minor Illness Clinic are from noon-8 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

An added enhancement for permanent party active duty is availability of appointments with their Primary Care Manager by calling 1-888-999-5195 from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. This enhancement is intended to replace sick call for permanent party active duty. Student sick call hours, 6-8 a.m. on weekdays, will remain unchanged.

Patients who have not already elected to become TRICARE Prime enrollees should consider enrolling immediately to guarantee priority access to Kirk. In keeping with Title 10, United States Code, Section

1097 (C) as revised by Section 712 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996, TRICARE Prime enrollees receive priority access to care in Military Treatment Facilities.

As Kirk's capacity for TRICARE Prime enrollees continues to fill, space-available health care will diminish proportionately. Non-TRICARE Prime patients soon will experience increased waiting times and depending on their medical condition, may need to use their non-prime option. True emergencies that threaten life or limb will be seen immediately regard-

less of TRICARE enrollment status.

If you have not already done so, make arrangements to enroll in TRICARE Prime today. Enrolling in TRICARE Prime will guarantee you priority access to Kirk and to the military health care system. The TRICARE Service Center, 1-888-999-5195, located at 1202 Technology Drive, Suite B, Aberdeen, and the TRICARE Liaison Office, 410-278-1881, at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, are waiting to assist you in completing a TRICARE Prime enrollment form.

Army salutes Wilsons for nearly four decades of military service

WILSON, from front page

More than 1,200 people turned out to say farewell at Fort Myer, Va., and Army Chief of Staff Dennis J. Reimer, aid it was the largest crowd known to be assembled for a retirement ceremony on that installation. Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Togo D. West attended the retirement. Also attending were Texas Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz; Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera; Deputy Secretary of Defense John J. Hamre; Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology) Dr. Jacques S. Gansler; Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) Rudy de Leon; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. and Mrs. Henry H. Shelton; former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff retired Gen. and Mrs. John M. Shalikashvili, and Alma Powell, wife of retired Gen. Colin Powell, among many others.

Wilson used the retirement ceremony as an opportunity to express his appreciation to his family, colleagues, employees, staff and friends for their support to him over his 37 years of soldiering. He also explained to his grandchildren the significance of the retirement ceremony and the current and past roles of "Pershing's Own," the U.S. Army Band; the "Old Guard" soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry; the Fife and Drum Corps; the Commander-in-Chief's Guard; and the Continental Color Guard, all of whom participated in the ceremony. Wilson ensured his grandchildren understood the ceremony was "far more than just a parade."

Reimer reflected on Wilson's career, his dedicated service to the country, his efforts to improve the Army and the country.

"He never backed away from tough issues," Reimer said. "You could count on him to choose a harder right instead of an easier wrong."

Reimer continued by saying that Wilson's contributions to the Army and the country will stand the test of time.



Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson and his wife, Helen, salute the flag during the general's retirement ceremony.

"The Army is better because of Johnnie Wilson," Reimer said.

Wilson, one of 12 children, began his Army career in 1961 at the age of 17 when he enlisted from a recruiting station in Lorain, Ohio. He attained the rank of staff sergeant before attending Officer Candidate School. After completing OCS in 1967, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps.

He was awarded a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also holds a master's degree in logistics management from Florida Institute of Technology. His military education includes completion of the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Wilson held a wide variety of command and staff positions during his career, including commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground's U.S. Army

Ordnance Center and School. He also served as deputy chief of staff for logistics, Department of the Army, Pentagon; chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command; deputy commanding general, 21st Theater Army Area Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army; commander, 13th Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas; and commander, Division Support Command, 1st Armored Division, U.S. Army Europe.

Wilson commanded three times at the company level: a maintenance company in the 82nd Airborne Division as a first lieutenant, followed by command of a supply and services company in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and a maintenance company with the 1st Armored Division in

Europe. At the lieutenant colonel level, Wilson commanded the 709th Maintenance Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash., which converted and became the Army's first Main Support Battalion. He commanded twice at the colonel level serving as the DISCOM commander of the 1st Armored Division followed by command of the 13th Support Command at Fort Hood, Texas.

In saying goodbye, Wilson said it had been his honor and privilege to serve the nation, beside the best soldiers on earth, for nearly 38 years.

"Soldiering requires respect, doing what is right and protecting all that our nation stands for," Wilson said. "Taking the oath to 'support and defend the Constitution of the United States' is indeed a higher purpose. There are few higher callings than to be able to follow in the footsteps of soldiers past, but it is now my time to go."

(Editor's note: Bobbie Galford is a member of the AMC Public Affairs Office.)



Photo by Arthur McQueen, USAREUR PAO

On May 2 in Landstuhl, Germany, Spc. Steven Gonzales, left, and SSgt. Andrew Ramirez have nothing but smiles for well-wishers from the balcony of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Three POWs released

POW, from front page

boarded a plane to Ramstein.

SSgt. Christopher J. Stone, SSgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, and Spc. Steven M. Gonzales — were taken to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. One soldier lost 10 pounds while in captivity, a medical authority said. All three showed evidence of minor injuries, such as cuts and bruises sustained while in captivity. Officials said the bruises were not the same ones seen on CNN in a clip from a Serbian television report following the soldiers' capture.

The three were serving with B Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment on patrol near the Macedonia-Yugoslav border when taken hostage March 31. They were patrolling in a High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, and after being separated from the rest of their convoy, they radioed that they were being fired upon and requested assistance. By the time friendly forces arrived, the three were nowhere to be found. At Ramstein, they greeted the cheering crowd, walked briskly to a waiting Black Hawk helicopter, waved to the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his delegation of religious leaders and then flew off to Landstuhl.

(Compiled in part from a radio report by U.S. Army Europe's Diana Dawa, who was on the ground at Ramstein.)

Holocaust memories

Speaker shares tale of tragedy, triumph

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

"As we seek to learn from these tragic lessons of the past, let us resolve to work together to build a future where peace, tolerance, and understanding drive away the shadows of violence, prejudice, and ignorance."
- President William J. Clinton

In 1980, Congress directed the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council to "lead the nation in civic commemorations of the holocaust, called Days of Remembrance, and to encourage appropriate remembrance observations throughout the country."

The annual Days of Remembrance observances for Aberdeen Proving Ground were held April 20. Regina Spiegel, a Holocaust survivor, and Carolyn Tebo, a Holocaust historian, were

the speakers for both ceremonies.

The remembrance theme for this year commemorates the 60th anniversary of the voyage of the SS St. Louis, an ocean liner carrying 937 Jewish refugees, that was forced to return to Europe after being denied entry to Cuba and the United States. It also acknowledges the Survivors Registry of the Holocaust Memorial Council, which has begun official inquiries into the fate of the St. Louis passengers.

At the Post Theater, Spiegel and Tebo were welcomed by mistress of ceremonies Annette Renard of the Simulation and Technology Division, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, and Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander.

Spidel noted the importance of commemorating the Holocaust and the similarities between it and current events taking

place in Europe.

"We need to remember the sufferings of the Holocaust victims as an impetus to preventing this tragedy from happening again," Spidel said. "Today, more than half a century after the end of World War II, we are seeing a grotesque display of man's inhumanity to man in the Balkans."

Tebo, who developed the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museums' Speakers Bureau, introduced Spiegel with a touching story about two families who sailed to Cuba aboard the SS St. Louis and what became of them upon their return to a Nazi-controlled Europe. The documentation and reconstruction of these stories demonstrates the Holocaust Memorial Museums' commitment to learning the fate of as many St. Louis survivors as possible. Tebo said.

She concluded by preparing

the audience for Spiegel's talk.

"I can tell you she is a warm and loving woman," Tebo said. "Regina carries a message of power."

Spiegel announced that she was celebrating one of her two birthdays that day.

"Holocaust survivors have two birthdays," she explained. "The day we were born and the day we were liberated."

She gave a heartfelt thanks to U.S. soldiers for the part they played in defeating Nazi Germany.

"First, I want to thank the American Army," Spiegel said. "If that war would have lasted much longer, I don't think any of us would have survived."

Spiegel explained that despite what she went through, she does not include all Germans in one category when she speaks on the war because many Germans suffered as much as the Jews.

"I refer to the Nazi party," Spiegel said, "those people who joined willingly and enjoyed what they did."

Spiegel moved the audience with passionate recollections of her experiences during the Holocaust. She recalled the day the Nazis overran her small town in Poland as the day her childhood ended. She told of being forced into a barbed wire-enclosed ghetto, of having to wear stars identifying them as Jews, on their clothing, and of losing her sister and infant nephew in a work camp when they were shot for trying to escape.

"I became prisoner number 14641," Spiegel said, referring to her prisoner tattoo. "To this day, I never took it off. Because I never feel ashamed. I felt the people who put it on me should feel ashamed."

The good thing that came out of the work camps was that she met her future husband.



"Holocaust survivors have two birthdays. The day we were born and the day we were liberated."

- Regina Spiegel, a Holocaust survivor, and guest speaker at APG's Days of Remembrance Ceremony



Photos by RALPH BROTH

Following the ceremony, participants pose for a photo. From left are Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, Holocaust survivor Regina Spiegel, Holocaust historian Carolyn Tebo, Rabbi Seymour Essrog, and Sfc. Shelton Torbert, post equal opportunity advisor.

At the Edgewood Area ceremony, Spiegel was welcomed by Joseph Zarzycki, technical director of the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center.

She added that she was delighted by the introductory remarks by Gary Resnick, director of Research and Technology at the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Resnick read an introduction written by his 11-year-old son, which presented Spiegel as "a person who went into the depths of man's treachery and survived," and cautioned listeners to be more

tolerant of each other."

"When we hate because others are different," he read, "it is not them but you who will lose."

Each ceremony was marked by a traditional candle-lighting ceremony, which pays homage to the memories of those who lost their lives in concentration camps.

Participating in the ceremony at the Aberdeen Area was Rabbi Seymour Essrog, who lit the candles with students from South Hampton Middle School.

At the Edgewood Area, Spiegel lit the candles with assistance from Zarzycki.

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park offers fun for entire family

By Sheila Little
APG News

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park, featuring go-karts, batting cages and miniature golf, will offer fun for every day of the week beginning May 17. At that time the facility will add the hours of 5:30-10 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

Currently open weekends, the site features activities that appeal to people of all ages. Current hours are Fridays, 5:30 p.m.-mid-

night, Saturdays, 1 p.m.-midnight, and Sundays 1-8 p.m.

"The go-karts are our most popular attraction," said Dave Brewner, manager of the facility. "Everyone seems to enjoy driving them around the track."

Air Force Col. Conell Jones, visits Chesapeake Challenge on a regular basis with Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Northwestern High School in Baltimore.

"This is the highlight of their

visit," said Jones as he motioned toward the activities at the facility. He said the students enjoy 18-hole miniature golf and the challenge of the batting cages, before lining up to ride the go-karts.

"The Army provides most of the support in the area for these cadets, and Aberdeen Proving Ground is 'the' place as far as these high schoolers are concerned," he said.

As the cadets finished an afternoon of activities, they stopped by the snack bar for nachos and hot dogs before heading to the post dining facility.

"They also love to eat," Jones added with a smile.

A five-minute ride around the quarter-mile track is \$3 per person. Although children must be at least 54 inches high to drive a cart around the track, Brewner has several two-seat carts, making it possible for parents to accompany the younger children on a ride.

The safety-conscious manager requires all customers to observe the rules and regulations, and urges them to "come out and have fun."

Five batting cages, with helmets and bats available, can help customers who wish to improve their batting skills. The cages offer both slow- and fast-pitch softball, and several speed selections for baseball. The price is 50 cents for a 12-pitch token.

Sfc. Richard McCarthy brought his family out for an afternoon of fun at the park. Wife Mia and daughter Evelyn, 7, were interested spectators, while dad offered batting tips to his son, Anthony, 10, who is enjoying his second year of organized ball and wanted to prepare for an upcoming game.

"We're trying to work on his batting form, and this is the perfect place for it," said McCarthy, who is assigned to the U.S. Army

Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and plays on the MRICD softball team.

He also has practiced his swing at the park, he added.

"I like this place just as much as the kids," he said.

Putting around

An 18-hole miniature golf course offers fun for everyone in the family. The price is \$1 for ages 5 and under, \$3 for all other participants. Sam Spinder, an inactive reservist and Baltimore County school teacher, attempted a game of miniature golf with his young children.

"We really enjoy coming here," said the Abingdon resident, as he helped 4 year-old David learn to hit the ball, while keeping track of Katie, a very active 18-month-old. "It's a great way to spend a fun afternoon."

Anita Brunke brought four exuberant 9- and 10-year-old boys to Chesapeake Challenge as part of a birthday celebration. Speed was more important than finesse, as the party raced through 18 holes and lined up for go-kart rides.

Parties available

"Chesapeake Challenge is available for birthday and other parties," said Brewner, adding that parties are scheduled from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., before the park opens to the general public. Picnic tables are available, and the host can supplement the refreshment stand menu, which offers hot dogs, nachos, chips, soft drinks and snow cones.

"The park is conveniently located behind the APG Commissary," Brewner said. "I encourage all ages to check out what we have to offer."

Call 410-278-9920 for more information.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

David Spinder, 4, considers fatherly advice while working his way around the Chesapeake Challenge Miniature Golf Course.

YOUTH UPDATE

Ms. Norma's sports schedule

Registration for youth golf and tennis lessons started May 1. Cost is \$30 per person. Registration packets are available at Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, on Scully Road. Spaces are guaranteed only through completed registration. Golf classes will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting June 29. The classes will conclude with a tournament during the second week of August. Youth ages 7 and older are eligible to participate. Class size is limited. Tennis classes will run Monday and Wednesday mornings starting June 28. The classes will conclude with a tournament in August. Youth ages 7 and older are eligible to participate.

A Whitewater Rafting Trip is slated for June 19, an outdoor adventure for first-time paddlers. The trip to Harper's Ferry, W.Va., will offer a full day of excitement. Cost is \$20 for youth, \$30 for parents (on a space-available basis). Registration starts May 17. Space is limited, so register early.

Registration for Fall Soccer will run from May 25 to June 25. Cost is \$30 per person. Ages 4 and older are eligible.

For more information about sports, call Ms. Norma at the Edgewood Youth Center, 410-436-2172.

Ms. Dee's Delights

The D.J. Club meets Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Learn to set up, operate and troubleshoot D.J. equipment and more.

Teen Council meetings will be held May 11 and 25, 6 p.m. The May 11 meeting will cover future activities; the May 25 meeting will address July's teen leadership conference.

Mother's Day Ice Cream Sundae Special will be held May 8; cost is \$1.25. Moms pay only 50 cents for a sundae

A teen meeting will be held May 13, 6 p.m. Teens will discuss community concern for the Teen Symposium, scheduled for May 19 and 20.

Pizza Night will be held May 15; cost is \$2. Domino's to the rescue, as we order out and dig in to the pizza!

The APG Teen Symposium will be held May 19-20 at Top Of The Bay. Teen representatives will discuss concerns voiced in the May 13 meeting and work toward solutions.

Five-on-five basketball will be held May 22, for ages 10-13, sponsored by the teens!

For information about these events, call Ms. Dee at 410-436-2862, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Gary's Good Stuff

Volunteer to help the less fortunate with a food collection slated for May 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Food delivery will be May 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Discovery Club meets May 19, 6:15-7 p.m. This month, the club is polishing rocks. It's fun & informative!

The German Club meets every Friday, 6:15-7 p.m. Learn about German culture, play games and try food. May 7 is Unit 3, Sec. 1-2, Pasta; May 14 is Unit 3, Sec. 2-3, Meatballs; May 21 is Unit 4, Sec. 2-3, Cookies; and May 28 is Unit 5, Sec. 2-3, Salad.

Take the bus to APG Armed Forces Day Celebration on May 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., for \$2. It should be fun, so plan to attend!

For information about these events, call Mr. Gary at 410-436-2862, on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Armed Forces Day events to feature parade, concert, military vehicle rally

AFD, from front page

stop by the Antique Military Vehicle Rally, held on Maryland Boulevard across from Ruggles Golf Course on APG. The rally begins May 20 and continues, dawn to dusk, through May 22.

The display of military jeeps, trucks and armored vehicles span five decades. The rally will include buying, selling and showing of clothing, vehicles, insignia, parts, tents, packs, bags, electronics. A \$2 donation is requested. Proceeds will benefit the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum and the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

At 4 p.m., the city of Aberdeen will play host to an

Armed Forces Day Parade, with musical entertainment provided before the parade by the Aberdeen Show Band from Aberdeen High School.

After the parade, the focus of the celebration will move north to Aberdeen High School on Paradise Road. Starting at 5:30 p.m., food vendors, entertainment and displays will be available outside the school before a 7:30 p.m. concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and the Aberdeen High School Chorus. At the end of the concert, a fireworks display will be held at about 9 p.m.

For more information about Armed Forces Day events, call Lena Goodman at 410-278-1143.

RETIREE UPDATE

RETIREE, from page 2

make to the commissary, from 12 to 24. The ticket in remains the Commissary Privilege Card issued by Guard and Reserve units along with a valid identification card. Reserve retirees not yet 60 years old, who will be eligible for retired pay at age 60 also are eligible, as are family members of Reserve and retired Reserve personnel. Remember, that during active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel can visit the commissary as many times as they wish without it counting against their 24 visits. Also, National Guard members on state active duty for federally declared disaster operations (and their family members) can use commissary stores during the period of their active service. The required documentation is a military order stating that the National Guard member is serving in support of a federally declared disaster. Retirees who want to get a card by mail should contact their regional personnel support team in St Louis, Mo.

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• SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL • SIMPLE MAN • COMIN' HOME • GIMME BACK MY BULLETS • I KNOW A LITTLE

• DOWN SOUTH JUKIN' • GIMME THREE STEPS • I AIN'T THE ONE • YOU GOT THAT RIGHT • TUESDAY'S GONE •



LYNYRD SKYNYRD
with
THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND
and
GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

Classic rock returns to APG July 17

Lynyrd Skynyrd to perform with The Marshall Tucker Band, Great Train Robbery

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Lynyrd Skynyrd will make its second appearance at Aberdeen Proving Ground this decade on July 17.

The event, which is open to the public, will mark the band's 25th anniversary celebration. The concert on Shine Sports Field, next to the APG Commissary, also will feature The Marshall Tucker Band and Great Train Robbery. Tickets are on sale now at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011. After May 10, you also can buy them from Ticketmaster, 410-481-SEAT. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

"We are so excited to have Lynyrd Skynyrd return to APG," said Chris Lockhart, chief of the ITR Office. "The last show had really great attendance, especially considering that it rained."

That show, held on Aug. 15, 1992, drew nearly 9,000 people and added about \$5,000 to the post's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund, said Randy Moore, chief of the Community Recreation Division. Also featured was Nashville recording artist Webb Wilder.

"We hope to raise even more money this year,

which will really increase what we're able to do for our MWR facilities," Lockhart said.

Food and beverages will be available at the concert; no food, coolers, cameras, recording devices or pets will be permitted.

Lockhart added that some people already have contacted her about volunteering at both this concert and the Dog Days of Summer Concert on Aug. 21.

"I want to thank everyone who has called and e-mailed me about the volunteer positions," she said.

Volunteers must be age 18 or older, and will be invited to an exclusive appreciation party for their efforts. They must attend one training session, on a date to be announced. Work hours are from 4:30-11 p.m., for the following positions:

- Information/sponsorship guide and gate workers - 15 positions. Contact Chris Lockhart, 410-278-4011 or itr@mwr.apg.army.mil
- Ticket sales clerk - 25 positions; merchandise sales clerk - 10 positions. Contact Cheryl Roark, 410-278-4124 or outdoor-rec@mwr.apg.army.mil.
- Food and beverage concessions worker - 40 positions; warehouse worker - six positions. Contact Chuck Hamilton, 410-278-4041/2084 or bowling@mwr.apg.army.mil.

SPORTS

Apply for All Army Softball

Active-duty men and women interested in participating on the All Army Softball Team must submit an application to the APG Sports Office in building 3320 by May 20. Candidates are advised to read AR 215-1, Section 20c-4, which reviews the standards for All Army participation. Pick up applications at the Sports Office or either MWR gym. For more information, contact Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

Intramural Softball League starts in June

APG Intramural Softball League regular season begins June 1. Units must submit a letter of intent to the Intramural Sports Office in the APG Athletic Center by May 13. A coaches rules clinic will be held on that day in Russell Gym at 2 p.m. The pre-season tournament will be held May 17-20. Letters also are being accepted for a Women's League. Civilians and family members associated with the unit will be allowed to play. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7934.

Intramural Golf League begins May 20

APG Intramural Golf League starts May 20. Units must submit letters of intent to the Intramural Sports Office by May 13. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7933.

APG Military Golf Tournament in June

The Community Recreation Division's Sports Office and Ruggles Golf Course are sponsoring the 1999 Military Golf Tournament June 12 and 13. This tournament is for active-duty military only and will run on a 36-hole format with five flights. Handicaps must be reported at registration. Those interested in participating must register by June 4 at either MWR gym or golf course. For information, contact Harold Smith at 410-436-3375 or Marc Williams at 410-278-9452.

Play on post-level teams

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

Intramural volleyball League continues wins for MRICD, USMC

The following results were reported for the Intramural Volleyball League by the Intramural Sports Office for the week ending April 30:

Aberdeen Division

Results

April 26
USMC defeated F Co 16th, 15-2,15-12
E Co. 16th defeated NCOA, 15-8,15-4
April 28
USMC defeated NCOA, 15-2,15-12
HHC 16th defeated F Co. 16th, 15-0, 15-4

Standings

USMC9-1
E Co. 16th6-2
NCOA5-3
F CO 16th4-5
HHC 16th3-6

Schedule

May 10
6:30 p.m., F Co. 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. HHC 16th
May 12
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., F Co. 16th vs. NCOA

Edgewood Division

Results

April 26
MRICD defeated CHPPM, 15-4, 15-1
SBCCOM vs. HHC 143rd was rescheduled
520th vs. A Co. 143rd was rescheduled
April 28
A Co. 143rd defeated SBCCOM, 15-3, 8-15,15-10
MRICD defeated HHC 143rd, 15-3,15-11
520th vs. CHPPM was rescheduled

Standings

MRICD9-1
520th7-1-1
HHC 143rd5-4-1
A CO 143rd4-5
SCBCOM1-7
CHPPM0-8

Schedule

May 10
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. SBCCOM
7:30 p.m., 520th vs. MRICD
8:30 p.m., A Co 143rd vs. CHPPM
May 12
6:30 p.m., 520th vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. A Co 143rd
8:30 p.m., MRICD vs. SBCCOM

Colt-USO Defenders 10-mile run slated for May 23 in D.C.

The USO of Metropolitan Washington will hold the 2nd Annual Colt-USO Defenders 10 Mile Run on Sunday, May 23. The race will begin at the Pentagon at 8 a.m. and features cash awards totaling \$10,000 to the top male and female finishers, a certified, fast course, a two-day pre-race expo and course entertainment.

Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate. Awards will be given to the first place male and female from each branch of service. Military team categories include male, female and co-ed, and consist of five to 10 runners. Perpetual showcase awards, presented at the

Pentagon during an awards presentation by the corresponding service chiefs, have been instituted for the winning military teams.

All proceeds from the race will go directly back into USO-Metro programs and services for military personnel and their families in the greater Washington DC area. These programs include the Ticketline, Emergency Housing, Holiday Hotel, outreach centers and airport assistance centers. USO-Metro is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that receives no federal, state or local funding.

Race registration is \$25. Volunteers are also needed

for the event. Volunteers are needed at the Pentagon from 6 a.m.-1 p.m. in set-up, clean-up, course marshaling, start and finish lines, registration packet pick-up, first-aid and water stations. All volunteers will receive a free race T-shirt, complimentary food and tickets to area events.

For information on the run or to volunteer, call Beth Bradner, 703-696-3279, or visit www.runwashington.com or www.usometrodc.org. Sponsors include Colt's Manufacturing Company, Inc., Microsoft, GEICO, Comprint Military Publications and WMZQ 98.7 FM.

May is National Fitness and Sports Month

Since 1983, May has been observed as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to join the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and promote awareness of the value of physical activity in the pursuit of happier, healthier, more productive lives.

For more information about sports programs on post, call Marni Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

COMING UP...

SATURDAY MAY 8 FELLOWSHIP

New Destiny Evangelistic Ministries will hold its "Walk on Water" Building Fund Musical and Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. The service will be held at Mountain Christian Church, 1824 Mountain Rd., Joppa. The public is invited to attend.

CRAFT DAY

Steppingstone Museum and Harford Community College will hold rural arts and crafts workshops at the museum, starting at 9 a.m. Courses will include blacksmithing, basket-making, woodworking, pottery, quilting and tatting. Fees vary depending on the course. For information, call HCC at 410-836-4376.

SUNDAY MAY 9

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate Mother's Day with a Champagne Brunch at Top of the Bay. Seatings are still open for the 10 a.m.-noon serving; the 12:30-2:30 p.m. is filled.

Make reservations early; call 410-278-3062/2552. Cost for adults is \$13.95; \$6.95 for children ages 6-11; children 5 and under are free.

TUESDAY MAY 11 UNVEILING PAINTING

The Ordnance Corps Association will sponsor the unveiling of the Don Stivers painting "Service to the Line" at the Ordnance Museum at 6 p.m. Stivers, a noted Civil War artist, completed the painting for the first Ordnance Corps print. He will donate the original painting to the Ordnance Corps Association to be hung in the museum. The event will include remarks by Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson, Army chief of Ordnance, and a signing session by the artist for anyone who wants to personalize their print. For more information, call Ted Reno, 410-272-8540.

WEDNESDAY MAY 12 NCMA LUNCHEON

The Upper Chesapeake Chapter

of the National Contract Management Association will sponsor a guest speaker for its monthly luncheon at the Gunpowder Club's Heron Room. Joseph E. Parker Jr. will present "Creating a Customer-Based Acquisition Organization." Parker, associate for acquisition management/deputy director and a contracting officer for the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Acquisition Center, located at the Army Armaments Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., will discuss how ARDEC converted its contracting office from a conventional structure with components organized by functional specialty to one organized by customer, comprising self-contained teams that have the breadth of skills to "do it all" for the assigned customer. He also will talk about the conversion to paperless contracting and electronic commerce as well as their experiences with innovative strategies such as Alpha Contracting. Reservations for the luncheon will be taken until

close of business May 7. Cost is \$8. Payment is expected whether you attend or not, unless you cancel by May 7. The luncheon will run from 11:30 a.m.-noon, and the presentation from noon-1 p.m. For reservations, contact Joan Hauser, 410-436-3577 or joan.hauser@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

EA-OWC LUNCHEON

Join the club for the installation of the 1999-2000 EA Officers Wives Club officers. Following lunch and the installation ceremony, EA-OWC and Rick Yohe, of USPA/IRA, will recognize scholarship winners. The group will meet at Baldwin's Seafood Restaurant, 525 Pulaski Hwy., Joppa, 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Make reservations with Paula Meredith at 410-676-4022 by noon, May 7.

THURSDAY MAY 13 OPEN HOUSE

In honor of "Preservation Week," the Victorian House, building 5650 next to Ruggles Golf Course, will hold an open house from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Sameena Nooruddin, 410-278-2363.

REVIVAL

The Vernon Sewell Ensemble Choir of St. James A.M.E. Church will hold a revival from 7-9 p.m. St. James A.M.E. Church is located at 615-17 Green St., Havre de Grace. For information, call 410-939-2267.

SATURDAY MAY 15

COMMUNITY FIRST AID

The APG American Red Cross will hold a Community First Aid and Safety Course, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., building 2477. Upon completion you will be certified in first aid for three years and community CPR for one year. Cost is \$25. To register, call 410-278-2087.

SUNDAY MAY 16

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS

The Vernon Sewell Ensemble Choir of St. James A.M.E. Church will celebrate its 19th anniversary at 4 p.m. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

SUNDAY MAY 23

OLD-TIME RELIGION

St. James A.M.E. Church, located at 615-17 Green St., Havre de Grace, will host an evening of gospel at 4 p.m. Recording Artist Winfield Parker and Praise will perform. Everyone is invited to this free event. For information, call 410-272-7912 or 410-297-6936.

TUESDAY MAY 25

TRANSITION WORKSHOP

The next Transition Workshop for retiring military personnel

will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and will continue May 26 and 27, in the building 2752 conference room. To register, call Don DelGavio, 410-278-9669.

SATURDAY JUNE 5 SUMMER JAM 99

Big Cube Entertainment presents Summer Jam 99, at the Top of the Bay Main Ballroom, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 in advance. For details or tickets, call 410-817-1390.

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 the Red Cross, building 2477. Cost of the class 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. For information, call Carolyn Lerwill, 410-278-2087.

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, Edgewood Area. Games and entertainment will be provided for the whole family. Ticket prices and points of contact will be provided soon.

MOVIES

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children

CRUEL INTENTIONS

Friday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Starring: Sara Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe

During summer break, Kathryn and Sebastian conspire a wickedly tale of seduction and betrayal. The stakes are high when the duo agrees upon a wager of sexual conquest without consequences. (Rated R)

WING COMMANDER

Saturday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Starring: Freddie Prinze Jr., Saffron Brown

In Earth year 2654, the confederation is engaged in a brutal war with the bloodthirsty alien race the Kilrathi, whose plans to attack the Earth are foiled by Earth's Wing Commander and an elite fighter squadron. (Rated PG-13)

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN

Saturday, May 8, 9 p.m.

Starring, Tom Hanks, Edward Burns

Shortly after the D-Day invasion, a squad of U.S. Army soldiers are on a perilous mission behind enemy lines to save Private James Ryan, the last survivor of a family of four brothers all killed in action. (Rated R)

LEAVE DONATION

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

- Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
- Joan Bond (stroke);
- John Boyle (surgery);
- Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
- Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
- Alberta Brown (mother ill);
- Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
- Linda Brown (diabetic);
- Melda Callendar;
- Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
- Cara Coe (maternity);
- Dawn Crouse (surgery);
- Dennis Green;
- Herman Hensley;
- Joseph Hill (heart problems);
- Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
- Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
- Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
- Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
- Tracey Kerney (surgery);
- Beverly King (caring for husband);
- Barbara LaGrange (Hodgkins Disease);
- Patricia LaGrange;
- Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
- Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
- Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
- Lesley Parker (daughter has seizures);
- Cathleen (Higgins) Perry;
- Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);
- Michael Reynolds;
- Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
- John Sheppard (colon cancer);
- Walter Taylor (auto accident);
- Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
- Joseph Walker (Wife has cancer)
- Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
- Kenneth Weathers (medical);
- Frank Winters (surgery).

MWR UPDATE

Exton Golf Course

Starting May 12, Exton Golf Course in the Edgewood Area will offer golf clinics. The first clinic on May 12 will cover the fundamentals - grip, stance and proper swing plane. Each additional clinic will cover other topics pertaining to the overall game. There will be two sessions each Wednesday. Each will be limited to 15 participants. The first 30 who register and pay will be accepted for that day. The first session runs from 5-6 p.m.; the second runs from 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$15, due at registration. Patrons should be present at the course 10 minutes before start time. The demand for clinics has been great, so register early to secure your spot. Individual lessons also are available by appointment only. The cost is \$30 per 30-minute lesson, or \$150 for a package of six lessons. To register for clinics or lessons, call Gene Harris, 410-436-2213.

Mini-Golf Tournament

Chesapeake Challenge will host its Second Annual Office Team Mini-Golf Tournament, beginning May 17. Sign up by May 16 for the event. Four-person teams will play one round of 18 holes between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on a weekday in May as scheduled. Teams with the lowest cumulative scores will be awarded prizes. Cost is \$4.25 with lunch and \$1.50 just for golf per person. Lunch includes a jumbo hot dog chips and a soda. Each person only may play on one team. Send entry request to David Brewner, Chesapeake Challenge, building 3410; send e-mail to Challenge@MWR.APG.ARMY.MIL; or, call 410-278-9920.

Swimming pool passes

Passes for the 1999 swimming pool season go on sale on May 10 in the Aberdeen Area at the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and in the Edgewood Area at the Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Hours for the ERC sales are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-noon. Hours for the Health and Fitness Center sales are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fees are \$3 daily, \$25 for individual monthly, \$35 for family monthly, \$50 for individual season, and \$80 for family season. Olympic Pool in the Aberdeen Area and Bayside Pool in the Edgewood Area will operate from May 29-Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Shore Pool will operate June 19-Aug. 22, Tuesday-Sunday (weather permitting).

Chesapeake Challenge is open

Come out and enjoy outside activities. Try your luck at batting baseball or softball. Baseball has speeds from Little League to Major League. Softball has four slow and one fast pitch cage. Bring your friends and challenge them to 18 holes of miniature golf. Go-karts are also in operation. Patrons who are less than 54-inch tall are required to ride in a double passenger cart with and adult. The snack bar and an arcade room are now open. Operating hours are weekends only till May 17, at which time the park will be open seven days a week. The park is open now on Fridays, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 1 p.m.-midnight, and Sunday, 1-8 p.m. Starting May 17, the park will be open Monday-Thursday, 5:30-10 p.m., Friday, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 1 p.m.-midnight, and Sunday and holidays, 1-8 p.m. To schedule a birthday party, organizational day or office party, call 410-278-9920.

Fitness centers to celebrate

Celebrate National Employees Health and Fitness Day, May 19 at both post Health and Fitness Centers.

Events at the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center will feature a three-mile fun run and two-mile walk to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Medical professionals from Franklin Square Hospital and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be available to answer questions. Cholesterol screenings (\$8 fee) and free blood pressure checks also will be offered. A massage therapist and aerobics class demonstrations will be available. For one day only, renew or purchase a membership for six months or one year and receive a 20 percent discount. Advance sign-up for therapist and screenings are required.

The Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center will host a two-mile fun run, door prizes and a massage therapist. Free health screenings will include cholesterol screening by the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

For details on events, call 410-278-9725/9759.

Swimming lesson registration

Registration for pre-school aquatics and youth "Learn to Swim" lessons begins May 10 for active duty family members. Registration is conducted 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 Shore and Bayside 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. The "Learn to Swim" lessons will be conducted from 9-9:50 a.m., for children ages 6 and older. The fee is \$20 per student. Registration for all other eligible MWR family members begins June 6. For information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4402.

Equipment Resource Center

The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center offers canopies/party tents, padded folding chairs, 8-foot rectangular folding tables, and new this year, 70-inch round folding tables to help outfit graduation parties, weddings, receptions, family reunions or any outdoor function. Reserve your equipment now to ensure availability by paying the daily fee in advance. Active duty military and family members may reserve equipment 60 days in advance; all others may make reservations 30 days in advance. Reservations are accepted by phone when paying by credit card. The center offers supergrills (trailerled charcoal grills), ice chests in an assortment of sizes, insulated drink coolers, camping equipment, outdoor sports and games, canoes, kayaks and boats. Visit the center in building 2407 or call 410-278-4124 for information.

Edgewood Arts and Crafts

Porcelain Doll Classes: A beginning Porcelain Doll Class will be held on Thursday May 13, 20 and 27, 5:30-9 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn the art of porcelain doll making. These dolls make great gifts and you will be surprised at how beautiful your first doll will be. Completed dolls like these sell for hundreds of dollars; you can make one at the craft shop for only \$30 plus supplies.

Ceramic Class: A beginning Ceramic Class will be held May 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

Create your own water fountain: Enjoy the soothing sounds of water falling over a rock garden. Design your own fountain for your home or office. These fountains make great gifts! The class meets on Saturday, May 15 and 22, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

Woodshop Orientation: A woodshop orientation class will be held May 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. There is a \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

For details on classes call 410-436-2153 on Thursday, 1-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or visit building E-4440

LIBRARY CORNER

New books available at post libraries

The APG Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

New at the libraries are:

Abide with Me, by E. Lynn Harris.

Ashes to Ashes, by Tami Hoag.

Be Cool, by Elmore Leonard.

Citizen Sidel, by Jerome Charyn.

God is a Bullet, by Boston Teran.

Harmful Intent, by Baine Kerr.

Here and Now, by Kimberla Lawson Roby.

Hush Money, by Robert B. Parker.

Irish Mist, by Andrew M. Greeley.

The Mitt Man, by Mel Taylor.

Mortal Judgments, by John A. Peak.

Rainbow Mars, by Larry Niven.

Single & Single, by John Le Carre.

Tara Road, by Maeve Binchy.

Vector, by Robin Cook.

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

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

Volunteer to read to children this summer

The APG Library System is looking for volunteers to help with the annual Summer Story time held at both libraries.

If you are interested in volunteering for either location, call 410-278-3417 and ask for Tina.

Community events discussed

By Sheila Little
APG News

The April Community Action Council meeting focused on many issues related to spring and summer. The meeting, held April 22 at Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison headquarters, was led by Col. Robert J. Spidel, garrison commander.

Col. Walter E. Egerton, commander of Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic, said he has been asked a number of questions regarding the Lyme disease vaccine.

"To date, we do not have any military guidance for the administration of the vaccine," he said.

The vaccine is expensive, he said, adding that until guidelines and funding issues are resolved, the vaccine will not be available at the clinic. He recommended staying clear of tick-infested areas and checking for ticks to avoid infection.

He reminded the group that other tick-borne diseases mimic the symptoms of Lyme disease, and suggested people seek confirmation from a doctor.

Egerton also addressed the latest Army Medical Department update from Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Ronald Blanck. The report noted that "the state of TRICARE is good, but it is not perfect."

Describing the report from Blanck as "a very honest letter," Egerton said the report "admitted the flaws in the system and identified the problems and what is being done to attack them."

He said AMEDD is "seeing signs of increased patient satisfaction" in areas that have had TRICARE for awhile, and "problems are being rapidly solved" in the most recently-enrolled TRICARE areas.

He suggested those with compliments as well as those with complaints contact TRICARE at 410-278-1723 or 1-888-999-5195.

Around the community

Catherine Jones, assistant manager of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, announced renovations to the dining room at Burger King. In other AAFES news, MCI is installing new payphones throughout post, resulting in bigger profits for the community.

A jewelry repair clinic held at the Main Post Exchange was a big success, she said. It now is being held the first Tuesday of each month. The next will be June 1, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and will include appraisals.

May 8 is coupon day for AAFES-brand products. Jones reminded attendees that AAFES returns 50 percent of profits to the military community.

Anne Morrison, lead management support clerk for the APG Commissary, encouraged patrons to use the commissary and DECA web sites. She said specials are listed there weekly. Access the sites at the post web page, www.apg.army.mil.

She addressed "double-order purchasing" at the commissary, in which customers ask to have certain items rung up separately. Jones said items cannot be rung up separately to combat those who would abuse the system with fraudulent purchasing practices. She said a copy of the receipt is available to those who ask, for those who need an extra receipt for rebates.

Outside lighting problem at the store has been fixed, and there are no plans to build a small commissary in the Edgewood Area.

For gardeners, the Re-Nu-It Centers have shrubs and other flowering plants for post residents. The Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center in building 5413 on Boothby Hill Road is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center in building E-5703 on Magnolia Road is open Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-6:15 p.m. The centers offer equipment and other supplies for those who maintain post residences or buildings.

Robert Silcox, director of the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, said an April visit to evaluate the overpressurization "safe" areas in Edgewood schools proved successful, and all four schools met the standard. Edgewood Middle School work is ongoing, to boost seal maintenance in one section.

Roy Ballinger, director of the Directorate of

Community and Family Activities, said a Mother's Day Brunch will be held in two seatings at the Top of the Bay on May 9. The 12:30 p.m. seating is full, and openings are filling up for the seating at 10 a.m. For reservations, call 410-278-3062.

He also noted that a concert scheduled for July 17 at APG will feature Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Marshall Tucker Band, and Great Train Robbery.

Two post pools, Bayside in the Edgewood Area and Olympic in the Aberdeen Area, will be open May 29-Sept. 6, seven days a week, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Shore Pool in the Aberdeen Area will be open June 19-Aug. 22, to coincide with public school vacation. Shore Pool will be open Tuesdays-Sundays, noon-8 p.m. Pool passes go on sale May 10 at the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and Hoyle Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210.

Attention is now focused on improving a golf cart path between the third and fourth tees at Plumb Point Golf Course, which involves a bridge over a ravine. The improvement project should be completed within the next few weeks. The Plumb Point Course made more \$100,000 for the community last year, and became more popular with the addition of carts.

The APG Bowling Center is doing well with new management and revitalized programs, he added.

Susie Ashby of the garrison's Safety Office said warm weather brings increased walkers at lunchtime, sometimes four abreast. This has created a traffic problem for vehicles on Plumb Point Loop.

Spidel reminded walkers of the post directive that "two abreast and facing traffic is the rule." He added that headphones only are allowed on a track.

Marilyn Spence, representing the Housing Division, Directorate of Public Works, said housing maintenance contract work will be contracted out as of Oct. 1. Post residents were assured that they will not be paying for housing maintenance.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker reminded residents that recreational vehicles, trailers and boats belong in designated parking areas. Carports should be clear of large appliances to make a good impression on the many visitors expected during May. He encouraged the community to "keep up the good work," and congratulated all who worked during the recent post-wide cleanup.

A presentation regarding Ozone Action Days was given by Rachel Swearingen, assisted by her daughter, Kayla, who was participating in Bring Your Child To Work Day.

Mayor Kathy Shrontz requested that more outside faucets be added to Grant Court quarters. There are two faucets for 22 residents.

Grant Court dumpsters are being used by those clearing quarters and leaving large items such as mattresses and tires. Residents observing the behavior are asked to get license numbers and report it.

In response to a request, the recycling bins will be moved from Lee Court to Grant Court when all Lee Court residents leave.

In response to a question about why Russell Gym is open to females only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8-10 a.m., this was a cleaning time for the gym, and the mostly female cleaning team does not object to working around women. The only option would be to close the gym during those hours.

It was suggested that a stop or yield sign be placed at the Aberdeen Youth Center exit to avoid a potential accident. This is being evaluated.

Residents may be able to sign up for the 26 sheds from a soon-to-be-vacated housing area.

Col. (Ret.) Charles Shadle said he is working on getting state permits for Advanced Individual Training students to operate boats on APG.

Spidel concluded the meeting by saying that May is a busy month for APG. Many visitors will tour the post for Ordnance Week, Armed Forces Day and the Family Action Plan Symposium. He thanked all for a successful post cleanup.

The next CAC meeting will be held June 10 in the conference room of building 305.

Staff ride offers lessons from history at Antietam



Above, Spc. Brian Reilly, a trumpeter from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), plays a bugle call. At left and below, soldiers learn about the bloody battle at Antietam.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

ANTIETAM, from front page
 ing by Dr. William F. Atwater, director of the APG Ordnance Museum. Atwater noted that the cold and drizzly weather was the same as the weather in which the soldiers of Antietam fought.

He also briefed the group on where they would go, what they would see, and the significance of events that led up to the battles that day.

"The battle," Atwater said, "was a terrible missed opportunity. Union General George B. McClellan had the opportunity to end the war but he messed it up."

Atwater explained how McClellan hadn't realized that his forces outnumbered Confederate

forces and could have wiped them out, effectively ending the war. His unwillingness to pursue them into Virginia led to McClellan being relieved by an angry President Abraham Lincoln.

The group re-boarded the buses for the short ride to the Pride House, a brick farmhouse with green shutters that served as a field hospital for officers during the battle.

"Enlisted soldiers," Atwater added, "were housed in the barn behind the house."

At the top of a hill, on a group of rocks overlooking what once was a battlefield, Atwater pointed out that he was standing on the exact spot where McClellan

observed the battle.

At every site the group visited, Spc. Brian Reilly, a trumpeter from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), played a bugle call, such as "Assembly," "Attention," "Recall," "Quick Time," and other calls according to what the soldiers were doing and what was being explained at the time.

Atwater said the fighting at Antietam took place on Sept. 17, 1862. On that day 12,410 Union and 10,700 Confederates were killed or wounded or were missing as a result of the battle. The former cornfields and woods where the battles took place are now known as the North Woods,

the East Woods, the West Woods, the Cornfield, Burnside Bridge and Bloody Lane.

"Probably the bloodiest of the battles was fought in Bloody Lane," Atwater explained. Formerly known as Sunken Road, Bloody Lane was used as an entrenchment by the Confederates, who fired on Union soldiers advancing from the cornfields. At first the Union soldiers were repelled, but then were able to flank the road and fire down on the Confederates from a side angle.

"The maneuver proved deadly. When the fighting was over, casualties in the trench were piled up three deep for half a mile," he

said. "By the end of the battle there were more than 5,000 dead."

Also along on the trip were APG's Instructor of the Year, Sfc. Johnny Griffin, and Soldier of the Year, Spc. Chanda Sutton. They agreed that the trip had been interesting and that they had both learned something.

"I'm most impressed with Dr. Atwater's knowledge," Sutton said. "I knew a little about the Civil War, but I guess there's always something more you can learn."

At the end of the tour, HST gathered in a formation in the Antietam National Cemetery at the foot of a giant statue of a Civil War soldier. The statue, Atwater

explained, was the first ever erected for an enlisted soldier.

"Up until Antietam, statues were only made for officers," he added.

The unit stood at present arms while bugler Reilly played "Taps" in honor of those who fell at Antietam. Spidel then presented Atwater with an APG Garrison Commander's Coin in appreciation for what he called an "out-standing tour."

As the soldiers headed through the cemetery toward the waiting buses, some paused to read grave markers while others took a closer look at the statue, and the words at the base: "Not for themselves but for their country."

Ordnance Corps prepares to 'carry the flame into the 21st century'

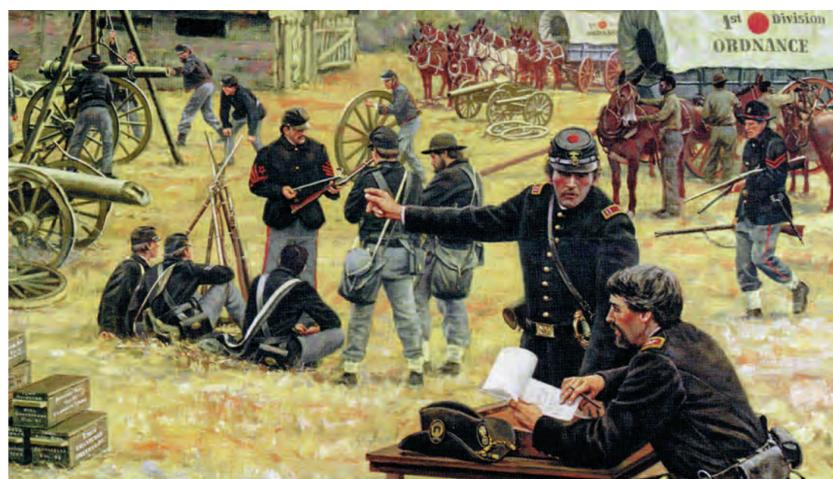
ORDNANCE, from front page
 Center and School on May 11 with seminars, updates, shop tours and equipment displays. The Ordnance Corps Association Golf Tournament will be held on May 12, at Ruggles Golf Course. On May 13 and 14, the senior officer, warrant officer, command sergeants major and civilian leadership of the Ordnance Corps will meet to discuss issues vital to the future of the Corps and its support of the Army in the 21st Century. The theme of the week will be "Carry the Flame into the 21st Century."

Other events include a reception for Don Stivers at the Ordnance Corps Museum on May 11, 6 p.m. During the reception, Stivers will present a painting to the museum and sign copies of the print. The annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is also scheduled at the Ordnance Museum on May 13, 6 p.m. The historical inductee this year is Col. Frank A. Scott. The other inductees are: retired Gen. Johnnie E. Wilson, retired Lt. Gen. Ronald V. Hite; retired Col. James P. Hamill; retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas G. Grice; retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. Rucker; retired Sgt. Maj. Willie E. Cameron; retired SSgt.

Roy E. Judkins; Leslie H. Black; and Dale F. Kinney. The Anniversary Ordnance Ball on May 14 will feature Gen. John G. Coburn, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command and former OC&S commander, as guest speaker. On Saturday, May 15, the Ordnance Soldiers' Ball will feature Dr. William F. Atwater, director of the Ordnance Museum, as guest speaker.

The Ordnance Corps was created by Act of Congress on May 14, 1812. While this was the formal recognition of the Corps as a separate entity, Ordnance support of the U.S. Army predated the birth of the nation. The first person to perform the duties which would become the duties of the chief of Ordnance was Ezekiel Cheever, commissary-general of artillery stores. The Ordnance Corps supports the development, production, acquisition and sustainment of weapons systems, ammunition, missiles, electronics and ground mobility materiel during peace and war to provide combat power to the U.S. Army.

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A painting by Don Stivers will be unveiled May 11, 6 p.m., at the Ordnance Museum.

