

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

Recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 19, is paper. Put appropriate items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### 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.

### 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 Stephanic, 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.

### 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

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## Fifty-five years later...

### Timonium resident receives Silver Star and nation's thanks for heroism during World War II

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

For most people, April 30 simply was a day that marked the end of a hectic work week. For Lucian L. Lucas, the date marked the end of a 55-year wait for recognition - a day he thought would never come.

The story began in December 1944 when Lucas was a first lieutenant assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in Belgium. His unit was ordered to secure a castle that was under German control; Lucas' mission was to secure the bridge over the moat surrounding the castle. With only one squad, he secured the bridge and the castle, capturing several German soldiers. Later that day, Lucas and his squad repelled an aggressive counterattack by the Germans and maintained control of the castle.

The following day, Lucas led an assault platoon across open terrain under enemy fire in an effort to rendezvous with the 83rd Division. They captured a German mortar platoon, and Lucas personally saved his fellow soldiers' lives when he discovered two enemy machine gun emplacements directed at the 83rd.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson, chief of Ordnance and commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, presents the Silver Star to Lucian L. Lucas as Representative Robert J. Ehrlich Jr. and Col. Hugh Hudson, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, look on.**

At the time, he said he didn't consider the events of those two days noteworthy.

"On December 12, 1944, nobody was thinking about medals," he said. "There was too much action going on."

Lucas never considered being rewarded for the valor he showed in that Belgian forest, until sever-

al years ago when, during a reunion of his unit, his company commander, then captain, and now retired colonel Jack Dunlap of Las Vegas, noticed Lucas had not received the award he had recommended for him. For six years, the colonel has been working to obtain that award for Lucas.

Those efforts led to the sunny

morning of April 30 where, on the back lawn of his Timonium home, before family, guests and members of the media, 78-year-old Lucian L. Lucas was awarded the U.S. Army Silver Star medal for gallantry in action during WW II.

The medal was presented by Representative Robert J. Ehrlich

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## Join APG, Aberdeen in Armed Forces Day celebration

May 22 event to feature parade, historic vehicles, concert, fireworks

By Lena Goodman  
TECOM Public Affairs

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

"This is the second annual Armed Forces Day that we have held jointly with the City of Aberdeen and Harford County," said Katie McRoberts, APG coordinator for the event. "We have a patriotic parade and concert planned that promise to be first-class tributes to our service men and women, past, present and future."

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, will be the grand marshal of the parade.

The day also will feature music, a fun run, an antique mili-

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## Don't be a victim

### Safeguarding ID cards, checks protects you and your family

Criminal Investigation Command

Along with the trials and tribulation of military life are many benefits. Among those benefits is the Army and Air Force Exchange System. An added benefit from AAFES is free two-party check cashing. For many, it's a necessity as they frequently change localities and don't always have a local bank account. Being able to cash Aunt Mary's birthday check at the Main Post Exchange is invaluable.

Unfortunately, a criminal ele-

ment seeks out military personnel and family members for exploitation because of this privilege. Many service members don't realize they are held financially liable for every check cashed by them or their dependents at the PX if that check is returned. If service members or their families are victims of fraud this can turn into a significant financial burden in a relatively short period of time.

The local Criminal Investi-  
See CRIME, page 6

## Law Day event honors justice and freedom

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Since 1958, Law Day USA has been a day set aside to honor and strengthen our nation's heritage of liberty, justice and equality. On Jan. 26, 1998, the U.S. Congress re-designated the first day of May as Law Day, USA, and authorized the president to "issue a proclamation" to invite all Americans to set aside that day for suitable observances and ceremonies.

This year the post's Law Day

USA observance was held on May 6 at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Top of the Bay. Organizers for the event from the Office of the Chief Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate invited as guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. William K. Suter, clerk of the court, Supreme Court of the United States.

Welcoming Suter were Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Col. James S. Currie, chief counsel and staff judge advocate.

"It is really an honor for me to introduce him," Currie said of Suter in his opening remarks. "He epitomizes to me, and I think to all of us in the JAG, the Army values of selfless service, duty, integrity and honesty."

Suter, Currie explained, has been clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court since 1991. He handles all court petitions, arranges the court docket, schedules oral arguments and works with attorneys practicing before the court. To assist attorneys who may speak before

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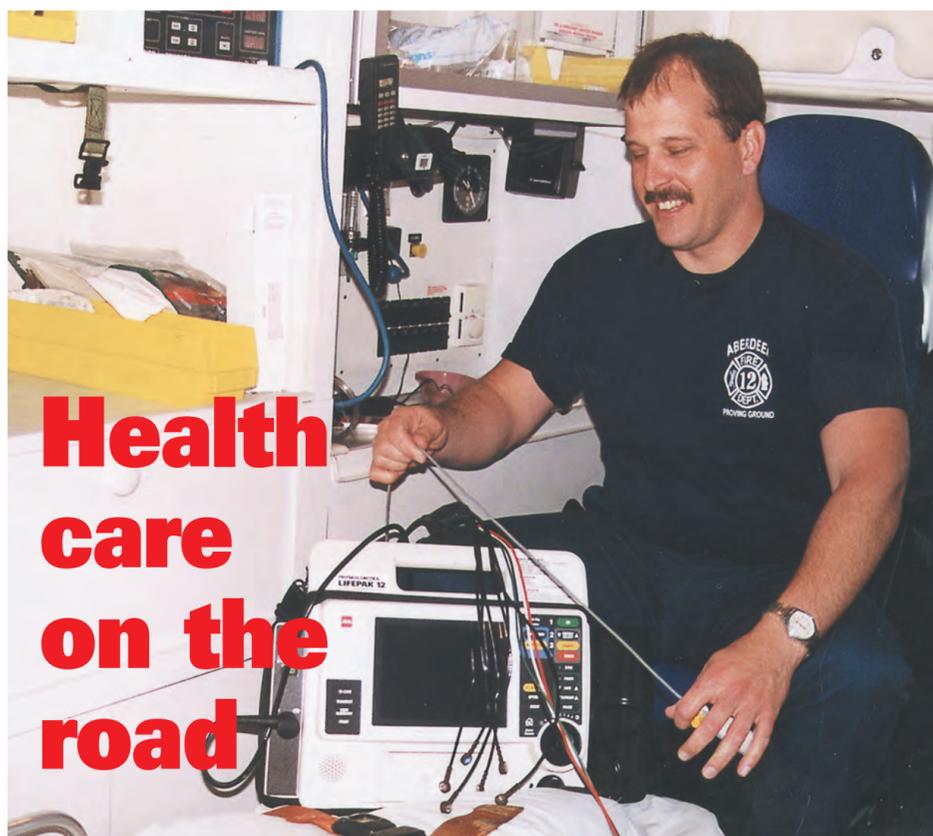


Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

**Tim Richmond demonstrates some of the equipment that will be shown to the community during the EMS Fair slated from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Main Post Exchange parking lot.**

## Emergency Medical Services Week honors personnel who offer aid

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

They are responsible for the health of thousands of people, rushing to help at a moment's notice. On Sunday, the community can see the post's emergency medical personnel in action without a health emergency, the beginning of a week of events to commemorate Emergency Medical Services Week.

"We handle everything from accidents to heart attacks," said Dave Stewart, one of 14 paramedics who, with three emergency medical technicians, cover both areas of the proving ground. The 17 personnel work on shifts to cover the post every day, around the clock, and support the off-post community.

EMS Week this year honors the

25th anniversary of the EMS system, created after a 1966 report by the National Academy of Sciences noted widespread deficiencies in medical care. That report noted that the average American had a greater chance of survival in the combat zones of Korea or Vietnam than on the nation's highways.

During EMS Week, May 16-22, post emergency personnel will demonstrate the life-saving techniques they use to give sick and injured people a better chance of survival.

"The most common call we get is chest pain. That's about 16 percent of our calls," Stewart said. "Of those, about 55 percent of them turn out to be cardiac in nature."

Because the EMS team is

trained in 12-lead EKG's, the same kind used in emergency rooms, medical personnel can get an early indication of whether someone is having a heart attack.

Chest pain or pressure spreading to your arms, neck and back are common signs of a heart attack. Early intervention can save lives, Stewart added.

The community not only can try out equipment used by paramedics, but also will see a high-rescue demonstration by the APG Fire Department. Health information from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and a CPR demonstration also are planned.

The post's EMS team - the only paid EMS force in the county - also support the off-post volunteer fire departments for off-post calls,

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### Pollution Prevention Fact of the Week

When motor oil is poured down the gutter or storm drain it travels to local streams where it damages or kills underwater grasses and aquatic life. One quart of oil can contaminate up to 250,000 gallons of drinking water or create a two acre oil slick.

For more information, contact Michelle Guitard (410-306-2265), APG Pollution Prevention Program.

Statistics are provided in courtesy by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



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### SHORTS, from Front Page

Barb Tarczynski, 410-278-1172, or Connie Garcia, 410-278-1175.

### ACS parenting classes coming up

A parenting class for parents of teens will be held Thursday evenings 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.; classes started May 12 and continues through 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 Billeting 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 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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, Everette 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 Fillinger 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).

### Get your TRICARE enrollment cards

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

### Block leave set for band

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

### Pizza delivery offered in EA

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

### Toastmasters offers four county clubs

Toastmasters International has four great clubs in Harford County. Harco's Toastmasters meets first and third Thursdays, 7 p.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant, 2101 Pulaski Highway (Route 40), Edgewood. For more information, call Lauren Sheriff, 410-575-7648. Fallston Toastmasters meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. at Prudential Preferred Properties, 312 South Main Street, Bel Air, Md. For more information, call Mary Finegan, 410-879-1753.

Gunpowder Toastmasters meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. at the Gunpowder, Edgewood Area of APG. For more information, call Paul Josephson, 410-436-1205 (work), or 410-539-0454 (home). Susquehanna Toastmasters, first and third Mondays, 11:45 a.m. at the Top of the Bay Restaurant, building 30. For more information, call Mary K. Peck, 410-278-4584 (work), or 410-658-5549 (home). For information on Toastmasters throughout Maryland and Delaware, call toll free: 1-888-TOAST18; or visit <http://www.erols.com/toastmas>.

### Free depression screening offered

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

### Host foreign exchange students

Host a foreign exchange student from Spain this summer. Students are insured and bring their own spending money. Participate in fun trips and activities. For more information, call 410-569-1868.

### Edgewood Arsenal memorabilia sought

Wanted to buy - a 1969 or 1970 Edgewood Arsenal Post Telephone Directory. Please call R. Leigh at 304-728-4873 (charges accepted), or write to: P.O. Box 235, Rippon, W.Va. 25441, or email to: [rleigh@ix.netcom.com](mailto:rleigh@ix.netcom.com).

## CA UPATE

### Mark important dates

To prepare for the proposed reduction-in-force resulting from the Commercial Activities Study, it is necessary to establish cutoff dates for actions that effect employees' retention standing. All Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison employees should be aware of the following dates:

May 14 - Cutoff for receipt of employee updates/corrections to Official Personnel File. To review your official personnel file, call 410-278-1524.

May 14 - Cutoff for receipt of appraisals in the Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

May 23 - Cutoff for permanent personnel actions

May 24 - Personnel Action Freeze begins

During 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.

For questions regarding the above actions call Lora Winkowski, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-8836.

### Announcement update

APG Garrison is nearing the end of the evaluation stage of the Installation Operations and Community/Family Activities package of the CA Study. There are many variables involved in the evaluation process which make it difficult to pinpoint an exact announcement date for the winner of this bid 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 approaches, the CA Team will narrow the timeframe. The current projection for the announcement is between May 24-28. Stay tuned - we will update and refine the dates each week, right here in the CA Study Update.

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

Available  
24 Hours  
a day

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

## APG NEWS

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## POLICE UPDATE

# Follow cycling rules of road, teach children to do the same

By Joseph J. Darabasz

Chief, Law Enforcement Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security

Summer will be here soon, the schools will be out and so will our children on their bikes throughout APG. Teaching a child to ride a bike is one of life's most memorable experiences. Having to obey rules and regulations when riding bikes is among a child's first exposure to obeying the law.

Each year, more than half a million bicyclists visit the doctor or the emergency room after crashing their bike. It's important to teach our children bicycle safety.

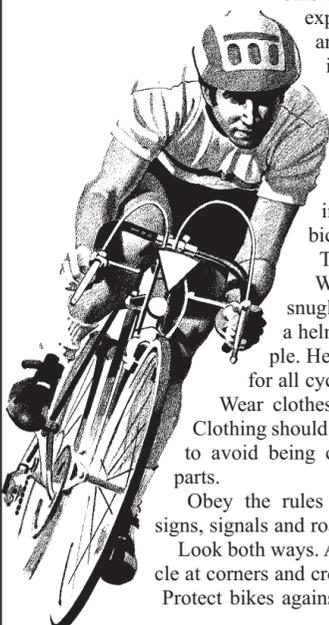
Teach your children to:  
Wear a helmet. Select one that fits snugly and comfortably. Always wear a helmet yourself to set a good example. Here on APG, helmets are required for all cyclists, regardless of age.

Wear clothes that make them more visible. Clothing should be light in color and close fitting to avoid being caught in the bicycle's moving parts.

Obey the rules of the road, including; traffic signs, signals and road markings.

Look both ways. A child should walk his/her bicycle at corners and crosswalks.

Protect bikes against theft. A bicycle can be stolen



from just about any place, but simple precautions can deter would-be thieves. Remember, most bikes that are stolen were not locked.

Record the serial number of the bicycle and keep it in a safe place together with the sales receipt, and a photograph of the bike wouldn't hurt.

Mark the bicycle with an engraver to deter thieves and to help the police in identifying and returning a stolen bike to the owner. Use a unique number such as a parent's driver's license number.

### POLICE BRIEF

"Police Brief" is a summary of crimes reported to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police. Following are the statistics for April 1999.

The purpose is to keep you informed of inappropriate activity affecting the APG community, and to provide you with tips to help decrease crime and accidents.

To report a crime, accident or suspicious activity, call 410-306-0564 (Aberdeen Area) or 410-436-2022 (Edgewood Area). In an emergency, dial 911.

### April statistics

To suggest topics for "Police Brief" notify the crime prevention officer, Law Enforcement Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security at 410-278-3304.

Crimes against property	.....24
(vandalism, theft, etc.)	
Crimes against persons	.....16
(assault, battery, etc.)	
Driving while intoxicated	.....3
Narcotics offenses	.....1
Traffic accidents	.....11

# COMING UP...

## THURSDAY MAY 13

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.

## FRIDAY MAY 21

**CARRIBBEAN PARTY**  
The Caribbean Connection Association invites everyone to attend a party, beginning at 7 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Music will be provided by DJ Smith. Free food, dress casual, and free beer available after 9 p.m. - a designated driver will be on site. For details call Spc. Damian Henry, 410-278-2331/2391.

## SATURDAY MAY 22

**BASKET BINGO**  
There will be a Basket Bingo, 7 p.m., at the Good Shepherd Catholic School located on 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, Md. Basket Bingo costs \$10 per ticket (three cards); additional sets of three cards costs \$5. Longaberger Baskets will be featured. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drinks, door prizes, raffles and special games will also be available. All proceeds to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School. For more information or to get tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265.

**MILITARY WOMEN**  
The Ladies of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Freestate Chapter 70, will host a buffet luncheon to celebrate the 57th Anniversary of women in the military. The luncheon will be held at 1 p.m., at the Colonel's Choice Restaurant, Route 40 and Carol Avenue, Aberdeen. The cost is \$15 per person. Make reservations by May 19. Women from all military branches, active duty or veterans, are invited to attend, and everyone is welcome. Make checks payable to Chapter 70 WAC Veterans Association and mail to Inez Sexton, 3152 Nova Scotia Road, Bel Air, MD 21015-6534.

## 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

**ASIAN-PACIFIC LUNCH**  
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## 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 U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground Organization Day will be held on Wednesday, June 30, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., CAPA Field, Edgewood Area. Games and entertainment will be provided for the whole family. Ticket prices and points of contact will be provided soon.

## WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled on WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from May 13-19:

**THURSDAY, May 13**  
11 a.m., 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

**MONDAY, May 17**  
11 a.m., 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

**WEDNESDAY, May 19**  
11 a.m., 8 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

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

## MOVIES

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

### THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN

**Friday, May 14, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Michelle Pfeiffer, Whoopi Goldberg**  
With three small children in tow, Beth arrives at her 15-year high school reunion. In the middle of the crowded lobby, her 3-year-old son disappears. (Rated PG-13)

### BABY GENIUSES

**Saturday, May 15, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Kathleen Turner, Christopher Lloyd**  
After years of research, Dr. Kinder discovers that certain children are born geniuses, with wisdom of the ages passed down genetically. (Rated PG)

### THE RAGE: CARRIE 2

**Saturday, May 15, 9 p.m.**  
**Starring: Amy Irving, Emily Bergl**  
Rachel is not like the other kids at her high school. But she has the secret gift of telekinesis, which enables her to move things with her mind. (Rated R)

### OFFICE SPACE

**Friday, May 21, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston**  
A computer programmer is having a mid-life crisis at the ripe old age of 28. Unable to endure another moment of the mind-numbing routine, he hatches a plot which could lead to early retirement. (Rated R)

### ED TV

**Saturday, May 22, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson**  
An unambitious video store clerk is plucked out of obscurity and becomes the blockbuster hit of the season when he agrees to have his life aired on cable TV 24 hours a day. (Rated PG-13)

### TRUE CRIME

**Saturday, May 22, 9 p.m.**  
**Starring: Clint Eastwood, Isaiah Washington**  
An experienced newspaper reporter is challenged by his latest interviewee, a Death Row inmate on his way to his execution. With just 26 hours to go, the journalist becomes convinced that the accused murderer is innocent. (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;
- Gordon Herron (Wife has cancer)
- Joseph Hill (heart problems);
- Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
- Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
- Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
- Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
- Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
- Tracey Kerney (surgery);
- Beverly King (caring for husband);
- 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

### Swimming pool passes

Passes for the 1999 swimming pool season are on sale in the Aberdeen Area at the Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, and in the Edgewood Area at the Hoyle 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 Hoyle 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. The Olympic Pool in the Aberdeen Area and the 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 an 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 for the day will feature a 5K Run/Walk and a Mini-Health Fair with medical professionals from Franklin Square Hospital and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to check cholesterol (\$8 fee) and blood pressure. 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 AA Health and Fitness Center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For details, call 410-278-9725/9759.

### 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

**Custom Framing:** For professional advice and picture framing, go to the experts. Bring your pictures to building E-4440 for an estimate.

**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.

**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.

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

### ITR has Orioles tickets

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

Date	Cost	Purchase by
<b>June 5, 7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>May 18</b>
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Philadelphia)		
<b>June 15, 7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>May 18</b>
Section 75 Lower Reserve (Kansas City)		
<b>June 22, 7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>May 18</b>
Section 75 Lower Box (Boston)		
<b>July 7, 7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>June 15</b>
Section 75 Lower Box (Toronto)		
<b>July 16, 7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>June 15</b>
Section 75 Lower Box (Montreal)		
<b>July 18, 8:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>June 15</b>
Section 75 Lower Reserve (New York Mets)		
<b>July 24, 4:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>June 15</b>
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Anaheim)		
<b>Aug. 5, 7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>July 13</b>
Section 75 LF Lower Box (Detroit)		
<b>Aug. 21, 7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>July 27</b>
Section 83 Lower Reserve (Chicago)		
<b>Aug. 31, 7:35 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>July 27</b>
Section 354 Upper Reserve (Tampa)		
<b>Sept. 4, 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>
Section 73 Lower Reserve (Cleveland)		
<b>Sept. 10, 7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Seattle)		
<b>Sept. 15, 7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>Aug. 17</b>
Section 322 Upper Reserve (Oakland)		
<b>Sept. 28, 7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>
Section 79 Lower Reserve (New York)		
<b>Oct. 1, 7:05 p.m.</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>
Section 79 Lower Reserve (Boston)		

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

### APG Boat Launch ramps available

Warm weather brings thoughts of boating to mind so don't forget that a boating launch ramp access pass is required to use APG's launch ramps. A pass good for one year is \$30, and a daily ramp pass, good for one round-trip launch is \$5. Only eligible MWR patrons are authorized to use the boat launch ramps. One ramp is located in the Aberdeen Area, off Old Cut Road, next to the AA Boat Dock, building 2040. Two ramps are located in the Edgewood Area, one off Skipper's Point Road at the EA Boat Dock, and one adjacent to the EA Deer Checking Station, building E-4733. Passes may be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 7 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

## LIBRARY CORNER

### New books available at post libraries

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Library has new books for springtime reading. Come by the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out the following:

301 Stylish Storage Ideas.

The Backyard Birdhouse Book, by Rene Laubach.

Container Gardening for Dummies, by Bill Marken.

The Edible Herb Garden, by Rosalind Creasy.

Gardening for Dummies: 2nd edition, by Michael MacCaskey.

Lawn Care for Dummies, by Lance Walheim.

Plants for Small Spaces, by Stephanie Donaldson.

The Aberdeen Area Library is located in 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 Branch Library is located in 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.

Come check us out.

## Want the latest post news?

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



# Silver Star recipient honored 55 years later

## SILVER STAR, from front page

Jr. and Maj. Gen. Dennis K. Jackson, Army chief of Ordnance and commandant of U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School. Lucas stood between the two presenters and listened as Jackson explained the award's significance to the audience.

"The Silver Star is the fourth highest award bestowed by the United States military for wartime actions," Jackson said. "It is an honor and a privilege for me to present it."

Ehrlich echoed the general's sentiments, speaking of the tremendous responsibilities soldiers of that era faced.

"It's a great privilege for me also," Ehrlich said. "I came up post-Vietnam era when soldiers defended American policy, but World War II soldiers not only defended America, they defended the world."

Lucas accepted his award, solemnly dedicating it to all of his comrades, both living and fallen.

"I want to thank everyone on behalf of all the young men who were wounded or died in that war," he said.

Also a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient, Lucas reflected on his desire to dedicate the Silver Star to the men who served along with him in 1944.

"Anytime you're a platoon leader you see a lot of casualties," Lucas said. "There's no one person to say who is a hero. A lot of men are only as good as the person who leads them. A lot of people seem to think I was a good leader."

Looking on proudly as Lucas was decorated was Virginia Lucas, his wife of 53 years, and their son, Don, who flew up from Louisiana for the ceremony.

Don Lucas explained that his father finally received the medal because of the determined effort of Dunlap and state and federal legislators.

"After talking to the colonel back in '92," he explained, "we had to go through the aspects of documenting what happened. Then it had to be done all over again a couple of years later. Colonel Dunlap reviewed it, then sent it through all the necessary



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

**Silver Star recipient Lucian L. Lucas poses in his Timonium home with his wife, Virginia, and son, Don, as he awaits the honor he earned in battle more than five decades ago.**

stages himself. Then we found out a week and a half ago when Colonel Dunlap called with the news from Las Vegas."

Don, who lives in New Orleans with his wife, Adele, and their two sons, added that since Dunlap and his own family were unfortunately unable to make the trip to Maryland it seemed even more important to him to be there.

"I'm just thrilled to death," he said. "I told him I could not miss this ceremony."

Also in attendance was Col. Hugh Hudson, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, who said he accompanied Jackson to the ceremony for a special reason.

"I had to come when I found out (Lucas) was the 9th Infantry," Hudson said, "The first unit I was

ever in was in the 9th Infantry."

Before leaving, Ehrlich promised to bring Lucas the flag that was flying over the U.S. Capitol that day and reflected on the meaning of the days' event for someone of his generation.

"The bottom line is we've had minor conflicts over the years but generally it's been peaceful," Ehrlich said. "And it was people like him who made that peace happen. That generation literally saved the world."

The Lucases have lived in Timonium since 1973. Both are retired now and say they lead quiet lives, usually enjoying quiet evenings at home. When Lucas was asked if he had a favorite war movie he responded with no hesitation: "Saving Private Ryan." He

**"On December 12, 1944, nobody was thinking about medals."**

**- Lucian L. Lucas**  
Silver Star recipient

proclaimed it the best movie he's ever seen of the war because it had "very little Hollywood in it."

## *The Silver Star certificate for (then) first Lieutenant Lucian L. Lucas reads:*

"For gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 and 12 December 1944 while serving with Company B, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. On the morning of 11 December 1944, Company B was assigned the mission of securing the Merode Castle, a structure which dominated observation within the regimental area and thus vital to seizing the west bank of the Ruhr River. Lieutenant Lucas was assigned the task of taking a bridge over the protective moat surrounding the castle.

Realizing that the terrain leading to the castle was flat and open, Lieutenant Lucas, as a ploy to exact an aggressive attitude, ordered his men to fix bayonets. Upon seizure of the bridge he entered the castle with one squad and captured several German soldiers. Later in the afternoon, the Germans mounted a strong counterattack from the adjacent town of Schlich. The main thrust traversed the sector in front of Lieutenant Lucas' platoon whereupon he quickly repositioned his automatic weapons and delivered devastatingly accurate fire into the formation, causing numerous casualties, which thwarted the German's only effort to retake the castle.

On 12 December 1944 Lieutenant Lucas commanded an assault platoon with the mission to seize the northern portion of a heavily wooded area (Merode Forest) and establish contact with the 83d Division which was attacking from the opposite direction through Huertgen Forest. Deploying his men in a skirmish line, Lieutenant Lucas again led men by fire and maneuver over flat and open terrain amid enemy mortar and artillery fire to a defiladed position.

From that position Lieutenant Lucas's platoon over-ran a German 88 MM mortar platoon capturing a dozen prisoners and the mortars intact. While setting up his platoon's defense he sighted two enemy machine gun emplacements several hundreds yards down a firebreak deployed in the direction of the 83d Division.

Lieutenant Lucas' gallantry reflects great credit upon himself, his platoon and the Army of the United States."

# APG celebrates Law Day with words from Supreme Court official

## LAW DAY, from front page

the court Suter also wrote and published the "Guide for Counsel in Cases to be Argued Before the Supreme Court of the United States."

"I can't think of anybody that I would rather have here today than a man who has dedicated himself to this nation and to the rule of law," Currie said.

The invocation was led by Chaplain (Col.) Philip Kalyanapu, chaplain for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, who asked for blessings on both the gathering and the food. Guests helped themselves to the buffet while Sgts. Don Claussen and Antonio Hurley of APG Garrison's Headquarters Support Troops continued to greet arriving guests and direct them to their tables.

Among those signing in was John Landbeck, an Aberdeen attorney, whose daughter is an attorney. He said he has attended Law Day observances since 1973.

"It's important for young people to know what the law is all about," Landbeck said. "It helps those of us who work in the law to remember who we are, what we do and why we're doing it."

Loraine L. Bright, an assistant professor of paralegal studies at Harford Community College, said



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**Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, left, talks with Maj. Gen. (Ret.) William K. Suter, clerk of the court, Supreme Court of the United States, with Col. James S. Currie, APG chief counsel and staff judge advocate, and Sol Goldberg, former APG deputy chief counsel.**

students, especially law students, benefit from Law Day activities.

"It's important that we encourage people of all backgrounds to learn how our system works and to honor the aspects of that system which are based on justice and freedom," Bright said.

Suter put the audience at ease with a humorous quote attributed to Nancy Reagan.

"The mind is a wonderful thing," he said. "It starts the minute you are born and never stops until you get up to speak."

Suter went on to explain some of the many duties, and responsibilities, of being a Supreme Court clerk to include learning the idiosyncrasies of the justices, who are often considered reclusive.

"I am the 19th clerk of the Court," Suter said. "Everything that goes on is shared between myself, the marshal, the librarian and the recorder."

Suter said he has sat in on every case argued for the last eight years. The court, he explained, is very selective.

"They only take important federal cases," Suter explained. "They usually agree with the government and are very protective of free speech."

Suter said he wanted to clear up two commonly held misconceptions for the audience. The

first was the correct title for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

"The title is not chief justice of the Supreme Court," Suter said. "It's chief justice of the United States."

Suter explained that justices are not as politically identifiable as people are inclined to think. He identified the words conservative and liberal as "political terms" and said the justices can often be expected to vote a certain way depending on their leanings, not on who appointed them.

"The court can be activist," Suter said. "They have struck down three acts of Congress this term. They are very critical of the government when it does not respect the balance between federal and state authority. And they are very deferential to the military, which has not lost a case in 30 years."

Suter said his position allows him to travel more and to become more involved with young people. Much of what he has learned disturbs him, he said.

"Polls say that 41 percent of students in a survey couldn't name the three branches of government, but 59 percent in the same survey could name all of the three stooges," he said. "We should teach history accurately and encourage open debate about values so we can talk about right and wrong. Not just in school, but in the workplace and the home too."

"I think it's time for all of us to pull up our socks, stop blaming other people and take account for what we're not doing," Suter said. "Law Day is a good day for observing some of the values that make America free."

Suter encouraged lawyers to visit schools and give talks on a regular basis.

"That will promote a greater respect for the criminal law system and a better understanding of history, a prologue to the future," he concluded.

Currie thanked Suter for his "thought-provoking" remarks and presented him with a plaque to mark the occasion.

Currie attributed the event's success to the planning by his staff. Paul A. Marone, a special assistant U.S. attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said he organized the annual event with help from Maj. Maria Chapa, deputy staff judge advocate; Capt. Ronald Crosby, trial counsel; and Capt. Erik Milito, legal assistance attorney, who wrote the theme, "Celebrate Your Freedom: The Quest for Equality."

Chapa said she Suter's speech as both moving and informative. "It was inspiring to me not

only as a military JAG officer," Chapa said. "It reminded me of the value of our system."

Doesburg said both the speaker and participants made the observance such a great success.

"We were able to bring in a wide variety of the civilian legal work force," Doesburg said. "To have the clerk of the court give his perspective really capped that luncheon."

Doesburg said Law Day is important to the military because the law and legal professionals play a critical role in mission.

"We are entrusted with sons

and daughters and huge sums of money," Doesburg said. "We have the obligation both legally and professionally to train those sons and daughters and use those monies wisely."

Guests included: Judge Frederic N. Smalkin, U.S. District Court; Judge Daniel Klein, Chief, U.S. Magistrate; Judge Paul W. Grimm, U.S. Magistrate; Judge Thomas E. Marshall, Harford County Circuit Court; Judge Paul M. Rosenberg, U.S. Magistrate (Ret.); and Joseph I. Cassilly, Harford County State's Attorney.

## Legal office wins Army award

The Legal Assistance Division of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Office of the Chief Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate has won the 1998 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance.

The TECOM Legal Office won in the medium size office category. The award recognizes "superior achievement in providing professional legal advice and assistance to soldiers and their families on their personal legal affairs and needs."

This is the seventh time the Legal Assistance Division has won the award since 1990.

In his endorsement to the nomination for the Award, Maj. Gen. Edward L. Andrews, then TECOM and APG commander, praised the Legal Assistance Division for the close working relationship established between Legal Assistance personnel and many federal, state and local non-military resources which can assist Legal Assistance clients at little or no cost.

Also lauded was the Help Soldiers Help Themselves Program, which was designed to enable many soldiers, retirees and their dependents to handle by themselves, without expensive legal fees, uncontested



**Members of the Legal Assistance Office, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, which recently was honored by the Army, are, seated from left, Alene Williams, Carla Brown-Minor and Anna Leanza; and, standing, from left, Michael Millard and Capt. Erik Milito.**

divorces, adoptions, and custody and support lawsuits, and to represent themselves in the local small claims court.

The military and civilian Legal Assistance attorneys, paralegals and support staff were commended by Andrews for their professional excellence and spirit of caring service, and for being, "always willing and able to give it their all, do a superb job, and do it

with a smile."

The office is located at building 310, wing 2. Active duty personnel, retirees and their dependents are eligible for legal assistance services. The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday, with the office closed on civilian payday Fridays. The telephone number for appointments is 410-278-1583/1584.

## YOUTH UPDATE

### From the Edgewood Area...

#### 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.

A Teen Council meeting will be held May 25, 6 p.m., TO address July's teen leadership conference.

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

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 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.

Coming up next month is Family Fun Day on June 6, 4-7 p.m., with games, food and fun for everyone! Also in June, teens ages 13-18 can represent APG at the BET Teen Summit on June 19. Cost is \$5 per person; sign up by June 8.

### From the Aberdeen Area...

#### Register for junior golf

The Aberdeen Youth Center has limited openings for junior golf for ages 8-17. Classes begin June 29 and conclude Aug. 17, with a two-day tournament. Class sizes are limited and registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrations are accepted at building 2522 Tuesday through Friday, noon-8 p.m. Cost is \$30 for family members of military personnel and DoD civilians, and \$35 for guests of a eligible patrons. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 a.m. for ages 8 and 9; 9-10 a.m. for ages 10 and 11; 10-11 a.m. for ages 12 and 13; and 11 a.m.-noon for ages 14-17. For more information contact Bill Kegley or Wayne Doyel, 410-278-4995.

#### Tennis lessons offered

The Aberdeen Area Youth Center is conducting registration for tennis lessons through June 15, for ages 7 and up. Youth tennis lessons begin June 28. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9-10:30 a.m. for beginners and 10:30 a.m.-noon for intermediate (two or more years of experience). Cost is \$30 for eligible patrons, \$35 for guests. Register at building 2522, the Aberdeen Area Youth Center. Contact Bill Kegley at 410-278-4995 for more information.

#### Are you ready for soccer?

Soccer Registrations are now being accepted for youths ages 5-14. Participants must be age 5 by Aug. 1, 1999, and cannot turn 15 before Aug. 1, 1999. Registration deadline is July 15. Cost is \$30, with a 10 percent discount for additional children. Practices begin Aug. 1. Games begin Sept. 11. For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995.

## Armed Forces Day celebration slated for May 22

*AFD, from front page*

tary flea market, vehicles and other activities.

The first event of the day, a 5-Kilometer Fun Run/Walk, will begin at 9 a.m. at the APG Athletic Center at building 3300, she said.

"The first 200 runners to sign up will get free T-shirts, and there is no cost to enter," she added.

Race-day registration will be held from 8-8:45 a.m. Those interested may register by fax (410-278-9537), phone (410-278-4402/4056) or email (rcuomo@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil). Points of contact for the fun run/walk are Ralph Cuomo at APG's Community Recreation Division, 410-278-4402, and Darlene Ostroski at the Aberdeen City Office, 410-272-1600.

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., those with an interest

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

The parade down Aberdeen's West Bel Air Avenue starts at 4 p.m. at Aberdeen High School, with musical entertainment provided before the parade by the Aberdeen High School Show Band.

After the parade, which will feature post units and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), the focus of the celebration will move north to the 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, Aberdeen High School, Edgewood High

School, Fallston High School and Harford Technical High School.

At the end of the concert, a fireworks display will be held at about 9 p.m.

"Armed Forces Day is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the military's importance to this community," McRoberts said. "The majority of the day's events will be held in the city of Aberdeen in an effort to help stimulate an interest in the military and further the spirit of patriotism with the entire community."

Remember to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the parade and concert. From the parade, it's a short walk to the high school, where you can get a good seat on the lawn for the concert.

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

## Safeguard your ID, checks from scam artists

*CRIME, from front page*

gation Command office recently investigated a case where a Service Member was held liable for \$42,000 worth of bad checks cashed by a family member over an eight-month period.

How do you prevent this from happening to you? The answer is easy: educate yourself and your family about these frauds and stress the importance of safeguarding military ID cards.

The most-frequent type of fraud committed against the community is for a bad guy to get a young soldier or family member to cash a check for him. Frequently the person will state he lost his ID card and needs money for some type of emergency and will offer the soldier or family member \$10 or \$20 to cash a check for him. The bad guy often has no affiliation to the military and the checks are stolen.

The result is the service member is liable for the amount of the check plus a \$25 service fee to the PX. These checks usually are cashed for \$200 to \$300 each.

The second most common fraud is for a bad guy to use a lost or stolen ID card to cash checks, again the sponsor, whose social security number is on the ID card is held responsible for the loss.

To prevent these types of fraud educate your family members and stress to them that they should never cash a check for anyone else, even if they know them. Have them keep their ID cards safe and report any loss immediately to the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. If you or your family members are ever approached by someone to cash a check, immediately notify the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security with a description of the individual and any vehicle

they might be operating.

Your assistance is critical to stamping out this type of fraud and protecting yourself and your

family. For more information on this and other crime prevention tips, contact your local CID office at 410-278-5261.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### 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 APG Sports Office or either MWR gym. For more information, contact Mami Allison, APG sports director, 410-278-4497.

### Intramural softball preseason coming up

The APG Intramural Softball Season will begin with the annual Pre-Season Tournament. The single elimination competition will take place May 24-27 in both areas of post. The championship game take place on Tuesday, June 1, on the home field of the team in the winner's bracket after play concludes on May 27. Regular season begins June 2. Units must submit a letter of intent to the Intramural Sports Office by 2 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

### Women's league forming

The APG Sports Office is organizing a Women's Recreational Softball League that will play an eight-week season starting June 8 in the Aberdeen Area. Women who are eligible patrons of MWR facilities are invited to join. Interested players or teams should sign up at the APG Athletic Center or the Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. A minimum of four teams are necessary for the league to begin. For details call the Intramural Sports Office, 410-278-7934.

### Golf league starts next week

The APG Intramural Golf League will start on May 20. Units must submit letters of intent to the Intramural Sports Office by 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 13. For more information, contact the Intramural Sports Office at 410-278-7933.

### Golf tournament set for June

The Community Recreation Division Sports Office and Ruggles Golf Course are sponsoring the 1999 Military Golf Tournament June 12 and 13, for active-duty military. The 36-hole format will have five flights. Handicaps must be reported at registration. Those interested must register by June 4 at any MWR gym or golf course. For more information, contact Harold Smith at 410-436-3375, or Marc Williams at 410-278-9452.

### Want to play on the post team?

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

### APG men's varsity softball team competes

The APG men's varsity softball team started its season by participating in the first of three round-robin tournaments at Fort Meade on Saturday, May 8. The team is participating in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference and will play against other regional military installations this summer. On Saturday, the APG Bombers lost its first game to Annapolis Navy Station, 21-11. The team won the second game against Lakehurst, 19-9, then lost the next two games to Walter Reed and Fort Belvoir.

The APG Bombers play the next round in Lakehurst, N.J., June 12 and 13. Active duty military interested in playing on the team should contact Coach Steve Czerwinski at 410-436-1492.

# Intramural volleyball League continues wins

Results from the Intramural Volleyball League for the week ending May 7 are:

## Aberdeen Division

### Results

**May 3**  
E Co. 16th defeated F Co. 16th, 12-15, 15-1, 15-12  
USMC defeated NCOA, 15-10, 15-13

**May 5**  
USMC defeated E Co. 16th, 15-6, 15-12  
HHC 16th defeated NCOA, 15-4, 15-7

### Standings

USMC .....11-1  
E Co. 16th .....7-3  
HHC 16th .....7-3  
NCOA .....4-7  
F Co. 16th .....4-7

### Schedule

**May 17**  
6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. E Co. 16th  
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. F Co. 16th

**May 18**  
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. E Co. 16th

**May 19**  
6:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. F Co. 16th  
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th

## Edgewood Division

### Results

**May 3**  
MRICD defeated CHPPM, 15-3, 15-6  
A Co. 143rd defeated SBCCOM, 15-12, 15-8  
520th defeated HHC 143rd, 15-12, 8-15, 15-10

**May 5**  
HHC 143rd defeated CHPPM, 15-4, 15-12  
SBCCOM defeated 520th, 15-8, 17-15, 15-13  
MRICD defeated A Co 143rd, 15-2, 11-15, 16-14

### Standings

MRICD .....11-1  
520th .....8-2-1  
HHC 143rd .....6-5-1  
A Co 143rd .....5-6  
SBCCOM .....2-8  
CHPPM .....0-10

### Schedule

**May 17**  
6:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. CHPPM  
7:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. 520th  
8:30 p.m., MRICD vs. HHC 143rd

### May 19

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

# \$500.00 REWARD

Information is sought by the Aberdeen Proving Ground CID, pertaining to the housebreaking and theft of a tan in color Directorate of Public Works (DPW), panel van Government registrations tag # G10-4351808.

Between 2030hrs 27 Apr 99, and 0300hrs 28 Apr 99, unknown person(s) forcibly entered the DPW, Project Section Branch, building 2543, warehouse and stole a van that contained electrical equipment.

On 28 Apr 99, the van was recovered at the "Big Cone" Ice Cream Shop, 1307 Pulaski Highway, Havre De Grace, MD

A \$500.00 reward is offered for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) responsible for the housebreaking and theft of the van.

Anyone having information pertaining to this incident, please contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground CID Office at (410) 278-5261/62/63, DSN 298-5261/62/63 or the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Department at (410) 306-0565/0564 or (on post dial) 4-0565/0564. All information will be handled confidentially.

Reward authorization is LAW AR 195-4 (3-20): Termination of this reward will be 5 Jul 99.

# Paintball fever

## Participants take on high-energy combat activities

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

U.S. Army soldiers are not the only people who take on high-energy combat activities.

Several people on Aberdeen Proving Ground spent a good part of April 24 in a military-style posture — low-crawling through enemy territory, dropping and rolling beneath overhead fire, and engaging the enemy with semi-automatic weapons. This time, however, it was all in good fun.

You might say the Outdoor Recreation Departments' Paintball Festival was a messy success.

By 7 a.m. the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area was filled with gun-toting, mask-wearing, men, women and children who were all just itching to blast paint all over their opponents.

Charles Heinsohn of Outdoor Recreation said only one of the teams that pre-registered did not show up.

"Right now we have 19 teams but teams will show up as the day goes on," he said. "All in all, it's a great turnout."

The day began with a registration and briefing under the main pavilion.

Cheryl Roark and Mary Brousseau of Outdoor Recreation registered the teams, collected fees and issued equipment. Then they directed the players to the morning safety briefing conducted by Tom Maliszewski of Maryland Paintball Company.

Maliszewski, who lives in New Jersey, said he was not surprised by the variety of players who showed up for the festival.

"I've been working for the company for nine years," Maliszewski said, "and I've seen every age from 12 to 50 play this game."

After the briefing the teams went to the "battle area" which was set up on a baseball field. It consisted of two side-by-side playing fields containing air-inflated vinyl bunkers sustained by a network of tubes, powered by a generator.

The lead referee, John Bourgault, has worked for Maryland Paintball for six years and thinks it is the game of the future.

"The best thing about paintball is basically anybody can play," Bourgault said. "I've seen fathers and sons, as well as fathers and daughters."

Bourgault added that he thinks the best players are women who are playing for the first time.

Driver Skippy Brown has delivered paintball supplies for tournaments all over the East Coast. He said paintball is "getting bigger than baseball."

"Maybe if they had this, they wouldn't have problems like in that school," Brown said, referring to the recent school shooting in Littleton, Colo.

Bourgault said he doesn't like to see paintball portrayed as just another violent sport.

"It's a great stress reliever," he said, "and it's really just good clean fun."

After opponents were established and sides were chosen, the games began and for the next six hours, men, women and children were caught up in the confrontational frenzy known as paintball.

Most participants agreed that they can't seem to get enough of paintball.

Betty Taylor, who works at the University of Baltimore, was out supporting her husband, Bruce, and his team, Grandma's Hitmen — one of few teams consisting of APG employees. Bruce, who is a facility manager for Aberdeen Test Center, usually partners with his friend, Bill Burgett, who works in Ballistics, Analysis and Instrumentation at ATC.

"We're here to play in case one of our men gets hurt," said Betty, who also plays when she gets the chance.

Laura Beyer, a mother supporting her 12-year-old son's team, Robin Hood I, says she takes him to play at least once or twice a week. Tammy Tilson and Marcia French are two Baltimore wives whose husbands play on team True Playaz. They agree that paintball has changed their families.

"Both my brother and husband play," French said. "My brother doesn't call to talk to me anymore," she added. "Now he calls to talk to my husband."

Tilson, a Baltimore City police officer, said she enjoys watching but doesn't see herself playing the game.

"We have to drag the kids out and that's an adventure in itself," Tilson said. "Besides, the first time I saw red welts on his body I said 'Not me.'"

Welts are what can be left behind after the paint-filled gelatin capsules hit you. Most



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

### A member of Team Robin Hood I returns fire

players said they don't hurt, while others said they only hurt for a little while.

The paintballs didn't seem to hurt player Kelly Laubner as she took several "hits" while trying to capture the flag for her team. Laubner, a registered nurse at Harford Memorial Hospital, said she has been playing paintball for about six months with Team Torrent from Aberdeen. As she stood on the sidelines cheering her team on, Laubner explained that her husband, Mark, who captains the team, got her interested in the sport.

"I started out playing just a little," she said. "I was kind of timid at first, but now I play more aggressively. To have fun you have to be aggressive."

Laubner added that her patients would certainly be surprised to know what she does on weekends.

Team Torrent and Grandma's Hitmen finished in 12th and 13th place, respectively.

When the smoke cleared at the end of the day, the team left standing was Team B.C. Crew from central Maryland.

Although no date has been set for another Paintball Fest, Mark Laubner, who was a co-promoter for the games, said he hopes to have games set for July 17.

"We would like to get APG again," Laubner said, "because a site hasn't been chosen yet and this one worked out really well."

Heinsohn said that based on the sunny weather, the net proceeds and the large turnout of

players and spectators, the day was a success.

"We plan on doing this again," said Heinsohn. "We hope more soldiers participate next time."

To find out more about future Paintball Festivals call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

The winning teams in the 5-Player category for the Outdoor Recreation Paintball Fest held on April 24 were:



Kelly Laubner, an experienced player, shows off her paint-spattered gear.

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. B.C. Crew     | 8. Raptor 2            |
| 2. PEV's         | 9. Team Nasty          |
| 3. Graphix       | 10. TAZ                |
| 4. Robin Hood II | 11. Ozone              |
| 5. Robin Hood I  | 12. Torrent            |
| 6. MDPB          | 13. Grandma's Hit Team |
| 7. True Playaz   | 14. Northern All       |



Referee Ron Bourgault presents first-place team, Team B.C. Crew, with a plaque and gift certificates. From left are Tim Cole, Brook Stevens, J.C. Whittington, Rick Miles and Jamie James.

## Personnel plan events for EMS week, May 16-22

EMS, from front page

Stewart said, running about 1,100 calls per year between both areas of the post. Two paramedics always are on duty, and EMS personnel ride on fire calls as well. Post EMS personnel also teach CPR classes on post, such as at monthly safety meetings.

Coming up next week for EMS Week are:  
Sunday, May 16: EMS Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., PX parking lot.

Monday, May 17:  
• EMS presentation, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., EA Child Care Center.  
• Blood pressure/glucometer screening, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., EA Mini Mall.

Tuesday, May 18:  
• Blood pressure/glucometer screening, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., building 314 and EA Mini Mall  
• EMS presentation, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Roye-Williams Elementary School

Wednesday, May 19  
• Blood pressure/glucometer screening, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., PX and EA Mini Mall  
• EMS Fair, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Baltimore City/Inner Harbor

Thursday, May 20  
• Blood pressure/glucometer screening, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., APG Commissary and EA Mini Mall

Friday, May 21  
• Blood pressure/glucometer screening, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., EA Mini Mall

Saturday, May 22  
• EMS presentation, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., AA Child Care Center  
• Armed Forces Day 5k stand-by

## TRICARE UPDATE

### Remember to file TRICARE claims before deadline

If you have received — or provided — health care under TRICARE recently, don't delay in getting claims for that care to the regional TRICARE claims processing contractor.

Claims for outpatient care must be in the hands of your TRICARE contractor within one year of the date on which the care was provided. Claims for inpatient care must reach the contractor within one year of the patient's date of discharge from an inpatient facility.

Patients who file claims must use the DD Form 2642: Patient's Request for Medical Payment.

Individual professional providers who file claims will use the HCFA Form 1500. Institutional claims will be filed using the UB-92 claim form.

### Lifescan blood glucose monitors recalled

A manufacturer of blood glucose monitors has announced that it is recalling and will replace some of its home blood glucose meters because of possible malfunctions which could cause users to fail to recognize seriously high blood glucose levels. This failure could cause serious health consequences, including hospitalization and even death.

Lifescan, Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, announced the recall of its SureStep home glucose meters that were manufactured before August 1997, because the meters may give an incorrect reading when a patient's blood glucose is very high.

The meters may wrongly give an "ER1"

(Error 1) message instead of a "HI" (high) message if the user's blood glucose level is dangerously high (500 mg/dL or greater). Such a level is dangerous if not recognized and treated, and could result in hospitalization or death.

All SureStep blood glucose meters whose serial numbers begin with L6000 through L7205, and meters with serial numbers L7206-GA-00001 through L7206-GA-01128, should be replaced. The serial numbers can be found on the back of the meter. Lifescan, Inc., will replace any SureStep meter manufactured before August 1997 free of charge, with a new meter. TRICARE-eligible persons who have these monitors should call Lifescan's 24-hour, toll-free customer service line at 1-800-951-7226, to arrange for replacement, or to get further information.

Also, the meter was designed to emit an audible tone when the test strip is inserted. A user may misinterpret this tone as an indication that the test strip was completely and properly inserted in the meter. When the test strip is not completely and properly inserted, an "inadequate test strip insertion problem" (ISIP) occurs. This defect has resulted in the meter displaying a false low reading, which could cause the patient to alter his/her insulin intake and/or diet when such alterations may not be necessary.

Lifescan claims it minimized the ISIP with a test strip modification that was effective around March 1998. Newer test strips can be identified by the elongated blood sample area.

Diabetics who use these SureStep blood glucose monitors should not stop testing their blood sugar levels. Diabetics should continue to test with these meters until they can get a replacement, but remember that an "ER1" message can mean a very high level of blood sugar,

and that the ISIP problem causes false low readings.

TRICARE-eligible persons who use the monitors and test strips described above should make sure to get replacements from the manufacturer. The Department of Defense's inspector general asks individual users of the SureStep or SureStep Pro glucose monitoring meters who have personal knowledge of, or experience with, the ER 1 message or the ISIP, to contact the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS)—the investigative arm of the DOD-IG.

SureStep meter users should e-mail their personal experiences to DCIS at the following DOD Hotline e-mail address: hotline@dodig.osd.mil. Those who want to provide information on their experiences with the ER 1 message and/or the ISIP should include: (1) the patient's name; (2) the meter operator's name; (3) their conventional and electronic mailing addresses; (4) telephone numbers where both the patient and operator can be contacted; (5) the SureStep meter model name and serial number; (6) specific information regarding the error messages; and (7) whether the patient was hospitalized after experiencing meter problems.

The DOD Hotline provides confidentiality for persons who want to remain anonymous. DCIS wants only information that reflects problems experienced with the ER 1 message or the ISIP, regardless of whether they resulted in hospitalization. E-mails should be concise. To speak to an agent, call DCIS at (510) 637-2965 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

The DOD Hotline for fraud, waste and abuse reporting can be reached toll-free, at 1-800-424-9098; or, write to: Defense Hotline, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301-1900.

## Army aviators killed in Albania crash

Army News Service

HAWK BASE, Albania (May 5, 1999) — Two 11th Aviation Regiment soldiers were killed here early May 5, following the crash of their AH-64 Apache helicopter.

The crash occurred about 75 kilometers northeast of the Tirana-Rinas Airport during a training mission in support of Operation Allied Force.

The aviators are identified as Chief Warrant Officer 3 David A. Gibbs, 38, from Ohio and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kevin L. Reichert, 28, from Wisconsin. Both were assigned to C Troop, 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment at Illersheim, Germany.

The crash of the two-person helicopter occurred about 1:30 a.m. A security element secured the crash site and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team aided in the recovery effort.

There were no indications that hostile fire was involved in the crash. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

(U.S. European Command news release.)

## Fort Sill responds to disaster; soldiers on stand-by

By Tonya L. Riley  
Army News Service

FORT SILL, Okla. (May 6, 1999) — After dozens of tornadoes — one a giant, reportedly a mile-wide F-5 — ripped through Oklahoma March 3, Fort Sill soldiers and units stood ready to assist.

With 11 counties now declared federal disaster areas, thousands are homeless. Soldiers and civilians at Fort Sill have turned out to donate their blood and blankets, bottled water, baby items and more.

The Fort Sill Emergency Operations Center activated as soon as Mitch Pinion, acting director of Plans, Training and Mobilization, and Henry Holzheuser, DPTM's chief of Plans & Exercise Branch, got home from work and took a look at the breaking televised news. With the devastation apparent, both said they knew the calls would begin coming in, and called the staff back.

According to Fort Sill's EOC logs, the Defense Coordinating Element, the 479th Training Support Brigade, stationed at Fort Sill, which moves quickly in disasters to coordinate any needed military support, was already preparing to go to Oklahoma City shortly after the violent tornado struck.

Fifth Army has the mission to support disaster relief, for which military support is coordinated through the leadership of a Defense Coordinating Officer and team.

The team stands ready to assist with requesting items and support as diverse as searchers, supplies, equipment — just about anything available throughout the Department of Defense, said Pinion.



Photo by SPC. DANIEL J. OSORIO

**Spc. Benton Sitton, C Battery, 1st-58th FA, Army National Guard, helps Russell Hilterberan look through the rubble where his house once stood in Oklahoma City.**

Pinion said the Federal Disaster Area declaration, which came Tuesday, triggers the ability of FEMA to request support through the DCE. In an 18-hour period, the 479th Training Support Brigade was alerted, deployed to the city and was later officially activated, said Capt. Bruce Holland, 479th information management officer.

Anticipating the declaration, the Deputy Defense Coordinating Officer Lt. Col. Thomas Bailey, executive officer of the 479th Training Support Brigade, Fifth Army, was on site at an Army Reserve Center in Oklahoma City in the early hours Tuesday. With him now is the "hot team," a group of 10 479th soldiers trained to rapidly establish communications and respond to requests for information in the aftermath of disaster. The group includes Bailey and Col. David Annen,

479th commander and the designated Defense Coordinating Officer.

Although the official word to formally "activate" the DCE did not come until Tuesday, while in "standby" mode in the city, the team was already responding to the RFIs and assessing the availability of items and support likely to be called for through the Request for Assistance procedure, said Maj. John McIlhaney, 479th brigade operations officer.

"We are the single point of contact on the ground to (provide DoD) support to state, local and federal authorities. We do what we can, we just don't sit around and wait. We try to anticipate the 'what-if' stuff and try to determine what FEMA will need," said McIlhaney.

The 479th is a tenant unit at Fort Sill. Annen set up shop this week at the Oklahoma State

Emergency Operations Center — which is now in a Federal Emergency Management Agency mobile command post near the state capitol. The EOC is in constant contact with the DCE at the Reserve center.

Annen said Wednesday the operation at the reserve center would move soon, "We are getting ready to move the DCE from the Reserve Center ... and move to the capitol area," he said. "We are working around-the-clock operations; they are doing a great job."

Pinion said the impact on and damage at Tinker Air Force Base first had to be evaluated before it was clear whether Fort Sill or Tinker would be the Base Support Installation or primary responder. Although an Air Force Reserve Command news release announced that Tinker's fire, police and medical organizations responded immediately, Pinion said that by mid-day Tuesday, Tinker was officially given the primary responder mission, with Fort Sill remaining on standby as a secondary responder. For regulatory and safety reasons, Pinion said military units cannot simply decide to go "help out" without a request through the DCO for specific services.

"The assets of the city, Tinker and the area are sizable, and of course, the National Guard was immediately activated by the governor to help," said Pinion.

Annen said the National Guard support has been invaluable. "The state guard is doing an outstanding job in providing the security, medical assistance and debris removal," said Annen.

Pinion said a request from the Grady County Sheriff's Department for flight medical evacuation was among the first calls for help Fort Sill received.

"We can respond immediately to any threat of loss of life, and it was something we would have supported if we could, but the weather prohibited it," Pinion explained. The Bell UH-1s, or "Huey" helicopters, and 82nd MEDEVAC, Medical Company Battalion crews who support the mission from Henry Post Army Airfield, were grounded by high winds from the collapsing storms. He said a call came in requesting handlers and dogs specially trained for search and rescue missions, but there are no such teams at Fort Sill.

Holzheuser and Pinion said it is almost impossible to anticipate what support will be requested, but Fort Sill agencies checked in with what they are ready to provide. "What we don't have, we can get quickly," said Pinion. He said examples of things they might be asked to provide would include lights, generators, water trucks, various vehicles, blankets sleeping bags — the list of possibilities goes on and on. "It isn't pleasant to talk about, but they asked us to check on the availability of body bags," said Pinion. Within an hour, the EOC tracked down a source and reported that it could supply them if requested to do so.

No one knows how long the 479th soldiers will be deployed to the city. "We may be here a couple of days, weeks or months, said McIlhaney. "We will stay here as long as we are needed."

(Editor's note: Tonya Riley is a member of the Fort Sill Cannoneer staff. Sgt. Janis Levonitis and Spc. Daniel J. Osorio contributed to this story. The soldiers followed the "hot team" to Oklahoma City and gathered information about the team's operations.)

# Army 'buys back' 4,000 NCO positions downgraded by CINCOS

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (May 3, 1999) - The Army's Noncommissioned Officer Corps is getting back some rank.

In 1998, about 6,700 NCO positions in the Army's enlisted personnel inventory were downgraded by one grade or more as a cost-saving measure, said Robert M. Carty, a management analyst in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

That initiative, known as Change in NCO Structure, mostly involved re-grading enlisted positions which previously were performed by sergeants to specialists or privates first class, Carty said.

The Army's senior leadership re-examined CINCOS, he said, and in February, it decided to "buy back" approximately 4,000 of those positions.

"[NCO] positions were never removed from the Army inventory because of CINCOS; all of the enlisted NCO positions affected

by CINCOS were 'rolled down,'" Carty said. "Most of those positions were downgraded into skill-level-one levels (specialists, privates first class) from NCO skill levels."

Carty said CINCOS, proposed in 1995, was intended to redistribute the Army's aggregate NCO strength from the 1989 level of 49.8 percent of the force, to 47.6 percent.

"CINCOS was a money-saving measure," Carty said. "Leadership decided to 'buy it back' because it created leadership hardships; the Army didn't have the level of expertise it needed [to perform the 'rolled back' jobs]."

The revocation of the majority of CINCOS will return NCO aggregate strength to 49.6 percent of total enlisted strength in the Army, he said, adding all military occupational specialties are being reviewed and will be affected.

Army senior leaders also wanted to use CINCOS to balance NCO career management fields

and military occupational specialties for the future, according to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert E. Hall during an April 9 Soldiers Radio and Television interview with correspondent Staff Sgt. Scott Speaks.

"[CINCOS] was a good drill for each of the career management fields to go through; to look at their MOSs to ensure that they have promotion opportunities [for soldiers] from private to sergeant major ... [but, it was] a very emotional time for the Noncommissioned Officer Corps," Hall said. "The good news is the CINCOS buy-back means we're going to bring [NCO jobs] back into the force over the next three or four years; that's how long it'll take us to promote them."

Exact post-CINCOS numbers are being worked between ODC-SPER and Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations planners, said Carty. Rank "roll-ups" will be "spread across all NCO

grade levels, from sergeant to sergeant major," he said.

Carty said the "roll-ups" will affect senior NCOs, but to a lesser degree than junior grades.

"The most senior NCO ranks, master sergeant and sergeant major, are congressionally constrained; only 3.5 percent of enlisted soldiers can be master sergeants or sergeants major," he said. "The 'roll up' will result in some current NCO positions to be upgraded one rank, or two, depending on operational need, functions and requirements.

"All MOSs are being looked at, at all grade levels ... changes should start showing up next year in Army authorization documents."

If a soldier is in a job that is affected by post-CINCOS changes, that wouldn't trigger an automatic promotion, said Carty.

"It does not cause that soldier to be promoted, but it could improve future NCO promotions," he concluded.

## Soldiers, civilians can enter voting slogan contest

Special to Army News Service

WASHINGTON (March 2, 1999) — The Federal Voting Assistance Program extends an invitation to soldiers and Department of the Army civilians to submit entries for the Voting Slogan Contest.

The contest is sponsored by the FVAP as part of its efforts to expand public awareness and encourage voter participation among the uniformed services, the Merchant Marine, their family members, and other overseas American citizens, worldwide. All U.S. citizens, however, are encouraged to participate.

A panel of independent judges will evaluate all slogan submissions on their originality and motivational value. The winning slogan will be featured in FVAP's 2000-2001 media campaign, which focuses on increasing voter awareness among U.S. citizens worldwide and encouraging them to participate in the democratic process.

In addition, the slogan will be posted on the FVAP web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>, in the 2000-2001 Voting Assistance Guide, on motivational posters, audiovisual materials and in other FVAP publications and manuals.

There is no limit to the number of entries a participant may submit. However, all slogans should be submitted separately (only one slogan per page or e-mail).

Send entries via one of the following methods:

E-mail: [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov);

Fax: (703) 588-0108/DSN 425-0108 (no cover sheet needed);

U.S. Mail: Federal Voting Assistance Program, Attn: Voting Slogan Contest, Washington Headquarters Services, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155.

All submissions must include full name, military branch or service, if applicable, mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address (if applicable). If submitting by mail or fax, please type or print legibly on regular 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper. The deadline for submission is July 6, 1999.

The author of the winning entry and the runners-up will be awarded a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense. In 1997, Chief Hospital Corpsman Romualdo V. Cabal, of the U.S. Marine Corps, submitted the winning entry, "Vote Today For a Better Tomorrow!" The 1993 and 1995 winning slogans were "America's Most Wanted: Voters!" and "Your Vote Is the One that Matters!" respectively.

Join the FVAP in helping to inspire others to vote by participating in this exciting contest and you could be one of this year's winners! The point of contact for the slogan contest is Matthew Knefel, He can be reached at the Federal Voting Assistance Program via e-mail at [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov), or toll-free in the U.S. at (800) 438-8683, commercial (703) 588-1584, DSN (military) 425-1584, or fax (703) 588-0108, DSN (military) 425-0108.

# Pentagon to host four-nation military partnership ceremony on May 11

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (April 14, 1999) - Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki will greet senior uniformed leaders from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand at a May 11 Pentagon ceremony recognizing the 50th anniversary of a military standardization program between the four nations.

Shinseki, the American Head of Delegation officer for the American, British, Canadian, Australian Armies' Standardization program, will kick off the ceremony in the Courtyard at 10 a.m. The ceremony will acknowledge the past and present service and contributions of those involved with the ABCA program since its inception.

The ABCA Program began in 1947 when

American Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and British Field Marshall Bernard Law Montgomery agreed that the levels of military cooperation and standardization achieved during World War II between America and Britain should be maintained and extended. America, Britain and Canada were the original members. Australia joined them in 1963. New Zealand became an associate member through Australia in 1965.

Since that original agreement, the ABCA Program has produced more than 1,000 standardization agreements, known as Quadripartite Standardization Agreements (QSTAGS) and Quadripartite Advisory Publications (QAPs). These have helped the Armies of America, Great Britain, Canada,

Australia and New Zealand to operate effectively together during the conflicts and peace-keeping operations they have undertaken since World War II.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony and reception will be conducted in the Hall of Heroes corridor (A-Ring area between corridors 6 and 7).

For more information, call Col. Don W. Warner, chief, Internal Plans, Policy, and Programs Integration Division, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs, (703) 588-8044.

*(Editor's note: Information provided by Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs.)*

# Wilson named Volunteer of the Month for May

By Sheila Little  
APG News

The APG Volunteer of the Month for May is Diane Wilson. Nominated for recognition by the Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club, she has been heading fund-raising efforts for the club since the family arrived on post 14 months ago.

The Plumb Point Loop resident's family includes her husband, Maj. David Wilson of the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory; Jennifer, 14, an Aberdeen High School freshman; and Christopher, 6, a kindergartner at Roye-Williams Elementary School.

The volunteer agreed to donate time to the APG community before moving to the area. While awaiting APG housing at Fort Meade, Wilson said she was "hooked before I got here" by the visits of EA-OWC President Karen Chambers.

"Diane was very energetic right from the start," said Chambers. "I saw her in action as the ways and means chairman for the Fort Meade Officers' Wives Club, and was really impressed. I agreed to become EA-OWC president this past year, when Diane agreed to fill the club fund-

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**- Diane Wilson**  
*May Volunteer of the Month*

raising position."

Chambers said she wanted to make certain she had key personnel in place before assuming office. She added that she admires Wilson's energy and organizational skills in addition to her fresh ideas and willingness to share.

"I'm in the process of learning a new skill, through Diane's weekly basket-weaving classes," she added.

Wilson also is an active member of the 520th TAML family support group, as an attendee, hostess and sports enthusiast.

"She's very vocal in her support of the TAML team," Chambers said.

Patricia Libby, a neighbor and fellow board member, praised Wilson's "wonderful fund-raising capabilities."

"She's an avid runner, and uses that energy to benefit those around her," she said.

Libby added that the dedicated

volunteer is preparing for a marathon this fall, an activity that requires increased training time.

"She's very organized, so I'm sure she has that schedule planned out in advance," she said.

Libby predicted a successful year for Wilson both "on the run and in the board room," and gave much of the credit for successful fund-raisers to Wilson.

"Her abilities to lead and to encourage others are admirable," she said.

As an enthusiastic volunteer, Wilson encouraged neighbors to support the charitable efforts of local spouse clubs, by selling basket bingo tickets and quilt opportunities in the area. She also has shared her love of people, talent for crafts and her leadership skills by organizing a weekly basket class in the neighborhood.

"I've made 15 to 20 baskets through her classes," said neighbor Moira Kearney, adding that

Wilson also serves her church as a leader of a girl's mission group, and invites and transports neighborhood children to the mission group meetings.

"She's a very caring individual," Kearney said.

Wilson moves from fund-raiser chairperson to organization head as she is inducted as president of the EA-OWC this month. She said she is looking forward to leading the area club, whose members she describes as among the most friendly and supportive she has known in her 12 years as a military spouse.

"We all click and love to have fun," she said, adding that she looks forward to increasing her club participation this fall, when her son enters first grade.

She said craft classes, restaurant visits, area tours and community fund-raising work together to make the club special.

"I've always been a member of the local OWC, and have served on several boards," Wilson said. "I've agreed to be president of this club because I know I can count on the support of the many great ladies who offer friendship and donate their time throughout the community. I'm looking forward to a great year."



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**Diane Wilson shows her weaving expertise by displaying her latest project, a stair-step basket.**