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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 17, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb. Normal trash pickup will be held on Nov. 11, Veterans Day. On Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, there will be no trash pickup; trash and recycling will be picked up on Nov. 24.



### Sponsor families during holiday

Army Community Service is seeking APG activities that are interested in sponsoring a military family for the Thanksgiving holiday. You can participate in this program by raising \$25 and obtaining a gift certificate at the APG Commissary or a local food market. For larger work groups, several gift certificates may be donated. ACS will identify military families who need these vouchers, with the help of Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas of the Ordnance Center and School's 16th Ordnance Battalion, who will act as intermediary to distribute gift certificates to preserve the privacy of the families. If your organization is interested, call Marge Fissel, 410-278-2508, for information.

### 'Smokeout' set for Nov. 18

The Great American Smokeout will be held Nov. 18. Among the event planned are a fitness walk held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., starting at the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center, building 320. In the Edgewood Area, a fun run and walk is planned between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., with a race at 11:30 a.m., starting at Hoyle Health and Fitness Center. The events are co-sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

### Special rate at hotel offered

Military personnel who have families visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday have been offered a special rate at a local hotel. The Quality Inn in Aberdeen is offering rooms at \$40 for Thanksgiving Day. See **SHORTS**, page 2

## SOUNDS OF THE Season

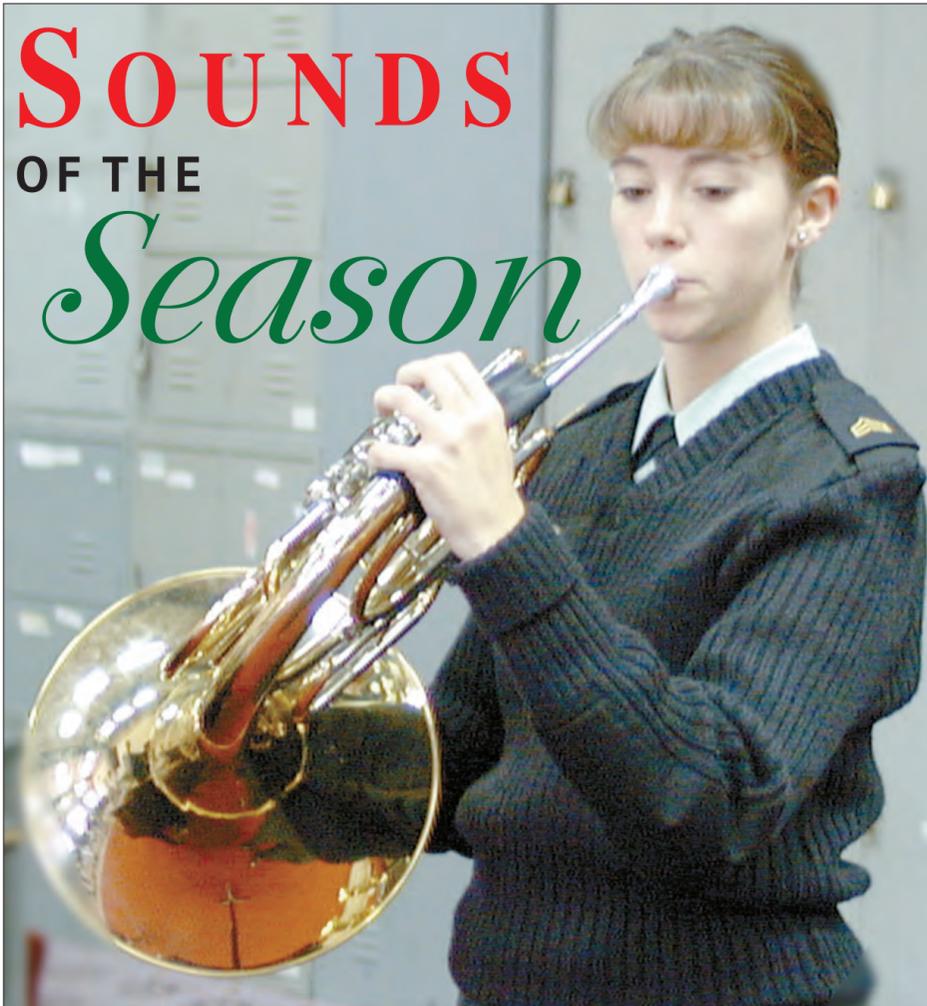


Photo by DAVE MAYOR

**Sgt. Janine Stillwell, a musician with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), practices the French horn in preparation for the band's Nov. 17 recital. Stillwell, who has been playing for 11 years, will perform a solo recital with piano accompaniment, and a duet with fellow band member and French horn player Sgt. Tim Dishong.**

### Band to warm up holiday season with free recital

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

On Nov. 17, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will treat the community to an evening of musical artistry as it presents its third annual public recital.

Small groups and individual soloists will perform selections ranging from baroque to jazz. Bandleader Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Standridge said band members are looking forward to the opportunity to

showcase their talents.

"This is a unique opportunity to experience the band outside of its official functions," Standridge said. "It's not often we get to show off our individuals and our groups."

He said he encourages band members to pick challenging selections that an audience would enjoy.

"We want to offer a wide variety of songs to benefit the community and the players," Standridge said. "This way we hold the audience's interest while our musicians gain valuable experience."

The recital will consist of performances by small

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Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

## Native American luncheon celebrates history, traditions

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The community celebrated Native American History Month last week, tracing a path from the Cro-Magnon period to the present.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, welcomed guest speaker Mitchell L. Bush, founder and former president of the American Indian Society, and seven members of the soci-

**Sfc. Mitchelene Big Man performs a "jingle dance" during APG's Native American Month celebration. A track mechanic from Fort Stewart, Ga., she is enrolled in the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course.**

ety who performed inter-tribal dances.

More than 200 who attended the event Nov. 3 at Top of the Bay listened to a speech by Bush in which he described the centuries before Christopher Columbus' voyage as "peaceful," noting that things changed dramatically "when that fellow that you say discovered the New World happened along."

The Native American nation today, Bush said, thrives in many major cities in areas called Urban Indian Centers. He said casinos have helped improve conditions and future outlooks for many struggling tribes.

"Because of casino gambling a lot of tribes are improving their communities and many are using the money to buy back the lands they lost," Bush said.

See **NATIVE AMERICAN**, page 8

## Community should plan for cleanup, prepare for winter

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Fall cleanup and preparation for winter were the big topics during the Nov. 4 Community Action Council meeting at the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker reminded attendees of the upcoming fall cleanup. All units except the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School are participating in fall cleanup through Nov. 15. OC&S will participate Nov. 16-22.

A unit representative must sign out and return any equipment needed to John Settles at the Re-Nu-It Center, 410-278-8814. The centers will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Nov. 25-26.

APG housing areas will participate in fall cleanup Nov. 29-Dec. 6. Both Re-Nu-It Centers will have extended hours during fall cleanup, and have garden equipment, trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer on hand. Residents were assured that raking leaves into

wooded areas is acceptable.

"It's a good time to go through your garages and outside patio areas for excess items," Kolker added, noting that trash pickup will be increased during the cleanup. A leaf vacuum will be considered for housing areas with many trees.

Changes in trash and recycling pickups were announced. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the normal trash pick up will be made. On Wednesday, Nov. 24, recycleables will be collected in the morning, followed by an afternoon pickup of trash normally collected on Thursdays.

There will be no trash pickup on Thanksgiving Day. The normal schedule resumes Nov. 26.

Special Directorate of Public Works trash, leaf and limb pickups are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 5, beginning at 10 a.m., and Monday, Dec. 6, beginning at 8 a.m. Bulk household items will be picked up the following week by the refuse contractor.

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## Dishwashers in some post homes recalled

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

Dishwashers in some post homes could be a fire hazard, prompting post officials to caution residents to check their model numbers and to discontinue use of the appliance if needed.

During last week's Community Action Council meeting, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, said the dishwashers have a faulty switch that could be a fire hazard.

"General Electric is offering a

rebate, not a replacement," he said. "DoD has indicated that no installation will receive additional monies to replace these dishwashers."

"With housing funding extremely tight, it may take some time to phase out these machines," he added. "Some can be replaced by routine replacement of machines, but we are not equipped to replace this number of dishwashers at one time."

Until the issue is resolved, he

See **DISHWASHERS**, page 10



**APG will participate in America Recycles Day on Nov. 15. For details, see page 14.**

## APG Pollution Prevention

### Fact of the Week

Approximately 20% of all paper is recycled by consumers.



Statistic provided by Environmental Protection Agency Office of Solid Waste

For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2273

## APG honored for preventing pollution

By Elizabeth Taddeo Longenecker  
EccoVerde, Environmental Management and Training, Inc.

Aberdeen Proving Ground recently accepted a national award for its pollution prevention project to identify and encourage the use of environmentally preferable paints. The project culminated in a APG Garrison paint policy that protects the environment for APG workers and residents, and it saves taxpayer money.

The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable recognized the accomplishment by awarding second-place honors in

its 1999 Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Awards to the APG Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment Pollution Prevention Program.

Robert Solyan, the program manager, accepted the award on behalf of APG at a ceremony on Sept. 22 in the Dirksen U.S. Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. DSHE conducted its paint study in collaboration with Aberdeen Test Center's Maryland Environmental Technology Demonstration Center, Green Seal, and Dynamac Corporation. The Armed Forces

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Posing with APG's second-place 1999 National Pollution Prevention Roundtable Most Valuable Pollution Prevention award are, from left, Judy Galloway, ATC; Audrey Raunig, ATC; William Newton, ATC; Robert Solyan, DSHE; Guillermo Arguero, DSHE; Michelle Guitard, DSHE; Timothy McNamara, director, DSHE; Joseph Craten, APG Garrison civilian deputy; and Meredith Hill of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable.

COMMENTARY

# 'Preventive maintenance' applies to people too

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.)

**Gregory L. Black**  
 Directorate of Health Promotion and  
 Wellness, CHPPM

The Army Suicide Prevention Program, at its very heart, is Preventive Maintenance Checks and Service – PMCS – of people.

Good leadership ensures that every vehicle in the motor pool is ready to go to war. Every vehicle is topped off with fuel, lubricated and safety-checked regularly. But what should we do about the emotional and spiritual readiness of our soldiers?

Every leader in the chain focuses on readiness. We constantly enhance soldiers' physical readiness with inoculations, physical exams and dental checks. We do critical event debriefings for those who have been emotionally bombarded while performing rescue operations. We offer stress reduction classes for folks who are distressed and teach suicide prevention classes as a reminder of the sanctity of life.

We have many great programs, but

programs by their nature are limited in scope. The constant vigilance offered by PMCS of people permeates every task and every mission. No matter how well developed and implemented, programs alone can never substitute for Army Values, which should be second-nature to our every thought and action. Respect is the foremost value when it comes to suicide prevention initiatives.

I was trained in high school as an automobile mechanic. Working as a line mechanic for about seven years in new car dealerships taught me that many people have no respect for a fine machine. They neglect to wash and wax their cars, so the finish deteriorates. They get too busy to schedule an oil change and the engine fails prematurely. They get mud on the carpets and spill drinks on the upholstery. You get the picture: no respect.

The same principles apply to our fellow workers. How often do we expect outstanding performance from others without doing periodic spiritual and emotional "safety checks?" Furthermore,

who do we expect to do these check-ups? The professional care providers (healthcare providers and chaplains)... right?

Wrong! That's like expecting wheeled vehicle mechanics to do PMCS on all the vehicles in the motor pool.

Then, how about the officers and NCOs? Wrong again. They are often the most overworked and distressed soldiers in the unit. The right answer is to do PMCS on each other all the time.

I applaud the Consideration of Others Program that sets time aside specifically for taking care of interpersonal issues within the work force. We must not let it become just another program, but make it a constant reminder of our Army Values.

However, we need more than a strong Consideration of Others Program. We need to affirm each other, superiors, subordinates and peers alike, with new and innovative ways to show respect. More respect for the fine machines known as Pvt. Smith, Maj. Lee, Sgt. Jones and Ms. or Mr. Long means a more healthy and

mission-capable Army.

We need to appreciate their differences in gender, race, religion and even their preferences for certain foods, games or type of attire. Respect, cultivated in all our soldiers and civilian workers, is the key to suicide prevention, as well as optimum readiness.

Someone recently asked me, "Chaplain, how do we instill respect?" I think that the answer lies within the system. The Army Values are posted with the acronym "LDRSHIP." The answer must come from leaders within the system. Leaders at every level must demonstrate great respect for others and require it from their subordinates. A sincere and concentrated effort from leaders throughout the chain will reap a bountiful harvest.

When attacks on a soldier's person, (for example, "He's a dirtbag") are treated with the same intensity as sexual harassment, then people will think twice before degrading a fellow worker.

Respect is more caught than taught and we have a big job ahead of us: just

watch a little bit of The Simpsons or listen to the lyrics of popular music from the last 20 years or so, if you disagree.

What can we do? First, we must practice the kind of respect that affirms others in our personal sphere of influence, at work and at home. Second, we must police disrespect all the time, everywhere and with everyone, especially our peers. When we treat people as they should be treated, with respect and dignity, we will have a better living environment.

Finally, I challenge you to PMCS the people you work beside every day. Affirm them with your friendship and encourage them to do their best work. Take time to notice their extra effort and recognize when they have given their very best. Find ways to show you care and seek out the person who goes unnoticed.

Suicide prevention is PMCS of people. You can enhance the quality of life in your unit, if you will only take time to demonstrate respect toward the people with whom you serve.

## POST SHORTS

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plus a full breakfast buffet for two adults at Yogi's All-American Restaurant. Nick Patel, manager of the hotel, said the offer is not intended to make a profit, and any proceeds from the offer will be donated to the APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund. The rate for other nights ranges up to \$54.95; check with the Quality Inn and Suites for details, 410-272-6000.

### Theater seats available

Approximately 300 wooden theater seats, in excellent condition, are available for any organization that is willing to remove them at no cost to the government. For details, call Rich Dunham, Directorate of Public Works, 410-278-0370.

### Volunteers needed for 2000 tax season

The 2000 tax season is approaching and the APG Legal Assistance Office is soliciting volunteers to help as tax preparers. The training will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 24-27, and Jan. 31, in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Brenda Taylor or Alene Williams at the Legal Assistance Office, 410-278-1583/1584.

### RE-NU-IT Center closures

The Re-Nu-It Center will be closed on Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The RE-NU-IT Center will reopen on Monday, Nov. 29, 8 a.m.

The centers begin winter hours Nov. 22. The Aberdeen Area center, building 5413, will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and the Edgewood Area center, building E-5703, will be open Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ellery Blake, 410-306-1108.

### Feast planned for Thanksgiving

Dining Facilities 4219, 4503 and E-4225 will serve the Thanksgiving Day Meal from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Nov. 25. Family members, retirees, civilian employees and guests are invited from 1-2:30 p.m. The rate is \$5 for officers, enlisted and family members of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and guests.

The discount rate of \$4 applies to spouses and family members of enlisted personnel private through specialist/corporal and non-profit youth groups authorized to eat at dining facilities. The menu includes shrimp cocktail, roast turkey, baked ham, roast beef, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, candied yams, corn, and assorted salads and desserts.

### Holiday events slated for December

Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate the holiday season with tree-lighting ceremonies in both areas of post. Maj. Gen. John C.

Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, will host both events. The Aberdeen Area Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held Thursday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m., in front of the Post Library, building 3320. The Edgewood Area Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m., in front of the EA Chapel, building E-4620.

To further ring in the holidays, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will host a Holiday Concert on Saturday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., at the Post Theater.

### Nov. 12 is AMC military leave day

The U.S. Army Materiel Command has declared Nov. 12 a military training holiday. Post officials encourage civilian employees to take leave that day, which is the Friday after the Nov. 11 Veterans Day holiday, to let the post shut down facilities and save energy.

### Clinic holidays coming up

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe the following holidays: Nov. 11, Veterans Day; Acute/Minor Illness Clinic open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 12, training holiday; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 25, Thanksgiving; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Nov. 26, training holiday; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-999-5195 for appointments.

### New donor center opens Nov. 15

The new American Red Cross O&B Donor Center will open Nov. 15. Hours will be Mondays, 2-8 p.m., and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For scheduling information call 1-800-GIVE-BLOOD. The center does not replace the whole blood drives held on post each month, or the unit blood drives scheduled throughout the year.

### Travel office open

The APG Travel Office is open at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. The office includes the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel's official and leisure travel offices, and the Transportation and Passenger Section. The office is closed on federal holidays. For information, call:

**ITR Office**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-278-4011;  
**CWT Official**, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 410-273-1100;  
**CWT Leisure**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-273-1184;  
**Transportation and Passenger Section**, Monday-Friday (closed every other Friday, APG Garrison compressed work schedule), 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed noon-12:30 p.m. for lunch), 410-278-3858.

### DCFA office moves to 305

The APG Garrison Directorate of Community and Family Activities' Director's Office and Support Services Division have relocated to the first floor, west wing, of building 305. Phone numbers for relocated personnel are: Office of the Director, Roy Ballinger,

410-306-4521; Sadie Hose, 410-306-4522; and Linda Holloway, 410-306-4520; and, Support Services Division, Doug Conley, 410-306-4515; Diane Devonshire, 410-306-4517; Hilda Minor, 410-306-4516; Kay Musgrave, 410-306-4518; and Leslie Greenleaf, 410-306-4519.

### Last party of the century

Celebrate the end of the century in style with the Caribbean Connection Association and the NCO Support Group starting on Dec. 31, 8 p.m., and continuing until the year 2000, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Tickets are available through the Recreation Center and association members. For information, contact Linda St. Louis, 410-272-3016, or Wendy Felix, 410-273-6553.

### AA meeting held at chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Center in the Social Hall.

### Hours change for passport photos

APG Garrison Photo Lab has new hours for passport photos, on Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m. For information, call 410-278-3391.

### Volunteer drivers help cancer patients

The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to participate in its Road to Recovery program. Road to Recovery volunteers drive cancer patients to and from treatment. To qualify as a volunteer you must own a car, have a safe driving record, and have a few spare hours per month. If you meet these qualifications, call the American Cancer Society at 1-888-670-0427 to find out more about becoming a Road to Recovery volunteer.

### Education Center offers counseling

The Edgewood Area Education Center is open for counseling on Tuesdays from noon-9 p.m., and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Testing services include CLEP, DSST, GT Predictor, GED and more, available Tuesdays, 4-8 p.m. The Edgewood Area Army Learning Center has computers with Internet access and study material for the tests available to check out. Additional reference materials are available for myriad subject areas. The Learning Center is open Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Fridays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Visit Dori Lawton, education counselor, and Chris Hollingshead, Learning Center monitor, building E-4410. For information, call 410-436-2166.

### Give up nicotine

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

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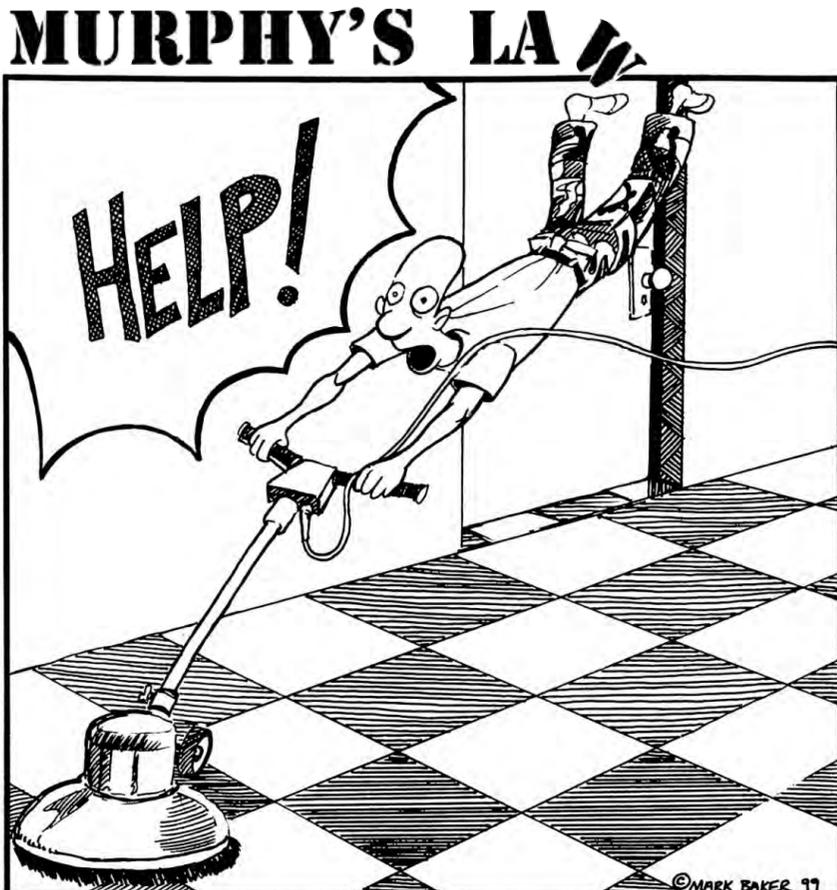
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# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### NOVEMBER 11 HCC TRANSFER FAIR

Harford Community College's Office of Academic Advising will host transfer representatives from area colleges and universities from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., who will meet with prospective transfer students in HCC's Learning Resources Center. For evening students, representatives will be on campus 5:30-7:30 p.m. Representatives will provide information on transfer of credits, financial aid, scholarship, housing, athletics and campus life. For more information, call the Office of Academic Advising at 410-836-4301 or 410-879-8920, ext. 301.

## SATURDAY

### NOVEMBER 13 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold a Holiday Craft Fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Crafters are needed. For information or registration, call 410-273-5536.

## WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The APG Chapel's Moment of Truth Gospel Service hosts the 7th Annual Women's Only Workshop from 9 a.m.-noon at the Post Chapel. The guest speaker, Elder Sharon Wilkins from the Sufficient Grace Tabernacle, Norcross, Ga., will speak on the theme "Women of Grace Fulfilling the Call of Destiny." This nondenominational event is free and open for all women. Free child care will be provided and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Elder Dawn Paul, 410-297-8157, or Sister Lisa Lyons, 410-273-6466.

## LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The dults and parents of the Aberdeen High School Booster Club will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo costs \$10 per ticket (three cards); additional sets of three cards costs \$5 per set. Door prizes, raffles, special games, food, a bake sale and drinks will be available. First come - first serve; tickets will be sold at the door, if available. To purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or Brenda Griffey, 410-272-5228. The money raised will benefit the Aberdeen High School Booster Club.

## TUESDAY

### NOVEMBER 16 2ND ANNUAL FOOD SHOW

The Installation Food Service Office will hold its 2nd Annual Food Show presented by Alliant/Atlantic Food Service, the commercial prime vendor. This show will provide attendees a firsthand opportunity to sample items offered through the commercial prime vendor. Approximately 40 food vendors will display items, which allows input from diners (or prospective diners) on items they would like to see in the dining facility. The show will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and commanders are encouraged to select two enlisted (subsistence in kind or basic allowance subsistence) personnel that subsist in the dining facility to attend. Make reservations by Nov. 10 to the Food Service Office, 410-306-1396/1397.

## Veterans Day observances planned for Nov. 11

• *Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028 and American Legion Post 128 will hold a ceremony at Memorial Park at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Cmdr. John G. Wallace of the U.S. Navy Seals. The ceremony will consist of the posting of the colors, a three-volley salute to America's war casualties and the playing of "Taps." Aberdeen Mayor Douglas S. Wilson and other local and state officials will be in attendance. In the event of rain the ceremony will be held at the Old Post Hall at 841 Old Post Rd. The ceremony is free and open to the public. For information contact Harry Brown, American Legion Post 128, 410-272-9822, or Bill Cantler, VFW Post 10028, 410-893-1334.*

• *The Pastoral Care Service will hold a memorial service in the All Faith Chapel, building 314, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Perry Point at 2 p.m. Speakers will include retired Army Lt. Col. Raymond J. Astor and several chaplains. The Veterans Memorial from the Susquehanna Museum in Havre de Grace will be on display and highlights will include a wreath-laying ceremony at the foot of the memorial and the playing of "Taps." Music will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) ensemble. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion. The community is invited to help celebrate this important day for hospitalized veterans.*

• *VFW 6054 will hold a memorial service at the VFW post on 206 Spesutia Road at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Lyndell Capitol, former senior-vice commander of Post 6054. For information, call 410-272-3444.*

## WEDNESDAY

### NOVEMBER 17 ANNUAL RECITAL

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will hold a recital at 7:30 p.m. at the 389th Army Band Training Facility, building 2184. The entire post community is invited to this event. For more information, call 410-278-4870.

## THURSDAY

### NOVEMBER 18 UMUC OPEN HOUSE

University of Maryland University College will host an Open House from 4-6 p.m. at building 3146. Academic counselors will be on site to present degree requirements for UMUC's undergraduate degree programs. Apply for admission and register for your first class and have the admissions application fee waived.

## WARRANT OFFICERS

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association will hold its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Yogi's All American Restaurant in the Aberdeen Comfort Inn. News from the annual meeting of the members will be shared. For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jane Jones, 410-

278-2319. The association also will be wrapping gifts at the PX on Dec. 19. Come out and have your gifts wrapped by technical experts of the Army's Ordnance Corps. Funds raised will be returned to the community through donations to local agencies.

## BOSS DINNER

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program will sponsor a free dinner for all post service members at the AA Recreation Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. See your unit BOSS representative to sign up, or call Spc. Canth, 410-436-5048.

## SATURDAY

### NOVEMBER 20 WOA REGIONAL

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association will host the Northeast Regional Meeting at 9 a.m. in building 3073, room 205. For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jane Jones, 410-278-2319.

## SUNDAY

### DECEMBER 5 HOLIDAY HOMETOUR

The Annual Holiday Tour of Historical Homes will include a tour of 10 post homes, and lunch and a craft bazaar at Top of the Bay. Advance tickets cost \$8; tickets cost \$10 on tour day. For information, contact Amy Carlson, 410-273-0525. Tickets are on sale for an "Americana Log Cabin" quilt; the drawing will be held during the tour. Tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5, and are sold on Saturdays at the PX.

## THURSDAY

### DECEMBER 9 AA TREE-LIGHTING

The AA Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in front of the Post Library, building 3320.

## SATURDAY

### DECEMBER 11 HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will host a Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. at the Post Theater.

## SUNDAY

### DECEMBER 12 EA TREE-LIGHTING

The EA Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m., in front of the EA Chapel, building E-4620.

## TUESDAY

### DECEMBER 14 BLUE CROSS PLAN

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has arranged for a visit by a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) from 9-11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level) in the Aberdeen Area, and from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Area at building E-4420. No appointment is necessary. For details, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

## Chapel plans holiday events

The following is the schedule of holiday events taking place at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Chapels:

### Aberdeen Area:

#### Catholic:

Nov. 28 - First Sunday of Advent - Mass, 8:45 a.m.  
Dec. 8 - Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception, 11:45 a.m.  
Dec. 24 - Midnight Mass preceded by Christmas Carols, 11:30 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 9 a.m.  
Dec. 31 - Mass 5 p.m.

#### Jewish:

Dec. 9 - Chanukah Service, noon

#### Protestant: (General Protestant and Gospel)

Nov. 24 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Aberdeen  
Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Nov. 27 - Decorate Chapel for Christmas, 10 a.m.  
Nov. 28 - Beginning of Advent  
Dec. 11 - Christmas Caroling at the PX, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Gospel)  
Dec. 15 - Christmas Caroling at the PX, 7 p.m. (Gospel)  
Dec. 19 - Children's Christmas Program, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 19 - Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m. (General Protestant)  
Dec. 22 - Community Christmas Caroling, 7 p.m. (General Protestant)  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - Watch Night Service, 10 p.m.

### Edgewood Area:

#### Catholic:

Nov. 28 - First Sunday of Advent - Mass, 10:45 a.m.  
Dec. 8 - Holy Day Immaculate Conception, 5 p.m.  
Dec. 18 - Mass in Stable 5 p.m., preceded by caroling from Edgewood Area Chapel  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Family Mass, 5 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 11 a.m.

#### Protestant:

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Nov. 28 - Beginning of Advent  
Dec. 5 - Hanging of the Greens, 4 p.m.  
Dec. 12 - Edgewood Community Combined Choirs Cantata, 9:15 a.m.  
Dec. 19 - Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:15 a.m.

## WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, Nov. 11-17:

### THURSDAY, Nov. 11

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

### FRIDAY, Nov. 12

11 a.m., 7 p.m., You do it for the Flag (10 minutes)

### SATURDAY, Nov. 13

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

### SUNDAY, Nov. 14

11 a.m., 7 p.m., You do it for the Flag (10 minutes)

### MONDAY, Nov. 15

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

### TUESDAY, Nov. 16

11 a.m., 7 p.m., You do it for the Flag (10 minutes)

### WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17

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

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

## MOVIES

### MUMFORD

Friday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jane Adams, Ted Danson

A young psychologist moves to a small town and soon is dispensing no-nonsense therapy to the locals who are won over by his attentiveness and surprising frankness. But the man who hears the secrets has the biggest secret of all. **(Rated R)**

### OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE

Saturday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.

Starring: Shawn Hatosy, Alec Baldwin

In his blue-collar town, Timothy has a broken home, a three-legged dog and a full-blown attraction to trouble. His friends have no future, but he's about to get one whether he likes it or not when his father packs him off to prep school. **(Rated R)**

### STIGMATA

Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 p.m.

Starring: Patricia Arquette, Gabriel Byrne

Terrible things are happening to a woman - paranormal attacks cause her to bleed from her head, hands, and feet. The Vatican dispatches Father Kiernan to investigate. What he finds in Frankie will change his faith as a priest. Together, they fight her demons. **(Rated R)**

## MWR UPDATE

### Center offers Santa suits, tables, cots

Live up your holiday office/organizational party — have Santa Claus drop in for a visit! The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center can provide the suit, you just need to provide the stuffing. The center, located in building 2407, has a small number of Santa Claus suits available for rent, including red corduroy pants and jacket; black boot covers and belt; red hat and white gloves, wig and beard. Complete suits are \$10 per day and may be reserved by paying the daily fee in advance. Call the center at 410-278-4124/5789 for further information.

Need tables, chairs or sleeping cots for the holidays? If you are expecting company over the Thanksgiving weekend but wonder where your guests will eat and sleep, worry no more! The center has eight-foot folding tables (lightweight but sturdy) and padded aluminum folding chairs, air mattresses, cots with mattresses and sleeping bags available. Tables are \$5 per day and chairs are 50 cents per day. Air mattresses are \$2 and \$3 per day, cots are \$3.50 and sleeping bags are \$2 per day to rent. Paying for the items in advance will hold your reservations.

The center will be closed Nov. 25-28; items can be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and returned on Monday, Nov. 29, for a one-day fee. For additional information, contact the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124/5789.

### Auto Craft Shop appreciation

The Auto Craft Shop will offer Customer Appreciation Days Nov. 20 and 21. All bay fees for these to days will be reduced by \$1. For information, call 410-278-5178.

### Join Turkey Trot 5K Run

The Annual APG 5K Turkey Trot is scheduled for Nov. 20, 10 a.m. The run is open to the public. All registered runners will receive event T-shirts. The top three military and civilian, male and female runners will receive cash prizes; the top three finishers in each age group will receive medallions (cash winners are not eligible for medallions). Age categories for males and females are 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and over 60. Entry fee is \$12 through Nov. 19, \$15 race day; cost is \$5 for active duty military E-1 through E-4. For information, call 410-278-4402.

### EA bingo planned

The EA's Stark Recreation Center in building E-4140 has bingo every Saturday starting with earlybirds at 6:30 p.m. The next is Nov. 13. The evening includes seven \$500 games, two \$250 games and a progressive jackpot at 57# and \$2,700. The snack bar will be open before, during, and after bingo. The snack bar is open before, during, and after bingo offering a wide selection of burgers, chicken, pizza, hot dogs, nachos. Ice cream flavors include tin roof sundae, cookies and cream, butter pecan, chocolate, vanilla, cherry vanilla, and strawberry. For more information, call 410-436-2713.

### AA bingo plans 'Big Bucks'

The AA Recreation Center will have Big Bucks Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 21, at building 3326. Earlybirds start at 1:30 p.m. with Big Bucks following at 2 p.m. There is one \$1,000 game and two \$600 games. There also are 14 \$500 games for a total payout of \$10,100. The snack bar will be open before and during bingo. There will be two door prizes given away during bingo.

The center offers regular bingo on Wednesdays nights and Sunday afternoons. Wednesday bingo starts at 7 p.m. with a progressive jackpot of 54# at \$2,400 and six \$500 games. Sunday bingo starts with earlybirds at 2:30 p.m., with bingo following at 3 p.m. The progressive jackpot is at 57# at \$2,700 and nine \$500 games. The snack bar is open before and during bingo. For information, call 410-278-2621/3404.

### EA Arts and Crafts Center

**Ceramic class:** A beginning ceramic class will be held Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. This class covers basic pouring and glazing techniques.

**Framing class:** A beginning matting and framing class will be held Nov. 18, 5:30-9 p.m. Students must bring an 8x10-inch picture to frame. Cost \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance as space is limited.

**Custom framing:** The center does quality custom framing. **Hours:** The center is open Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by building E-4440 or call 410-436-2153 for information.

# APG praised for military athletes' send-off

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

In August, several Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations and individuals joined forces to present a special send-off ceremony for the more than 350 Armed Forces athletes and coaches who were headed to the 2nd Military World Games in Zagreb, Croatia.

Under the direction of Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, and Robert Silcox, director of plans, training and mobilization, the ceremony was held at the Post Theater on Aug. 5.

In recognition for the efforts of many who helped in the set up, planning and presentation of the

send-off, 19 people were presented certificates of achievement signed by CFSC Commander Brig. Gen. Craig B. Whelden, in a ceremony at APG Garrison Headquarters on Nov. 3.

Col. Harold Cooney, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, came from Washington, D.C., to present the awards.

"Those athletes came in here, in-processed, then went and secured almost 30 medals, all due to a send-off that was just first class," Cooney told the awardees gathered in the conference room. "Please pass on our sincerest thanks to those who could not be here today."

Spidel noted that although the Commercial Activities study was going on at the time, the organizations involved faced the challenge with their usual professionalism.

"Even during normal times there are tremendous efforts by everyone to help get the job done," Spidel said. "At the time, very few knew if they still had jobs. Through the strain and stress, their efforts speak volumes."

Recipients of certificates of achievement are: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James May; Capt. Victoria Kost, secretary, general staff, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry

Standridge, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own); Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tommy Benbow Sr., installation food advisor; and APG Garrison's Doug Adkins, Marni Allison, Wanda Brooks, Ronnie Callendar, Richard Conway, Ralph Cuomo, Henry Diegert, Gwyn Dolzine, LaMont Harbison, Connie Hardison, Carolyn Lamp, Robert Silcox, Lisa Waldon, Richard Walter and Robert Webster.

Honored but not present were Sgt. Maj. Daniel Sweeney, SSgt. Steven Burton, Butch Grzanka, Michael Brown, Michael Miller, Peter Andrews, William Roberge, Louis Pierce and Helmuth Lingawl.

# Company command to be 'homecoming' for Powell

An upcoming change of command will be a homecoming of sorts for Capt. Michael T. Powell. He will assume command from Capt. David T. Dean on Nov. 19 and return to the site of his introduction to the Army as a student in

the Ordnance Officer Basic Course. He will move to a post closer to his hometown of Pittsburgh.

The change of command ceremony will be conducted at noon in the Edgewood Area Recreation Center.

A native of Pittsburgh, Powell returns to the region from a tour in South Korea, where he has been serving as the deputy support operations officer for the 227th

Maintenance Battalion in Yongsan, Korea.

He received his commission through the ROTC program at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania in 1994. Since then, he has served as a direct support platoon leader, company executive officer and shop officer. In addition to Korea, he has served in Hawaii with the 725th Main Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

His military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Service and Staff School, and Air Assault. His awards and decorations include two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, three awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Ribbon.

# AAFES names Doyle Employee of the Quarter

Misty Doyle, supervisor at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Shoppette, has been chosen as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Employee of the Quarter.

Jim Servies, manager of the APG Shoppette, said he nominated Doyle because of her excellent customer service skills.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander and deputy installation commander, presented the award to Doyle. Also on hand was Alan Petty, general manager of the Fort Meade Consolidated Exchange, who presented awards and expressed his appreciation to the employees of the APG PX.

Spidel closed the ceremony by telling all present what a great job they are doing and how much he and the post appreciate a job well done.

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## ATC honors employees at ceremony

By Lena Goodman  
ATC Public Affairs Office

One hundred and two employees of Aberdeen Test Center who were nominated by their peers for exceptional performance were honored recently at an awards ceremony at the Post Theater.

Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC commander, said to the work force of more than 650 that "all of you are winners here today. I'm proud we're on the same team. Keep up the good work."

The Commander's Quality Award was presented to an ATC work group or team for continued high-quality achievements. The VISA buyers, Jonah Barnhart, Bonnie Moore, Betty Sexton and Beverly Werner, earned the award for "outstanding support to all of ATC," said Richard A. Kreiss, supply management chief. "They receive, review and process requests in excess of several million dollars each year. They also do an excellent job writing technical contracts with very detailed specifications."

The Groak Award, named for the late George Groak, who provided facility support at APG in the '50s, is presented for exceptional work by wage grade personnel. Glenn F. Griffin, instrument mechanic in the Firepower Core, received the award.

"Mr. Griffin is one of the most in-demand instrument mechanics in ATC," said Richard A. Bucci, director of the Firepower Core. "His knowledge of fire control systems dates back to the M60 series tanks and covers every significant fire control system developed since the 1970s. Presently he is one of the experts for the Abrams. He provides outstanding support for the Abrams fire control testing, turret maintenance, and tank rebuild."

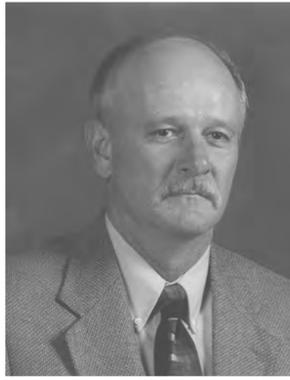
The Crozier Award was presented to SSgt. Bruce E. Neyens, the Warfighter Team's operations sergeant. Named for the late Maj. Gen. William Crozier, Army chief of Ordnance from 1901-1917, the award is presented to a soldier for excellence in technical test project management and test support.

"Staff Sergeant Neyens' primary mission is to coordinate SOMTE [Soldier-Operator-Maintainer Test and Evaluation] support for test programs at ATC," said 1st Sgt. Melvin M. Spence, Neyens' supervisor. "His technical expertise as an infantry soldier makes him essential to the test directors in helping to ensure that the best product is sent to the soldier in the field. He demonstrates exceptional skill in all tasks assigned to him and maintains a standard of excellence in spite of an extremely heavy workload."

The Fritter Award, presented to an employee who provides admin-



**Franklin J. Marotta**  
Commander's Award



**James C. Mentzer Jr.**  
Nichols Award



**William E. Harris Jr.**  
Fritter Award



**Glenn F. Griffin**  
Groak Award



**SSgt. Bruce E. Neyens**  
Crozier Award



**Winners of the Commander's Quality Award are, from left, Bonnie Moore, Betty Sexton, Jonah Barnhart and Beverly Werner.**

istrative support and named for the late Richard W. Fritter, a former ATC budget analyst, was presented to William E. Harris Jr., Equipment Management Team.

"During these times of downsizing, depleting property, and reorganizing, Mr. Harris has been a mentor, guide and peacemaker," said Judy Shelley, ATC's director of services. "He has a vast knowledge of property, budget, acquisition, logistics regulations and procedures."

The Nichols Award, named in memory of the late Charles W. Nichols, whose accomplishments epitomize contributions by ATC technicians, was presented to James C. Mentzer Jr., Soldier and Foreign Systems Core.

"In mid-1998, ATC was tasked to support a test program conducted at a remote site," said Dr. Kenneth Dick, chief of sensing technology. "Starting with little more than a point of contact's name and telephone number, Mr.

Mentzer visited the areas, laid out a test site, specified logistic support required, interpreted instrumentation test requirements, and supervised the surveying of test points within the test range. He provided communication networks and supplied not only the command-and-control enclosure, but also auxiliary shelters for the sponsor's use. The test began on schedule."

The Commander's Award was presented to Franklin J. Marotta of the Software Test Team. The award is presented for outstanding individual achievement on a technical project or study.

"Mr. Marotta has played an integral part in the software development on the Bradley A3," said Jerold L. Nook, director of the Technology Core. "His contributions to the development of this system have been recognized at very high levels for the tremendous impact he has had on this program."

# Meeting discusses fall cleanup, snow

COMMUNITY, from front page

## Snow business

Following the discussion on fall cleanup, the meeting turned to snow removal plans and possible post closure.

In regard as to who makes the final decision on post closure, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander and deputy installation commander, noted that "only the installation commander has the authority to administratively close the installation. No tenant commander on the installation has the authority to override that."

Robert Silcox, director of plans, training and mobilization, reminded attendees that post snow closing announcements are made through radio and television, and specifically mention APG. Announcements about government workers in the Baltimore area do not apply to APG employees. The APG snow emergency line is 410-278-SNOW (7669).

Tenant activities and post residents are requested to clean snow from their own sidewalks, Silcox said. DPW personnel clear roads and parking lots. Gene Worthington of DPW discussed snow removal, noting that preparation is one of the keys to effective snow removal.

Worthington cautioned attendees not to use the rock salt the post uses on roads for their sidewalks, as it causes surface deterioration on sidewalks and other similar surfaces.

He said if you have an emergency or special circumstance, "we will accommodate requests on a case-by-case basis."

Dwight Bloom of DPW added that snow removal takes time.

"I can tell you that one parking lot will be done first, and one will be done last," he said, asking for patience. "But if you do have an emergency, please call us."

The best way for residents to help is by keeping their cars off the streets, particularly in neighborhoods like Skipper's Point, which have little room for the plows to maneuver.

Shovels will be available once snow is predicted, and will continue to be issued up to a week afterward at the Re-Nu-It Centers. Snow melt, available in 10-pound bags, is issued when snow is forecast. Generally one bag is given out per family, more for severe storms. It is not given out at the beginning of the season because of storage problems; the bag can "sweat," causing damage to homes and furnishings.

Residents also should disconnect outside hoses, to prevent burst pipes during freezing temperatures.

## Thanksgiving meal

An announcement was made concerning the Thanksgiving Day meal, served Nov. 25. Military personnel will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; families and guests from 1-2:30 p.m.

Urging all to celebrate Thanksgiving at the dining facilities, Spidel said he was looking forward to it.

"They always do a superb job," he said of the dining facilities, adding that a new food service contractor started Nov. 1, one highly recommended by other military service personnel.

## PX and commissary

Following the snow plan presentation, Catherine Jones, assistant manager of APG Army and Air Force Exchange Services, said AAFES has snow blowers with a deferred payment plan that involves no initial payment and an extended time before interest accumulates. Snow melt and fire logs also are available.

Jones also reminded attendees that the upcoming season is the biggest of the year for retailers, and said the PX will have an additional 20 percent off all toys in the store on Nov. 26 and 27.

She added that a free health screening by Upper Chesapeake is scheduled for the lobby of the store Nov. 18.

The APG Commissary now has a policy similar to the Main Post Exchange in regard to who can enter the facility. Under a new

Department of Defense directive, guests can go to the commissary, accompanied by an authorized patron, but cannot make purchases. Identification cards are still checked at the door of the commissary and before purchases.

Commissary representative Anne Morrison reminded attendees that the commissary will be closed for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26.

The commissary will be open the Monday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Morrison urged patrons to shop that day, as the store usually is not crowded during special Monday openings.

AAFES has scheduled AIT nights for Dec. 1-3. On those nights, students in Advanced Individual Training at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School can shop in the evening. Morrison encouraged other patrons to shop early on those days to avoid the crowd expected.

Several signed copies of a book by local author and military spouse Charlie Hudson are available at the store for a special sale price, and a "12 Days of Christmas" sale begins Dec. 13, with door prizes given to customers each day. To be eligible, you must enter the drawing each day.

Spidel announced that a pit beef establishment has opened beside the APG Shoppette.

"It's great. It's gotten good response from the public," he said.

He added that a Church's Chicken is being considered for the Aberdeen Area sometime in the next 12 months, and noted that Robin Hood and Anthony's Pizza "routinely lose money" in the Edgewood Area. Other food options are being considered for the Edgewood Area, such as a pit beef stand similar to the one in the Aberdeen Area.

## Upcoming events

Roy Ballinger, director of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, reminded attendees of the Soldier's Show, at

APG this week.

Spidel encouraged attendance at the next Sunday Brunch, scheduled for Nov. 21 at Top of the Bay.

Stating that people often ask for special functions, he said the initial brunch in May was well-attended, but the one in August was not. If the November brunch is not successful, fewer special functions will be planned.

Cost is \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for ages 6-11 and free for those age 5 and under. Make reservations by Nov. 16 for either the 10 a.m.-noon seating or the 1-3 p.m. seating, by calling 410-278-3062/2552. The menu includes omelets, bacon, sausage, home fries, pastries, smoked salmon, carved beef, pasta, assorted vegetables and champagne.

Karen DREWEN, editor of the APG News, announced that the newspaper office has moved to the second floor of building 324 and the paper now is a part of APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management.

The number for the editor, 410-278-1150, remains the same, and the e-mail address, kdrewen@apgnws.com, still is the best way to submit information for the paper. For details, call DREWEN, 410-278-1150.

Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette announced that Army Family Week is being celebrated Nov. 21-27, with specials throughout post. Family deals are available at post recreation facilities and craft centers, special activities and displays at the youth centers and child development centers.

Surette urged everyone to patronize the post facilities to take advantage of the bargains.

"While you're shopping at the post exchange, please participate in the gift wrapping service," she added.

Spidel added his support to Surette's statement, noting that donations go to organizations on post.

Retiree representative Charles Shadle said a retiree appreciation day at APG is scheduled for Sept.

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# Residents discuss neighborhood issues

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16 next year. Also a Coast Guard representative, Shadle added that the next boating safety class will begin Jan. 11, 2000.

Residents were reminded that the beige recycling dumpsters on post are for paper only. If other recycleables or trash is mixed with the paper, the contents are sent to refuse collections sites, not a recycling center.

## Around the neighborhoods

The two-hour meeting opened with the swearing-in of a new APG community mayor, Lynne Bourgeois, and the presentation of a certificate of volunteer service to Becky Cornforth, out-going mayor of Austin Road.

Bourgeois is the new mayor for

Grant Court, replacing Kathy Shrontz.

Cornforth, an active APG community mayor for more than two years, was recognized for being deeply involved in the community as a dedicated mayor, and as an active volunteer in several other post organizations including both spouse clubs, thrift shop, and an advisor to the Edgewood Area Youth Center. The Cornforth family relocates to the Yorktown, Va., area this month.

Round table issues basically encompassed playgrounds, deer in the housing areas, stray cats and the authority of area coordinators.

Everette Road residents asked for a definitive response about when the remaining unpaved parking areas will be paved, and asked for input in the selection of playground equipment in their

area. Other residents requested timetable information regarding playgrounds. Both were instructed to call family housing, 410-306-2012, for specifics.

In response to a resident's request about what to do about an abundance of deer in the housing areas, Spidel pointed out that no hunting is allowed in the housing areas, and that the issue may get worse before it gets better. He said the new Maryland state hunting regulations "may impact how many deer we take on post.

"The likelihood is less deer will be taken this season," he said.

Residents who discover injured deer should call the Office of the Provost Marshal, 410-306-0564 in the Aberdeen Area, and 410-436-2222 in the Edgewood Area.

Bayside residents continue to have a problem with stray cats.

Humane traps will be set in an effort to remove the offending animals from the housing area.

In an effort to answer questions as to the role and authority shouldered by area coordinators and senior area coordinators, Spidel said the problem will be studied to come up with a reasonable solution.

"We need to match authority with responsibility," he said.

Spidel closed the meeting by congratulating the Marine Corps, celebrating its 224th birthday, and saluting all veterans in remembrance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The next meeting of the Community Action Council is Dec. 9, in the APG Garrison Headquarters conference room. A special presentation on Y2K preparedness is scheduled.

## Concert set for Nov. 17; band prepares for holiday show on Dec. 11

*CONCERT, from front page*

ensembles, a woodwind trio, a jazz saxophone quartet, and soloists, some with piano accompaniment. The performance is free and open to the public. The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the band's rehearsal facility in building 2184. For information call 410-278-8769.

Standridge said the recital is just a part of what will be a busy holiday season. On Veterans Day, the band will participate in Project Liberty Ship, the annual Veterans Day ceremony in Baltimore's Inner Harbor aboard the World War II troop ship S.S. John W. Brown.

The program, called "Homecoming," re-enacts the return of a troop ship to Baltimore at the end of WWII and will be filmed for broadcast on the History Channel. The ceremony is free and veterans of all wars are invited to attend. For information the ceremony, contact Joseph T. Colgan, 410-208-2656.

## Preparing for holiday concert

Rehearsals continue for the annual Christmas concert to be held on Dec. 11, 7 p.m., at the Post Theater.

"This year, Santa will be there for the children and we will perform the Hallelujah Chorus with the chorus from Aberdeen High School," Standridge said, adding that the band is hoping to add variety to the concert with selections like the popular song "Sleigh Ride" and music from the animated holiday favorite, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

"Hopefully, we will soon be able to widen the partnership we have with Aberdeen High to include other schools in the county," Standridge said



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON

Members of the American Indian Society pose in front of a teepee at Top of the Bay after the 5th Annual Native American Heritage Month luncheon. The members entertained diners with traditional dances, songs and music. From left are Alex Rides at the Door; Manuel Rodriguez; Dave White Buffalo; Elaine Holchick; Sfc. Mitchelene Big Man; Mitchell L. Bush; Vanessa Van Pelt and Verde Halley.

## Native American culture, dance, songs highlighted at post celebration

**NATIVE AMERICAN, from front page**

"We're also using it for economic development and investing in our future with health clinics and youth centers."

Bush joined the other members of the society in a series of mesmerizing inter-tribal dances during the entertainment portion of the program. The women wore brightly decorated outfits, while the men wore hunter-warrior garb complete with fur pelts and feathers. They performed six dances, one a "two-step" or "rabbit dance" and the final a "round house" which includes all participants and is practiced by all tribes throughout the nation, Bush said.

At the conclusion, Spidel thanked Bush and the society members on behalf of the APG commander and presented him with a commemorative plaque and the Commanding General's Coin of Excellence for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Carol Baker, APG Native American Employment Program Manager, said Native American Committee members and Equal Opportunity representatives created a program the installation could be proud of.

"Everyone gave 100 percent to help make this a success," Baker said, adding that they were grateful to Spidel and the post's supporting activities.

Baker, who is 75 percent Blackfoot Indian and 25 percent Cherokee, said she founded the program, now in its fifth year. The committee will begin planning soon for next year's observance.

"The vendors and American Indian Society calendars are planned a year out," Baker said. "We'll likely start planning for next year next month."

Sfc. Mitchelene Big Man was one of the dancers in the program. A track mechanic from Fort Stewart, Ga., Big Man is assigned to the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy. A member of the Crow nation from Billings, Mont., Big Man has been in the Army 12 years. She said she plans to make a career out the Army, though it was once frowned upon as a career for women.

"Women joining the military was not at all welcome when I first joined but it is more acceptable now," she said. She added that she was permitted to wear a war bonnet in a tribal celebration while she was home on leave two years ago.

"It was a first time I heard that women in the military are now considered warriors," Big Man said, adding that it was one of the most moving moments of her life. "I danced in with the war bonnet with the American flag around my shoulders. I was so proud."

## APG honored for preventing pollution

**AWARD, from front page**

Radiobiology Research Institute provided publishing services.

The paint study focused on interior, exterior, and anticorrosive architectural paints that contain environmentally hazardous chemicals. As a result of the study, APG is reducing its hazardous material inventories from 565 paints to 73 that meet the environmental criteria and the requirements of the APG Garrison paint policy.

The requirements have been incorporated into installation procurement and construction programs and are projected to save up to \$90,000 annually, based on reduced purchase cost (average savings \$1.76 per gallon), reduced storage and management of hazardous materials and cost avoidance for disposal of paints with toxic materials.

"This paint project is an outstanding example of innovation and farsightedness. It illustrates what can be achieved when government agencies cooperate among themselves and with the private sector to accomplish common goals. The team members who received this prestigious award are to be commended," said U.S. Rep. Robert Ehrlich, who attended the reception following the award ceremony.

The first-place award went to the Michigan Source Reduction Initiative for its use of pollution

prevention methods to reduce selected chemical wastes and emissions at the Michigan Operations Site of the Dow Chemical Company, according to a Roundtable press release. The project reduced waste by more than 10.6 million pounds and releases by more than 1.4 million pounds and led to savings of more than \$15 million a year for Dow with a capital cost of \$3 million.

The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable is the largest membership organization in the United States devoted solely to pollution prevention. The Roundtable provides a national forum for promoting the development, implementation, and evaluation of efforts to avoid, eliminate or reduce pollution at the source.

The organization, according to its press release, received an overwhelming number of excellent submissions for this third year of the program, indicating that there are many exciting, innovative pollution prevention projects and programs working across the country.

Interest in the awards program has steadily grown each year, and organizers hope this and other recognition programs will help the public become more aware of pollution prevention benefits.

To request a copy of the APG paint study, contact the APG Pollution Prevention Program manager, 410-306-2275.

## YOUTH UPDATE

### Register with Youth Services

The Youth Centers need to re-register all members and update the information in our records. Stop by either Youth Center and complete registration forms (one per member). Qualified sponsors may sponsor youth, ages 6-18 years.

For questions, contact Carlos Phillips at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, 410-436-2862/2098, or call the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, 410-278-4995.

### Aberdeen Area events

#### Sports Shorts

A basketball clinic will be held Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 2-3:30 p.m., for ages 5 and 6. Cost is \$10.

Registration for youth basketball and cheerleading is being held through Nov. 15. The fee is \$30 for the season. Practice schedules will be available after the coaches' meeting Nov. 17. Parent participation is needed; for information, call Bill Kegley, 410-278-4995. If you are interested in being a referee, call Dan Pierce, 410-273-7184. A free cheerleading clinic will be held Nov. 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

### Edgewood Area events

Sign up for Driver's Education, featuring 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of driving. Cost is \$225 (\$215 for Youth Services members). The course is open to youths ages 15 years and 4 months and older. For details, call 410-436-2862 or stop by the EA Youth Center in building E-1902

#### November events

Nov. 13, 7 p.m., "A Taste of Hollywood" Acting Workshop for ages 13 and older. Meet Michael Mack, a producer, actor and writer. In more than three years in Hollywood, Mack has acted in eight national commercials; the films "Star Trek: Generations" and "Sunset Park"; and had co-starring roles in series such as "Beverly Hills, 90210," "Hanging with Mr. Cooper" and "Dr. Quinn." He also wrote for Paramount Pictures. In June 1997, he returned to Washington, D.C., and started a production company that develops talent. He has appeared in the TV series "Homicide" and "America's Most Wanted." This is an opportunity to show your acting abilities. For more information, call Cardelia "Ms. Dee" Lee, 410-436-2862.

Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., German Club meeting. The club will discuss language, culture, history, geography and even food. Don't miss this fun and educational program. For more information, call Gary Nyikos, 410-436-7131.

Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Teen Council meeting. Support the youth center by being a part of the Teen Council. For more information, call Ms. Dee, 410-436-2862.

Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Journalism Workshop, ages 13 and older. The APG News' own Yvonne Johnson will conduct this workshop. For details, call Ms. Dee, 410-436-2862.

Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Club meets. For more information, call Gary Nyikos, 410-436-7131.

Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m., Military Family Night. Refreshments will be provided at this free event. For more information, call Edgewood Area Youth Services, 410-436-2862.

#### Sports Shorts

For more information on classes, call Norma Warwick at 410-436-7131/2862.

Register for dance classes, which will be held Mondays. Beginning Ballet will be 5-6 p.m. for youth ages 3 and up. If there is enough interest, the group will be divided into two age groups, 3-5 years and 6-12 years. A Jazz/Modern Dance Program is offered for teens on Mondays, 6-7 p.m., from contemporary ballet to the latest funk. Classes are \$20 per month, \$25 for associate members. At least seven students must register.

Gymnastics classes will be held on Wednesdays for Tiny Tumblers (ages 3-5), 5-6 p.m.; Beginning Gymnastics (ages 6 and over), 6-7 p.m.; and Intermediate Gymnastics (ages 6 and over), 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per month, \$25 for associate members. At least eight students must be registered to start classes.

Register for basketball and cheerleading. Boys and girls interested in playing basketball, ages 7 and older, may register through Nov. 20. Cheerleading is open to youths ages 6 and older. Practices will be at the Edgewood Youth Center; games will be in Edgewood, Churchville and Aberdeen starting in January 2000. Cost is \$30 per person. Ask about family discounts.

#### Coming in December

Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Talent Show and Dance. If you have a talent and would like to perform in the show, contact Ms. Dee by Nov. 24. Following the show, there will be a dance, with music provided by the D.J. Club. Cost is \$2. For more information, call Ms. Dee, 410-436-2862.

# Youths can enter photo contest

Both post Youth Centers will participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Photography Contest. Youth who are interested in participating are encouraged to attend the upcoming Discovery Club meetings, where the topic will be photography. The Aberdeen Area Youth Center dates are Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. each night. The Edgewood Area Youth Center meetings will be held Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for youth 6-18 years to learn more about photography," said Norma Warwick of the EA Youth Center. "Youths who have access to cameras should bring them to the Discovery Club meetings. Cameras will be available for youths without their own equipment. Film and processing will be provided through the APG Youth Centers."

Participants must be Youth Center members by Nov. 15. Stop in and complete a short form to join.

Photographs must be submitted to the Youth Centers by Jan. 12. Since a maximum of 10 photos may be submitted per age category, there will be a local contest to determine submission to the national level. Each APG Youth Center will be judged separately. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

First-, second- and third-place winners and an honorable mention are chosen in both black-and-white and color processes in the four age categories: ages 9 and under, ages 10-12, ages 13-15, and ages 16-18. A panel of judges, recognized in the field of photography, will select winning photographs based on technical and aesthetic qualities from among more than 3,000 entries.

The 32 winning photographs will be unveiled at Boys & Girls Clubs of America's National Conference and exhibited at special events nationwide throughout the year. Winners will receive an

engraved plaque and two mounted prints of their winning photograph. All other participants will be awarded certificates of participation.

Photographs must be taken by the contestant during the 12-month period prior to the entry deadline. Photographs may be either black-and-white or color process; slides no longer are eligible.

Photographs may be processed commercially, personally or by a self-processing camera.

A negative must accompany each photo (except self-processing film). Enclosing the negative in wrapping that does not scratch or damage it in shipping, and tape it to the back of photo. Do not cut negatives. Prints may be any size up to 8x10 inches. Photos should not be mounted.

A copy of the official entry form must accompany each youth entry, and an official label must be affixed to the back of each print. Forms and labels are available at the APG Youth Centers.

For details about the program, call Warwick or Gary Nyikos, 410-436-7131.

# Defect found in some dishwashers

**DISHWASHERS, from front page** urged residents not to use the dishwashers.

"If we have to, we'll disable the machine, but we don't want to take that step unless we have to for safety reasons," he added. "We don't want residents putting their neighbors in danger because they're not following these guidelines."

During the CAC meeting, APG housing representative Bernice Johnson said General Electric and Hotpoint brands are affected in the recall. Housing representatives are going door-to-door to verify the location of the faulty appliances, and a letter was sent to residents this week.

"Most of the dishwashers affected by this recall are believed to be in Patriot Village," Johnson said. "The faulty switch is only a fire hazard when the door is latched. Residents should keep the door in the unlatched position, which keeps electricity from the switch."

Residents are urged to check the model number, located in a rectangular label on the right or left of the front edge of the inner tub. If your dishwasher has the model number GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA477 or HDA487, keep the dishwasher door unlatched and contact the Housing Office.

Johnson said the Housing Office hopes to replace the recalled appliances as soon as possible, and asked those with questions to call her at 410-306-2012/2014.

She added that the Housing Office was made aware of the recall after a call from Patriot Village resident Kathleen Blythe,

a Family Child Care provider on post.

Blythe said she heard of the recall during a television program last month, wrote down the numbers, and double-checked the information on a website provided on TV, then called the Housing Office.

"I've discontinued using mine," said Blythe, who has lived on Memorial Court with her husband, Marine Sgt. Cecil Blythe and their sons since June. "I just don't want to chance it."

The dishwashers in question were made between 1983 and 1989, said Marilyn Spence of the APG Housing Office, and most were installed when Patriot Village opened a decade ago. The post is discussing what to do to replace the units with representatives from the government and from GE.

Other post residents also called after seeing the broadcast, Spence added.

"We appreciate their involvement in bringing this to our attention," she said. "It really helps when the residents are part of the solution."

Fortunately, no post fires have been attributed to the faulty switch, said APG Fire Chief Charlie Jones.

"We're concerned about the information we've received," he said. "Until we get more information, our recommendation is to not use the dishwasher. I know people have become used to dishwashers, but sometimes we have to give up convenience to be safe. I do know the post is actively pursuing a way to remedy the situation."

*(Sheila Little contributed to this article.)*



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

**Patriot Village resident Kathleen Blythe points out where residents can find the serial number on their dishwashers.**

# Pledge to buy recycled

## Post joins effort to increase awareness

On Nov. 15, millions across the United States will pledge their support for a “greener” millennium during the annual celebration of America Recycles Day.

In 1998, more than two million Americans participated in America Recycles Day.

“Thousands of recycled-content products and packaging are available today,” said Federal Environmental Executive Fran McPoland, co-chair of America Recycles Day. “The theme for America Recycles Day 1999, ‘For Our Children’s Future...Buy Recycled Today,’ emphasizes that recycling is one action that enables each of us to make a contribution.”

Participating in curbside recycling is one way family housing residents can support Aberdeen Proving Ground’s recycling efforts.

“The curbside recycling rate for the APG community could be improved,” said Bobby Hooper, operations manager for Harford Sanitation Service. “The most common problems are mixing paper and blue bag recycleables or setting them out on the wrong day.”

Here are the steps to follow:

- Put glass, plastics, steel and aluminum cans in blue bags. Do not include any paper products or any other household waste.

- Put paper products in paper bags or directly into the blue “recycle” containers.

- Paper products and blue bag recycleables are collected on alternating Wednesdays.

### Office paper recycling

Workers at APG also can help with recycling by using the more than 65 beige dumpsters located at buildings throughout the

Edgewood and Aberdeen areas. Hooper said these bins are only for paper products.

“Other office refuse and recyclable materials make the paper of little value to paper recyclers,” said Hooper. “This has resulted in our having to divert the paper to the Waste-to-Energy Facility.”

### Industrial recycling

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office operates a metal scrap yard and several warehouses for the collection of oils, textile scrap and batteries. In 1998, APG tenants and garrison activities recycled, through DRMO, 951 tons of scrap metal, 26,866 gallons of used motor oil, nearly 10 tons of bones and fat, 49 tons of tires, and 14 tons of textile scrap. This includes the equivalent of nearly 12 M1A1 tanks, 21,500 five-quart oil changes and 1,750 tires.

Aberdeen Test Center, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School and the APG Garrison Directorate of Logistics operate antifreeze recycling systems. The systems generate fresh antifreeze to be used again in fleet and test vehicles. In 1998, these three tenants recycled 3,745 gallons of waste antifreeze.



**Duane Hoepfner of Aberdeen Test Center recycles used antifreeze for reuse in government vehicles.**

### Where it goes

Ever wonder what can be made from recyclables? Here’s some of the ways recyclables from APG are being used:

- **Plastics** – used in carpet manufacturing and pellets.
- **Steel** – used in products from auto parts to bridges.
- **Aluminum cans** – used in the manufacturing of new aluminum cans.
- **Glass** – used in new glass bottles and containers.
- **Paper** – cereal boxes.
- **Tires** – truck bed liners, floor mats.
- **Automotive oils** – new motor oil.

Recycleables from APG travel as far as Asia and as close as Belcamp. Paper collected at APG is sold by Harford Sanitation to Partners Quality Recycling in Baltimore County.

“We sort the paper and then ship newspaper to paper mills in Asia,” said Monty Davison, general manager of Partners Quality Recycling. “Sorted cardboard and the remaining paper is sold domestically. Glass is optically sorted using laser beams and compressed air and then sold to glass mills for recycling into new bottles and containers.”

### Harford Waste-to-Energy Facility

A large percentage of APG waste is recycled at Harford County’s Waste-to-Energy facility, located next to the Magnolia Road gate in the Edgewood Area. In 1998, APG diverted 62 percent of all wastes to this facility and has a goal of 70 percent by 2003. The facility uses energy released during combustion to generate steam. APG is the sole purchaser of the steam, used in the Edgewood Area for heating, cooling and industrial operations.



Locally, Clorox Corporation in Belcamp uses pellets from recycled APG plastics to manufacture bleach containers. Clorox bleach containers consist of about 35 percent recycled plastics.

Steel is separated and sold to a Pittsburgh company, Tube City, where it is processed and sold. Richard Keller of Maryland Environmental Service said “every ton of steel manufactured in the U.S. today consists of a minimum of 25 percent recycled steel.”

Automotive batteries from DRMO are purchased by brokers who resell them to companies such as Exide Battery, which removes and neutralizes the acid, then sells the plastic and the lead plates for recycling.

### Other materials

The Harford Waste Disposal Center, located on Scarboro Road in Street, accepts other recyclable materials free of charge. You can take scrap metal, lead-acid batteries, used oil, used antifreeze, mattresses, brush, leaves and grass clippings to the center and eliminate large amounts of material from the waste stream.

Harford County’s Recycling Office has scheduled latex paint turn-in days. The paint is donated for use in non-profit building projects. Call the Recycling Office at 410-638-3417 for the next scheduled day.

### Completing the cycle

Many people are familiar with the recycling symbol – three chasing arrows – but many do not know their meaning. The first arrow is for collection; the second represents the manufacturing process where the materials are made into new products; and the third closes the loop – purchasing products made with recycled content. America Recycles Day organizers listed five reasons to buy recycled products:

- **Saves natural resources** – we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil and dig for minerals.
- **Saves energy** – it usually takes less energy to make products from recycled materials; for example, it takes 95 percent less energy to make recycled aluminum than new aluminum.
- **Saves clean air and water** – less air and water pollution is created.
- **Saves landfill space** – landfill space is conserved when materials are recycled.
- **Saves money and creates jobs** – recycling process creates more jobs than landfills or incinerators and can be a less expensive waste management method.

Closing the loop by purchasing recycled products is important not only for consumers but for federal agencies. Hazoor Khan of APG’s Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment

said Congress and the federal government encourage the purchase of products containing recycled materials and have passed laws and regulations to stimulate market demand. He noted that Executive Order 13101, signed in September 1998, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act require federal agencies to procure products meeting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for recycled material content.

For details on APG’s Solid Waste and Recycling Program, call Khan, (410) 306-2278.

## What can be recycled?

**Plastic:** Harford County only accepts plastics that contain a 1 or 2 on the bottom.

**Glass:** Three colors of glass are recyclable – clear, green and amber. Glass must be unbroken and cannot include items such as tableware, ceramics, Pyrex, windows, light bulbs or mirrors.

**Aluminum:** Only aluminum cans can be recycled through curbside recycling.

**Steel:** Containers only through curbside recycling.