

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 20, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Job Fair scheduled for Oct. 15 on post

The Harford County Job Fair will be held Oct. 15 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The fair, which is supported by the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, is sponsored by the Army Community Service Career Focus Center and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Harford County Office of Economic Development; Harford County Chamber of Commerce; Harford Community College; Open Doors; Susquehanna Region Private Industry Council; and Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Registration. Dress for an interview and bring a resume. For help with resumes or preparing for interviews, call the APG Career Focus Center, 410-278-9669.

DTC ceremony set for Oct. 19

A change of responsibility ceremony for the newly named Developmental Test Command will be held Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m., in front of the Ryan Building, building 314. Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Litzberger will become DTC's command sergeant major, replacing Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II. Walker has been selected as command sergeant major for the newly formed Army Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Va. Traffic in front of the Ryan Building will be rerouted beginning at 3 p.m. on the day of the ceremony. Once the ceremony is concluded, traffic will be permitted to flow normally around the traffic circle in front of the Ryan Building.

Disability luncheon planned for Oct. 21

During October, which is Disability Awareness Month, the APG Disability Awareness luncheon will be held at Top of the Bay on Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker for the luncheon is Tim Harrington, owner of

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APG Pollution PREVENTION

Congratulations! The people of Aberdeen Proving Ground made this year's National Pollution Prevention (P2) Week a success. The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment's P2 program collected more than 500 computer disks to be recertified between Sept. 20-23. The diskette boxes have been collected, but it's still not too late to get involved with this project. If you have three-inch computer disks that you would like to contribute, contact DSHE'S P2 program (410-306-2273) to arrange for pick-up. Remember, at APG, every week is P2 week!

For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG

APG soldiers win Army Materiel Command Soldier and NCO of the Year awards



Spc. Barbara P. Monge
AMC Soldier of the Year

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A soldier and a noncommissioned officer both assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison won top honors at the U.S. Army Materiel Command's NCO and Soldier of the Year competition on Sept. 22.

SSgt. Vincent E. Robinson, a military policeman assigned to Headquarters Support Troop, and Spc. Barbara P. Monge, a legal specialist also with HST, took home the honors.

A native of Washington, D.C., Robinson, 28, has been in the Army for seven years, and was named the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's NCO of the Year. Currently assigned as a desk sergeant at the Edgewood Area, Robinson has served as a squad leader at the APG Pulse Radiation Facility, supervising a military and civilian work force.

Robinson said competing made him feel good about himself and his career.

"One of my subordinates competed against Specialist Monge," Robinson said. "That felt good because I felt I was leading by example."

While he had considered leaving the Army, he has rethought his plans.

"I was going to get out and join the state police but competing has motivated me to apply for drill sergeant," he said.

Monge, who was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala, has been in the Army for 15 months and at APG for a year, working as a legal specialist and also

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SSgt. Vincent E. Robinson
AMC NCO of the Year

Be aware of energy use

October good time to consider options

Aberdeen Proving Ground is reassessing its energy use habits during October, which is Energy Conservation Awareness Month.

"This is a good time to reassess the energy use habits we have developed and help prepare us for the up and coming winter season," said Gary Testerman, APG energy manager. "Energy consumption is a good thing because of the increased productivity and human comfort it brings to our modern life. Most of us would not want to go back to the days before electricity, central natural gas delivery or easily obtained and cost effective fuel oil supplies."

Testerman commended those at APG who take energy conserva-

tion seriously.

"However, many of us take our energy supplies for granted, consume without much thought, and expect that it will always be there. This is especially true if we do not pay directly for the energy," he said. "I hope to convey the importance of energy conservation by relating it to your personal use at home and developing an awareness that will increase energy conservation at APG."

Testerman recommended that post personnel consider the following measures at home and at work:

- Reduce heating and cooling costs

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Register today to become bone marrow donor

If you want to help save a life, consider registering to become a bone marrow donor.

Two chances to register will be held on post on Thursday, Oct. 14, from noon-5 p.m. at the Post Theater in the Aberdeen Area, and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Health Clinic.

Each year, thousands of men, women and children are diagnosed with fatal blood diseases such as leukemia, said Lt. Adam Peters of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, who organized the drive.

"For the majority of these peo-

ple, the only chance for them to live a normal, healthy life is to receive a bone marrow transplant," he said. "You can help give someone hope by becoming registered in the Chief Warrant Officer Bill Young Marrow Donor Registry."

Registration requires having a small sample of blood drawn and a few minutes of time to fill out a short questionnaire. From there, the blood is tested for certain markers and the results placed on the National Registry to be com-

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Travel center to provide 'one-stop' shopping

The Leisure Travel Center and Carlson Wagonlit Travel are moving to a new, consolidated travel center in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. The Leisure Travel Center, which includes the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office and Carlson Wagonlit Travel Leisure, will be closed on Oct. 15, and will reopen Oct. 18 at the new location in building 3326.

"The new office is a one-stop shopping travel concept," said Chris Lockhart, chief of the Leisure Travel Center. "This relo-

cation will enhance customer service in all areas of travel."

The phone number for official TDY travel is 410-273-1100. If you're interested in passenger transportation (OCONUS port calls, military bus transportation, etc.), call 410-278-5695. The number to call if you're interested in vacation packages and cruises is Carlson Wagonlit Leisure Travel, 410-273-1184. The number for the ITR Office, which offers amusement park tickets and information on other attractions, is 410-278-4011.

Learn about benefit plans at health fairs

Employees who want to learn about health benefits can attend two fairs next month that will focus on the plans available to government workers.

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Health Fairs will be held Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Edgewood Area's Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140; and Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Health benefit plan carriers will answer ques-

tions and provide materials. Representatives from all plans offered to post personnel have been invited, but a list of who will attend is not yet available.

Health benefit open season will be held Nov. 8-Dec. 13. Forms to change benefits are available from administrative offices; changes are effective Jan. 2, 2000. For details, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, or see the web site at www.opm.gov/insure/index.html.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

SSgt. Steven Serisky, right, from 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), gladly turns in his registration card to controllers from the German Armed Forces Command at the end of his march.

APG soldiers compete for German Proficiency Badge

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

On a bright and blustery morning two weeks ago, soldiers from Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Headquarters Support Troop took their first steps toward obtaining Germany's coveted Troop Duty Proficiency Badge during a competitive military march at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Maj. Clifton R. Johnston, commander of HST, Maj. Darrel W. Andrews, APG provost marshal, and 12 soldiers participated in the march, which was sponsored by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

Johnston said the march was

the first of five events in which soldiers must qualify to obtain the badge.

"The other events are shooting, first aid, sports and overall performance. This is our first step. I'm sure all these soldiers can make it," Johnston said.

The event was coordinated by the German Armed Forces Command, United States and Canada, from Reston, Va., and held in conjunction with the annual Oktoberfest celebration. During the opening ceremony 11 soldiers received medals they earned during the previous year. German Maj. Christian Farkhondeh, GAFC chief of staff, G-3, and

organization training manager for the event, welcomed the APG soldiers, who were joined by 100 GAFC soldiers and 95 soldiers from Fort Belvoir units and from the 3rd Infantry Division (Old Guard) at Fort Myer, Va.

Farkhondeh said the German command looks forward to the annual event, which fosters camaraderie between U.S. and German soldiers.

"The badges are the same as our soldiers wear," Farkhondeh said. "Whether going for bronze, silver or gold, requirements are the same for all participants."

The annual celebration is in its
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COMMENTARY

Stopping domestic violence: It's not just a good idea, it's the law

By Celestine Beckett
Manager, Family Advocacy Program

Domestic violence prevention is crucial to the Army mission. Once a secret kept among families, domestic violence is now recognized as a serious crime, one that often has severe consequences for the survivors, their children, their employers, and the community. This year our theme is "Preventing Domestic Violence: It's Everyone's Duty."

A pillar in the foundation of the Family Advocacy Program is to strive to achieve outcomes of safety, self-sufficiency, personnel preparedness, and community cohesion. Prevention is a driving force for us to form partnerships with civilian agencies, off-post law enforcement, shelters and advocacy groups. We hope to achieve this through prevention, education, and intervention.

New studies are showing that

domestic violence is not confined to spouse battering. Children in violent homes are also victims, both of direct abuse and injury as well as psychological battering that comes from witnessing violent acts. What should awaken all of us is that acts of domestic violence are carried out by the very people who should be making sure that their loved ones are safe and secure. This is a chilling thought, but we should realize that

something can be done to turn the tide and end the violence.

The armed forces have worked heroically to restore peace and tranquility in troubled places around the globe. Everyone in this community is responsible for assuring the safety of all that live and work here. The first step is to take personal responsibility for the safety and security of ourselves and our loved ones. Each of us is capable of making our own

households violence-free. Commanders, soldiers, family members, and civilians all need to be committed to Army life in order to maintain community cohesion. When domestic violence occurs anywhere in our installation, it undermines our community and our mission.

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is observing October 1999 Domestic Violence Prevention

Month at Aberdeen Proving Ground. During the month of October FAP will provide information, programs, and articles via Channel 3 and the APG News. We encourage every member of this community to join in this campaign.

For further information contact Celestine Beckett, Family Advocacy Program manager, 410-278-7478/7474.

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Program Development Associates and recipient of the National Rehabilitation Association's 1996 E.B. Whitten Award. Tickets cost \$10, and are available by calling Judy Matthews, 410-278-1050, or Angela Cheek, 410 278-1140.

Installation plans C02 course

Training for Consideration of Others (C02) facilitators is scheduled Oct. 18-20 and 25-27 at the Civilian Personnel Operation Center Management Agency, building 5442. The 20-hour course prepares soldiers and civilians to serve as facilitators for small groups in the work place in accordance with the Department of the Army Consideration of Others Program. Submit names of attendees and requested dates by Oct. 15. Each session will support 30 people. For more information contact the installation Equal Opportunity advisor, Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1535, or the Army Test and Evaluation Command EO advisor, Sfc. Herbert Johnson, 410-278-1053.

Civilian care at EA clinic changes

Only emergency services will be available for civilian employees on Oct. 15 at the Edgewood Area Clinic. Any other occupational health services are referred to the Occupational Health Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For information, call Naomi Green, 410-278-1913.

Ceremony to mark new post store

The official ribbon cutting for the Office Eagle Store, formerly the Self-Service Supply store, will be held Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m., at building 320. The store will be run by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, an affiliate of the National Industries for the Blind. A store also is open in the Edgewood Area, in building 3007 on Bush River Road.

Lunch to honor Native-Americans

There will be a Native-American Luncheon at the Top of Bay on Nov. 3, 11:30 a.m., with guest speaker Mitchell Bush, president of the American Indian Society. Tickets cost \$9; they can be purchased from Sandra Watcher, 410-306-1079; Lydia Elliott, 410-278-1131; David Blick, 410-278-6756; and Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534.

Sign up for gift wrapping

Sign up for the 1999 Christmas Gift Wrap Program, sponsored by Army and Air Force Exchange Service. All APG family support groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate. Those interested must contact Alice Surette, installation volunteer coordinator, 410-278-5469, by Oct. 26. Each organization must send a representative to a meeting on Nov. 3, 10 a.m., in the Quality of Life Office. AAFES provides wrapping paper, boxes and an area to wrap at the Main Post Exchange. Organizations and activities provide labor, tape, scissors and ribbon and receive all money the group earns. Wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve.

Demonstrations slated at PX

Demonstrations of Vitamix machines will be held at the APG Main Post Exchange Oct. 20-24. Vitamix demonstrators will be on hand to show you how to eat healthier by blending fruits and vegetables for drinks and soups. Stop by the APG PX for the demonstration.

Local author to sign books

Local author Charlotte (Charlie) Hudson will be at the APG Main

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Post Exchange on Saturday, Oct. 30, to sign her latest book, *Orchids in the Snow*. Hudson not only is a military wife, but also a veteran. Her book provides a glimpse into the lives of post-Vietnam era families. The cover price of the book is \$11.95; the PX price is \$9.

Visual information, PAO relocate

The Visual Information Support Division, Directorate of Information Management, has relocated from building 324 to building 4725, located on Bomb Loop Road. The move is part of a consolidation with AMC Exhibits. Work requests for visual information work can be filled out at building 4725. Multimedia and web services remain at building 324. Customers can continue to reach the division at the same phone numbers; for more information, call 410-278-3473.

The APG Public Affairs Office, including the APG News staff, has relocated from building 314 to building 324. For more information, call 410-278-1150.

AA Thrift Shop donating funds

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will donate funds this fall. If your group or organization would like to receive a donation, submit your request, in writing, by Nov. 1 to: Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, Building 2458, ATTN: L. Conway, APG, MD 21005. State the purpose for the funds and provide a name and phone number of a contact person.

EA Thrift Shop to donate funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will donate funds to services and charities beginning in November. If your organization would like to receive a donation for a special project, submit a request in writing to: Marcey Perez, EA Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 116, APG-EA, MD 21010. Requests must be postmarked by Oct. 31. State the amount and purpose for the funds and provide name and phone number of a contact person. Late requests will not be honored. For more information, call the EA Thrift Shop on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 410-676-4733.

Truckload sales coming soon

Two truckload sales will be held the weekend of Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at the APG Main Post Exchange. Simmons will return with the popular mattress truckload sale, and Whirlpool will hold a money-saving truckload appliance sale.

EA wives to raise funds

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding its fall fundraiser, a Longaberger Basket opportunity. The basket sets offered this year include the Traditions Generosity Basket, Beachcomber and Seashell Baskets, and Homestead Basket and Homestead Crock.

Tickets cost \$1 each, six for \$5. The winners will be drawn on Oct. 30. Profits will benefit military and local community organizations. Tickets are on sale throughout post through EA-OWC members, or by calling either Karen Chambers, 410-676-9142, or Debbie Della Silva, 410-272-6685.

Awareness training set for October

The Baltimore Federal Executive Board Individuals With Disabilities Committee will sponsor the 14th Annual Disability Awareness Training Conference. The Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Fort George G. Meade Officers Club. The theme for this year's training conference is Hidden Disabilities and Americans With Disabilities in the New Millennium. All agency employees and military service members are welcome to participate. Registration for the conference is \$35 per person and includes training materials, luncheon, coffee, juice and pastries. The club is accessible; advise the FEB at 410-962-4047 of any special requirements, such as signing for the hearing impaired.

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.

Donate platelets in White Marsh

If you are interested in donating platelets, the White Marsh Apheresis Center is open on 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, ext. 4472.

Property missing from clinic

A biofeedback/electromyography machine is missing from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. The machine is an Amatron, serial number 725013509, MMCN C5743. If you have information about this machine, contact Sgt. Jonathan Stapel, 410-278-1951/1953.

CWF planning bus trips

The Civilian Welfare Fund has two upcoming holiday bus trips. On Nov. 20, CWF will sponsor a trip to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show in New York City. The price will be \$85 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and the ticket for the show. There will be time before the show for lunch and shopping.

On Dec. 3, CWF will sponsor a trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater to see the annual Holiday Show. The price is \$35 per person, which includes charter bus transportation, meal and the show.

For reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603/4771.

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 lifesaving treatment. To qualify as a Road to Recovery 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.

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Community Notes

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 15

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The PTA, adults and parents of Church Creek Elementary School will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, Md. Doors open at 6 p.m.; there will be a bake sale and drinks available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (3 cards), and \$5 for additional sets of 3 cards. To purchase tickets, call Becky Foster, 410-272-8879 or Kim Shumaker, 410-272-1381. First come, first served. If available, tickets will be sold at the door. The fund-raiser benefits the Church Creek Elementary School PTA.

DO THE CHA-CHA

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

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 16

YMCA RENAISSANCE TRIP

The Harford County Family YMCA will sponsor a family bus trip to the Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville, Md. Cost for adults ages 15 and older is \$25 per person; cost for children ages 7-15 is \$15 per person; and \$8 for children ages 6 and under. Price includes admission and school bus transportation. For information, call 410-836-5075.

MORE BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m., at the Good Shepherd Catholic School located on 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, Md. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (3 cards), and \$5 for additional sets of 3 cards. To purchase tickets, call the Good Shepherd School at 410-642-6265 or call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. The fund-raiser benefits Good Shepherd Catholic School.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 17

FIFTH DISTRICT VFW MEETING

The Fifth District Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at Jarrettsville Manor Memorial VFW Post #8672, 1714 Morse Road, Jarrettsville. Carole Simonsen, President, Department of Maryland Ladies Auxiliary will be making her official visit. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend and extend a warm welcome to Department President Simonsen.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 18

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

The Harford Council of Community Services will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at noon at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center. Guest speaker will be Carol Koffinke, vice president of Upper Chesapeake Health Systems. Everyone is invited to attend. Cost is \$7 for non-members and \$6.50 for members. For information or to register, call 410-692-5827 by Oct. 14.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 19

GERMAN MEAL

The Annual German specialty meal is scheduled in the post dining facilities. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. at dining facilities 4219, 4503 and E-4225. The

BOSS events coming up

The following events are scheduled by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program:

- BOSS will sponsor a walk-a-thon to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Combat Road. Registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. All military and/or civilian units are encouraged to form a team and register. For information or to sign up, call Sgt. Anntoinette Bolling, 410-278-2211/2124, or SSgt. Margaret Cohn, 410-278-9779.

- There will be a mandatory meeting for all BOSS representatives on Oct. 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center. For more information, call Spc. Darnell Greene, 410-278-1995, or Senior Airman Gabe Fortman, 410-278-9882.

- BOSS will throw a Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 29, at the AA Recreation Center. Tickets go on sale soon. Cost is \$3 in advance; \$5 at the door with costume; and \$7 at the door without costume. For more information, call Spc. Darnell Greene, 410-278-1995 or Pfc. Bethea, 410-278-8019.

- On Saturday, Oct. 30, a family-oriented Halloween Indoor Carnival for adults and children will be held from noon-4 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Volunteers are needed to run booths. For more information, call Spc. Jeneen Nash, 410-278-7022, or Senior Airman Gabe Fortman, 410-278-9882.

- BOSS will sponsor a free dinner for all Aberdeen and Edgewood area service members on Thursday, Nov. 18, 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.

standard rate is \$3 for officers, enlisted and family members of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests; the discount rate of \$2.45 applies to spouses and family members of enlisted personnel private through specialist/corporal and nonprofit youth groups authorized to eat at facilities. The menu will include pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, baked knockwurst, old fashioned bean soup, savory baked chicken, Reuben sandwiches, fried cabbage, and hot potato salad. For more information, call 410-306-1395/1397.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 27

WELCOME TO APG

APG will hold an orientation, 1-3 p.m., AA Recreation Center, building 3326, to welcome incoming military and civilian personnel and their families. Representatives from post activities will inform attendees about APG and community services and activities. For information, call 410-278-3137/4372.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 28

SPOOKY FUN

The 16th Ordnance Battalion will take on the second year of scaring the public with "Haunted House II: Last Rites of 1999." The haunted house started last year with a "haunted dining facility." This year, the "Horror Coaster" for the brave will be held at building 3511. For the young and the faint of heart, a friendly ghost will be added this year. Food and beverages will be available at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park. The event will be held

Oct. 28, 5-10 p.m.; Oct. 29 and 30, 6-11:30 p.m.; and Oct. 31, 5-10 p.m. For information, call 410-306-1538, or 410-278-8595.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 29

USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS), will co-host a Job Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. All members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel are eligible to attend this free job fair. Representatives from more than 70 companies with full or part-time positions have been invited, including high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Ruth Dawn, 703-696-2552.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 5

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Lioness 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, a raffle, special games, food, a bake sale and drinks will be available. To purchase tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. The money raised will benefit the Aberdeen Lioness Club.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7

HONOR VETERANS

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, will hold a Veterans Day buffet luncheon at 3 p.m. at Colonel's Choice Restaurant in Aberdeen. The cost is \$20 per person. The guest speakers will be Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker of APG Garrison. For more information or reservations, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 30

HAUNTED GOLF

The Harford County Family YMCA will offer "Haunted Golf." Bring your family to a night of spooky thrills at the Churchville Golf Course from 3-8 p.m. One round of golf costs \$7 per person - proceeds will benefit the YMCA Partner With Youth Campaign. For more information, call 410-836-5075.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31

FALL FESTIVAL

The APG Chapel will hold a Fall Festival from 5-9 p.m. Maj. Michael Wallman, a chaplain for the APG community, described the event as an evening of games, food, fun and prizes for military and chapel community participants, "a perfect alternative for Halloween." Festivities will begin with a chili cook-off at 5 p.m., and progress to bobbing for apples and other games for the children, a piñata and costume judging for Most Original, Prettiest, Best Biblical, Best Famous Person and Best Story Book Character, for ages newborn to 6, 7-12, and 13 and up. The chapel invites members of the APG community looking for an alternative to haunted houses and trick-or-treating to celebrate with them. Call the chapel, 410-278-4333, for details.

MOVIES

MICKEY BLUE EYES

Friday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Starring: Hugh Grant, Jeanne Tripplehorn

After three months of dating his girlfriend, Michael Felgate proposes marriage, but she declares that she can never marry him because of her family's mob connections. (Rated PG-13)

TEACHING MRS. TINGLE

Saturday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Starring: Helen Mirren, Barry Watson, Molly Ringwald

Three best friends, falsely accused of cheating, have to prove their innocence and find their way out of an impossible situation. (Rated PG-13)

BOWFINGER

Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 p.m.

Starring: Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy

A desperate movie producer who will do anything to get his dream movie made enlists a nerd with no acting experience to be his star. (Rated PG-13)

WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from Oct. 14-20:

THURSDAY, Oct. 14

11 a.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 min.)

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

FRIDAY, Oct. 15

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

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

SATURDAY, Oct. 16

11 a.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 min.)

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

SUNDAY, Oct. 17

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

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

MONDAY, Oct. 18

11 a.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 min.)

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

TUESDAY, Oct. 19

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

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 20

11 a.m., U.S. Army Soldier Show - 1997 (83 min.)

1 p.m., Combined Federal Campaign

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

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);
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);
Alberta Brown (mother ill);
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);
Tammy Budkey
Melda Callendar;
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);
Dawn Crouse (surgery);
William Edwards (back surgery);
Willa Freisheim
Stephen Howard (Bone Marrow Transplant);
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);
Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);
Tracey Kerney (surgery);
Beverly King (caring for husband);
Lucy Long;
Connie LaFlamme;
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);
Mary Pettway;
David H. Reed (wife ill);
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);
Michael Reynolds;
Churon Ringgold (maternity);
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack);
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);
Teresa Oylor-Sayles
Allan Scarborough (Back Surgery)
Sherry Schaffer;
Richard Squillacioti (Terson Syndrome);
Walter Taylor (auto accident);
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);
Kenneth Weathers (medical);
Willie Williams.

MWR UPDATE

Soldier Show coming to APG

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host the U.S. Army Soldier Show Nov. 8-10 at the Post Theater, building 3245. The 90-minute variety show, which starts at 7 p.m. each night, features soldier performers from top Army talent, tours around the world and is appropriate entertainment for all audiences. The Nov. 8 show is designated for the entire post community; the Nov. 9 show is for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and the final show Nov. 10 is for the 16th Ordnance Battalion.

APG Riding Activity has vacancies

The APG Riding Activity, a self-care boarding facility, has vacancies for box stalls. Monthly stall fees are \$40 per horse, and owners are responsible for the daily care and feeding of their animal. For more information call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Donate to Spouse Abuse Resource Center

Members of the APG Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (B.O.S.S.) are sponsoring a collection for the Harford County Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC). Personal hygiene items are needed, such as soap, toothpaste and disposable diapers. Contact your unit BOSS representative or drop off items at the post recreation centers.

Weapons qualification

Shotgun qualification hours of operation at the AA and EA Deer

Checking Stations will be curtailed effective Oct. 18. Qualifying with a shotgun is necessary prior to hunting at APG. The AA Station will hold qualifications on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. The EA Station will conduct qualifications Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m.-dusk. For details, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

Hunter-In-Charge class

Outdoor Recreation will sponsor a Hunter In Charge (HIC) class on Oct. 27, 6-8 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. For information and registration call 278-4124/5789.

Edgewood Arts and Crafts Center has classes

Stained glass: A beginning stained glass class will be held Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Students will make a suncatcher using the copper foil method. This basic class teaches the skill you need to make larger projects. Cost is \$15 and includes supplies.

Woodshop orientation: A basic woodshop orientation will be held Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in building E-4440. Cost is \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

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.

Porcelain dolls: Porcelain doll class will be held on Fridays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Cost of the class is \$30 plus supplies. Students will be making a beautiful Sugar Britches Doll sold in stores for \$150 and more.

Framing class: Beginning matting and framing classes will be held Oct. 28 and 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.

Aberdeen fitness center offers health help

Take that first step to a lifestyle change for better health. Call the Aberdeen Area Health and Fitness Center and set up an appointment for a one-on-one consultation with a staff member. The center is a full-service facility with personal training, aerobics classes, kickbox aerobics and toning. The center is open Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For details call 410-278-9725/9759.

EA Health and Fitness Center

The Edgewood Area Health and Fitness Center has a new aerobics schedule for fall, with two new classes added. Aerobics classes are held Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Funky Step classes will be held. From 6:05-7:05 p.m., step classes will be held, followed by an abdominal workout. Aerobics classes with toning are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. A new "Aero-Box" class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Step aerobics will be held Saturday mornings. For details, call 410-436-7134.

Soldiers seek German badge

GERMAN, from front page

18th year, Farkhondeh explained, adding that this was his first year as coordinator.

After the formation, the soldiers gathered near the starting point where they were given their starting times and introduced to the controllers who would sign them in after every lap. A map of the 10-kilometer course was posted near the starting point, along with the distance requirements for gold, silver and bronze. Distances ranged from 15-30 kilometers, with time limits depending on the age of the marcher. To qualify for gold, for example, soldiers age 18-29 had to walk 30-K – 18.6 miles – in five hours. Soldiers age 30-44 could qualify marching 25-K (15.5 miles) in four hours and 10 minutes.

Donning the required 10 kilogram, (20-pound) rucksacks, the first soldiers left shortly before 10 a.m. As he watched, Sgt. Maj. Lester J. Hayes, deputy chief of staff for plans, operations and security at Fort McNair, Va., remarked that DCSOPS's job had just begun.

"Today was very significant toward planning for the rest of the events," Hayes said. "The challenge is for all coordination after today to be done just as smoothly for next year."

Hayes, whose office is the tasking authority for major commands, said they were pleased with the turnout for the annual event.

"Ours is a partnership with our German counterparts," Hayes said. "Through the Oktoberfest and military challenge we promote relationships and partnerships so we can do other things to



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Maj. Clifton Johnston, center, HST commander, Maj. Darrel Andrews, right, APG provost marshal, and Spc. Barbara Monge, left, SBCCOM and AMC Soldier of the Year, listen to a controller's briefing prior to the start of the march.

our mutual benefit in the future."

He invited all units interested in participating next year to contact MDW DCSOPS, Fort McNair, at (202) 685-2894 or the German Armed Forces Command, US/CA, (703) 715-8100/8215.

The finish line

Shortly after 11 a.m. marchers began coming in, pausing at the starting point to get checked off before setting off on the next lap.

German Sgt. Maj. Bernd Kraemer said the command already has locations for the rest of the events, although they do not have dates yet.

"We will have the shooting done in Fort Myer, Virginia, at the 9-millimeter range," Kraemer said. "We hope to have the track and field, shot put, long jump, 100 meter sprint and long distance run here at Fort Belvoir."

Spc. Agustin Taveras summed up the course as "challenging."

"It was a great day with great weather," Taveras said. "It's a good learning experience just to get involved with joint exercises."

At the end of the march, though stiffness was beginning to set in, none of the soldiers seemed overly exhausted by their ordeals.

"It was challenging, but fun," said Spc. Barbara Monge, a legal specialist assigned to HST, and U.S. Army Materiel Command Soldier of the Year. "I would definitely do it again. I went for the bronze today but I will go for the gold next time."

Agreeing that the course was as difficult as they thought it would be, HST SSgt. David Cochran and Spc. Adam Bennet said the course was worth preparing for.

"It was a breeze. I would do it again tomorrow if they'd let me," Bennet said. "But my wife is a fitness instructor so I stay in shape."

"Overall, it was rough," Cochran added. "The best part was the finish."

Also participating from APG were HST's SSgt. Fidel Diaz, SSgt. Russel King and and Sfc. Noriel Deleon, who drove the vehicle for the participants; and from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), SSgt. Steven Serisky and Specs. Ryan Kenny, Hawley Travis and Joshua Vincill.

The German-American Day celebration is an annual event, usually coinciding with the TDPB challenge.



SSgt. David Cochran, left, and Spc. Adam Bennet approach the controller's table after completing a 30-kilometer march for the German Troop Duty Proficiency Badge. Cochran said the best part about the march was the finish.

Consider energy-saving ideas this month

ENERGY, from front page

Heating and cooling, in your home as well as the office, takes more energy than all the other energy users combined, Testerman said. If you have limited resources for energy efficiency improvement, direct them at reducing your heat and cooling costs.

The best way to reduce heating and cooling cost is to ensure your home has the optimum level of insulation; 12 to 20 inches in the attic, six to nine inches in the floor and three to six inches in the walls. Another important area that should be addressed is air infiltration. Sources of infiltration of outside air should be reduced by weather stripping of windows, doors and other openings in the building envelope.

"These low-cost measures give a big return on the energy bill," Testerman said.

• Set back the thermostat

An additional no-cost way to reduce your heating and cooling cost is by setting back the thermostat, he said.

"Nighttime and unoccupied setback is the most effective energy conservation measure you can employ," Testerman said. "By putting on more covers, and wearing a nightcap and light clothing for bedtime, you can reduce the heating by as much as 10 degrees."

A good setting for an unoccupied home is 55 degrees, he added, noting that if your water pipes are well protected, you may be able to go as low as 45 degrees.

• Evaluate the savings

For accuracy, each home or facility should have an independent evaluation of its savings



potential, based on the condition of the individual system. However, "rules of thumb" can demonstrate the average savings potential.

The average home is 1600 to 2400 square feet. Winter weather in the Baltimore region has low temperatures averaging 25-35 degrees at night with short periods of extreme lows in the teens. The average home fuel oil heating plant will burn one gallon of fuel oil per hour. The average running time on a typical winter day will be 10 hours for a set point of 70 degrees interior temperature. Of the 10 hours, 50 percent, five hours of running time, will occur between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., a period when most people sleep. Lowering the thermostat set point will save 3 percent for each degree lowered over an eight-hour period.

"In our eight-hour period of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., we would burn five gallons of fuel oil to maintain 70 degrees. If the thermostat were set to 55 degrees, we would have a 15-degree setback for eight hours," he said.

"Fifteen degrees times 3 percent equals a 45 percent savings, or 2.25 gallons of fuel oil."



Register as bone marrow donor at Oct. 14 drives at Post Theater, in EA

MARROW, from front page

pared with patients in need of a transplant.

"If you match, you will be contacted and asked if you would like to donate bone marrow," Peters said. "You are not obligated to donate. If you decide to donate, you will be asked to undergo some additional tests to ensure your good health. All tests, medical fees and travel expenses are paid. You will be given seven days administrative leave when you donate bone marrow. The only cost to you is a little of your time."

The Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program was created to fit the needs of military personnel and dependents who

wish to help. Those eligible to participate include all active-duty military personnel, their beneficiaries, reserve component members and DoD civilian employees. DoD contractors are not eligible for this program.

No appointments are necessary to register. Administrative leave, not to exceed the time it takes to become registered, about one hour, is allowed at the discretion of the unit or activity commander. If you are unable to attend this drive, there will be another one in January 2000, Peters said.

For more information about this program, contact Lt. Adam Peters at 410-278-1861.

APG candidates chosen as top AMC soldier, NCO

AMC, from front page

serving on the APG Garrison Color Guard.

Monge said one of her long-term goals is to obtain a medical degree through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

"I am currently working on the

Green to Gold packet, which provides college education incentives to enlisted members who can return to active duty as officers," Monge said.

She said her most immediate goal is "to make a positive difference in today's Army and to be a good role model for all soldiers."

and other solids," he said.

• Save with electric heat pumps

Many Maryland homes and APG facilities are heated with electric heat pumps, he said.

The savings from temperature setback for heat pumps is about the same as other systems, Testerman added.

"The major difference that you need to understand is that the thermostat for heat pumps will engage the emergency electric resistance heating coils if the thermostat is raised more than 2 degrees at a time," he said. "To recover from the lower temperature to the normal occupied settings, the thermostat must be raised slowly. This will allow only the more efficient heat pump feature of your system to engage. If the resistance heaters are allowed to recover the temperature, you will use more electricity than you saved by setting back."

He noted that programmable thermostats for heat pumps are available and will accomplish this slow rise in temperature for you.

APG efforts

Temperature set back can save large amounts of energy. APG is setting back unoccupied temperatures in many buildings post-work, Testerman said.

"As we expand our electronic energy management systems, we will continue to increase our savings. Until then you should be aware of the capability in your facility and take an active interest to ensure that the set back occurs for night, weekends, RDOs, extended holiday periods and any other unoccupied periods," he said. "APG is proud of our success in energy conservation and thanks are in order to all who contribute to the effort."

For more information about energy conservation, log onto <http://lia.army.mil>. From there, you can link to Department of Energy and many other energy conservation sites.

YOUTH UPDATE

Free registration for families

October is the annual registration for families at the youth centers. The cost is free for the children to come to the recreation activities (except special events). Youth Service registration is free, but there is a requirement in Army Regulation 215-1 for children to be registered each year.

Care available for middle schoolers

Before and After School Care spaces for middle school students are available at the AA Youth Center. Cost ranges from \$12.60 to \$34.65 per month. Morning care begins at 6 a.m. until school time, and afternoon care runs until 6 p.m. Stop by the center soon or call 410-278-4995.

Edgewood Area events

A Driver's Education Course is taking reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. The course features 30 hours 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 more information, call 410-436-2862 or stop by the EA Youth Center in building E-1902

October events

Also coming up this month are:

D.J. Club meeting, first and third Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., for ages 13 and older. Learn to operate and care for professional disc jockey equipment. Club members also perform at functions, such as fashion shows and dances.

Sign up for the Nov. 13 Talent Show by Nov. 6. Youths ages 8 and older may participate.

Oct. 14, 6:15 p.m., Teen Council Meeting: Discuss upcoming elections. All teens are invited to attend.

Oct. 15, 6:15 p.m., Cooking with Ms. Dee (cookies), for ages 13 years and older... free!

Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Movie Night with popcorn, for ages 12 and up ... free!

Oct. 27, 6:15 p.m., Controlling Your Anger workshop, for ages 9-12 ... free!

Oct. 29, 5 p.m., Joke-Telling Contest, ages 9 and up. Win prizes for the funniest jokes. Bring a guest and join the fun... free!

Oct. 30, 8-10 p.m., Halloween Dance, ages 13 and older. Music provided by the DJ Club. Cost is \$1. Wear a costume and win a prize.

Sports Shorts

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

Register for dance classes. Classes will be on Mondays. Beginning Ballet will be from 5-6 p.m. for youth ages 3 and up (if there is enough interest, we will divide the group into Pre-Ballet (3-5 years) and Beginning Ballet (6-12 years). Plus, we're offering a Jazz/Modern Dance Program for teens on Mondays from 6-7 p.m., ranging from contemporary ballet to the latest funk; teens will enjoy this class. Dance classes are \$20 per month. Associate members may participate for \$25 per month. There must be at least seven students registered to start dance classes.

Gymnastics classes will be held on Wednesdays. Times are as follows: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Tiny Tumblers (ages 3-5)m 5-6 p.m.; Beginning Gymnastics (ages 6 and over), 6-7 p.m.; and

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143d Ordnance Battalion activates C Company

By E. C. Starnes
Ordnance Corps Corporate Affairs Office

It was dawn of another day for the 143d Ordnance Battalion. The sun rose in the distance, troops passed in formation accompanied by Jody calls, and a new guidon was unfurled to announce the activation of C Company.

Lt. Col. Francis Merritt, the battalion commander, thanked the new company commander and his cadre for their hard work in bring-

ing back the company, which had been inactivated 18 months ago.

"This is indeed a great day for the battalion and the brigade as we welcome back to our fold C Company, who only 18 months ago was taken away from the battalion and placed on the inactive roles," he said.

He reminded the company cadre that their charter is to "continue the soldierization process and Army values inculcation that

produces Ordnance soldiers that are motivated, physically fit, technically proficient, and prepared to take their places in the ranks of the total Army."

He added that the cadre were responsible for "taking care of yourselves and your families."

"We must all remember to take time to spend with loved ones, attend those recitals, football or basketball games as much as possible," he said.

Capt. Kelvin Claude accepted command of his new company, noting that it was somewhat unusual not to be receiving command from an outgoing commander.

It also was unusual in today's Army to be taking part in a ceremony to activate, not inactivate a command, he added.

He thanked the cadre of the company for their outstanding efforts to get the company ready

to train Ordnance soldiers.

He offered special thanks to 1st Sgt. Michael Bennett, Senior Drill Sergeant (Sfc.) Brent Carlson, Drill Sergeant (Sfc.) Mark Malone, Drill Sergeant (SSgt.) Johnny Griffin, Drill Sergeant (SSgt.) Willie Jones, Drill Sergeant (SSgt.) Caroline Brooks, Drill Sergeant (SSgt.) Wade Christensen, Drill Sergeant (SSgt.) Archie Smith, and the Company Operations NCO, SSgt. Darnell Rosette.

He noted that he was appreciative of the Army providing him an opportunity to command the company on "a post filled with the finest officers and NCOs in the Ordnance Corps, a hard-working civilian work force, the brightest instructors, and the best soldiers

in the Army."

The 143d Ordnance Battalion, headquartered in the Edgewood Area, is responsible for training Advanced Individual Training soldiers in military occupational skills 63D10 (Self-Propelled Field Artillery System Mechanic), 63G10 (Fuel and Electric Repairer), 63H10 (Track Vehicle Repairer), 63W10 (Wheel Vehicle Repairer), and 63Y10 (Track Vehicle Mechanic).

Claude, a native of Iowa, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Armor Corps and is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Ordnance Transition Course, the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, and the Combined Arms Service Staff School.

TEU golf tournament to benefit leukemia research

The U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit is known for the safe transport of items all over the world. But the unit is taking on another mission, as it seeks to help those with leukemia.

The America's Guardians Inaugural Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 29, beginning with a 9 a.m. shotgun start at Ruggles Golf Course.

The event is being held in memory of Mike McNamara, the son of a retired chemical officer, who died in April at age 17 after a long fight against leukemia.

"His courage in fighting this disease stands as a beacon of hope for all," said 1st Sgt. Robert DeFebbo of the tournament committee.

The \$50 cost per player includes greens fees and cart, and a minimum of \$15 will benefit The Leukemia Society of America. The format is a four-man captain's choice. Fees are due by Oct. 22.

The hole-in-one prize on the 15th green is a Volkswagen Beetle. A perpetual trophy will list the winning team, and trophies will be awarded for first through fourth place. Awards will be presented for the longest and straightest drives, and for closest to the pin on all par threes. Mulligans will be for sale, except for the hole-in-one hole.

For entry fees or donations, call:

Cynthia Rok, 410-436-3044;

1st Sgt. Robert DeFebbo, 410-436-4367

(radefebb@sbccom.apgea.army.mil);

Sfc. Mark Levario, 410-436-3936

(mark.levario@sbccom.apgea.army.mil);

or, Billy Russell, 410-436-6650 (billy.russell@sbccom.apgea.army.mil).

The Leukemia Society of America is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to seeking the cause and eventual cure of leukemia and related cancers, including lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's Disease. It also is a member of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Contact the Maryland Chapter at 1-800-242-4LSA, or see the web site at www.mdleukemia.org for information about programs and services.

Halloween to feature scary fun, plus alternative event at chapel

With Halloween coming up, organizations around post are planning events to celebrate the season.

Trick-or-treating will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Post officials caution drivers to be especially alert for children that night, particularly when driving in post neighborhoods.

Halloween also marks the return of the 16th Ordnance Battalion haunted house. In its second year of scaring the public, "Haunted House II: Last Rites of 1999" is described as a "Horror Coaster." Last year, the battalion created a "haunted dining facility." This year, house will be held at building 3511. For the young

and the faint of heart, a friendly ghost will be added this year. Food and beverages will be available at Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park. The event will be held Oct. 28, 5-10 p.m.; Oct. 29 and 30, 6-11:30 p.m.; and Oct. 31, 5-10 p.m. For details, call 410-306-1538, or 410-278-8595.

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program is planning an event for adults, and another for families. The "Monster Mash Bash" will be held on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Tickets will go on sale soon. Cost is \$3 in advance; \$5 at the door with costume; and \$7 at the door without costume. For more infor-

mation, call Spc. Darnell Greene, 410-278-1995 or Pfc. Bethea, 410-278-8019.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, BOSS will hold a family-oriented Halloween Indoor Carnival for adults and children from noon-4 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Volunteers are need to run booths. For more information, call Spc. Jeneen Nash, 410-278-7022, or Sr. Airman Gabe Fortman, 410-278-9882.

For those who want a celebration without the traditional Halloween trappings, consider the Fall Festival at the APG Chapel on Oct. 31, 5-9 p.m. Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Wallman described the event as an evening

of games, food, fun and prizes for military and chapel community participants, "a perfect alternative for Halloween."

Festivities will begin with a chili cook-off at 5 p.m., and progress to bobbing for apples and other games for the children, a piñata and costume judging for Most Original, Prettiest, Best Biblical, Best Famous Person and Best Story Book Character, for ages newborn to 6, 7-12, and 13 and up.

The chapel invites members of the APG community looking for an alternative to haunted houses and trick-or-treating to celebrate with them. Call the chapel, 410-278-4333, for details.

YOUTH UPDATE

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Intermediate Gymnastics (ages 6 and over), 7-8 p.m. Fun for boys and girls, who are interested in increasing their strength and agility. All this for only \$20 per month, \$25 for associate members. There must be at least eight students registered to start gymnastics classes. For more information, call Norma Warwick at 410-436-7131/2862.

Register for basketball and cheerleading. Boys and girls interested in playing basketball, ages 7 and older, may register Oct. 12-Nov. 20. Youth interested in cheerleading, ages 6 and older, should register as well. Practices will be at the Edgewood Youth Services Center and games will be in Edgewood, Churchville and Aberdeen starting in January 2000. Cost is \$30 per person. Do you have more than one child interested? Ask us about family discounts. For more

information, call Norma Warwick at 410-436-7131/2862.

Coming up in November..

Mark your calendar for the following:

Nov. 4, 4-8 p.m., Open House; meet the staff, register your children for membership and other activities and enjoy face painting and games. Refreshments will be provided.

Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Talent Show and Dance; see your friends and neighbors strut their stuff. Open for ages 8 and older.

Nov. 18, 6 p.m., Teen Council meeting; elect new officers. Teens ages 13 and older may attend and cast a vote.

Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m., Celebrate Military Family Night, free, with refreshments.

PATS ON THE BACK

SBCCOM personnel receive awards

Personnel of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Domestic Preparedness Office recently were presented awards.

The Commander's Award for Civilian Service was awarded to: William Compton, Mary Doak, James Farlow, Janet Fields, Jose Irizarry, Raymond Miller, Ivy Roberson, Elaine Stewart-Craig, Alan Seitzinger, Richard Hutchinson, Valerie Lee and Karen Quinn-Doggert.

The Achievement Medal for Civilian Service was awarded to: Patsy Garcia, Lorraine Whitney, Richard Barrett, Robert Cahoon, Elaine Macko, Rosemary Pope, Frank DePietro, Kimberly Bender, Charles Crawford, Allen Goodman, Randolph Laye, William Lake, Steve Marshall, Uday Mehta, Mohamed Mughal, Paul Fedele, William Sarver, Georgia Braun, Paul Grasso, Dodie Hertzog, Augustus LaComb, Richard Belmonte, Anthony Saponaro, Alex Pappas, Victor Arca, Lee Campbell, Robert Lindsay, Kwok Ong, Terri Longworth, Marlene Owens, James Genovese, Joseph Miller, Robert Plank, Susan Krs, Ann Gallegos and Suzanne Fournier.

Civilians retire from APG

The following civilian personnel recently retired from Aberdeen Proving Ground:

Beverly M. Abrahams, ATC, 35 years
Trevor K. Allyne, ATC, 25 years
Ronald P. Baker, ATC, 23 years
Edward A. Bechtler, ATC, 36 years
John F. Brown Jr., ATC, 37 years
David E. Bryner, ATC, 28 years
Frederick M. Campbell Jr., AMSAA, 38 years
Borge H. Christensen, ATC, 20 years
William A. Crissey, ATC, 23 years
Michael J. Drabo, ATC, 32 years
Ted S. Eng, ATC, 25 years
Constance E. Garcia, TECOM, 34 years
Lee R. Gorham, ATC, 36 years
Henry F. Greuter, ATC, 34 years
Laurence G. Harris, CPOC, 33 years
William E. Harris Jr., ATC, 28 years
Harmon H. Hash Jr., ATC, 36 years
Donald F. Haskell, EAC, 30 years
Oscar M. Hawkins, AMSAA, 36 years
Sherry I. Hedrick, ATC, 31 years
June M. Hersey, ATC, 22 years

Craig Herud, ATC, 30 years
Richard C. Higgins, SBCCOM, 27 years
Morton A. Hirschberg, ARL, 26 years
Cleo P. Hoke, ATC, 28 years
Ellis M. Howard, ATC, 28 years
Darlene M. Jack, ATC, 34 years
Kersey A. Jones Jr., ATC, 37 years
Patricia A. Lee, ATC, 25 years
Earl N. Lipscomb, ATC, 43 years
John E. Mack, ATC, 27 years
Cecil E. Martin Jr., ATC, 33 years
Stella C. Matthews, SBCCOM, 24 years
Buddy W. Maxwell, OC&S, 47 years
Ronald E. Moore, ATC, 23 years
Leonard F. Morgan Sr., ATC
Pamala L. Moss, ATC, 26 years
David K. Murphy, ATC, 26 years
Clyde R. Musick, ATC, 38 years
Jerald L. Nook, ATC, 30 years
Joseph P. Ondek Jr., ATC, 36 years
Larry W. Overbay, ATC, 25 years
John E. Payne, ATC, 40 years
Russell M. Phelps, ARL, 42 years
Jack D. Phipps, ATC, 41 years
Earl G. Pumphrey, ATC, 35 years
Linda L. Renshaw, ATC, 35 years
Charles J. Schertz, ATC, 39 years
John P. Sobczyk, ATC, 37 years
Francis A. Sopol Jr., ATC, 30 years
William F. Steelman, ATC, 36 years
Emilie J. Taber, SBCCOM, 10 years
William F. Taylor, ATC, 28 years
George A. Waldon, ATC, 32 years
John T. Walker, ATC, 36 years
Patricia J. Wardell, ATC, 30 years
Gordon F. Williams, ATC, 36 years
Betty J. Willick, ARDEC, 35 years

Good Conduct Medals presented

The following military personnel recently were awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

Spc. Raphael Domingo, Sgt. Salazar M. Gonzales, SSgt. Gregory A. Laurence (second award) and Spc. Carlton A. Newsome.

U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School

SSgt. Timothy H. Anderson (fourth award), SSgt. Franklin L. Berlin (fourth award), Spc. Jerrick A. Bourgeois, Sfc. David J. Brooks (sixth award), Sfc. Victor Dalinarosario (fifth award), SSgt. George Davidson II (fourth award), Sgt. Casford I. Johnson (third award), Sfc. Albert J. Jones (sixth award), Sfc. Richard R. Koeppel (fourth award), SSgt. Luis A. Lefert (fourth award), Sfc. Isauro G. Lopez (sixth award), Sgt. Maj. Ricardo L. Lynn (ninth award), SSgt. Roger A. Ogden (fifth award), Master Sgt. Reberto Ontiveros Jr. (fifth award), SSgt. Alan R. Smith (fourth award), SSgt. Lyndon F. Taylor (fifth award), and Master Sgt. Ricky T. Wyche (sixth award).

U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command

Sgt. Lida M. Powell (third award).

U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit

Sgt. Jay A. Bachman (second award), Sgt. Floyd G. Goodin (second award), Sgt. Luis A. Lunarodriguez (second award), Spc. Walter G. Smith Jr. (second award) and Master Sgt. Ricardo Sotoavecedo (fourth award).

Maryland Army National Guard personnel

Col. Robert Peterson, commander of the Maryland Army National Guard, Mobilization AVCRAD Control Element, EA and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeunette, presented Sgt. Raines Warford and Spc. David Howell with the ADMRU Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year award for the training year 1999.

Mark Stevens, of Joppa, and a member of the Mobilization AVCRAD Control Element, EA, was promoted to sergeant first class. Stevens has served in the military for 24 years, with one year served in this unit. Stevens' promotion also includes a new position as a quality assurance sergeant with responsibilities for quality assurance inspections and CONUS Depot Classification Mission. Stevens is a budget analyst with the Department of Defense. He and his wife, Ella, have two children, April and David, ages 19 and 16.

Maj. K. Glen Olinger of Darlington retired from the Maryland National Guard after 30 years of military service. Olinger was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Maryland Distinguished Service Cross. Olinger's was assigned with the Mobilization AVCRAD Control Element (MACE) as Administration Services Division chief. He began his military career in April 1969, when he enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard in Bel Air, Md. Future plans for Olinger include working as assistant principal of Harford Christian School. He and his wife, Diane, have two grown children.

Soldiers Medal awarded for saving child from fire

By Maj. Tom McCollum
Army News Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (Oct. 7, 1999) — A member of the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) received the Soldiers Medal Sept. 21 for saving the life of a 3-year-old boy.

SSgt. Philip H. Traum, who recently returned from an overseas deployment, was presented the Army's highest peacetime award for rescuing the unconscious boy from a burning house last Christmas morning.

Shortly before 6 a.m., a fire broke out in the Fort Bragg quarters of Spc. Robert E. Mack and his family. Their initial efforts to stop the fire failed and it quickly spread out of control. Mack, his family and his wife's mother and sister, who were visiting, evacuated the house. They discovered Amanda's 3-year old child, Demetrice, was trapped inside.

"We got everyone out the door and my mother kept saying, 'The baby, the baby,'" said Amanda. "I

thought, 'I have my baby in my arms, what is she screaming about.' It was then that we realized Demetrice wasn't there."

Robert Mack and his wife tried to enter the house but flames and smoke drove them out. A neighbor also tried to enter but was unable to see through the thick smoke.

"There were a lot of people trying to get in, but they couldn't make it," Amanda said. "I started to scream, 'Why isn't someone getting my baby?' Then Traum came over, and he got in. The next thing I knew he had pulled Demetrice out."

Traum found an open window, and crawled through it.

"It didn't occur to me that I was in danger when I was doing it," said Traum, who has been in Special Forces for a year and a half. "Somebody had to get the kid out. All I could think of was, 'I've got kids also.' I thought about a small baby in a crib."

Thick smoke filled the house and stopped others from entering

it. It had also caused Demetrice to collapse unconscious on the floor.

"It was like the smoke parted and I saw a boy's foot," Traum said. "I knew that had to be him, even though it wasn't the baby I was expecting. I grabbed the feet. I pulled him a little closer to me and cradled him next to my body as I got back to the window.

"I didn't feel any heat from the fire," said Traum, a Special Forces engineer sergeant. "It was like an adrenaline rush to get in and do what needed to be done."

Demetrice suffered second degree burns and was treated at the University of North Carolina's Medical Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Mack family and their relatives received treatment for smoke inhalation. They lost all of their personal possessions.

"I can always get new furniture and material things," Amanda said, "but I cannot replace my children.

The Soldiers Medal, the Army's highest peacetime medal,

is awarded to soldiers who distinguished themselves by personal hazard or voluntary risk of life.

"Thanks to almighty God and Staff Sergeant Traum, the thing that meant the most to them, their 3-year-old son Demetrice, was saved," said Maj. Gen. William G.

Boykin, commander, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne). "We select a very special breed of character here in Special Forces, Staff Sergeant Traum has only reinforced the kind of people we have by this selfless and heroic act."

"It's an honor to have received the Soldiers Medal," Traum said. "I am thankful, but I didn't expect it."

(Editor's note: Maj Tom McCollum is public affairs officer of U.S. Army Special Forces Command.)

Sports and Fitness

Intramural football action continues

The following results were reported for the Intramural Flag Football League for the week ending Oct. 8:

American Division

Results

Oct. 6

HHC 143rd, 25; HHC 61st, 14
HHC 16th, 12; NCOA, 0

Standings

HHC 143rd	.7-1
NCOA	.6-2
HHC 16th	.5-3
HHC 61st	.3-3
KUSAHC	.0-0
N. GUARD	.0-12

Schedule

Oct. 20

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. HHC 61st
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA

Hoyle Division

Results

Oct. 4

520th, 26; SBCCOM, 18

Oct. 6

SBCCOM, 26; B Co. 143rd, 7
520th, 14; MRICD, 13

Standings

SBCCOM	.6-1
A Co. 143rd	.6-2
B Co. 143rd	.6-2
520th	.6-4
MRICD	.3-5

Schedule

Oct 19

6:30 p.m., 520th vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. A Co. 143rd

Oct. 20

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

National Division

Results

Oct. 5

C Co. 16th, 22; E Co. 16th, 0
USAF, 27; A Co. 16th, 20
USMC, 43; B Co. 16th, 6

Oct. 7

C Co. 16th, 27; B Co. 16th, 0
USMC, 20; A Co. 16th, 19
E Co. 16th, 28; USAF, 6

Standings

C Co. 16th	.7-1
USMC	.5-3
E Co. 16th	.5-3
A Co. 16th	.4-4
USAF	.4-5
B Co. 16th	.0-9

Schedule

Oct. 19

6:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. C Co. 16th
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. USAF
8:30 p.m., B Co. 16th jvs. A Co. 16th

Oct. 21

6:30 p.m., USMC vs. A Co. 16th
7:30 p.m., E Co. 16th vs. B Co. 16th

Soccer teams battle

The following scores were reported for the Intramural Soccer League for the week ending Oct. 8:

Results

Oct. 5

C Co. 16th, 6; HHC 16th, 0
USMC, 0; A Co. 143rd, 0
A Co. 16th, 1; NCOA, 0

Oct. 7

A Co. 143rd, 0; CHPPM, 0
C Co. 16th, 3; B Co. 143rd, 1

Schedule

The league will finish play in two

Saturdays of round-robin play. Games are scheduled for Oct. 16 and 23 at Shine Sports Field in Aberdeen. The championship tournament will be held Oct. 30 and 31.

Standings

B Co. 143rd	.4-1-0
USMC	.3-1-1
A Co. 143rd	.3-1-2
HHC 16th	.2-1-1
C Co. 16th	.4-3-0
A Co. 16th	.4-3-0
NCOA	.2-3-0
CHPPM	.1-2-2
E Co. 16th	.0-8-0

SPORTS SHORTS

Turkey Trot coming up

Mark your calendars for the Sixth Annual Turkey Trot 5K Road Race on Nov. 20, 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$12 if registered before Nov. 19; a special rate is available for enlisted personnel up to specialist. Cash prizes will go to the top runners in each of 12 divisions, sponsored by USPA & IRA. Contact your local MWR gymnasium for entry form or more information.

1999-2000 CWF Basketball League

The Civilian Welfare Basketball League runs Oct. 22-April 7, 2000. Games are played in Hoyle Gymnasium on Fridays, 5-8 p.m. Games are 5-on-5, full court, and generally follow NCAA rules. If you are interested in signing up for the draft, call Louis Kanaras, 410-436-6854, by Oct. 13. The league is open to APG civilians, contractors, Reserve or National Guard personnel.

AROUND THE ARMY

Promotion worksheet revisions emphasize soldier initiative

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Oct. 6, 1999) - Soldiers wanting to take charge of their promotion to sergeant and staff sergeant will want to shape up, shoot straighter, and strive for overall excellence under worksheet changes that become effective next June.

The promotion point worksheet for active-duty sergeants and staff sergeants hadn't been revised in 15 years, except when the total amount of points dropped from 1,000 to 800, said Sgt. Maj. William T. Hursh, the enlisted promotions sergeant major in the Pentagon.

Hursh said senior sergeants major at the 1997 Major Army Command Sergeants Major Conference requested that the sergeant/staff sergeant promotion point worksheet be revamped. Essentially, soldiers will have more direct influence in the junior NCO promotion process under the revised worksheets, he said, and commanders will be provided additional guidance for evaluating young enlisted leaders consistent with the values and responsibilities currently on the Noncommissioned Officers Evaluation Report.

"We stopped using the Skill Qualification Test in 1995 [and eliminated those promotion points], but the rest of the worksheet wasn't revised," said Hursh, who works in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. "We're trying to shift some of the emphasis from the chain of command to the soldiers, as far as obtaining promotion points."

Soldiers compete for sergeant and staff sergeant promotions under a semi-centralized system managed at the unit - normally company-level, said Hursh. According to the system's current worksheet, from 0-200 points are awarded for duty performance, from 0-200 points are awarded for promotion boards, from 0-50 points for awards and decorations, 0-100 points for military training, and 0-150 points for military education and 0-100 points for civilian education.

Maximum total points award-

ed under the revised worksheet remain at 800, said Hursh, but commanders will award a maximum of 150 points for soldier duty performance, while promotion boards will award a maximum of 150 points.

The majority of soldiers up for promotion to sergeant and staff sergeant are now getting close to maximum promotion points from commanders' evaluations for duty performance, said Hursh, and unit promotion boards tend to award well over 150 of the 200 points available.

Consequently, he said, senior Army enlisted and officer leaders have decided to enable soldiers up for sergeant/staff sergeant to have more direct influence in the process.

As before, points for military training are awarded according to performance on the twice-a-year Army Physical Fitness Test and annual rifle marksmanship training, said Hursh. Although maximum points for military training remain at 100 on the new worksheet, he said, soldiers would have the opportunity to earn more

points for physical fitness and rifle marksmanship according to new performance-oriented, sliding scales.

The new scales, said Hursh, make each hit in marksmanship and each increase in physical performance on the Army Physical Fitness Test important for the award of promotion points.

Hursh said the revised worksheet also provides 50 more points, up to 100, for awards, decorations and achievements, which includes medals, badges, and certificates of achievement, and other soldier achievements.

For the first time, he said, soldiers who earn Distinguished Honor Graduate, Distinguished Leadership Award or Commandant's List credentials at Noncommissioned Officer Education System courses will earn promotion points, as well as soldiers who are Soldier of the Quarter or NCO of the Quarter at brigade or higher levels.

Points awarded for civilian education remain the same, from 0-100, said Hursh, however, the points for each semester hour

increased from 2 to 2.5 points and completion of an associate's degree earns 10 additional points. Soldiers with the normal 60 hours required for an associate's degree will receive the maximum 100 points for civilian education. This brings the civilian education requirement on the promotion point worksheet in line with the Army's goal for senior NCOs to have an associate's degree.

Total possible points for mili-

tary schooling, formerly 150, have increased to 200 points under the revised worksheet to recognize the importance of military training in soldier development. Also, the promotion points awarded for one week of formal military training increased from two to four points.

Commanders will also be provided additional guidance to use for junior NCO promotion evaluations, said Hursh.

"We gave [commanders] a table to use as guidance when providing promotion points for duty performance," he said. "Basically, that guidance is based on the values and NCO responsibilities the Army is looking for in an NCO."

"Not only is the commander awarding points, but he also has a counseling tool to show a soldier where he or she needs to improve, based upon what we are looking for in an NCO," Hursh concluded.

Airborne soldiers get bonuses for re-enlisting

By **Sfc. Connie E. Dickey**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Oct. 4, 1999) - Soldiers who hold an airborne specialty in their military occupational skill can now re-enlist for a bonus.

Beginning Sept. 1, 68 airborne specialties were added to the 13 already qualifying for re-enlistment bonuses, which brings the total to 81.

The last MOS review showed the number of soldiers with airborne specialties was declining, according to Ron Canada, chief of retention management at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Many airborne specialties are found in units that have crisis response missions, such as the 82nd, Army officials said.

"We found that fire support specialties were real-

ly low," Canada said, "especially in the 82nd Airborne Division, so we began looking at SRBs to see if any improvement could be realized by adding the airborne specialties to the bonus list."

The bonuses are being offered in both A and B Zones, Canada said. Zone A includes first termers, those with 21 months to six years of service. Zone B includes soldiers with six to 10 years of service. Canada said that usually means Zone A affects junior enlisted soldiers and Zone B affects mostly NCOs.

Bonuses are calculated by multiplying base pay with the years of re-enlistment, Canada said. The re-enlistment must be for three years or more, he said. Two-year re-enlistments don't qualify. The maximum amount of money for any re-enlistment bonus remains at \$20,000, Canada said.

AROUND THE ARMY

Helicopter rotor blades holder may save Army millions

By Sgt. Mark Swart
Army News Service

FORT DRUM, N.Y. (Oct. 6, 1999) — Three Fort Drum employees are being rewarded for designing a holder that is projected to save the Army more than \$4.6 million per year in helicopter repair costs.

The employees — Bill Maharan, Joe LaDuc and Terry Buckley — will split a cash bonus of \$25,000 for the rotor blade holder they designed and produced when the division was preparing for the Haiti deploy-

ment in 1995. They worked for the Directorate of Logistics Support Maintenance Activity shop.

"It's really a very basic, simple idea," said Maharan, who acted as the production manager for the project.

After three helicopter rotor blades broke in a row, the two men started thinking of what could be done to keep the blades from breaking, LaDuc said.

"When something breaks, you always look for a better solution or a different approach of doing it," he said. "The item we made

actually hugs the shape of the blade."

Each aluminum holder costs approximately \$70 to manufacture, a tiny percentage of the \$101,590 cost for replacing a rotor blade, Maharan said.

The conventional stand now used has a small pin that inserts into the end of the UH-60 Black Hawk rotor blade when removing it from the helicopter.

"The blades have to have a support stand to hold them up when you take them off," Maharan said. "They have a swiv-

el on the top part where the blade goes in that was breaking off. That would make blades drop and ruin the blades. We thought it over and that's what we came up with."

"The people in aviation loved it — they were saving time and money," Maharan said.

To further protect the rotor blades, they enlisted Buckley to fabricate a padded canvas cover.

"This was a really strange looking thing to cover," she said. "It had to completely wrap around and stay in place when removed. We tried a couple different things

before choosing one."

After the prototype was tested, the team worked overtime for two weeks to produce a batch of approximately 35 holders.

DeWitt W. Nichols, section supervisor for the team, said inventing the holder didn't cost the employees anything.

"They just used their heads. To be open and willing to try new ideas is a good portion of it," he said. "I encourage them any time they have good ideas to put in a suggestion."

He added that fabricating items

on a daily basis is "a big portion of our business. In the machine shop, we fabricate a lot of parts and hard-to-get items."

Buckley said knowing that she helped save the government money made the job even more important.

"I was really surprised to hear how much it would save," she said. "And it's our money really, the taxpayers' money. We should all be grateful."

(Editor's note: Swart is a staff writer on the Fort Drum post newspaper, *The Blizzard*.)

Selected captains get chance for 20-year retirement

By Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Oct. 4, 1999) - Most active-duty captains twice non-selected for promotion by the Fiscal Year '99 Major Promotion Board may have the opportunity to stay in the Army until they're retirement eligible at 20 years-of-service.

The officer personnel policy initiative is endorsed by the Secretary of the Army, said Col. Karl Knoblauch, the officer division chief at the Pentagon's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"The selection board recessed July 2; those captains chosen will be notified that they have the opportunity to elect to stay on active duty, or to separate," said Knoblauch. Under the Army's "up or out" policy, commissioned officers who've been non-selected for

promotion after two tries usually are separated from the Army.

The initiative was implemented, said Knoblauch, to help the Army ensure it has sufficient numbers of captains in an era when a booming national economy and corresponding high salaries are proving to be enticements that cause some mid-career officers, usually captains, to resign their commissions and leave the service.

The Army expects to meet its authorized, budgeted commissioned officer strength for Fiscal Year 1999, however, there will be some grade imbalances, principally at captain rank, said Knoblauch.

Consequently, he said, Army personnel officials have been keeping an eye on the number of captains in the force, and their continuation-in-service rates.

"Right now, we have a 90-percent 'stay' rate for captains; we'd really like to have a 94-percent captain 'stay' rate," said Knoblauch. "One of the things we're looking at to meet the immediate captain requirements, is selective continuation."

The program allows captains who were twice non-selected for major, but fully qualified to serve at the rank of captain, to stay on active duty for a minimum period of three years, subject to subsequent selective continuation boards, said Knoblauch.

Provided there is no downward turn in performance on their part, captains in the program can anticipate serving until retirement eligibility at 20 years, he said.

"Keep in mind, that during each year on active duty, these captains are eligible for promotion consideration, and could be

selected for promotion to major," said Knoblauch.

Captain is the rank at which officers most often make career decisions, having completed their initial active duty service obligations, Knoblauch said. Since 1990, the Army downsized by more than 25,000 officers, he said. Many of those officers were mid-career captains who took early-outs through various incentive programs.

With the drawdown over, Knoblauch said, the Army has shifted its personnel focus as it manages a steady-state force compared to a downsizing organization.

Today's hot economy and abundant job opportunities for well-educated young men and women is providing additional employment options for Army captains who've fulfilled their service obligations, according to Knoblauch.

Captains who depart the Army are apparently enticed by the enhanced pay and more predictable lifestyles currently offered by civilian firms, he added.

"Captain continuation rates are worth watching for us," said Knoblauch. "Depending upon the denominator, you can draw different conclusions as to the continuation rate for captains between pre- and post-drawdown [periods]. In the aggregate, captain continuation rates are slightly higher now than pre-drawdown; however, if you subtract out factors such as [incentive-derived] losses, the continuation rate is slightly lower. It is the latter rate we're focusing on."

Increasing lieutenant accessions will also help build a bench for ramping up to programmed captain authorizations, Knoblauch said, while proposed service member pay increases will address careerists' compensation concerns.

Over the past several years, Army mid-career officers have cited pay and retirement concerns as prime factors that they consider when making continuation decisions, he said.

Pay proposals contained within the Fiscal Year 2000 Defense Authorization Bill would improve service member compensation

across-the-board, to include captains, said Knoblauch.

Increased across-the-board pay, plus targeted incremental raises for careerists, along with the proposed restoration of the pre-"Redux" 50-percent military retirement system should address mid-career officers' pay concerns as they weigh continuation decisions, he said.

"The proposed pay table reforms, which we're confident will be enacted, do target the captain population, among others," he said. Military pay and retirement issues are currently being debated in the U.S. Congress.

The selected continuation initiative, said Knoblauch, is a "win-win" situation for the officer-participants and the Army.

"We have captains who clearly are fully qualified to serve and certainly can continue to make contributions to the Army," he said. "We want them to stay on active duty because we value their service."

Future use of Captain Selective Continuation Boards is undetermined and will be considered on an annual basis, said Knoblauch.

Bad weather no sweat for Ten-Miler runners

By Spc. Bradley A. Rhen
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Oct. 12, 1999) — The cold, steady rain that fell on the nation's capital Sunday morning was no problem for Chris Graff who led more than 11,000 runners in the 15th annual Army Ten-Miler. Many of the runners, in fact, said they welcomed the "inclement" weather that kept their bodies cool during the race.

A blast from a 105mm Howitzer signaled the official start of the race and Army Spc. Teddy R. Mitchell jumped out to an early lead. Several runners jockeyed for the top position until the lead group reached the Watergate complex along the banks of the Potomac.

Eight minutes into the race, Graff of the Reebok Enclave team then pulled away and never looked back. The 24-year-old Washington, D.C., resident was not seriously challenged for the rest of the run and was the overall winner with a time of 48:21.

Two-time defending champion 2nd Lt. Dan Browne of the Army World Class Athlete Program finished second with a time of 49:05. The West Point graduate still holds the race record with a time of 47:44, which he set in 1997.

Graff, who finished third last year, said the other runners erred by allowing him to pull away so early and not trying to keep up with him.

"They made a mistake by letting me go and I intended to make them pay for it," he said after the race.

Graff stuck to his word, winning the race by more than 40 seconds.

Andre Williams of Arlington, Va., placed third with a time of 49:17, followed by Shawn Found of Boulder, Colo., at 49:22, and Christian Fogarazzo of Arlington at 49:39.

On the women's side, last year's winner Alisa Harvey of Manassas, Va., defended her title with a winning time of 57:47. The 34-year-old said she intended to sit off a strong runner, but then moved ahead of the other women around the four-mile mark. As it turned out, Harvey was the strongest woman of the day, finishing over a minute ahead of

the next woman.

Bea Marie Altieri of Columbia, Md., finished second with a time of 58:56, followed by Janice Addison of Columbia, S.C., who finished at one hour flat.

Harvey said the fact the race is so close to her home makes it especially sweet to win.

"I love running in D.C.," Harvey said. "It's right here at home and it's always nice when the winner is from here because the race is so big."

Though not affiliated with the military, Harvey said she enjoyed the atmosphere created by all the service members competing in the race as well as the hundreds of volunteers who lined the streets to hand out water.

"It's kind of neat running with the military guys," she said. "They're all cheering you on, yelling things like 'good job ma'am.'"

The top finishers in the masters division were Sammy Ngatia of Fort Carson, Colo., who was the top male with a time of 50:46, and Patti Shull of Ashburn, Va., who was the top female with a time of 1:06:23.

Seven wheelchair racers were registered for the race, but only Holly Koester of Cleveland braved the elements Sunday. Koester, who was the only wheelchair finisher last year, finished the race with a time of 1:15:07.

In all, 16,000 runners were registered for the race, but apparently the bad weather convinced some of them to stay home as only 11,456 showed up. Still, this year's race topped last year's mark of 11,109 entrants.

The Army Ten-Miler is America's largest 10-mile race and is recognized by "Runner's World" magazine as one of the top 100 races in the country, officials said. The race is presented by the Association of the United States Army and is produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

For more information and race results, visit the Army Ten-Miler Web site at www.armymilen.com.

(Editor's note: Spc. Bradley A. Rhen is the assistant editor of the Pentagon newspaper.)

Submit photos for annual USO contest

The USO of Metropolitan Washington is still accepting submissions for a photography contest open to all military ID card holders. The winning shot will be featured on the cover of USO-Metro's 2000 Guide to Washington. More than 75,000 copies of this fact-filled publication are distributed annually, and credit will be given in the Guide to the photographer who submits the winning shot.

Submissions (including name, phone number and address of photographer, as well as a description of the picture) may be mailed to:

USO-Metro Photography Contest
Attention: Beth
204 Lee Ave., Room B-9
Fort Myer, VA 22211

The deadline for submissions is Oct. 15. The winner will be notified by Nov. 1. A negative or slide must be provided to USO-Metro by the winner, but will be returned to the photographer with a copy of the guide.

For more information and guidelines, call 703-696-2628.

'Our water is safe to drink'

1998 report on quality of Edgewood Area tap water

(Editor's note: The following is the Consumer Confidence Report for the Aberdeen Area drinking water supply. This report, a new federal requirement for all drinking water systems, is required to be widely distributed, and will be mailed to family housing occupants and post organizations that purchase water from APG. It also is available on the APG web site, www.apg.army.mil. This is the first year the report is required; the 1999 report will be out in June 2000.)

This is an annual report on the quality of water delivered to the Edgewood Area of U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Under the "Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule" of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), community water systems are required to report this water quality information to the consuming public. Presented in this report is information on the source of our water, its constituents and the health risks associated with any contaminants detected in quantities exceeding a drinking water regulatory maximum contaminant level (MCL), action level (AL), or treatment techniques (TT). During calendar year 1998, no contaminants were detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system in quantities exceeding regulatory limits.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We continually monitor the drinking water for contaminants. Our water is safe to drink; however, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA guidelines regarding appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The drinking water being delivered to you is pumped from Winters Run and treated by the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant located at Building E-6110 on Route 755 (Edgewood Road), Edgewood, MD 21040. Winters Run is a surface water source in Harford County.

Monitoring drinking water

Our water system uses only EPA-approved laboratory methods to analyze your drinking water. Our personnel collect water samples from the distribution system and from the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant. Samples are then shipped to the accredited laboratory where a full spectrum of water quality analyses are performed. The results are then reported to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

In the Edgewood Area, we monitor for the contaminant groups listed in Table 1 using EPA approved methods. Table 1 also lists the monitoring frequencies for these contaminant groups.

Definitions of key terms

To gain a better understanding of the content of this report, several key terms must be defined. They

<u>CONTAMINANT GROUP</u>	<u>MONITORING FREQUENCY</u>
Inorganic Contaminants (IOC)	Annually
Lead and Copper (L&C)	Triennially (once every three years)
Microorganisms and Turbidity (M&T)	Daily
Radionuclides (RAD)	Once every four years
Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)	Semiannually (twice per year)
Total Coliform (TC)	Monthly
Unregulated Contaminants (UNREG)	Once every five years
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	Annually

are as follows:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Please note that MCLGs are goals and not regulatory limits. Public drinking water systems are not required to meet MCLGs.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Contaminants in drinking water, if detected, must be present at levels below the MCLs in order for the system to be in compliance with state and federal regulations.

Monitoring Waivers - State or EPA permission to discontinue monitoring for a particular contaminant or contaminant group. Often, the state or EPA will grant monitoring waivers for systems that have consistently met regulatory limits. In the Edgewood Area, MDE has granted monitoring waivers for cyanide, nitrite, and asbestos, because the system has consistently exhibited concentrations well below the regulatory MCLs.

In addition to monitoring for contaminants regulated by MCLs, our water system analyzes for contaminants (including lead and copper) governed by action levels (ALs) and those subject to treatment

techniques. Therefore, definitions of these terms are provided below.

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Additional acronyms and terms

Below is a listing of additional acronyms and terms (with explanations) used in this Consumer Confidence Report:

- CCR Consumer Confidence Report
- DBP Disinfection By-Products
- EPA Environmental Protection Agency
- FDA Food and Drug Administration
- IOC Inorganic Contaminants
- L&C Lead and Copper
- Level Laboratory analytical result for a contaminant; this value is evaluated against an MCL or AL to determine compliance.
- MDE Maryland Department of the Environment
- M&T Microorganisms and Turbidity
- NTU Nephelometric turbidity unit; a measure of turbidity in water

CONTAMINANT (GROUP)	LEVEL DETECTED	MCL	RANGE	SAMPLE DATE(S)	EXCEEDED STANDARD?	MCLG*	LIKELY SOURCE(S) OF CONTAMINANT
Barium (IOC)	2 ppb	200 ppb	NA	2/12/98	NO	200 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium (IOC)	1.1 ppb	100 ppb	NA	2/12/98	NO	100 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (IOC)	1 ppm	4 ppm	NA	2/12/98	NO	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Mercury (IOC)	0.9 ppb	2 ppb	NA	2/12/98	NO	2 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland.
Nitrate (IOC)	2.2 ppm	10 ppm	NA	2/12/98	NO	10 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (L&C)	207 ppb (90 th percentile value from the most recent round of sampling)	1300 ppb (AL)	1 # of sites that exceeded action level	7/9/97	NO	1300 ppb (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Turbidity (M&T)	0.4 NTU (highest level detected in any single measurement)	At least 95% of monthly samples must be ≤ 0.5 NTU (TT)	100% (lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the limit)	1/1/98 - 12/31/98	NO	NA	Soil runoff.
Gross Alpha (RAD)	2 pCi/L	15 pCi/L	NA	4/30/96	NO	0 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (UNREG)	25.9 ppm	NA	NA	7/9/97	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (UNREG)	24.5 ppm	NA	NA	7/9/97	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.
TTHMs (VOC)	26.6 ppb	NA	NA	2/12/98	NA	0 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

NA = not applicable
* Note that MCLG refers to a goal, not a regulatory limit. Contaminants detected must meet MCLs, ALs, or TTs, not MCLGs.

- pCi/L Picouries per liter; a measure of radioactivity in water
- ppm Parts per million; corresponds to a single penny in \$10,000
- ppb Parts per billion; corresponds to a single penny in \$10,000,000
- RAD Radionuclides
- Range The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant; ie; the range of reported analytical detections for an unregulated contaminant may be 10.1 ppm (lowest value) to 13.4 ppm (highest value). EPA requires this range to be reported.
- SDWA Safe Drinking Water Act; Federal law which sets forth drinking water regulations
- SOC Synthetic Organic Contaminants
- TC Total Coliform
- TTHMs Total trihalomethanes - byproducts of drinking water disinfection
- UNREG Unregulated Contaminants
- VOC Volatile Organic Contaminants

Detected contaminants

Table 2 lists the only contaminants detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system during calendar year 1998 or, in some cases, the most recent sampling period. All other contaminants were below laboratory detection limits.

We routinely monitor for a number of contaminants in the water supply to meet regulatory drinking water compliance requirements. The table lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. We have also analyzed for many other contaminants, but none were detected in the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system. Note that none of the contaminants detected were present at levels greater than drinking water regulatory MCLs, ALs or TTs.

EPA and MDE require various reporting methodologies for different contaminants. A brief explanation of our reporting methodologies for the detected contaminants is provided below:

Barium, chromium, fluoride, mercury, and nitrate are regulated under the inorganic contaminants (IOC) group. Gross alpha is regulated under the radionuclides (RAD) group. Sodium and sulfate are included in the unregulated contaminants (UNREG) group. CCR reporting regulations for all of these contaminants require us to report the highest detected concentration in the "Level Detected" column of Table 2 and the range of detected levels in the "Range" column, if applicable.

The Edgewood Area water system services less than 10,000 consumers. Therefore, in accordance with federal and state drinking water regulations, it is not required to meet the TTHMs requirements under the disinfection by-products (DBP) rule. However, because TTHMs are also volatile organic contaminants (VOC), any TTHMs detected during annual Edgewood Area VOC monitoring must be reported in the "Level Detected" column of Table 2. Note that there is no MCL for TTHMs under the VOC group.

Copper is regulated under the lead and copper (L&C) group. CCR reporting regulations for the L&C group require us to report the 90th percentile value of the most recent round of sampling in the "Level Detected" column of Table 2. In the Edgewood Area, a minimum of twenty (20) sites are required by EPA and MDE to be sampled for lead and copper during each sampling round. During the last round of sampling, we sampled twenty-seven (27) sites within the Edgewood Area drinking water distribution system. The 90th percentile value represents the concentration that ninety (90) percent of the sites (not values) were below. CCR regulations also require that the number of individual sites exceeding the action level be reported in the "Range" column of Table 2.

Turbidity is a measure of the "cloudiness" of water. It is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system, which is a treatment technique for the removal of turbidity. High turbidity can also hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants. At least 95 percent of the turbidity measurements each month must be less than or equal to 0.5 NTU for our system to be in compliance with the regulatory treatment technique requirements. CCR reporting regulations require that we list the highest single turbidity reading obtained in the "Level Detected" column of Table 2. We are also required to report the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limit in the column marked "Range."

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Fire alarms sound during Fire Prevention Week

By Yvonne Johnson
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It seemed like fire alarms were going off around the clock last week, as the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Fire Departments conducted fire drills in most of the work sites and buildings.

Fred H. Cullum, battalion chief of the Edgewood Area, said about 50 buildings were tested for both alarm and evacuation procedures.

"We set the alarms and time how long it takes people to get out of the building," Cullum said. "We often block one exit to see how people respond."

Cullum said people should have an alternate route in mind so they don't panic in the event of a real emergency.

A misconception, Cullum noted, is that an alarm automatically notifies the fire department, so people don't realize they should call 911 when the alarm sounds.

"Some buildings have local alarms only," Cullum said. "They could ring for hours and we wouldn't know it."

A phone call can provide information that an alarm can't, he added, such as the location of the fire, the size and type of the fire and if any people are injured.

"Fortunately, most of our alarms are false alarms. But a 911 call will enable us to respond accordingly, if it's only to reset the alarm," he added.

Fire prevention is more than just an annual observance for firefighters and emergency personnel.

"For us, it's every week," Cullum said.

Building inspections and hazardous inspections are conducted weekly and alarms are tested semi-annually and throughout the year. Buildings are required to have emergency exits and evacuation plans posted on walls near



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Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander, above, dials 911 to alert the APG Fire Department during a fire drill at APG Garrison Headquarters in building 305. Above right, workers leave building 314 during a fire drill on Oct. 6. During Fire Prevention Week, the department tested about 50 buildings for functioning alarms and evacuation plans.

fire extinguishers.

"We try to keep it as much a secret as we can, but most people know to expect a fire drill sometime during Fire Prevention Week," Cullum said.

The department's main goal is to show workers and families

how to react in the event of a fire, he added, stressing that getting out of the building safely is the number one priority.

"Practicing will help people remain calm, and remaining calm will help people survive," he said.



Fire Protection Specialist Andre Fouriner, left, poses with APG firefighters and emergency personnel in front of engine 1231 after the fire drill at APG Garrison Headquarters. From left are Capt. John Hamilton, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician Robert Barr, Firefighter/EMT James Williams, Paramedic Bessie Bowman, Firefighter/EMT James Kems, Firefighter/EMT Randy Yardumian and Paramedic Dave Morlok.