

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 18, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



### ACS provides New Parent Support Programs

Army Community Service provides new parents with a choice of support groups to fit their needs.

The Exceptional Family Member Support Group meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month in ACS, building 2754.

Playmorning for ages 0-5 years is held from 9:30-11 a.m., every Tuesday in the Edgewood Area Youth Services gymnasium, building E-1920; in the Aberdeen Area, Playmorning is held from 9:30-11 a.m., every Wednesday in the children's playroom in the Chapel, building 2485.

For more information, call Wanda Pelt, 410-278-7474.

### Family Child Care Providers needed

One of the greatest concerns for today's working parents is finding quality child care.

The next FCC Training Class will be conducted Oct. 23-27. Interviews will be held on Oct. 11-18. Come and meet members of the Family Child Care staff and providers at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the EA Child Development Center, building E-1671. Applications will be available.

Family Child Care Providers are needed in the Edgewood and Aberdeen Areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Benefits of being a certified Family Child Care Provider are many. Providers receive free training in a marketable occupation. FCC Training classes include Appropriate Activities for Children, Business Techniques, Contracts and Taxes, Nutrition, Infant/child CPR and Child Psychology. Providers can earn up to \$500 a week by providing warm and loving care to children in their home. Family Child Care Providers receive free advertising and referrals by Central Registration, monthly newsletters, free workshops, and use of the Toy Lending Library.

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## Gas Mask Dash draws hundreds to Edgewood Area All ages participate in 18th annual 2-mile fun run

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

More than 200 runners put their best foot forward in the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's 18th annual Gas Mask Dash held in the Edgewood Area last month.

Sponsored by SBCCOM, MATCOM Federal Credit Union and Renaissance All-Sports Athletic Club (RASAC), the race benefits the Chemical Corps Regimental Association and the Chemical Corps Museum.

The top men, women and teams in military and civilian categories, and the top three finishers in eight age groups, received awards from Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Doesburg gave a commander's coin to organizer William K. Blewett, who after more than 15 years had organized his last Gas Mask Dash.

"If you go back as far as 17 races, you know who's been in charge and who made it happen," Doesburg said. "Thanks for providing this wonderful opportunity for those who want to race and for those who just want to have fun."

"We've raised tens of thousands over the years," Blewett said. "It's been a pleasure to be involved in one of the few things



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

**Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, center, and SBCCOM's Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza, front, join more than 200 runners in SBCCOM's 18th annual Gas Mask Dash held in the Edgewood Area to benefit the Chemical Corps Regimental Association and the Chemical Corps Museum.**

that really brings the military and civilian communities together."

He noted that MATCOM Federal Credit Union donated \$500 toward T-shirts, refreshments, plaques and decorations.

"It's the sponsors and a great planning committee that make it

happen," Blewett added.

Seventy-six women and 134 men participated in the 2-mile foot race that began and ended at Hoyle Gym. A crew led by Kathy DeWeese, public outreach officer for the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, tallied scores.

"Planning started in July but we couldn't have been ready without the support of local activities," DeWeese said, adding a special thanks to the Aberdeen Sports Office, Hoyle Gym and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic for its medical back up.



Photo by RALPH BROTH

### Combined Federal Campaign Underway

**Chris White, Aberdeen Test Center illustrator, left, shows this year's Eagle Award for the Combined Federal Campaign to Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG. The creator of past CFC awards, White chose to depict a Bald Eagle and her eaglets nesting in their natural habitat - the protected wildlife preserve on APG. People who contribute \$1,000 or more to the CFC will receive a framed, signed and numbered limited-edition print of the original painting. A special reception will be held for Eagle Award donors at Top of the Bay, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.**

## When violence touches you

This is the second in a month-long series on domestic violence.

### Common stresses and solutions

If you have been the victim of violence, you might be wondering what to do, how to recover and how to regain strength. Some people seem naturally resilient, but we have no way of knowing in advance how we will feel or behave in a crisis. Your experience is your own.

You might have to deal with a wide range of negative emotions before you are on your way to recovery. You can help your own progress by identifying and acknowledging your feelings about the crime, learning the importance of making your own decision again, and following suggestions for help.

### Acknowledging your feelings

You may find yourself wanting to deny the violence happened. You may be angry with yourself, somehow blaming yourself for the crime. After all, if you accept that you were a victim and that someone was able to hurt you, you have to accept that it could happen to you again. Such feelings are frightening and make us feel inadequate to protect ourselves. In some ways it is easier to pretend that the violence never happened, or to be angry with ourselves for "letting it happen" or blame ourselves, telling ourselves that it's our own fault.

### Making decisions

You might be called upon to make many decisions quickly. These decisions could include cooperating with the authorities, hiring an attorney or choosing medical care. Make as many of your own decisions as you can. Try not to let others pressure you. The course of action is yours to take. Sometimes it's very difficult for others to understand your decisions, especially when others are sure they'd do it another way. But, by making as many decisions as you feel you can handle, you'll be regaining self-esteem and control over your own life. The desire to make your own decisions, if you are able, is a step to recovery.

### Getting support

Those around you want to support and care for you at this difficult time. Understand that they too, might have feelings of vulnerability that are brought on by your experience. Sometimes these feelings interfere with judgement and their ability to provide unconditional support. Take advantage of any positive support that others can give you, but if you feel the need, don't hesitate to talk to a professional counselor or victims' assistance group. Together, the people around you can help you regain self-esteem and control and resume a healthy life.

## Roadway simulator to be built at APG

By Mike Cast  
Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Developmental Test Command

Military officials, industry representatives and political leaders took part in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Aberdeen Test Center's \$37 million roadway simulator at Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 25.

In remarks during the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, commander of the Army Developmental Test Command, lauded the planned facility as a unique and valuable national asset, not only for the Army and Defense Department, but also for other federal agencies, universities conducting research in automotive engineering and safety, vehicle manufacturers, and the state of Maryland.

When completed, the new APG facility will be the world's largest flat-track roadway simulator. The Aberdeen Test Center and other users will be able to employ the simulator to operate and test vehicles ranging in size from passenger cars to tractor-trailer rigs in a controlled laboratory environment. With the aid of computer programming to create varying driving conditions such as speed, grades, curves and bumps, the simulator will enable testers to collect data on vehicle performance and safety. It will help testers determine such vehicle characteristics as braking, steering, handling, stability, fuel economy, emissions, power-train performance, vibration and ride quality. The simulator is expected to provide this type of data in hours rather than months, significantly reducing testing time and costs.

The project is being developed in three phases. The initial phase will involve designing, manufacturing and installing a simulator capable of testing two-axle vehicles up to 13 tons of gross vehicle weight.

The second phase of the project will provide the Army and Defense Department with the capability of testing vehicles as large as trucks with tandem rear axles and a gross vehicle weight up to 30 tons.

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Shown above is an artist's conception of the Roadway Simulator. Upon completion, the roadway simulator will be the largest such flat-track simulator in the U.S., used to enable testers to collect data on vehicle performance and safety under varying driving conditions.

**APG Pollution Prevention Fact of the Week**

Make "green" choices while shopping. Shop with canvas bags.

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

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participation in the USDA Food Program and the National Credential Program. For more information, call Kathy Reese, 410-436-3203, or Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720.

### Recommendation to reopen VEAP accounts

In view of proposed legislation, Veteran's Educational Assistance Programs service members who have a zero balance in their VEAP accounts are urged to visit their local finance office immediately to reopen suspended accounts. A minimum \$25 contribution is recommended to reactivate the VEAP accounts. For more information, call Marissa Wanzer, 410-306-2374.

### MCSC Apple Pie Sale

The members of the Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club will make and sell delicious homemade apple pies. The pies cost \$5 each and go on sale October 25. Purchase your homemade pies now by calling Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508 or stop by the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, building 2458. Order soon because supply is limited.

### Family Child Care Training set

Family Child Care training will be conducted Oct. 23-27. Applicants interested in providing home-based child care, especially in the Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply. Interviews will be held on Oct. 11-18. Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits: earn up to \$500 per week; self employment; free training in a marketable occupation; transferable credit to Army installations world-wide; free use of toy lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (child development, nutrition, health, safety, CPR, tax assistance); participation in the National CDACredentialed program and participation in the USDA food program. For more information, call Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720, or Kathy Reese, 410-436-2692/3355.

### Open season for health benefits

Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be held Nov. 13-Dec. 11. Brochures will be distributed upon receipt in the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Employees will no longer be required to complete SF-2809, Health Benefits Elections Form, to make health benefits changes. Employees will be able to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil on or after Nov. 13 to make open season elections electronically - a faster and easier way to make the necessary changes. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649 or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

### EA Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will begin its annual disbursement of funds to services and charities beginning in November. If your organization is interested in receiving a donation for a special project, submit a request in writing postmarked by Oct. 31 to Marcey Perez, EA Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 116, APG, MD 21010.

Requests should be specific, but brief and should include name, address, and phone number of point of contact; the name of the person or organization the check should be made out to; the amount needed; and the purpose for which the money will be used. Late requests will not be honored. For more information, contact the EA Thrift Shop on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 410-676-4733.

### Job opportunities

There are a great many job opportunities available on post in Morale Welfare and Recreation, Non-appropriated Funds, and at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. There is currently a significant shortage of personnel to provide these services to soldiers, airmen, Marines, family members and retirees. Apply for AAFES positions at the Post Exchange, and for MWR positions in the basement of building 305.

### DisAbility Awareness luncheon slated

APG's Disability Awareness Committee will host the Disability Awareness Month Observance Luncheon 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Top of the Bay. In keeping with this year's national theme, "Ability You Can Bank On," the guest speaker will be John Kemp, a high-tech executive, lawyer, Horatio Alger Association inductee, and member of numerous advisory boards including the National Council on Disability and the White House Conference on Aging. Entertainment will be provided by Ginny Owens, a Christian alternative rock/folk singer, songwriter, and recording artist, and winner of the 2000 DOVE award. Exhibits from various disability support vendors will be on display upstairs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Reservations must be made by Thursday, Oct. 12. For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Cheek, 410-

278-1140, or Judy Matthews, 410-278-1050.

### Fire victims' fund

The three families affected by the fire on Sept. 9 have separate accounts at the APG Federal Credit Union for donations. The accounts have been set up under the Fire Relief Fund. Specific donations to a family should be made through their individual funds, and donors are recommended to go to their organization. Otherwise, donations to the general fund will be divided among the three families involved. Anyone wanting to make monetary donations should contact 1st Lt. Angela Shackelford, 410-278-1889.

### AA Thrift Shop to donate 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, to the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, building 2458, ATTN: L. Conway, APG, MD 21005. Requests must be received by Nov. 1. Please state the purpose for the funds and provide a name and phone number of a contact person.

### EA Arts and Crafts to offer Classes

A beginning ceramics class will be held on October 14th from 10 a.m.-1p.m. This is an introduction to mold pouring ceramics and will include some glazing and painting techniques. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

A beginning matting and framing class will be held on Oct 26th from 5:30-9 pm. Students must bring an 8" x 10" picture to class to frame. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is located in building E-4440. The hours of operation are Thursday from 1-9 p.m. Students must pre register for classes as space is limited. For more information call 410-436-2153.

### Get appointments with phone 'triage'

Telephone triage is your key to accessing same day appointments in the Urgent Care Clinic (UCC), previously referred to as the Acute Minor Illness Clinic (AMIC). The triage nurse will use nationally accepted protocols to evaluate your illness/injury and determine the best level of care. Based on this evaluation the nurse may direct you to call 911 or go to a local emergency room, book a same day appointment in the UCC, book an appointment in a primary care clinic, or provide home care instruction and support. The nurse line may be accessed from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays at 410-278-1751.

### PTA needs volunteers

Roye-Williams Elementary School needs volunteers for the PTA. You do not need to be a parent to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, call Tom DiCuirci, 410-272-5349, or Sue Osborne, 410-273-5536. Your support will help make this year a great success for our children.

### Aberdeen Gate closed for block party

The Aberdeen entrance gate to APG will be closed from noon-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, for the City of Aberdeen's Block Party.

### New counseling hours at EA Education Center

Due to a temporary personnel shortage, the Edgewood Area Education Center counseling office will be closed on Tuesdays on an interim basis. Counseling hours until further notice: Thursday (only) 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Hours of operation for the AA Education Center remain unchanged.

In addition, the EA Army Learning Center's hours have changed to Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and will close every other Friday. For more information, call Rosalind C. Strickland, 410-278-3385.

### FEHB Pre-tax benefits

Effective Oct. 8, employees' pre-tax dollars can pay Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) premiums. Under the FEHB Premium Conversion (HB-PC), health benefits premiums will be deducted from employees' pay before taxes are deducted. Therefore, employment taxes will be reduced and employees will take home more of their pay. The HB-PC will be automatic for all employees. Employees who do not wish to participate must complete a waiver. Instructions for completion of HB-PC waiver will be provided when received in the APG CPAC. Employees may access the latest information concerning HB-PC on OPM's web site, www.opm.gov/insure/health/pretaxfehb. For more information, call Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

### Outreach Office offers stockpile information

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at APG. Call or visit the Edgewood Chemical

Stockpile Outreach Office located at 1011B Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood. The Outreach Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 410-676-6800 or visit the website at www.pmcda.apgea.army.mil.

### Help available for workers' compensation

The Workers' Compensation Program is located in the Installation Safety Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, building 4304. The office is open for walk-in assistance on Monday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the office will schedule appointments. For more information contact the Worker's Compensation Office at 410-306-1091 or program manager, Susie Ashby, at 410-306-1057

### ACS needs volunteer drivers

American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to participate in its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to and from treatment. You must own a car, have a safe driving record and have a few spare hours per month. Call 1-888-670-0427 and find out more about becoming a volunteer.

### American Citizenship Class

The Army Community Service is still accepting registrants for a Relocation Class for persons preparing to take the test for American Citizenship given by Immigration and Naturalization.

The Citizenship Class will be held 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays only, from Oct. 3-Nov. 21, at ACS, building 2754 (no class will be held on Oct. 31). All sessions are taught by Harford Community College instructors. Certificates are awarded at the end of the course. The class covers citizenship procedures, application, American history and the Constitution. Students also can improve their English speaking and reading skills in a supportive environment. To register for the class, call Marilyn Howard, Relocation Program manager, 410-278-3137.

### ACS Support Group for parents of children with special needs

Army Community Service will hold monthly meetings for Parents of Children with Special Needs Support Group. Meetings will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at ACS, building 2754. Topics of discussion include Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), Early Intervention, Financial Planning, Individualized Educational Program (IEP), and other topics related to special needs. For more information, call ACS at 410-278-7474, or Carol Zamora, 410-297-9409.

### Ordnance to be destroyed

APG's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, in conjunction with Aberdeen Test Center, is destroying unexploded ordnance at a remote area in the Aberdeen Area. The destruction does not include chemical warfare munition, and will be conducted on Fridays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, contact George Mercer, acting chief, APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147 or 1-800-688-8705.

### Family Housing Office hours

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

### WBI opens new branch office

The Women's Business Institute has opened a new branch office on the campus of Harford Community College. WBI will have a counselor available in partnership with the Small Business Resource Center, offering counseling services on start-up and expanding businesses. The Women's Business Institute, through the SBRC, also offers loan-packaging services. For more information or to make an appointment, call 410-836-4237.

### APG Tutorial Program volunteers needed

The post is seeking support for the APG Tutorial Program, which provides volunteer tutors to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in school. Counselors in each school select students who need help, want help and can benefit from tutorial assistance. The counselor informs the student's parents of the program. The parents contact the APG program coordinator, who selects an appropriate tutor from the list of volunteers. The tutor contacts the student's family to set up a mutually agreeable place and schedule for help. Most tutors meet with their students for an hour or two each week until the student is on track, usually within two months. No teaching experience is necessary to participate. Call Wanda Pelt, Army Community Service, 410-278-7474, or William Starke, 410-436-2712. Call ACS to receive a volunteer registration form.

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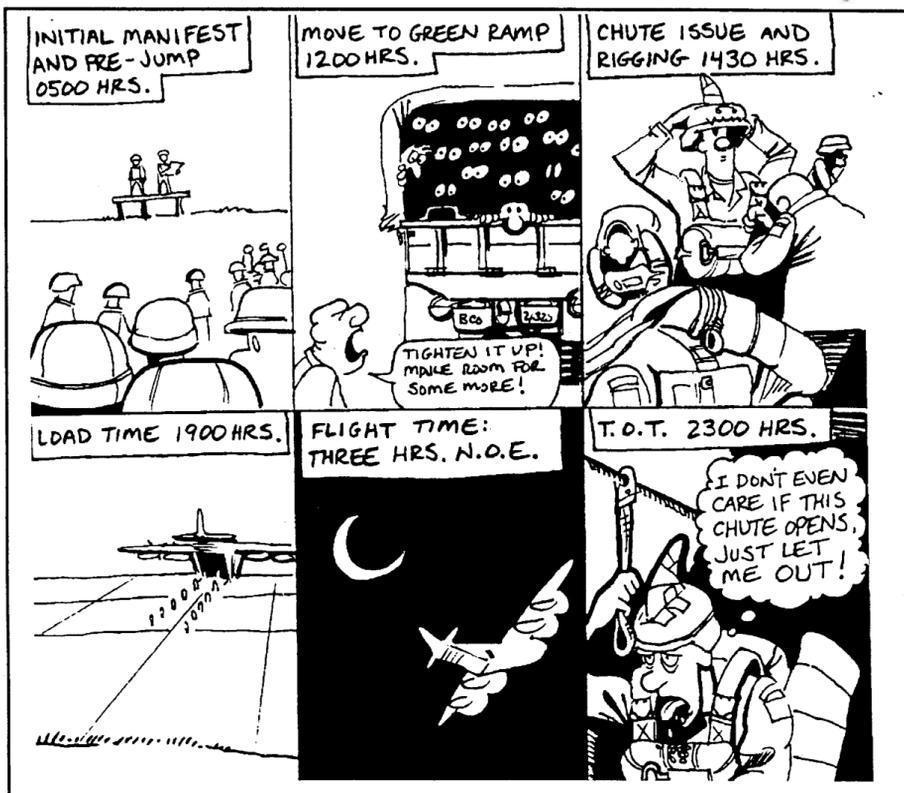
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# PVT. MURPHY'S LAW



# October signals a review of school bus safety rules

By Sheila Little  
*APG News*

October is school bus safety awareness month. With nearly 400 buses on county roads, parents, drivers, and children should review their responsibilities. As in every situation, knowledge is power.

Donald Morrison, spokesman for Harford County Schools, said safety for students riding school buses is a priority, and is constantly being evaluated and improved upon.

“Strobe lights, amber lights, reflective stripes and a front swing arm are recent safety additions to buses,” Morrison said.

He added that many accidents occur as a result of children pausing in front of the bus out of view of the driver. The front swing arm is designed to keep children crossing in front of the bus within the view of the bus driver. An additional arm, located on the driver’s side of the bus, also operates when buses are picking up or discharging passengers.

Susie Ashby, safety and occupational health specialist with the APG Garrison’s Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, urges parents

to review the rules of bus safety with their children.

She said that although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop when a bus is loading or unloading, children should be taught not to rely on it.

Ashby encouraged parents to teach their children the following:

1. While waiting for the bus, stay off the street, be aware of area traffic, and avoid careless behavior.
2. As the bus approaches, line up off the road, and do not attempt to board until the bus has stopped and door has opened.
3. Use the handrail when boarding.
4. Find a seat and sit down, refraining from loud talking or other noise which may distract the driver. Never put head, arms, hands, legs, or feet out the window.
5. Keep the aisle clear to avoid tripping hazards, especially in an emergency.
6. Gather books, papers and other belongings before you reach your stop.

7. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before rising to exit, using the handrail.

8. If crossing in front of the bus, stay on the side of the road until you can see the bus driver’s face. Do not cross the street until the driver signals that it is safe to cross.

9. Stay away from the rear of the bus at all times.

In addition, Ashby said parents should review with their children the correct way to cross the street.

“Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, then left again before crossing,” she said.

Ashby added a further caution for installation commuters. She said that now that school buses are transporting children to and from school, driving onto the installation, especially in the morning hours, may take longer. She suggests using extra caution and leaving home a few minutes earlier as a way of avoiding commuter stress and anxiety.

“Drivers should keep an eye out and allow extra time to get to their destination,” she said.

# CAC meeting provides update on issues for residents

By Sheila Little  
*APG News*

A meeting of the Community Action Council was held Sept. 28, in the conference room of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Headquarters.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander and deputy installation commander, presided over the meeting, which included a report on the recent Patriot Village fire, health news, and information regarding the Combined Federal Campaign and upcoming observances.

Col. Walter Egerton, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, asked clinic patients who receive customer service cards, to complete and return them. He added that the cards are an important measure of how well the clinic is serving its customers.

“We’re trying to do a better job of taking care of you,” he said.

Egerton added that several new providers and support personnel are now on board at the clinic.

He said a nationwide shortage of the influenza vaccine has led to a later date for post inoculations. The new flu shot date is expected to be in the late November-early December time frame. Those with respiratory or other chronic conditions who feel they need the shot sooner, including high-risk active duty personnel, can receive an early inoculation with physician prescription.

Regarding the West Nile virus, Egerton said that although Baltimore City has found infected crows and has begun spraying to kill the virus, there is no incidence of known transmission to Harford County. Health and veterinary clinic personnel are on the alert, and ask that if residents come across a bird that has died within the last 24-48 hours, and has no traumatic injury, they should call animal control at the veterinary facility. Residents are reminded not to touch the birds.

Speaking for the post veterinary facility, Cpt. Cristino Colon said two birds have been tested this summer, with negative results. The virus is spread when mosquitoes bite an infected bird and transmit the virus to a human host via a subsequent bite.

Mosquito spraying on post will not take place unless infected birds are found in the area. Egerton said with colder nights, the mosquito population would most likely die out and take care of the situation.

Symptoms of the virus are flu-like in nature and should occur 3 to 12 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Two deaths in New Jersey have recently been attributed to the virus.

Army and Air Force Exchange Services representative Kim Ruiz announced that new uniform prices went into effect Oct. 1. She also said the exchange is now carrying Craftsman tools.

Richard Normhold, commissary manager, said the customer comment cards are located on the right wall of the store at the entrance. Customers can fill them out and receive answers regarding service or products.

Normhold said that German Christmas items should be on the shelf ready for purchase by Oct. 16, and customers will be treated to gourmet coffee over the next several weeks. A mini-cafe inside the store will offer several selections to sample.

He also urged patrons to check the coupons on the back of the register receipts for valuable savings.

Roy Ballinger urged attendance at the Harford County Job Fair, Oct. 13, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. More than 60 employers are expected. Attendees should bring resumes, and dress in interview attire.

The Soldier Show is scheduled for the general installation population on Friday, November 3. Two matinees for the 61st Ordnance Brigade are on Saturday and Sunday.

Maj. Darrel Andrews, installation provost marshal, said the incidence of car accidents involving deer is increasing as hunting gets underway and the fall mating season approaches. He asked all those on post to be cautious when driving, and look for additional deer when observing one crossing the road, as deer tend to travel with others.

Maj. Clifton Johnson, installation-voting officer said personnel should not delay in sending for absentee ballots. Contact the unit voting officer for specifics. For those who don’t receive a state ballot, general election ballots listing presidential and vice presidential candidates are available through his office. Johnston can be reached at 410-278-2104/3000.

Barry Decker, operations officer for the Directorate of Public Works, addressed safety issues.

He reminded attendees of recent recall of tree stands.

Tree stands named in the recall are Alum-I-Lok models AL50, AL100, AL100M, AL050P, and AL100MR. Bobcat tree seats, model AL910, are also recalled. The seat of the recalled devices can collapse, causing the consumer to fall and suffer injury. Consumers should stop using the devices and contact API Outdoors, 1-888-530-6098, for a free repair.

Scooter safety was also addressed. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that scooter riders wear protective gear.

A surge in the popularity of scooters has led to a corresponding surge in the number of visits to the emergency room. More than 9,400 injuries, mostly fractures and dislocations, have led to safety guidelines being issued by the CPSC.

Their recommendations include asking riders to wear helmets, wrist guards, knee and elbow pads. This is the same gear

recommended for in-line skaters. Riders are asked to ride on smooth surfaces, away from traffic, avoiding water, excessive sand and gravel-covered areas. Riders are also asked to avoid riding at night.

As a final safety reminder, Decker distributed flyers on bus safety for bus safety awareness month.

Col. (ret.) Charles Shadle, retiree representative, thanked APG for the support received during the recent Retiree Activity Day. He said everyone appreciated the addresses given by installation leaders, the band support and the panel of representatives. Shadle added that attendees who attended the luncheon, were very impressed with the post dining facility.

Speaking as a Coast Guard representative, Shadle thanked the Directorate of Public Works, which, under the direction of Col. Thomas Kuchar, found a place on post for the Coast Guard to store emergency equipment.

President of The Retired Officer’s Association, Ed Kreiner, announced a Nov. 3 recognition for Maj. Gen. (ret.) Warren Hodges, at the Sheraton in Aberdeen. Past and current state and local political and military leaders are expected to honor Hodges, who served in World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam, receiving three combat infantry badges, three silver stars and three bronze stars. He was awarded one of each of the medals for service during each war. He also served as Maryland’s Adjutant General from 1980 to 1987. Since retiring, he has continued to serve the community.

Dress for the event is military dress blues, and business suits for civilians. Those interested in tickets for the event, \$20 each, are asked to contact Kreiner at 410-679-0565.

Marilyn Spence, engineering technician for the Aberdeen Area branch of Housing, said smoke detectors are being replaced in several housing areas in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

Studies indicate that detectors ten years old or older are less sensitive, and require more smoke to trigger the alarm. Areas currently receiving new detectors are Patriot Village, Bayside Village, the 2800 block of New Chesapeake Gardens, and the 2000 block of School Street in the

Aberdeen Area. Those in Skippers Point in the Edgewood Area, are due for replacement in fiscal year 2001. She said personnel are notifying residents a day or so ahead of when they are expected to be in the area. Saturday hours are available for those residences in which both adult occupants work day-light hours, Monday-Friday.

Addressing the fire last month in Patriot Village, Kuchar said the structure is scheduled to be torn down by post personnel after the Columbus Day holiday. He thanked all who helped and offered assistance to the families

involved and the fire fighters.

Spidel thanked neighbors and units which came to the aid of the families, and commended the installation for showing support.

“You did a great job in providing furniture, clothing and monetary donations,” he said.

Decker brought attention to the schedule for fall clean up. He said the schedule will be reviewed in detail at the next CAC meeting, but said the dates for the clean up are: tenant unit clean up, Nov. 6-13, Ordnance Center and School clean up, Nov. 14-20, and all housing areas, Nov. 27-Dec. 4, the

week after Thanksgiving.

Additional information will follow closer to the November start.

Kuchar said intersections with high traffic accident rates are being studied for ideas on how to make them safer.

The intersection with the highest incidence of accidents on the installation is the intersection of Aberdeen and Maryland boulevards. (Aberdeen Blvd. is commonly called “tank row.” Maryland meets Aberdeen at the intersection which includes the commissary and museum on

*See CAC, page 5*

# Top Instructors Named at Ordnance Center and School

By E. C. Starnes

They each have their own style of teaching and relating to their students. Walk into Capt. Gregory D. Peterson's classroom and you are immediately surrounded by ammunition - wall displays of mines, mortar rounds, and rockets; training rounds stacked and standing all around the room and shelves; and ammunition crates and boxes. The students are eager young lieutenants, learning their first lessons as Ordnance officers.

When CW3 Gregory A. Gouty meets with his students, he is meeting Army noncommissioned officers with years of experience, eager to learn about their new role in the Army as warrant officers. Much of his work happens before he enters the classroom doors as he works to refine his lesson plans and techniques.

Staff Sgt. Donald McCasland's classroom features a horseshoe formation of tables to bring his students closer together. Like Gouty, he faces a group of experienced noncommissioned officers at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He relies on his personality and multimedia to keep his students' attention.

Lynwood K. Turlington joins his students in the bay filled with generators as they take on the tasks of learning their first skills in the Army. He relies on his years of experience in the U. S. Coast Guard to bring important lessons home to his students, some of the newest members of the Army.

Regardless of their methods, their training aids, and their years of experience, they share one thing - they have all been named Ordnance Center and School Instructors of the Year for 2000.



## Enlisted Instructor of the Year

Staff Sgt. Donald McCasland, the Enlisted Instructor of the Year, is from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy and has been credited for providing "an environment that fosters learning and encourages student initiative."

According to 1st Sgt. Robert Kyler, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course First Sergeant, "As a Small Group Leader, he has one of the most important and difficult jobs for an instructor, and an NCO."

"I meet the challenge of being an instructor everyday," McCasland noted, "by giving my best effort consistently to train the quality NCOs that the Army so badly needs, and by pushing myself to develop professionally, and earn the various instructor levels no matter how busy I am."

Success, he stressed, is not something you can measure or put on paper. "I get the most satisfaction from this assignment," he explained, "when I see my students graduate, and when they thank me for being a mentor, showing them how to conduct themselves professionally, and helping them to develop and grow as NCOs."

Like the other Instructors of the Year, experience gives him his edge. He has served in Korea, Germany, and with the U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., as well as at Fort Hood, Tex. A native of New Jersey, he trained as a light wheel vehicle repairer at Fort Jackson, S.C. and earned the Advanced Skill Identifier H8, Recovery Specialist. While deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard, he logged 2,300 miles on various recovery missions in just four months without a single injury or incident.

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## Army participates with USC for simulator research center

by Joe Burlas  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON (Sept. 29, 2000) - They may not be as sophisticated as the holodeck suites depicted in the latest "Star Trek" series, but future Army simulators will bring new meaning to realism in the high tech world of virtual reality.

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera and other officials delivered that message to film stars, school children and more than 300 other guests at the opening of the Army's new simulator research center, the Institute for Creative Technologies, Sept. 26 in Marina del Rey, Calif.

"This is about injecting more realism in Army training because it is an old and proven Army axiom that realistic training saves lives," Caldera said. "Simulators allow you to safely turn up the heat without the danger of training injuries or other accidents. Right now, flight simulators allow pilots to get more experience reacting to threats, firing simulated weapons and flying nap of the earth than they get with a 100 hours of actu-

al flying."

However, Caldera continued, simulators are not intended to totally replace hands-on training with the equipment soldiers use to execute their real-world missions. "If you have trained your skills on a simulator, you are better prepared when you actually train on the real thing," he said.

A 1997 National Research Report recommended that the Army partner with a leading civilian organization in the field of technology to conduct simulator research. In August 1999, Caldera announced the selection of the University of Southern California as that partner. USC built the Institute for Creative Technologies as its simulator research center.

Under the \$45 million five-year contract, USC has been challenged to seek additional partners in the film and video game industries in developing immersive learning simulator technology. Paramount Pictures and SONY Electronics are among those which have already signed on.

The traveling Army Armor

Adventure Van showed off current M1A1 tank gunnery, commander and driver simulators outside the center, while presentations inside featured developing simulation concepts.

Chief among those concepts was the Mission Rehearsal Exercise System. The MRES is under development to allow soldiers to experience the sights, sounds and circumstances they are likely to encounter when deploying to a new area of operations by use of interactive computer-driven stories.

"What we are doing here is immersing soldiers in an intense 3-D audio and graphics environment facing tense situations requiring decisive decisions," said Dr. William Swartout, ICT technical director. "Different decisions at critical points determine different outcomes. Participants interact with a variety of AI (artificial intelligence) characters representing local inhabitants, friendlies, hostiles and coaches."

In the MRES scenario presented on a large curved screen using three projectors, the participant

acted as a platoon leader faced with the situation of helping a young car accident victim, and at the same time, completing his mission of linking up his unit with another platoon surrounded by a rioting crowd in Eastern Europe. A computer-generated platoon sergeant responded to conversations and served as coach — similar to way real NCOs mentor their young lieutenant leaders. Other AI characters served as the rest of the platoon, the victim and his mother, and a restless crowd surrounding the accident scene.

The program is not totally scripted as most current video games are. It is situation-based which is dependent on different choice points. The AI characters react based upon behavior and emotion modeling at those choice points.

Claiming that the demonstrated program is beyond anything yet commercially available, Swartout said a production version will probably not be available for another couple of years.

Future MRES scenarios will  
See *TECHNOLOGY*, page 8

## PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

### "Is it Halloween Yet?"

This pumpkin is looking for a home. "Pumpkin" is a 6-8 week old, orange and white domestic kitten. He's playful and friendly and he gets along well with other pets. You can pick up this frisky little fella and other cats and dogs at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call 410-278-4604.

## KIRK CORNER

# TRICARE Help Available Through E-mail

The TRICARE\_Help Electronic Mail System provides TRICARE related assistance to active duty and retired TRICARE beneficiaries of all military services, Coast Guard, national guards, reserves, and their families.

TRICARE\_Help allows TRICARE beneficiaries to use E-mail to get TRICARE related issues acted on and resolved in a timely manner.

TRICARE\_Help is not intended to replace or bypass TRICARE Service Centers, health benefits advisors, Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinators (BCAC) or other local TRICARE assistance sources. Maximum effort should be made to resolve all TRICARE related issues at the local and/or lowest possible level. However, if local assistance is not readily available, TRICARE\_Help is ready to assist. The E-mail address for TRICARE\_Help is TRICARE\_Help@amedd.army.mil

NOTE: Hyperlinks used in E-mail programs may make the above address appear to have a space between the words "TRICARE" and "Help." There is no space.

"TRICARE" and "Help" are connected by an underline character, e.g., TRICARE\_Help. Upper and/or lower case letters may be used in the address.

Comments and questions concerning TRICARE\_Help will be passed on to the TRICARE\_Help staff for action/response.

TRICARE\_Help Frequently Asked Questions:

## What is TRICARE e-mail help?

TRICARE e-mail help is the Army's free service designed to get quick answers to any TRICARE question. Whether you are looking for basic TRICARE information or have a more difficult issue involving TRICARE, there is one address where people are standing by to assist you. (We do not answer medical questions; please refer these to your health care provider.)

NOTE: Although TRICARE\_Help is managed by the Army, it is available to all services, national guard, and reserves.

## Who will answer my mail?

You will receive an initial response from our professional administrative staff within one business day. This initial response will answer your question or let you know which TRICARE expert has been assigned to help answer the question. Our TRICARE experts work at Army hospitals, the TRICARE Management Activity, at our corporate headquarters (United States Army Medical Command/Office of the Army Surgeon General), and for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

If it is related to TRICARE, qualified personnel will answer your question. Personal information will be kept confidential.

## When will I receive a reply?

Once your inquiry reaches one of our experts, we will get you an answer fast! In

some cases, our expert can resolve your issue the same day. With more difficult issues, you can expect at least a preliminary response in a week.

## Where can I use the help address?

Our e-mail address can be reached from any computer that is connected to the Internet. You can easily reach us at work, at home, or from anywhere else. It is perfectly acceptable to e-mail us from your Department of Defense computer while at work.

## How does the system work?

Our e-mail help system uses the speed and efficiency of the Internet to send your inquiry directly to our TRICARE e-mail Help staff center. Once it arrives, our professional administrative staff will consult the list of TRICARE experts and forward your mail to the expert who is responsible for your concern. We track each and every piece of mail to make sure all mail is answered quickly and professionally.

Our experts respond directly to you! If you have additional questions or need more help, they are only a click away. Each inquiry and response is filed so that you can always write to us again and ask for more help on the same issue.

Send TRICARE related questions to: TRICARE\_HELP@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL or QUESTIONS@TMA.OSD.MIL

# Vaccine for influenza delayed Mission critical and high-risk personnel first in

By Leigh Anne Redovian  
MEDCOM

The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced its plan to prioritize influenza immunizations in response to the national delay in the availability of the vaccine for the upcoming influenza season. Mission-critical military personnel and high-risk medical individuals will be vaccinated first in an effort to maintain optimal military readiness and protect the military's most vulnerable populations.

Medical officials encourage others to be patient while those at highest risk are protected, pointing out that influenza causes only mild to moderate illness lasting two to seven days in otherwise healthy individuals. By far the greatest number of hospitalizations and deaths are in elderly persons or children and adults with high risk-medical conditions.

The delay has been created by two factors - a slow-growing component of this year's vaccine formulation, along with production problems at two of the four pharmaceutical companies licensed to produce influenza vaccine in the U.S.

The Department of Defense will delay organized influenza vaccination campaigns until early to mid-November, pending receipt of adequate supplies of vaccine. As additional doses become available later in the fall, regular influenza vaccine campaigns will

resume.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration estimate the full amount of vaccine required nationwide should be available no later than December.

Since U.S. influenza epidemics typically occur in winter to early spring, there should be adequate time, despite the delay, to protect all eligible beneficiaries, officials say.

Currently available supplies will be administered first to operational military personnel, health-care workers with direct patient contact, and DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) enrollees - both active-duty and non-active-duty - who have high-risk medical conditions. To the extent possible, these groups will be done simultaneously.

Next in order of priority will be military trainees, groups in close contact with high-risk personnel, all other military members in priority for deployment, other active-duty members and mission-critical DoD civilians at overseas facilities, and all other beneficiaries.

Individuals with high-risk medical conditions, including the elderly and women in the second and third trimester pregnancy, should contact their health-care providers for more information on how to obtain the shots.

# CAC holds meeting

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opposing corners.)

Of main concern is the right turn from Maryland onto Aberdeen, in which two narrow lanes are used. Under consideration is making the two narrow lanes one wide lane, thus eliminating some of the confusion at the yield sign.

APG Fire Chief Charlie Jones gave a presentation on the Sept. 9 fire in Patriot Village. According to him, the cause of the fire is believed to have been an accident.

He cautioned all residents to be careful which candles and appliances, practice fire drills in their homes, and remove obstacles from all paths, in case a quick exit is needed. He commended the occupants for evacuating her quarters, then alerting her neighbors and placing the 911 call from a neighbor's residence.

In emergencies, APG residents are asked to call 911 to be immediately linked with the nearest appropriate personnel.

Roundtable discussion included residents asking for appropriate procedures for removing an animal involved in several biting incidents, an update on the playground situation, and how to effect an acceptable solution to a leaking roof. A playground briefing is scheduled for a future meeting, and the dog incident and roof situation will be taken care of on an individual basis.

1st. Sgt. Clarence Ward, acting command sergeant major of the garrison, reminded attendees of the upcoming fall clean up, and commended the soldiers who helped staff the Baltimore Standown at Fort Howard. He said a group of 30 representing the Advanced Non-commissioned

Officer Academy, helped veterans get services and information during the four-day event.

Spidel said this year's Combined Federal Campaign goal is \$300,000, an increase over last year's goal of \$270,000. Artist and ATC employee Chris White

has completed and signed a rendering of an eagle feeding her young, for all \$1000 donors. CFC runs through Nov. 17.

The next meeting of the CAC will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, in the main conference room of building 305.

# Sports & Fitness

## C Co. 143rd posts 14-8 victory to keep 520th TAML winless

By Yvonne Johnson

Charlie Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion maintained its quest to be the best in Flag Football with a win over the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory in Edgewood Division action last week.

Coming off its first loss of the season, Charlie looked to rebound and position itself for the post-season playoffs while TAML was hoping for its first win of the season.

"We're doing well despite all the rotations," said Michael Bennett, Charlie's coach and first sergeant.

Bennett substituted as quarterback for a few downs in the second half despite having undergone eye surgery earlier in the week.

"When they see me hustle, they hustle," he said about his players.

TAML coach, Jeff Adamavicz, said his team is "having fun" although it still "needs some work."

Led by quarterback David Smith, TAML hung tough, with Smith and

receiver Bill Lloyd connecting on key downs.

TAML came close to putting Charlie on the ropes but an impressive scoring drive was thwarted by a stiff Charlie defense which forced back-to-back incompletions and an interception to end the first half.

Any hope TAML had of overcoming its opponent was stifled by the play of Charlie receivers Daniel Wright and Eduardo Sanchez who continuously evaded TAML defenders.

On the team's last scoring drive, Charlie quarterback Darnell Rosette scrambled for a first down inside the 20 yard line then passed to Wright who ran in untouched for a 13-6 lead. Sanchez sealed the victory on the following play, coming down with a reception in the end zone for the extra point.

TAML countered with another lengthy drive highlighted by a third down pass by Smith for an apparent touchdown that was called back due to a penalty.

Charlie's defensive front held TAML scoreless the rest of the game to secure the victory.

"I had no choice but to scramble," Smith said about the numerous rushes forced by Charlie's swarming defense.

"We enjoy the game and we're staying positive," added Adamavicz. "This is just typical of how our season has been."

Looking ahead to the post season, Bennett said, "We plan to be there. We'll lose some key players but I expect we'll get some good players in. We usually do."

### FOOTBALL UPDATE

The following results were reported for Intramural Flag Football for the week ending Oct. 6.

#### Aberdeen Division

##### Results

Oct. 2  
HHC 16th, 18; NCOA, 12, (3 OT)  
C Co. 16th 22; HHC 61st, 6

Oct. 3  
E Co. 16th, 18; USAF, 0  
USMC, 18; A Co. 16th, 6

Oct. 4  
B Co. 16th, 20; C Co. 16th, 0  
USMC, 13; E Co. 16th, 7

##### Schedule

Oct. 16  
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. C Co. 16th  
6:30 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. NCOA  
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st  
7:30 p.m., A Co. 16th vs. E Co. 16th

Oct. 18  
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. NCOA  
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. E Co. 16th

Oct. 19  
6:30 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. USMC  
7:30 p.m., C Co. 16th vs. USAF

##### Standings

B Co. 16th 5-0

C Co. 16th 4-1  
HHC 16th 4-1  
NCOA 3-1  
USMC 3-3  
A Co. 16th 1-3  
HHC 61st 1-3  
E Co. 16th 1-5  
USAF 0-5

#### Edgewood Division

##### Results

Oct. 2  
HHC 143rd, 14; C Co. 143rd, 0  
A Co. 143rd, 14; B Co. 143rd, 6

Oct. 4  
C Co. 143rd, 14; 520th TAML, 8  
B Co. 143rd, 14; HHC 143rd, 6

##### Schedule

Oct. 16  
6:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. B Co. 143rd  
7:30 p.m., A Co. 143rd vs. HHC 143rd

Oct. 18  
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. 520th TAML  
7:30 p.m., C Co. 143rd vs. A Co. 143rd

##### Standings

C Co. 143rd 5-1  
HHC 143rd 3-2  
A Co. 143rd 2-1  
B Co. 143rd 1-3  
520th TAML 0-4



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

*TAML center Floyd "Bubba" Gooding tries to evade Charlie Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion defenders during the second half of last week's Intramural Flag Football game in the Edgewood Area. Charlie Company defeated TAML, 14-8 to stay in the hunt for the Edgewood Division crown.*

### SOCCER UPDATE

Soccer Update  
The following results were reported for Intramural Soccer for the week ending Oct. 6.

##### Results

Sept. 21  
USMC, 3; B Co. 143rd, 2  
C Co. 16th, 3; HHC 16th, 2  
C Co. 143rd, 2; B Co. 16th, 1

Sept. 26  
Games cancelled

Sept. 28  
C Co. 143rd, 4; A Co. 16th, 0  
B Co. 16th, 3; B Co. 143rd, 1  
USMC, 1; C Co. 16th, 1

##### Schedule

Oct. 17  
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. B Co. 143rd

7:30 p.m., C Co. 143rd vs. B Co. 16th  
8:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. C Co. 16th

Oct. 19  
6:30 p.m., B Co. 143rd vs. C Co. 143rd  
7:30 p.m., B Co. 16th vs. A Co. 16th  
8:30 p.m., C Co. 16th vs. HHC 16th

##### Standings

USMC 5-1-1  
C Co. 143rd 4-1-1  
B Co. 143rd 1-2-4  
C Co. 16th 3-2-3  
HHC 16th 1-2-3  
B Co. 16th 2-3-0  
A Co. 16th 1-6-0

## AROUND THE ARMY

# November acquisition workshop will focus on testing challenges

Mike Cast  
DTC Public Affairs Office

Representatives of organizations involved with testing and acquiring weapons systems and equipment for the Army will gather at the Holiday Inn at BWI Airport Nov. 29 to examine the issue of testing in natural climates. Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, director of the Army Acquisition Corps, will deliver the opening keynote speech for the two-day meeting, hosted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC). The Developmental Test Command, headquartered on Aberdeen Proving Ground, is ATEC's subordinate command for the developmental testing of weapon systems and equipment.

A dramatic decline in tropic, cold-weather, and desert testing by the Army, and the potential impact this could have on the combat readiness of equipment and troops deployed to remote areas of the world, prompted the workshop, according to organizers. Several factors have contributed to a declining workload at the environmental test centers in Panama, Alaska and Arizona, according to ATEC sources.

One reason for reduced tropics testing is the removal of all U.S. forces from the Panama Canal Zone to meet the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty. The Army established an alternative tropic test site in Hawaii, but very little testing has been scheduled there. A similar decline in natural environmental testing has occurred at the Cold Region Test Center in Alaska, and desert testing at Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona has been reduced to some extent.

Other reasons given for the decline in natural-environment testing include the Army's empha-

sis on streamlining acquisition programs, shortening schedules and reducing the costs of conducting tests at remote test sites.

A key workshop objective, according to organizers, is to help the Army acquisition community understand the effects of natural environments on military equipment. Some of these effects cannot be duplicated in chambers or by simulations.

Materiel developers, combat developers, developmental testers, operational testers and test

evaluators are invited to attend the workshop. Workshop presentations will cover existing and proposed policies on natural environmental testing, test center capabilities and the costs and benefits of test programs.

The first day's session will conclude with a summary by an executive panel of top officials, who will provide guidance for the work sessions. On the second day, workshop participants will have an opportunity to take part in work sessions covering soldier

systems; weapons and support systems; vehicles, fuels and lubricants; aviation; sensors and communications; materials; and missiles and ammunition. Representatives of Army weapon-system program managers and program executive offices will chair these sessions.

For more information, contact Herb Egbert at [egberth@dtc.army.mil](mailto:egberth@dtc.army.mil), call DSN 298-1476, or visit the DTC web site at [www.dtc.army.mil](http://www.dtc.army.mil) under "Coming Events."

## Computerized ID card test begins

Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Oct. 10, 2000) — Three Army installations will begin "beta testing" this month of a new identification card with an embedded computer chip containing personnel information. Barring any major complications found during testing, officials said the card will be fielded to the rest of the Army beginning early next year.

The selected Army test sites are Fort Eustis, Va., U.S. Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany, and Yongson Army Garrison, Korea.

The "Common Access Card" will replace the current identification card, and officials said it will serve several purposes, including giving users access to Department of Defense buildings and controlled spaces, and enabling them to log onto DoD computer networks and systems.

"The CAC will radically change the way we do business in the Army," said Dr. Linda Dean, director of the Army's Electronic Commerce office at the Pentagon. "It will save our people time and money, and will streamline many labor-intensive processes. The Army is especially excited about the CAC and smart card technology because we view it as an electronic key to the future —literally opening the door to endless opportunities and possibilities for us to do business better."

Active-duty and selected reserve military personnel and DoD civilian employees at the test installations will be issued the new card that weighs less than an ounce. The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System/Realtime Automated Personnel Identification System, known as DEERS/RAPIDS stations, will issue the CAC.

Depending on the outcome of the beta test, other installation DEERS/RAPIDS stations will be upgraded to issue the CAC begin-

## Three posts to test computer chip cards

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ning next January and continuing through September 2002, according to Dean. Eventually all DoD civilian employees, active-duty and reserve-component military, and eligible contractors will receive the new smart card.

Additionally, most DoD computers will get a security device where users insert or swipe their CAC to log on. This simple procedure will greatly enhance personal and system security because no one, except the CAC holder, can

use a computer, name and password, without having that person's CAC, officials said.

The Public Key Infrastructure, a component coupled with the CAC to provide secure applications, is a technology that provides for data protection through authentication and data integrity. The PKI adds another layer of electronic security, and provides DoD with a powerful weapon to foil the attacks by computer "hackers" on DoD networks and systems, officials said.

The CAC initiative is expected to pay dividends in several areas, officials said, such as improving readiness and strengthening personal and national security. In addition they said, many paper-based processes will become automated through smart card technology, therefore, what may have taken days to do, may take just hours with a CAC application.

Local personnel offices will provide details on how military and civilian personnel will receive their CAC.

## Roadway simulator saves reources

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The third phase of the project will increase the simulator's capability to test tractor-trailer combinations with gross vehicle weights as high as 40 tons.

Aberdeen Test Center's parent command, DTC, joined the test center in providing about \$1.5 million for the project in fiscal 1999. Congress appropriated about \$10 million for the project in fiscal 2000 and some \$12 million in fiscal 2001. An estimated \$13.5 million is still needed to bring the project to its final phase.

Lt. Col. Thomas Manley of the Marine Corps Systems Command, a program manager for Marine Corps ground transportation systems, emphasized the importance of facilities such as the roadway simulator to U.S. military forces.

"Our warfighters are the sons and daughters of the nation, and we put them in these (military) vehicles right out of high school," he said. "We need to ensure that they get the safest equipment that we can

put in their hands."

Manley said he recognizes the simulator's value in helping the Marine Corps make improvements to its vehicles and its potential to enable government and the private sector to work jointly on testing. The roadway simulator will save money and time by enabling program managers and manufacturers to obtain vehicle safety and performance data in the early phases of vehicle development, he said.

"This will allow us to check the safety of early prototypes and will be a great tool for risk reduction," he said.

Ertwine also underscored the importance of close partnerships with government agencies, universities and private industry, and spoke of the simulator's value in helping the military obtain safer, better performing and more reliable equipment for soldiers.

The first phase of the project is scheduled for completion within the next 16 months.

## Soldiers learn by interactive computer-driven stories

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likely include an Army disaster relief operation in South America and others for the medical and educational fields.

"One of the big issues we are attempting to address is that it often takes six months to develop software for a crisis which is usually over with by the time the program's ready," Swartout said. "We want to build up a large library of different environments from around the world into which we can import AI characters from other scenarios."

Caldera said he envisions the system being used with virtual reality goggles or a similar system to familiarize soldiers with the terrain, culture and mission while in flight as they deploy.

VIPs who attended the ICT opening included "Star Trek: Voyager" star Kate Melgrew, "M.A.S.H." film and "Friends" television star Elliot Gould, comicbook artist Stan Lee and USC Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Lloyd Armstrong.

## Youth Centers to conduct programs

The Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Youth Centers will be conducting registrations for this year's basketball and cheerleading programs for boys and girls, ages 7-14 from Oct 10-24.

The fee is \$30, due at registration. Parents must fill out the following forms: Youth Services registration, liability waiver, a sports physical by a physician, and the NYSCA Parents Code of Conduct. Make checks payable to "IMWRF."

# Community Notes

## FRIDAY

### OCTOBER 13

#### HARFORD COUNTY JOB FAIR

The Harford County Job Fair will be held from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Representatives from 66 local and regional companies and government agencies will be conducting interviews and answering questions. Job seekers will receive a program listing participating businesses and possible vacancies and a numbered floor plan. Marilyn Howard, Employment Manager with Army Community Service recommends coming to the Job Fair as if you are going to a job interview; bring copies of your resume. The Fair is free and open to county residents, military personnel and their dependents and civil service employees. Two interpreters will be available to assist the hearing impaired. For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-4372.

#### COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING

Country western dancing will be held at American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen. Dancing from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Lessons to be announced. The cost is \$10 per person, and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. Everyone is welcome.

#### EAOWC TRIP TO WESTMINSTER

The EA Officers' Wives Club will host a tour of Westminster Hall and Catacombs in Baltimore City for members at 7 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for seniors. Children 15 years and older are invited. For more information, or to reserve your space, call Diane Payne, 410-569-5116, or Jenna Edens, 410-676-1487 by Oct. 10.

#### FAMILY VOLKSMARCH

The Baltimore Walking Club will sponsor five and 10 km family hikes in the Susquehanna State Park on Sunday, Oct. 15. Start any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Deer Creek Picnic Area. Participate in this free event for fun and fitness. Everyone is welcome. Optional IVV credit is 2 per person. For more information, call Frank 410-592-3171 or send email to Fkupres@home.com.

## SATURDAY

### OCTOBER 14

#### VFW BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

Aberdeen VFW Post 10028, located on 821 Old Philadelphia Road (behind Wal-Mart) will hold a Bull and Oyster Roast, 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$23 in advance, \$25 at the door. Pit beef and ham, raw and steamed oysters and more, plus beer, soda and music will be provided. For more information, call 410-272-1218.

#### LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School, 801 Aiken Ave., in Perryville will hold Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.; food and drinks are available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School at 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. Proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School.

## TUESDAY

### OCT. 17

#### TEEN SEMINAR

Life Skills: "Tool Box for Teens," featuring Dr. Joshua Okundaye, will be presented 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the AAYouth Center, building 2522. For more information, call Wanda Pelt, 410-278-7474.

#### HEAT CENTER OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held at the Higher Education and Applied Technology (HEAT) Center, from 5-7 p.m. The Open House will allow participants to explore opportunities in upper level undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered at the site by the College of Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering, Towson University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland College Park, and Villa Julie College. Some of the specializations include Computer Science (M.S.), Corporate Communications (B.S.), Nursing (B.S.N), Business (B.A.), Engineering (M. Eng. and M.S.), Paralegal Studies (B.S.), and Education (B.A. and M.Ed.). Representatives from partner institutions will be available during the Open House to discuss their programs and answer questions. For more information, call 410-638-2500. The HEAT Center is located at Rt. 22 and I-95 in Aberdeen.

#### OCTOBERFEST SPECIALTY MEAL PLANNED

Dining Facilities 4219, 4503 and E-4225 will serve an Octoberfest Specialty Meal from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Family members, retirees, civilian employees and guests are invited to dine with members of APG's military community. The rate is \$3.20 for officers, enlisted and family members of sergeant and above, DoD civilians, retirees and guests.

The discount rate of \$2.65 applies to spouses and family members of enlisted personnel private through specialist/corporal. German cuisine to be served includes old fashioned bean soup, pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, savory baked chicken, baked knockwurst, baked bratwurst, grilled Rueben sandwiches, parsley buttered potatoes, fried cabbage, seasoned carrots, brown gravy, cole slaw with creamy dressing, german style tomato salad, assorted breads, carrot cake, snickerdoodle cookies, black forest cake, ice cream and assorted beverages.

## Pats on the Back

The following civilian employees have recently retired from APG:

James R. Anderson, ATC, 23 years  
Marvin G. Baine, ATC, 30 years  
Dannis M. Barnes, DOIM, 31 years  
Frances A. Bentley, ATC, 21 years  
Margaret K. Boyle, ATC, 16 years  
Donald J. Curry, ATC, 26 years  
Donald L. Forsythe, ATC, 26 years  
Michael L. Grace, ATC, 20 years  
Barbara L. Holland, AMC Acquisition Center, 14 years  
Charles J. Kelly, ATC, 32 years  
Richard N. Lane, ATC, 21 years  
Howard J. Latham, ATC, 23 years  
Layna J. McCorkle, KAHC, 21 years  
Charles V. Mearns, ATC, 24 years  
Sandra P. Nook, ATC, 20 years  
Garry E. Pierce, ATC, 26 years  
Jane A. Ross, DPW, 18 years  
Shirley J. Wagner, ATC, 27 years  
Joan B. Woodard, ATC, 26 years

## SATURDAY

### OCTOBER 21

#### ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DANCE

Help Maryland's Special Olympics scare up some money at the annual Halloween Dance from 7-11 p.m., at the Aberdeen American Legion Hall, 44 North Parke St. Tickets cost \$15 each and includes dance, music, snacks and drinks. Food will be served by the Legion for a nominal fee. Costumes are optional, but prizes will be awarded for those who dare. Fun for all ages. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-836-5460.

#### AWARD-WINNING PLAY

St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present the award-winning play, "1001 Black Inventions" at 6 p.m. Cost of admission for adults is \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Proceeds benefit the Church Anniversary and Building Fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Cleo Hoke, 410-939-0907, Iris Barnes, 410-939-8510, or Subria Kelly, 410-272-7912.

## WEDNESDAY

### OCTOBER 25

#### APG ORIENTATION

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 you about APG and community services and activities. For information, call 410-278-3137.

## FRIDAY

### OCTOBER 27

#### 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. Representatives from more than 70 companies with full or part-time positions are 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.

## WEDNESDAY

### NOVEMBER 1

#### WAC VETERANS BAKE SALE

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter 70, will hold a bake sale from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Kirk Army Health Clinic. In addition to the delicious items for sale, you may also pick up information about the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association and KUSAHC will be available to answer questions you may have about TRICARE. Everyone is invited to purchase something good to eat and find out more about your Military Health care, KUSAHC and the WACVA.

## FRIDAY

### NOVEMBER 3

#### TROA HONORS MILITARY HERO

The Susquehanna Chapter of The Retired Officer's Association is honoring one of it's own, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Warren Hodges, with a program scheduled for Friday, November 3, at the Sheraton Four Points in the Beard's Hill section of Aberdeen. Hodges served and was decorated during World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. A former adjutant general of the National Guard for the state of Maryland, Hodges currently serves in the local community, adding to his record of national and state service. Representatives from the local community, APG, Congress, and Maryland, including a former governor, will participate in the event. The evening begins with a social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., and program at 8. Suggested attire for the evening is semi-formal, with military dress uniform or civilian business suit with appropriate miniature medals for active duty or prior service members. Purchase tickets at \$20 per person by Oct. 23 through Maj. (ret.) Arnett Powers, 410-638-2447, or Navy Lt. (ret.) Ed Kreiner, 410-679-0565.

#### MCSC BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Area Military and Spouses Club will host a Basket Bingo, 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be many new fall/winter "Wish List" baskets and Christmas baskets. Bingo costs \$10 per ticket. Three Longaberger baskets will be raffled off. Raffle tickets cost \$5 for 6 tickets or \$1 each. Bingo and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop or by calling Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508 or Donna Dease at 410-297-1487.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

The Garrison Library has New York Times Best Sellers books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

*The Art of Happiness* by the Dali Lama  
The Dali Lama explains what Buddhism tells us about life.

*Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley  
A narrative of the six men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima.

*In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson  
Bill Bryson talks of his travels through Australia.

*The Informant: A True Story* by Kurt Eichenwald  
The 1990's price fixing scandal of ADM and the informant's role in the case.

*Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris  
The author writes humorous autobiographical essays.

*Nothing Like It in the World* by Stephen E. Ambrose  
An account of the Transcontinental Railroad and the men who built it.

*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom  
The author recounts his visits with his college mentor.

The Aberdeen Area library, building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard, is open Monday-Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The Edgewood Area library, building E-4405 on Austin Road, is open Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

## MOVIES

Post Theater admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

### THE CELL

Friday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m.  
Starring Jennifer Lopez, Vince Vaughn

A child therapist involved in a breakthrough research program is asked to journey inside the mind of comatose serial killer in the hope of saving his latest victim. As she embarks on an uncharted and perilous journey through the psyche of a murderer, an FBI agent must race against time to uncover clues that may help locate the missing girl. (Rated R)

### AUTUMN IN NEWYORK

Saturday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Richard Gere, Winona Ryder

A romantic drama about an aging playboy who falls for a sweet, but terminally ill young woman.

Will is a master of no-commitment - until he meets Charlotte, a 21-year-old free spirit. Will indulges his interest in Charlotte, expecting yet another quick and easy romance until Charlotte expresses her belief that things absolutely can't last. Will and Charlotte pursue an affair unlike any other. It is a season-long encounter that will shatter Will's preconceptions about women, sex, and responsibility as real love. (Rated PG)

### GLADIATOR

Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 p.m.  
Starring: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Richard Harris  
Maximus is a powerful Roman general, loved by the people and the aging Emperor, Marcus Aurelius. Before his death, the Emperor chooses Maximus to be his heir over his own son, Commodus, and a power struggle leaves Maximus and his family condemned to death. The powerful general is unable to save his family, and his loss of will allows him to get captured and put into the Gladiator games until he dies. The only desire that fuels him now is the chance to rise to the top so that he will be able to look into the eyes of the man who will feel his revenge. (Rated R)

Matinee Special (1 p.m. show) - Buy a medium size popcorn and receive a small drink free.

## OC&S LIBRARY UPDATE

Features for the month of Oct.

*Newsletters:*  
Sri Lanka News  
Leadership Strategies  
Budget and Program

*Newspapers:*  
USA Today  
Aegis  
APG News  
ArmyTimes  
FederalTimes  
Washington Post

The Library no longer carries print copies of the Baltimore Sun. The website for the Sun is: [www.sunspot.net/](http://www.sunspot.net/)

For more information visit our website at [www.goordnance.apg.army.mil/OC&SLibrary.htm](http://www.goordnance.apg.army.mil/OC&SLibrary.htm)

## USAOC &S LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	1200-1630
Tuesday	1200-1900*
Wednesday	1200-1900*
Thursday	1200-1630
Friday	1200-1600

The Library is closed on federal and training holidays.

\*Library hours have been extended two nights a week. After 5 p.m. access is obtained by registering with the Staff Duty Officer. Library staff will be available during these hours. Proper identification must be shown to staff member to gain access.

## LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Bonnie K. Day (Surgery)	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Debi L. Petosky (Back Surgery)	Beverly King (caring for husband)
Ameneh M. Arasten (Maternity)	William Klein
Penelope K. Galoff (Maternity)	Sherrie Laury (heart problems)
Janice M. Rice (assist ill mother)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Lyllis Payne
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Albert Potter (coma)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Tammy Budkey	Michael Reynolds
Melanie F. Carns	Edward Rinaldi
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Dawn Crouse (surgery)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Fred Dill	Sherry Schaffer
Joseph R. Dugan	Lena Shelton
Messina Enderlein	Motoko Stahl
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Rachel Swearingen
Willa Freisheim	Frances L. Thomas
Norman L. Greear	Gayle L. Thompson
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Judy Hunt (arthropathy)	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Wayne A. Jaynes	Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Mary L. Johnson	Willie Williams
Larry Jonas	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Carole Jones	
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial; 410-278-1524; or fax 410-278-7877.







# Top instructors named at Ordnance Center and School

**INSTRUCTORS, from page 4**

He has had numerous honors to include Instructor of the Quarter, NCO of the Quarter, NCO of the Year, as well as the German Marksmanship Award.

And he was honored with the Joint Service Achievement Medal for helping pull a man from a burning car.

He and his wife, Joanne, have a son, Ian. When he's not working up lesson plans, working on to earn his next instructor level, or writing study guides for potential instructors of the quarter, he enjoys skydiving, Harley Davidsons, reading, and "spending quality time with my family."

McCasland's short-term goal is to earn his Master Instructor rating. "My long-term goal is to be a maintenance battalion command sergeant major."



## Officer Instructor of the Year

Capt. Gregory D. Peterson, Officer Instructor of the Year, said "Being an instructor is not so much a challenge as an honor. The Army has entrusted me to educate and train its future leaders. This is a duty I cannot take lightly."

As Chief of the Ammunition Section in the Command and Staff Department, Peterson is responsible for training all Ordnance Officer Basic Course students in ammunition storage, safety, transportation, accountability, and doctrine. According to Maj. Amy Parker, Chief of the Maintenance, Munitions and Supply Management Division, he has trained some 300 students in the year he has been an instructor. Included are active and reserve component military personnel, Department of the Army civilians and international officers.

"Capt. Peterson attempts to give his students the best possible instruction. He feels this is achieved by demonstrating enthusiasm in what he teaches, conducting himself as a professional, keeping himself technically and tactically current, and communicating well. When his students leave his class not only are they proficient in ammunition operations, but are also better and more complete officers," Parker said.

Peterson feels that what he teaches goes beyond his students.

"What I instruct and how I act not only affects the officers I teach, but the soldiers that these lieutenants will lead. Failure on our part as instructors . . . will result in failure for our lieutenants and the soldiers they will lead."

He brings experience to the classroom from peacetime and wartime. In addition to supporting training in the Continental United States and Europe, Peterson has conducted ammunition operations in Desert Storm, Somalia, and supported operations in Bosnia, Albania, and Kosovo, and supported humanitarian operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Parker said that Peterson relies on good communication as a key to being a good instructor. "During his classes, he communicates concepts and ideas by using

examples from his own deployment experiences or from history.

"The key to communicating successfully to your students is you must be at ease with yourself and your subject," Parker continued. "Based on his experiences as a platoon leader, company commander, battalion S-3, and working in a battalion and group support operations section, Capt. Peterson feels very at ease standing in front of a group of soldiers and speaking, especially about a subject that he enjoys like ammunition. "Parker also noted that Peterson believes it is his duty to show these new officers what it is they should be. He also feels that being an instructor at the Ordnance Center and School is a continuation of training responsibilities he had as a company commander. "As a company commander," he explained, "I found that one of my most enjoyable and rewarding duties was training and developing my platoon leaders. Here I get that same opportunity everyday and with more officers."

When he's not busy guiding young officers, Peterson enjoys spending time with his family, lifting weights and reading military history. The Iowa native is married to Amy, a former Quartermaster officer and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. They have two daughters, Elaina and Nicolette.



## Warrant Officer Instructor of the Year

CW3 Gregory A. Gouty, Warrant Officer Instructor of the Year, also comes from the Command and Staff Department. He believes "You must be receptive to student input and not afraid to learn from their expertise or experiences. Good instructors have the ability to build a rapport with their students. This improves the quality of instruction we provide to our students."

According to CW5 Edsel T. Penton, Chief of the Warrant Officer Professional Development Division, "Gouty's performance as an instructor has been unsurpassed. His attention to detail and unwavering concern for high standards have been an inspiration to his students."

That attention to detail includes "research, rehearsal, and practice of lesson material in order to provide the quality of training our students deserve," noted Gouty. "Yet all of this alone will not make an effective instructor."

He added that strong interpersonal skills and strong verbal/written communication skills are a must if one wants to be a successful instructor.

And it takes experience. Gouty, who entered the Army in 1976, has served as a track vehicle repairer, automotive inspector, motor sergeant, squad leader and team chief, platoon sergeant, instructor/writer, automotive maintenance technician, battalion motor officer, platoon leader, direct support maintenance technician, and movement control officer.

During this time he also found time to take advantage of educational opportunities and earned an Associate of Science in General Education from Troy State University

of Alabama, and a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Business Management and Economics from Empire State College of New York.

When not working with students on the Standard Army Maintenance Systems One (SAMS1) or the Logistics Assistance Officer, Logistics Assistance Representative course, he enjoys playing racquetball, cards, taking long walks with his wife, Deborah, and playing with his three grandchildren. The Gouty's have three children, Gregory II, Anthony and Sabrina.

He is also active in the local community, serving as Chaplain for American Legion Post 276, Treasurer for the Aberdeen Edgewood Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association, and a member of VFW Post 10436.



## Civilian Instructor of the Year

Lynwood K. Turlington, Civilian Instructor of the Year, is an instructor with the Tactical Support and Equipment Department, where he has trained some 650 students in power generation maintenance in the past year.

A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, he was an electrician's mate and served in the training arena at the Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Va., and the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

According to Master Sgt. Terry Layton, Chief Instructor of the Power Generation Division, "His various assignments throughout his military career as an electrician enable him to use personal experience, which enhances his instructional presentations and provides students with insight as to what to expect from their military assignments after graduation."

"The challenge of being an instructor," noted Turlington, "is a worthy challenge and one that I relish because if I can make a difference in someone's life or career choice, I feel I have achieved my job as an instructor."

Flexibility is a keystone to his approach as an instructor.

"[You have to be] able to communicate and help each student regardless of their educational and background levels," he stated. "As an instructor you have to let the students know that you are there for them, which will keep them interested and motivated in learning and make them more productive, and at the same time maintain yourself in a professional manner."

"I accept this challenge each day," he continued, "because I have a lot of confidence in myself and I enjoy watching our young people achieve a new goal and be proud of what they have accomplished. Each day offers a different challenge as an instructor and this gives me a personal goal to achieve when I walk into the classroom."

The North Carolina native enjoys sports, both as a participant and fan. "I mainly enjoy fishing, camping, bike riding, bowling, boating and playing softball. I am an avid baseball and football fan and enjoy collecting old sports cards."

He and his wife, Darlene, live in Joppa.

# CWF to offer trips

## Trip to Ireland

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Ireland, from March 21-28, 2001. The tour includes the towns of Shannon, Galway, Killarney, Blarney, Cork, Waterford and Dublin; visits to the Muckross House, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle (famous for the Blarney Stone); and stop at Blarney Woolen Mills to experience a Medieval Castle Banquet, tour the Waterford Crystal Factory, Abbey Tavern, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and much more. Enjoy Irish folklore, legendary ghost stories, Irish music and entertainment. The cost of the trip is \$1,185 per person (based on double occupancy). Names must be submitted by Nov. 1.

## Trip to Cape May

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Cape May, Nov. 24-26. Take a carriage ride through the Victorian town on the shore. Cost for a townhouse is \$278 for a single occupant, \$306 for a double, \$335 for triple occupancy or \$362 for quad occupancy. The price for an efficiency is \$184 for a single occupant, \$212 for double occupancy, \$240 for triple occupancy and \$268 for quad occupancy. Prices are for total number of occupants.

For more information on these trips, or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603 or 410-278-4771. Space will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

## School Age Services Support Group assists fire victims

The School Age Services Support Group sponsored an assistance drive at the APG Youth Center for the victims of the recent fire in Patriot Village. The group donated household items and three \$100 gift certificates to the families.

Pictured left to right are officials of the School Age Services Support Group, Cheryl Miller, vice-president, Sue Rumbaugh, secretary, 1st Lt. Angela Shackelford, coordinator of the APG-wide assistance drive, and Tina Nierwinski, president.

# Teen jumps with Golden Knights

by Spc. Nicole Alberico  
*Army News Service*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (Oct. 3, 2000) — With words from the heart, one young American won an Internet contest and a shot at fantasy jobs on two Army installations, culminating in a jump last week with the Golden Knights.

The Army's winner, Rosalyn-Sue Smith, 18, from Marietta, Ga., began her adventure with Apache flight training at Fort Rucker, Ala. and ended with airborne training at Fort Bragg, N.C. The contest included writing a short essay and filling out a resume.

The whole essay contest is a joint effort by the Department of Defense and the Internet search giant, Yahoo!, to increase the military's visibility and dispel old stereotypes about the Army, as well tread new grounds in recruiting, said Lt. Col. William L. Wheelahan, chief of the community relations team for the Department of the Army.

"Today's military is different than my father's military. Things have changed, and we're trying every conceivable way to get the word out. Yahoo! gave us a great opportunity," said Wheelahan.

"...The tradition, history, and brotherhood that come along with the right to be called an American Soldier, have captivated and inspired me to push myself beyond my own limits and accept challenges head-on," Smith stated in her essay.

She wrote these words, coincidentally, on June 14, the 225th birthday of the U.S. Army. Less than four months later, she was experiencing those challenges herself.

"I didn't work on the essay for hours, I just sat down and wrote. It was from the heart," said Smith. "Patriotism has always been a fundamental in my family. I think a lot of homes have gotten away from that in our generation."

After observing the prestigious 82nd Airborne Division, experiencing a leap from a 34-foot training tower and learning about Army Special Operations Command, it was off to DeGlopper Street on Fort Bragg, N.C., where the U.S. Army Parachute Team is headquartered.

For days leading up to the "most incredible rush" of her life, inclement weather plagued the Fort Bragg area. The day of her jump, the sky cleared to embrace the curious Smith.

"I have always watched the Golden Knights and other skydivers and paratroopers and it's something I always wanted to try," said Smith. "I like to challenge myself every way," said Smith, who said she has wanted to skydive her entire life. A dream she had to put on hold, because of her age.

But now, the Kennesaw State University student was more than ready, legally and mentally. Smith said her jump was an emotional, physical and spiritual rush. Her tandem jump was her ultimate challenge.

Staff Sgt. Marc Hogue, head of the Team's Tandem Orientation Program, along with other members of the Team, helped turn Smith's

fantasy into a reality. Hogue briefed, trained, prepared and flew Smith through the whole experience.

A tandem jump is where two people share the same parachute. Smith wore a special harness which was connected to Hogue.

At 14,000 feet, the Twin Otter's side door opened, Smith looked down at the small earth and said she was more excited than nervous.

"I couldn't wait to get out there," said Smith about that split-second before her exit.

As Smith descended, her mother and friends cheered wildly from the ground.

"It was incredible," Rosalyn Smith, Rosalyn-Sue's mother said of her jump. "This is one time in my life I lived vicariously through her because I would love to do that too."

Her dad was seated in the aircraft to witness his daughter's leap into the sky.

"It was awesome, she loved it," said Dallas Smith.

Of all the other services Smith could have entered, she chose the Army for a special reason.

"I work for an organization called Adopt-a-Platoon, which supports deployed soldiers and stateside soldiers," said Smith.

"(They're) here to help," she said. "We write letters, send care packages and hold fundraisers for troops around the world. My family has always been very supportive of our armed services, and in turn taught me the value of support and love for our men and women defending our country — the kind of support they deserve because of the sacrifices they make to keep us safe."

"I thought that going through a small piece of what the soldiers go through daily, I would be able to learn what it feels like and how I can better support them."

Before visiting Fort Bragg, Smith spent time down at Fort Rucker, Ala., learning about aviation. While there she learned about the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter and the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter.

"I spent time in the simulators for both helicopters, but I actually got to fly the Apache. It was hooah," Smith said.

Smith said her experiences with the Army have been entirely positive and she is considering joining after going to college.

"After doing everything in the past few days, my respect and admiration for the Army has risen greatly. The sacrifices made, and the risks taken to protect our country are amazing. If I join, I plan on being airborne," Smith said.

Smith's winning essay can be read at <http://careers.yahoo.com/employment/fantasy/armyfantasy.html>

(Editor's note: Spc. William Patterson, 49th Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Pvt. M. William Peterson, Fort Rucker, Ala., contributed to this story. Spc. Nicole Alberico is a member of the Golden Knights public affairs team.)



## Ceremony Marks 53rd Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force

*Members of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's U.S. Air Force Detachment lower the Stars and Stripes in front of the OC&S headquarters during a retreat ceremony marking the 53rd anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. On Sept. 18, 1947, President Harry Truman signed legislation authorizing the creation of an independent service with the mission of conducting offensive and defensive air operations. Prior to that date the force was aligned with the Army as part of the Signal Corps, the Army Air Corps and the Army Air Force.*

Photo by RALPH BROTH

## "Trick or Treat" safety, a concern at APG

Halloween and the traditional "Trick or Treat" activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. "Trick or Treat" activities are specifically limited from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Motorists in the housing areas during the "Trick or Treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles. It is strongly recommended that children either wear reflective marking on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure that we have a safe and happy Halloween at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information contact Linda Holloway at 410-306-4520.