

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 24, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



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 organizations 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. 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 an intermediary to distribute gift certificates and preserve the privacy of the families. For details, call Marge Fissel, 410-278-2508.

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, ham, roast beef, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, corn, and assorted salads and desserts.

Take a trip to new center Nov. 29

The APG Travel Center will hold an open house on Nov. 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The new center, which is open at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, offers all official and

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APG Pollution Prevention Fact of the Week

Approximately 5 billion glass containers are collected each year for recycling.



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

A SHOW FOR soldiers



Photos by LA'MONT HARBISON

Pfc. William Luke warns about "the evils of the thriller," a speech made famous by the late actor Vincent Price, during the Soldier Show's rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Community turns out in force for 'A Tribute to America's Heroes'

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The 1999 U.S. Army Soldier Show wound down with three performances at the Post Theater Nov. 8-10, the next-to-last stop on a six-month tour of the United States and Korea that was highlighted by a performance for Kosovar refugees at Fort Dix, N.J.

The final performance was held Nov. 12 in Washington, D.C., ending the year for the show titled, "A Tribute to America's Heroes."

The show was designed to pay homage to the many people who

have influenced Americans over the 20th Century, said Harriet E. Rice, public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

She said the theme was conceived by Ron Campbell Smith, the show's artistic director.

"Smith's intent was to use music to highlight different kinds of heroes in today's lives," Rice said. "Through music, they salute soldiers, women, athletes, rock and roll stars, Biblical heroes, cowboys and families."

The Soldier Show played to packed houses three consecutive

evenings at the Post Theater. Although many latecomers had to stand in the back for the public performance on Nov. 8, there were few complaints, as soldier-performers captured the attention of the audience with song-and-dance numbers. Shows on Nov. 9 and 10 were held for Ordnance Center and School personnel.

Selections consisted of popular songs of the century from ragtime to swing to today's hip-hop. One particularly high-energy production highlighted the hits of the Swing era which began in 1918.

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SBCCOM employees prepare for the future

By Karen Jolley Drewen
APG News

Two hundred people gathered at Richlin Ballroom last month to develop skills that will help them adjust to the future.

"Marching into the Millennium: Skills for Success" was the theme of the annual training offered by the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command on Oct. 28, just 65 days before the dawn of the year 2000.

Jim Zarzycki, SBCCOM technical director, said the goal not only was to provide training, "but to make it downright fun."

"This training will challenge you to focus and energize not just yourself, but your career, your relationships and your community," he said.

Zarzycki noted that the person leading the march into the millennium at SBCCOM is its commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, who attended the event one day after making a parachute jump in Massachusetts.

Doesburg emphasized the importance of not only accepting change, but being an active part of it.

"There's nobody who's better at what we do, whether it's in chemical and biological issues or soldier business," he said.

He offered "things to think about" to the audience, including making a commitment to excellence, being open to new ideas, cultivating humility, and mentoring others to pass on not only what worked, "but probably more importantly, what didn't work."

He also emphasized the importance of balancing your professional and private life.

"At the end of the day, whether we are retiring from the military or from civilian life, there's one constant - the family we had during that career," he said.

Zarzycki recognized the committee that put together the training: Pat Belcher, Donna Brown, Emily Fowler, Kay Gilbert, Mary Hagy, Chris Hignutt, Barbara Knapp and Phyllis Ostrom.

Hagy presented balloons to Doesburg and Zarzycki, including one welcoming the 21st century, and to Colleen Cairns, program manager for the graduate school at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which helped to

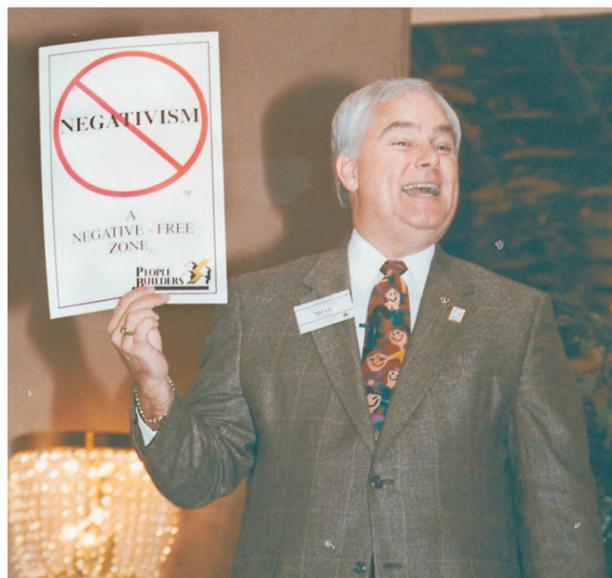


Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON

Steve Siemens, president of Siemens People Builders, encourages the audience to ban "negativism" in the work place.

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ATC employees receive RIF letters

Reduction-in-Force letters went to Aberdeen Test Center employees Nov. 9, as the center took another step in implementing its recent Commercial Activities decision.

Considering the current number of personnel at ATC, implementing the agency's Most Efficient Organization, which was determined during the CA study, requires ATC to separate seven employees, change 45 employees to lower grades, and reassign 56 employees.

ATC officials said the RIF was required to reduce its assigned strength despite both Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay (VSIP) windows.

To date, 23 VERA and 43 VSIP applications have been approved for a total of 66 voluntary separations. The effective date of the actions will be March 11, 2000.

"This is the first round, and we will continually rework the RIF process up until the effective date in order to consider any additional voluntary separations or identify any additional vacancies," said Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC commander. "We will make every effort to minimize, and hopefully eliminate, the need for involuntary separations."

ATC recently opened an additional VSIP window and asked for an additional VERA window to further reduce the number of involuntary separations.

CFC moves closer to \$270K goal

Get donations in by Nov. 19

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Nearing the end of the 1999 campaign, Aberdeen Proving Ground's Combined Federal Campaign continues to inch toward its goal of \$270,000.

As of Tuesday the total count received from APG was \$236,000. The campaign ends Nov. 19 but CFC co-chairman Wayne Doyel said the office will remain open until Nov. 26.

"We still hope to reach our goal so we'll still be collecting this week and next week," Doyel said. "We've collected over \$50,000 in a week before."

Doyel noted that the number of contributors is down but the dollar

amount is near the same as it was last year.

"Fewer people are giving, but they are giving more," he said.

CFC Chairman Doug Henry said his keypersons are striving to reach APG's goal.

"We made \$8,892 in two days this week," Henry said. "It isn't over yet."

He said anyone desiring to donate to CFC may do so through their organization's key personnel or by stopping by the CFC Office in building 2001 during regular business hours. After Nov. 26 donations must be made through the Baltimore office.

For more information, call 410-278-7402/7403/7404.

Get in Thanksgiving spirit with Saturday's Turkey Trot

The sixth annual Turkey Trot 5K Run is set for Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., starting at the APG Athletic Center.

Runners and walkers of all ages may register at the Athletic Center for \$12 through Nov. 19 and for \$15 on race day. Active-duty military, E1-E4 pay \$5.

More than \$2,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to the top three military and civilian, male

and female finishers. First-place runners in each category will receive \$250 each; second place, \$150; and third place, \$100.

The prize money is donated by race sponsor United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency (USPA & IRA).

The top three finishers in each age group will receive medallions.

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ing, you're through," he said, noting that Doesburg has the right attitude. "Lots of people have said 'I want to be part of the change process.' Don't be bystanders."

Thriving in the work place

Following Siemens' comments, participants split into two groups and listened as Virginia Jacobs and Melissa Mayers discussed different aspects of thriving in the work place.

Jacobs, president of Visual-Vocal Dynamics, Inc., presented the topic "Emotional Intelligence: Your Key to Communication in the Workplace of the Future." She emphasized that by understanding how your mind works, you can avoid the "emotional hijacking" that can lead to irrational and often uncharacteristic behavior.

"You not only remember stuff, you remember your emotions about that stuff," she said.

She illustrated how tone and emphasis can change the meaning of the same words, by having participants say sentences such as "Why did you do that?" first in a normal tone, then with an

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Commit to quit during 'Great American Smokeout'

If you are a smoker and want to quit, join the Great American Smokeout and Commit to Quit for the day on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Events are planned in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas during the day.

Center, with a walk/run between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., information on smoking cessation classes and free workout privileges for the day.

For information, call 410-436-7134/7135. Hoyle Health and Fitness Center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6

p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon.

The Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center will hold its "Walk for Health" between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., starting at the center, and also will offer free workouts for the day.

Enter to win a free one-month membership, bowl-

ing pass, or video pass. Information will be provided for smoking cessation classes. For information, call 410-278-9725/9759. The Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon.

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unofficial travel in one location. The open house will include refreshments and a tour of the new facility, which includes the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, Carlson-Wagonlit Travel official and leisure offices and the Passenger Travel Services Division.

"We encourage everyone to stop by," said Chris Lockhart, Leisure Travel Center director. "We will be offering door prizes, including two sets of airline tickets, a two-night stay at the Best Western Invitation Inn and a two-night stay at any Red Roof Inn. Plus, you can get information on some great travel deals."

She recommended asking about cruise specials and ski vacations. The entire post community is welcome at the event.

The center 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.

Holiday events set 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.

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, 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.

Prayer breakfast to honor King

APG will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Top of the Bay. Tickets cost \$6.75 per person and are available at the SBCCOM EO, Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534; OC&S 61st Brigade EO, Sfc. Thomas Stephanic, 410-278-5598; DTC EO, Sfc. Herbert Johnson, 410-278-1053; OC&S, Sfc. James Davis, 410-278-5598; Sfc. Gregory Kitt, 410-278-7381; CHPPM, 1st Lt. John Peyton, 410-436-8168; and SSgt. Michael Jackson, 410-278-1777. For more information, call Torbert, 410-278-1534.

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

CA UPDATE

If you have questions about the Commercial Activities Study, send an e-mail message to the new address: castudy@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil. This replaces the old email address (castudy@tec1.apg.army.mil). The e-mail address is available for anyone who has a question, suggestion, or would like to voice a concern regarding the APG Garrison or Aberdeen Test Center CA studies.

The hotline phone number still is 410-278-9461, and the website address still is www.apg.army.mil/ca.html.

and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ellery Blake, 410-306-1108.

Clinic holidays coming up

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe the following holidays: 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.

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.

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.

Donate red cells on post

"Double red cell" donation is available at the post's new O&B Donor Center. A donor gives twice the number of red blood cells as a typical whole blood donation, in about the same amount of time. Plasma and platelets are returned to donors, along with a saline solution. To donate, men must weigh at least 130 pounds and be at least 5 feet, 1 inch tall. Women must weigh at least 150 pounds and be a minimum of 5 feet, 5 inches tall. Those who do not meet the criteria can donate using the traditional whole blood method at the facility, and no donors will be turned away, regardless of blood type. To donate, call 1-800-GIVE BLOOD.

The center replaces the APG Apheresis Center, at which donors could give platelets. Those who still want to donate platelets can visit the White Marsh Apheresis Donor Center, 8114 Sandpiper Circle, Suites 203 and 204. Those who benefit the most from receiving platelets include transplant and cancer patients and others with ongoing, serious illness. Hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. For appointments, call (800) 272-2123, extension 4472. Platelet donors must meet the same qualifications as those donating whole blood — at least 17 years old and at least 110 pounds.

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.

Exchange cookies on Dec. 8

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club invites EA-OWC members and their guests, and members of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club to the annual EA-OWC Holiday Cookie Exchange, held Dec. 8 at the home of Denise Doesburg, 4670 Parrish Rd. in the Edgewood Area.

The luncheon and program begins with a social time at 11:30 a.m. and a meal of soup and salad at noon, followed by the cookie exchange. Participants are invited to bring four dozen homemade cookies; one dozen on a plate for sampling, and a container for those exchanged. Although participation in the exchange is encouraged, it is not a requirement for attending this free, club-sponsored holiday event. Call Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966, with your reservation by noon, Friday, Dec. 3.

Pendant offered by EA-OWC

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club has an opportunity to contribute to the APG community. EA-OWC member and jewelry designer Laura Pool has crafted and donated an 11-carat London blue topaz pendant with pink tourmaline and diamond accents. The piece measures approximately one and one half inches square. The club is offering opportunities to win the pendant at \$1 per ticket, or six tickets for \$5. Proceeds will benefit local organizations and charities. The winning ticket will be drawn at the club's holiday cookie exchange on Dec. 8. Tickets are on sale throughout the APG community, or by contacting Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966.

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 and 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. 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 Friday, 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.

Family Housing Office hours

The Family Housing Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The office participates in the compressed work schedule, with every other Friday off. For more information call 410-306-2010.

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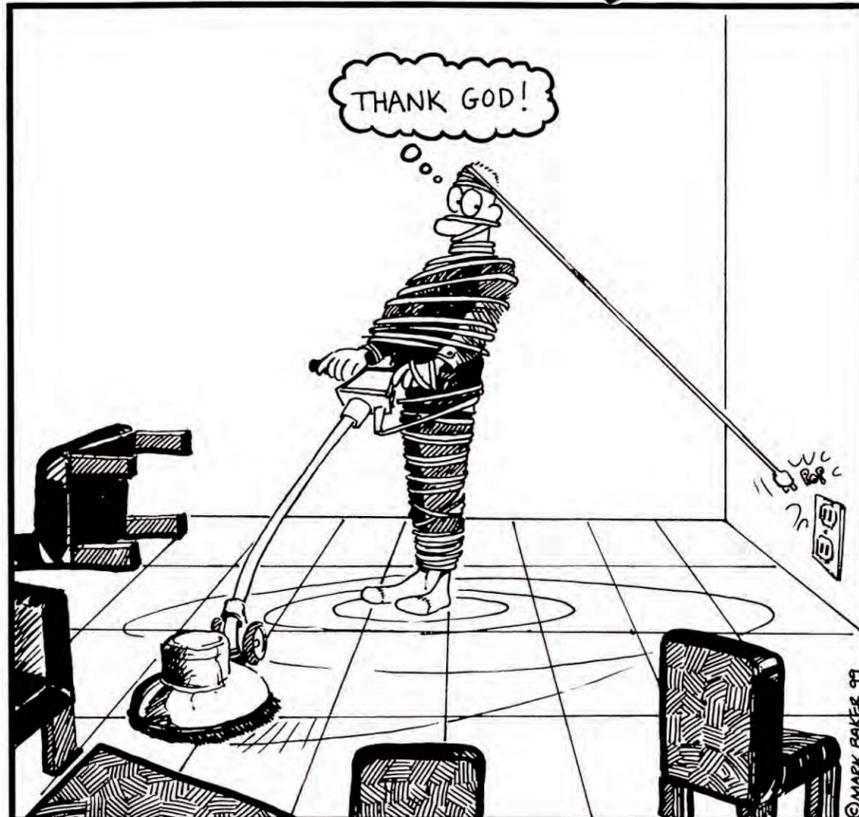
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Community Notes

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. at 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.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19 COUNTRY DANCING

Learn country western dancing at American Legion Post 128, sponsored by the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association. Dancing is held from 7:30-11:30 p.m., with line dance lessons at 8:15 p.m., and couples pattern at 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members.

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 NOVEMBER 21 OPEN HOUSE

Harford Day School in Bel Air will hold an Open House from 1-3 p.m. for prospective students and their parents. Harford Day

PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

"Callie" is a 2-year-old female cat that is declawed and spayed. She has distinctive coloring - a white body with a calico tail and a calico patch on her face. She and other cats are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt animals. For details, call 410 278-3911.

School has a challenging academic program for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The school is located at 715 Moores Mill Rd. For more information, call 410-838-4848 or 410-879-2350.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3 WOMEN VETERANS

The Maryland Free State Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will meet at the Aberdeen Senior Citizens Center at 2 p.m. All women of the Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve are invited to attend. For further information about the meeting or about joining the organization, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

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 AATREE-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 EATREE-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.

Islamic:

Dec. 11, Observance of Ramadan, 4-10 p.m., APG Chapel
Dec. 18, Observance of Ramadan, 4-10 p.m., APG Chapel
Jan. 8, Observance of Ramadan, 4-10 p.m., APG Chapel (For more information, call Maj. Siddique, 410-436-9064, or Sfc. White, 410-278-5394.)

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.

MOVIES

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Friday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 p.m.

Starring: Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston

In the midst of pitching a perfect game against the New York Yankees, Chapel, who has been the heart and soul of the Detroit Tigers, thinks back upon his long career and his tempestuous relationship with Jane. Aware that the stakes in his life have increased dramatically, the veteran ballplayer knows that he has some serious decisions to make by the bottom of the ninth inning. (Rated PG-13)

DRIVE ME CRAZY

Saturday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Starring: Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier

Nicole and Chase live next door to each other, but are worlds apart. They reluctantly join forces to navigate the land mines of high school love. Their scheme is to date each other and attract the interest and jealousy of their respective romantic prey. They find out that the one they wanted was closer than they realized. (Rated PG-13)

LEAVE DONATION

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

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);
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Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
Alberta Brown (mother ill);
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
Tammy Budkey;
Melda Callendar;
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Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery);
Dawn Crouse (surgery);
Bonnie Day;
Jennifer Drennen (mother terminally ill);
William Edwards (back surgery);
Willia Freisheim;
Lena Goodman;
Barbara Holland;
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant);
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Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
Tracey Kerney (surgery);
Beverly King (caring for husband);
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Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
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Michael Reynolds;
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Teresa Oylar-Sayles; Allan Scarborough (back surgery);
Sherry Schaffer;
Walter Taylor (auto accident);
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
Gayle L. Thompson;
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer);
Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity);
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
Kenneth Weathers (medical);
and, Willie Williams.

Community Recreation Division – Thanksgiving Day Schedule

Activity	Thursday Nov. 25	Friday Nov. 26	Saturday Nov. 27	Sunday Nov. 28
Arts and Crafts - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Arts and Crafts - EA	Closed	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Closed
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts Center	Closed	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
APG Bowling Center	Closed	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	1 p.m.-midnight	noon-7 p.m.
Equipment Resource Center (Open Wednesday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Exton Golf Course	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
AA Health and Fitness Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Health and Fitness Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Gym	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Leisure Travel Center (ITR/Carlson Wagonlit Travel)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - EA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Plumb Point Golf Course	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Recreation Center - AA Snack Bar	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	noon-midnight 6-11 p.m.	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	noon-6 p.m. 12:30-5 p.m.
Recreation Center - EA Snack Bar	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	5 p.m.-midnight 6-11 p.m.	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	noon-6 p.m. 12:30-5 p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.

MWR UPDATE

Center offers Santa suits, tables, cots

Liven 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.

If you are expecting company over the Thanksgiving weekend but wonder where your guests will eat and sleep, 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.

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 evening includes seven \$500 games, two \$250 games. The snack bar is open before, during, and after bingo offering a wide selection of burgers, chicken, pizza, hot dogs, nachos. For information, call 410-436-2713.

AA bingo plans 'Big Bucks'

The AA Recreation Center will have Big Bucks Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 21. 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. The center offers regular bingo on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Sunday bingo starts with earlybirds at 2:30 p.m. 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.

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. Cost \$15 plus supplies. Students must register in advance.

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.

Perry Point VAMC honors veterans

The Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center honored its veterans at a special ceremony in the "All Faiths" Chapel with its six Catholic, Protestant and Jewish chaplains participating.

As the sun streamed in through stained glass windows donated by the American Legion and the Catholic War Veterans, the speaker, retired Army Lt. Col. Ray Astor of Catholic War Veterans Post 1841, read a message from the highest ranking officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join every American in paying tribute to you, our veterans, for all that you have done for our country. Your selfless service to the nation made a difference for Americans and the world. Your dedication to duty preserved our precious legacy of freedom and democratic government. May God bless you, and may God bless America," Astor read.

Pictures of the World War I Tomb of the Unknown, Maryland's World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, and a plaque stating

"POWs and MIAs, You Are Not Forgotten," were borrowed from the Lock House Museum War Memorial and placed in front of the altar.

Astor asked veterans of each war to stand and receive an ovation. Then a wreath was placed in front of the pictures and taps played by members of the 389th Army Band to honor deceased veterans of all wars.

Astor asked the veterans to make every day Veterans Day by telling their stories, particularly to the younger members of their families and friends, so that Veterans Day will mean more than an empty mail box.

AROUND THE ARMY

Maher receives maximum forfeiture, reduced from major general to colonel

Army News Service

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera ordered Maj. Gen. John J. Maher III to be reduced two grades and to be retired in the grade of colonel on Nov. 16.

At an Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice hearing in Forrest Park, Ga., on Sept. 29, Lt. Gen. John M. Riggs, commander, First U.S. Army, found that Maher engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer by having improper sexual relationships with the wives of two military subordinate officers, and attempted to engage in conduct unbecoming an officer by attempting to have an improp-

er personal relationship with an enlisted soldier.

Lt. Gen. Riggs imposed the maximum forfeiture allowed by Article 15, one-half month's pay per month for two months (\$8,632), and a punitive letter of reprimand.

"Although this incident represents a failure to uphold and honor the loyalty and trust that must exist in relationships between superiors and subordinates, it is not reflective of the quality of leadership in the Army," said Caldera. "Day in and day out the vast majority of the Army's senior leaders provide exceptional and

caring leadership to our service men and women serving in very difficult and dangerous conditions around the world."

"The two-grade reduction from major general to colonel should send a very clear, strong signal that there is no place in the Army for this behavior," said Caldera.

When there is evidence of misconduct during a commissioned officer's active duty career, a Service secretary can establish the retired grade of the officer to be the highest grade at which the officer served satisfactorily - which can be a lower grade than the grade in which the officer was

serving prior to retirement.

Maher submitted his retirement request in September. Caldera then directed the appointment of an Army Grade Determination Review Board on Oct. 1, to make a recommendation as to the grade in which Maher would be retired. After considering the recommendations of the board and the chief of staff of the Army, Caldera directed that Maher be retired in the grade of colonel. As a result of Caldera's decision, Maher's retirement pay as a colonel will be \$1406.13 less per month than it would have been had he retired as a major general.

10th Mountain, 1st Infantry are combat ready, officials say

By Gerry J. Gilmore

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Nov. 16, 1999) - Defense officials say although two Army divisions now deployed to the Balkans reported lower personnel readiness levels last month, that doesn't mean they aren't combat ready.

Recent media reports, said DoD officials, mistakenly have tagged the Army's 10th Mountain Division, which is now in Bosnia; and the 1st Infantry Division, now pulling duty in Kosovo, as being not ready for combat because they reported a "C-4," the lowest state of readiness rating, in October.

Officials pointed out to reporters during a Nov. 10 Pentagon "background" briefing that the 1st and 10th were indeed combat ready and the rating merely reflects the fact that in the case of a "two-war" scenario, both units would be hard-pressed to disengage from their Balkan assignments to deploy elsewhere.

"Current concerns about readiness are the result of two of the Army's 10 combat divisions reporting a lower-than-normal readiness level for the month of October in the category of personnel availability," said a senior DoD official at the briefing. "These divisions have deployed fully ready forces to the Balkans. The issue is not resource inadequacies - that is, training, manning, or equipment shortfalls.

"Instead, it reflects the fact that the Army's current readiness reporting system requires commanders to assess and report their unit's level of readiness based upon their ability to

deploy ready forces to a major theater war within time lines established in the war plans."

The 10th Mountain Division, headquartered at Fort Drum, N.Y., and the 1st Infantry Division, based at Wurzburg, Germany, currently have soldiers assigned in Europe, in the Balkans and stateside.

Consequently, officials said, it would be difficult to quickly reintegrate the units, which would be necessary in time of war - especially in a two-war scenario.

Under current readiness reporting procedures, Army division commanders report the readiness level of their units as a whole - and do not report separately for their forces split between home station and the Balkans, said officials.

The 1st and 10th commanders "have lowered readiness assessments out of concern that they may be unable to disengage from the Balkans, retrain, and re-deploy forces in time to meet their major theater war requirement deployment dates, as specified in current war plans," according to the senior DoD official.

"We have a force structure capable of winning two near-simultaneous major theater wars, not two wars plus a small-scale contingency," the official said. "We've made it clear that in the event of a two major theater war scenario; all of our forces will be required, therefore we will be required to withdraw these units from the Balkans in the event of such a scenario."

To facilitate redeployment of warfighting

divisions in case of war, officials said the Army, European Command, the Joint Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense have taken a series of steps, including the following:

- The establishment of a detailed redeployment plan and Army-led re-training initiative that will speed up the time required for retraining and redeployment so units can get to the war fight more quickly;
- Other units would be substituted for those earmarked as "early deployers" in the initial phases of a major conflict;
- Army National Guard units would be used more frequently in the Balkans, freeing active units to prepare for their principal wartime mission;
- The Army is modifying readiness reporting procedures to better reflect division readiness for units with dual missions, for small-scale contingencies and major theater war requirements.

Additionally, a task force assigned by the chief of staff of the Army and the Army secretary will rewrite warfighting unit readiness-reporting procedures "to better reflect ... the geostrategic landscape we're now facing," said the senior DoD official.

"The readiness reporting system worked very, very well in the Cold War and bipolar world that we had. But now that we're faced with a continuum presence and small-scale contingencies, as well as the MTWs, we're having to go back and relook it," said the official.

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ATC employees get back to the basics

By Karen Zeto
Aberdeen Test Center

"Back to Basics—Health and You" was the theme for Aberdeen Test Center's annual health fair, held in conjunction with Disability Awareness Month observances.

Hosted by the ATC Committee for the disabled, the event included risk assessments and individual counseling by Upper Chesapeake Health Systems' staff, one-on-one-holistic healing sessions with Joanna Herrmann from the Center for Holistic Healing in Bel Air, displays, and an assortment of free health-related literature.

Ann Carney of the committee and ATC's health nurse said the event, held at the center for the third year in a row, was "the best fair ever," and she already is planning next year's events.

The screenings for lung capacity, blood pressure, cholesterol, body fat and weight drew nearly 200 ATC employees, contractor personnel and staff members from the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, ATC's higher headquarters. Special emphasis was given to breast and prostate cancer awareness with a health professional available to answer questions. Col. Andrews G. Ellis, ATC commander, is a staunch supporter of activities that support promoting wellness throughout the center.



Above, Patty Hooker gets a massage from Joanna Herrmann from the Center for Holistic Healing. At right, Developmental Test Command employee Susie Angelucci gets her cholesterol checked by a representative from Upper Chesapeake Health Systems.



"It's a great opportunity to emphasize the importance of maintaining a healthy mind and body," he said. "I hope all employees take advantage of the opportunity to use the health fair next year."

5K Turkey Trot set for Saturday

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(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 60 and older. All registered runners will receive event T-shirts.

To register, fill out an entry form and drop it off with payment to the APG Athletic Center.

Race day registration is Saturday, 8-9:30 a.m. Participants who register early may pick up race packets at the APG Athletic Center during operating hours, or

the morning of the race, before 9:30 a.m.

T-shirts and race numbers will be included in the race packet.

The race starts and ends at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300.

Funds generated from the race

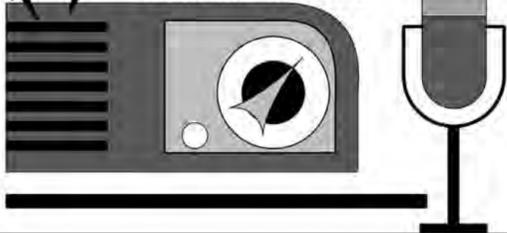
goes into the post Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund, to support soldier functions on the installation.

Sponsored by the Community Recreation Division's Sports and Fitness Branch, the event's commercial sponsors are Bank of America, Pepsi, Gatorade and United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency (USPA & IRA).

For more information about the race, call 410-278-7934.

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SBCCOM helps employees with annual training

SBCCOM, from front page

accusatory emphasis.

"We receive at least six clues to another person's feelings," she said, noting that only 7 percent of the message comes from the actual words, and more than half comes from expression, posture and gestures. The rest of the message comes from the sound of the voice and the rate of speech.

Mayers, a professional speaker and trainer, discussed "Moving Up in a Competitive Environment: How to Take Control of Your Own Career." That included what she called "harsh realities": No one cares what you want, or what you think you can do, or what you have learned.

"The only thing that people with opportunities care about is what you have done," she said.

To get across the message about your abilities, she recommended the "Be It, Do It, and Put-It-On-The-Table" method of staying competitive.

"When you find what you want to do, 'be it' in your heart and soul, regardless of what you're getting paid for," she said. "When you've decided what you want, start doing things that are in alignment with your vision. Then, put it on the table. In other words, quit waiting for permission!"

She emphasized that you should not pretend to be something you're not, but you should do the work you want to do "to the extent you can with integrity."

A bit of Baltimore

Between workshops, participants broke for lunch, listening as Baltimore Sun columnist Dan Rodricks discussed how he developed an ear for nuance and meaning as a writer. During more than two decades of covering Baltimore, he has heard people complain of the pain from "Harbor Tunnel Syndrome" and describe the weather with the phrase, "It's not the heat, it's the humility."

Change, he noted is the only thing that's certain about the future.

"You sound like a wheezing antique of a person when you explain how you had to dial a telephone, or you only had three channels and you had to actually get up and walk across the room to change them," he said.

His belief, he said, is that newspapers will survive during the information age.

"Newspapers are not dead," he said. "People find that TV leaves



Photos by CONRAD JOHNSON

Baltimore Sun columnist Dan Rodricks talks to Sara Boschert, an electronics technician at SBCCOM. Below, Michael Aronin explains how he uses humor to make people comfortable with his disability.

them undernourished. TV stations provide small, narrow pictures of the community. I think newspapers will remain very healthy and people will count on them."

A good laugh

Following the afternoon session, participants ended the day with "Laughing It Off," with comedian and speaker Michael Aronin.

"When kids ask me what's wrong with me, I tell them 'This is what happens when you watch too much Barney,'" said Aronin, who has cerebral palsy.

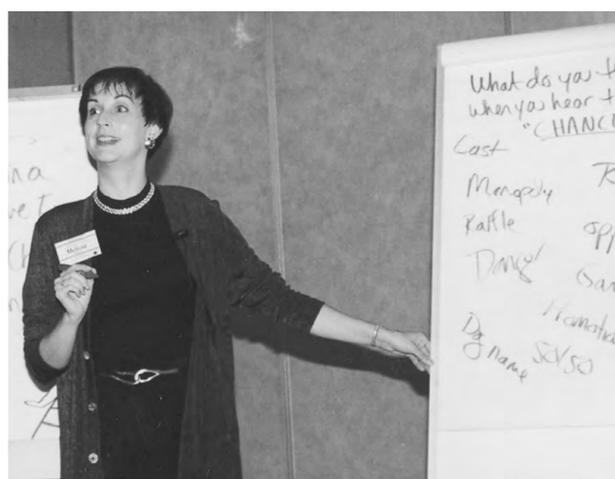
He offered predictions for the new millennium, including the idea that "the government will increase travel stipends and you all will enjoy lobster at the Ritz-Carlton at your next conference."

Aronin uses his disability for comedy, such as his comment that in high school, he was voted "most likely to get the best parking space."

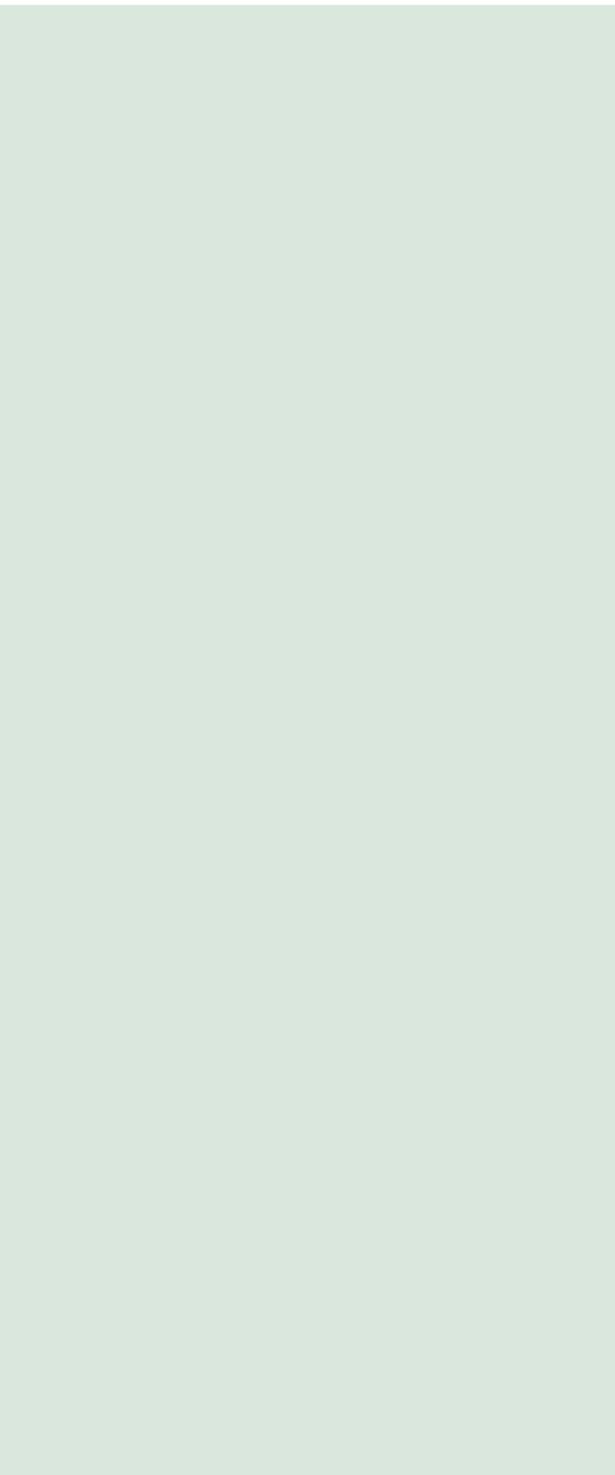
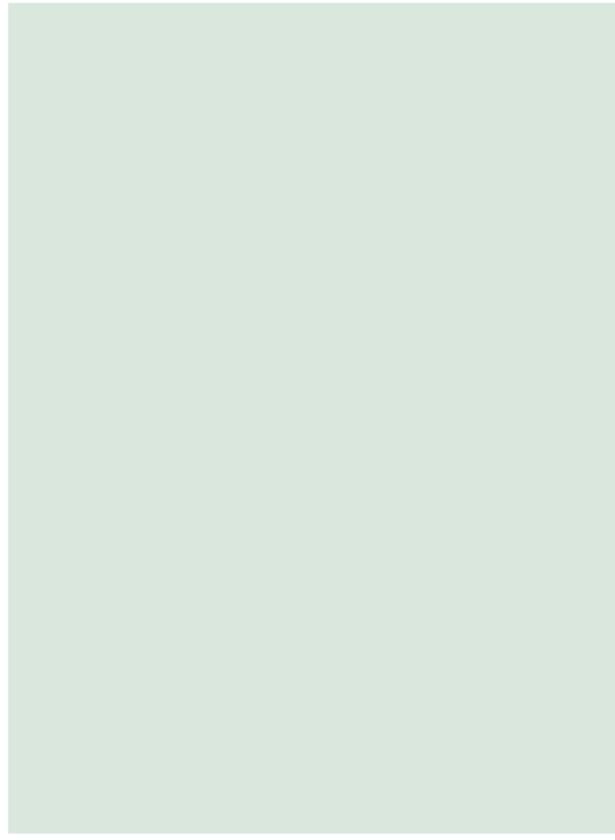
"My humor has really helped me get where I am today," he said, "and has helped others around me be more comfortable. I think everyone loves to laugh, and when people meet someone with a physical handicap, it's uncomfortable. Instead of getting angry, I learned to make people laugh and make myself laugh."

His best advice for marching into the millennium?

"Make sure your march is Y2K compliant," he said.



Professional speaker Melissa Mayers discusses how people can achieve their dreams by determining goals and striving toward them.



Sports and Fitness

USMC wins soccer championship after ending season with 10-2 record

By Yvonne Johnson

APG News

USMC, APG's regular season soccer champs, carried their winning ways into the post-season playoffs, winning the post championship over C Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion on Nov. 7.

The Marines had to rally from a 4-2 loss in the first round shoot-out to win the second game, 2-0 against C Co., which was playing

in the loser's bracket.

USMC coach Mark Barnett said losing the first game was an eye-opener for his team, which cruised through the playoffs undefeated to that point.

"Some of us were still excited about the game that got us there," Barnett said. "After the loss, we settled down for the win."

A player-coach, Barnett scored the first goal in the decisive sec-

ond game. Jose Arzate scored the second goal in the 2-0 shutout.

Barnett credited his team's 10-2 regular season finish to its effort to play "more as a team and less as individuals."

"At first we did not play together well, but we became less selfish and more unified," Barnett said. "We also had a physical edge over the other teams."

C Company coach Kenneth

Whipple said his team was victorious in defeat because of obstacles they faced over the season.

"We started as the 'Bad News Bears' of soccer," Whipple said. "Some of them didn't have a clue when the season started, but they improved."

Whipple said after a few wins, the players started believing in themselves and they "went on to beat some very good teams," finishing the regular season in third-place with a 7-5 record.

"They fought, scratched and clawed their way to the championship," Whipple said. "I wish I had a trophy for every one of them."

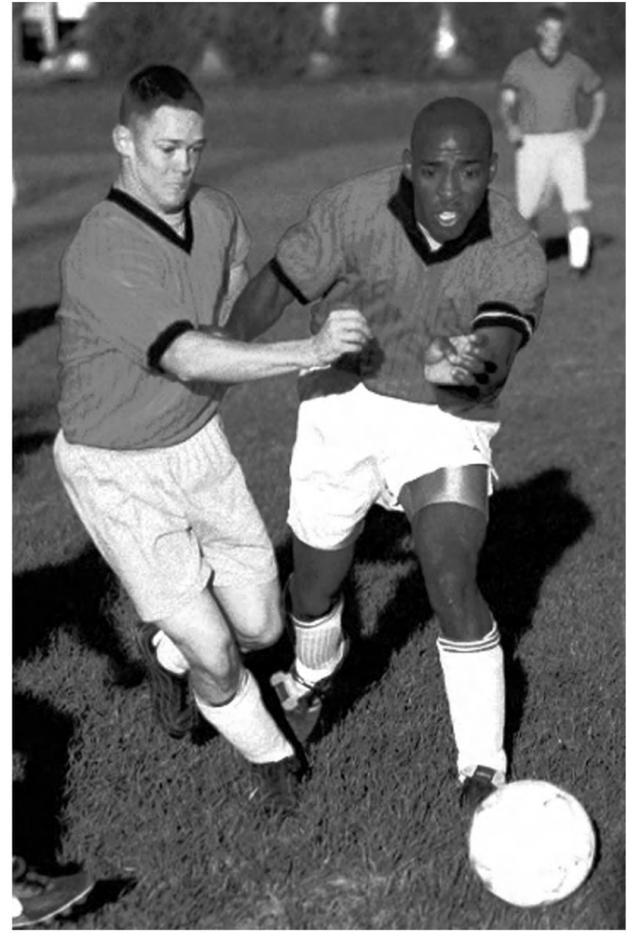
Both coaches expressed thanks to Earlene Allen, Donna Coyne and Rosie Stewart of the APG Sports Office for their continued support of the soccer program.

The soccer playoffs began Oct. 30, with game one featuring CHPPM and B Co. 143rd on the field. B Co. advanced after winners 4-0, but fell to USMC in game two, 4-0.

C Co. 16th defeated A Co. 143rd, 4-1, in game three, but then faced off against USMC at noon and was defeated, 4-3, in game four. That close game was decided on a penalty kick.

Game five saw the return of A Co. 143rd, which defeated CHPPM, 1-0. A Co. continued to win, defeating B Co. 143rd in game six, then facing off against C Co. 16th on Nov. 1 for game seven.

That game also was decided with a penalty kick, giving C Co. a 2-1 win and a chance for the championship.



Photos by KEN ENG

Mark Barnett, right, USMC coach and player, races against Randall Davenport of C Co., 16th Ordnance Battalion, for possession of the ball during the post soccer finals on Nov. 7. USMC won the game, 2-0, to become the 1999 APG Intramural Soccer champs.



Members of the USMC Soccer team celebrate their 2-0 win over C Co. 16th Ordnance Battalion for the post championship. USMC had to rebound from a 4-2 loss in the first game to defeat the upstart C Co. 16th, which entered the finals in the loser's bracket.

MORE SPORTS

CWF tennis tournament serves up winners

This year's Civilian Welfare Fund APG Tennis Tournament ended last month, with longtime winners returning.

In the Open Singles Division, finalist Van Jones was declared champion. In the Ladies Singles Division, held for the first time this year, Lillian Gassie outlasted Beth Martin, 6-4, 6-3. In doubles, Do Nguyen and Chas Stumpfel defeated Randy Drum and Ajit Banerjee, 7-5, 6-3. CWF tournament representative Nguyen

awarded trophies to the finalists.

The Open Singles Division saw Banerjee and Jones reach the final over a total field of 20 entries. However, Banerjee had scheduling difficulties and withdrew.

"It is unfortunate that I was unable to play the final match this year due to the withdrawal of my opponent," Jones said.

To reach the finals, Jones won an extremely tight semi-final match against Linwood Halsey, the number-one seed and the tournament champion in 1997 and 1998.

"Mr. Halsey is an excellent tennis player who has a number of big weapons in tennis, such as a very fine service, an overpowering forehand with lots of top spin, stamina, and most of all agility, quickness and aggressiveness," Jones said. "Linwood and I played against each other a year ago and he beat me in a two set match.

Going into this match, I was aware how difficult it would be for me to win this match. This year's match was close, with me breaking Linwood's service once in the first set.

"In the second set, Linwood broke my service once and I broke his service two times. Due to Mr. Halsey's aggressiveness and the pressures he puts on his opponents when he comes to the net, I tried to make sure I kept the ball in play, knowing that he would run the ball down and return it with less accuracy. The match scores were 6-4, and 6-4 and I am confident that Mr. Halsey will return next year to compete and win the

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Van Jones, CWF tennis championship, poses with his trophy at left. Above right, Lillian Gassie, right, was the champion in the Ladies Singles Division, and Beth Martin was runner-up. At right, doubles champions Do Nguyen, left, and Chas Stumpfel, second from left, pose with their trophies, with runners-up Randy Drum and Ajit Banerjee.



Employees compete in tennis

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singles championship.”

Jones, an operations research analyst for the Program Evaluation and Integration Office, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, has been a CWF single’s finalist eight times since 1981, winning the singles championship in 1993. Jones is also a competitor in doubles and with partner Al McKee has been a doubles finalist 10 times and champion six times.

“I became interested in the game of tennis after college and after my softball career in the local softball leagues,” Jones said. “I enjoy playing and watching major professional tennis events such as the US Open. I have gone to New York for the U.S. Open 19 of the last 20 years. I have played in every APG tennis tournament since I started to play tennis many years ago. Over these years, I have collected many trophies including two APG first place singles championships and a number of doubles championships, as well as a host of second place finishes. It has been a good run and now I am glad to see other players continue playing tennis in the APG Tennis Tournament.”

In the Ladies Singles Division, Gassie was the first winner of this year’s new division. She said the championship match with Beth Martin was challenging because her opponent is a seasoned player and they played under windy conditions.

“We both enjoyed a great game,” Gassie said.

Martin said the final match was tough, taking nearly two hours.

“We had many long rallies and we ran one another hard to fight for points. Lillian was more consistent that day and moves well on the court. It is difficult to get a shot by her. She ran down many hard-hit balls to stay in the point,” Martin said. “I just seemed to make the mistake first. Consistency wins matches!”

Gassie, who works at ARL’s Technical Library, has been playing tennis since college and currently plays in the Parks and Recreation leagues in Bel Air.

Martin works for U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in the Ground Water and Solid Waste Program as an environmental scientist. She has played tennis for 30 years, including high school and college teams. She runs the Parks and Recreation tennis program for the North Harford area and is an assistant coach for the North Harford tennis team.

In the doubles final, Nguyen and Stumpfel were matched

against Randy Drum and Ajit Banerjee. The match started with Drum and Banerjee taking a lead in the beginning of the first set. Nguyen and Stumpfel recovered taking the first set 7-5. Drum and Banerjee again took a lead, 2-0, in the second set before Nguyen and Stumpfel won six of the next seven hard-fought games to win the championship.

“It was hard to get use to their shots,” Stumpfel said. “Ajit often hits a heavy top spin well calibrated to just drop in and Randy mixes it up with both hard top-spin and under-spin shots, plus off-pace shots.”

“Ajit and I found we really enjoyed the strategy part of the matches we played in this tournament,” Drum added. “Our opponents were comparatively such good players that we had to take every opportunity against them just to play at their level. Chas and Do outplayed us, but not so much that we had no chance to win. That kept it interesting for us all. Our match with Linwood and Freddy could have gone either way until the last point.”

Banerjee and Drum had a very close semi-final match, with Halsey and Freddie Player finally winning 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

“I learned to play tennis from

the pro at the Fort Sill, Oklahoma Officer’s Club when I worked with the Field Artillery School Combat Developments,” Drum said. “I have played somewhat regularly since then.”

Nguyen works for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command. Stumpfel is with ARL’s Weapons and Materials Research Directorate. Drum works for Aberdeen Test Center’s Firepower Core. Banerjee works for the PMCD.

This tournament has been sponsored each year since 1961 by the APG Civilian Welfare Fund and has received special attention in the last few years from CWF’s Angela Keithley. The tournament usually is announced in late August and appears in the *APG News*. Nguyen and Stumpfel ran this year’s tournament.

YOUTH UPDATE

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.

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. 18, 6:30 p.m., Journalism Workshop, ages 13 and older. The *APG News*’ own Yvonne Johnson will conduct this workshop. For details, call Cardelia “Ms. Dee” Lee, 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.

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.

Photo contest

The 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. For details, call Warwick or Gary Nyikos, 410-436-7131.

Soldier Show salutes America's heroes through music

SHOW, from front page

The cast, dressed in fashions of the period, danced and sang to era favorites such as "Sweet Georgia Brown," "G.I. Jive," "The Man with the Hex" and "Jump, Jive and Wail."

In the show's final tribute to America's veterans, the entire cast wore dress blues. Led by Spec. Perry L. Meyer, a signal specialist from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, they sang a stirring rendition of Ben E. King's "Stand By Me," that ended with fireworks and a lengthy standing ovation from the APG audience.

Sfc. Shelton Torbert, APG garrison equal opportunity advisor, said he enjoyed the show with his wife, Yvette, and their three children, Marcus, Shalicia and Shelton Jr.

"The show had such diversity and variety, they were able to appeal to different ethnic groups," Torbert said. "The performers were very talented and even my children were impressed."

Renata Weaver, a secretary in the Air Technology Division of the Army Evaluation Center, said the show "exemplified the high level of diversity in America and in America's military."

"The show was excellent. It showed so much talent in our Armed Forces from a multi-cul-



The cast of the 1999 U.S. Army Soldier Show pose in dress blues after the Monday night performance.

tural view," Weaver said. "It's impressive when you see so many different people from different backgrounds serving the Army this way."

Sfc. Stanley Petterman, cadre first sergeant of the Soldier Show, presented Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, with a plaque in appreciation for "the wonderful hospitality shown to the cast and crew during our stay here at Aberdeen."

Spidel presented Petterman with a plaque on behalf of the commander and APG community.

"Every year, you're great," he said. "It's pretty clear what these young folks accomplish when they travel around the world. We want to thank you one more time for a great, great show."

The cast and crew are active-

duty soldiers who must audition to participate in the Army Entertainment, which is controlled by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. Applicants audition as performers or technicians. There were 25 in this year's show.

Spc. Denise Fergus, a chemical specialist from Fort Polk, La., and the show's chief sound engineer, auditioned as a technician and hopes to return as a performer next year.

"I like boosting morale and making the audience happy," Fergus said. "Traveling can get tiresome, but my love of music makes me want to keep on."

During performances Fergus mans a board that controls the level of microphones and speakers during the performance.



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Above, Sgt. Vera Alicia Jones sings "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here" by recording artist Deborah Cox, part of the show's tribute to women heroes. Jones is a personnel service non-commissioned officer with the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. At left, the cast whoops it up as they dance to "Jump, Jive and Wail," the last of a medley of songs from the Swing era that included "Sweet Georgia Brown," "G.I. Jive" and "The Man with the Hex."

